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What do you call a skater who likes Starbucks? A coffee grinder!

TIDBITS® HAS THE FACTS ABOUT

SKATEBOARDING

by Kathy Wolfe

Summer is here and Tidbits hits the half-pipe with these facts about skateboarding!

- The majority of skateboarders are under the age of 18. It's one of the most popular sports in the world, a \$5 billion industry worldwide, with an estimated 85 million skaters.
- Early skateboards were simple – a wooden plank, often a 2x4, to which riders would attach roller skate wheels. Those steel wheels seemed to work for decades until the 1970s when Frank Nasworthy came up with the idea of polyurethane skateboard wheels, which made for a smoother, faster ride as well as one that was controllable, enabling riders to roll smoothly over sidewalk cracks.
- The first commercial skateboard was introduced in 1950. In the following years, the boards' designs transitioned to the look of a miniature surfboard. The back-end, or tail, was raised to enable a rider to maneuver the board more easily. The front-end, or nose, was also raised accordingly.
- Today's skateboards are state-of-the-art, composed of several parts. The board, known as the deck, is covered with grip tape, a sandpaper-like substance that helps the rider stick to the board. The deck is constructed from seven pieces of maple, a very durable wood. They are interlaid with an epoxy resin, then pressed together under high pressure.

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 5 PM Craft & Food Vendors Open
 5-7 PM Spaghetti Feed at Community Center/Big Stone American Legion Auxiliary
 6 PM-9 PM Neon Gypsy @ Liquor Store
 9 PM to 1 AM Henry in the Liquor Store Parking Lot
 Fireworks at Dusk

Saturday July 10th
 8 AM (7:30 AM reg.) 5k/1 Mile Walk/Run at Douthitt City Park Sponsored by OAHS
 8 AM Information Booth opens
 7:30 - 11 AM Pancake Breakfast at Community Center by The Round Table
 9 AM Craft & Food Vendors Open
 9:30 AM Kiddie Parade Starts at the Library
 10 AM Kiddie Tractor Pull (Bank Parking Lot)
 10 AM Self guided School Tours
 10 AM - 3 PM Car Show sponsored by Minnwest Bank (2nd Ave. between Big Stone Motel & Midwest)
 11 AM Fireman's Motorcycle Poker Run
 11 AM - 6 PM Kids Inflatables
 11 AM - 2 PM Kiddie Carnival by inflatables by Grant County 4 H
 11 AM - 2 PM Bean Bag Tournament at Firehall
 12 - 5 PM Activities at Liquor Store
 2 PM - 4 PM Ice Cream Social Community Center
 2 PM - 4 PM Cupcake Walk at Community Center by Grant County 4H
 5 - 7 PM Fireman's Feed at the Fire Hall
 5 PM All School Reunion at Community Center
 9 PM - 1 AM Fireman's Street Dance in front of Fire Hall
 12 AM Fireman's drawing

Sunday July 11th
 8 AM Coffee & Rolls at the Community Center
 10 AM Community Church Service at Douthitt Park with Children's Message & Puppets (Bring your own chair)
 10 AM Craft & Food Vendors / Information booth Open
 NOON Parade line up. Corner of Cornell and The Dike Road.
 NOON Registration for the Parade at the Dike Road Bridge
 For more info contact the city office.
 1 PM GRAND PARADE
After Parade at Fire Hall — Bring Lawn Chairs
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• Rather than roller skate wheels screwed into a plank, wheels are now attached to trucks, T-shaped components that are attached to the underside of the board. These allow the rider to turn the board by leaning left or right and to perform grinds on rails and ledges. The wheels contain bearings that minimize friction and increase speed.

• Skateboarders differ in their stance while riding, depending on which foot is out front. Those whose right foot is on the back of the board when facing forward assume the "regular stance." When the left foot is on the back, the rider is exercising the "Goofy" stance, named after none other than the Disney character Goofy. In 1937, the Disney movie "Hawaiian Holiday" was released, the first animated film to depict surfing. Goofy was featured riding with his right foot forward and his left on the back of the board, leading to his posture giving his name to the stance. In addition to these two "natural stances," there are three other postures considered "unnatural." A rider in the Fakie stance is riding backwards while moving forward, while the Nollie stance puts a rider's front foot on the nose of the board and the back foot in the middle. Anytime a skateboarder rides opposite of their natural stance, it's called a Switch.

• In the early 1970s, when a drought hit southern California, most homeowners drained their swimming pools in order to conserve water. Some innovative skateboarders saw the concave shape of pools as a good place to practice. Riding higher up the pool's sides led to various tricks, including "getting air." It wasn't long before the idea of building ramps for boarding was conceived, leading to the development of the "half pipe."

• Tom Stewart of Encinitas, California, along with his architect brother Mike, are credited with designing and building the first halfpipe. Mike created the blueprints and before long, the brothers were selling the plans to other boarders.

• The first official skate park, Surf City, opened in September, 1965, in Tucson, Arizona.

• The first modern-day skateboarding trick was introduced in 1978 by a young skater named Alan "Ollie" Gelfand. Ollie didn't set out to invent the "Ollie" (as the trick is now known), but by slamming his back foot down while sliding his front foot upwards and simultaneously jumping into the air, and leaving both feet on the board, the trick was born.

• The record for the longest Ollie belongs to pro skateboarder Jordan Hoffart who, in November, 2014,

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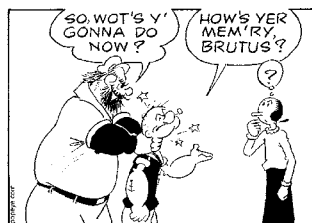
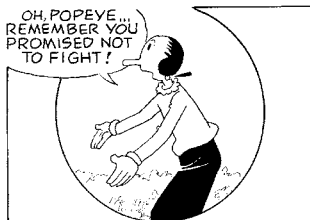
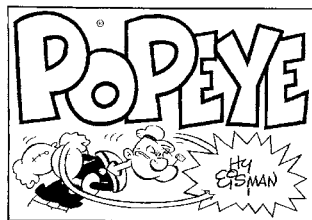
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cleared a distance of 16 feet, 6 inches (7.57 m). In October, 2015, pro Aaron "Jaws" Homoki ollied over 25 stairs in Lyon, France, at a height of more than 14.5 feet (4.42 m).

• Special skateboard shoes haven't always been the norm. Most boarders used to skate barefoot; in fact, an early skateboarding trick, appropriately called the "Gorilla Grip," involved wrapping the toes around the board and jumping. In 1965, the Randolph Rubber Company debuted the first skateboard shoe called the Randy 720, similar to a Keds boat shoe with thick rubber outsoles. There were advertised with a "Tuff Toe 'n Heel" and "Tuffer" Randyprene rubber. Unfortunately, within a year after the 720's introduction, the company went under. In 1966, one of Randolph's employees, Paul Van Doren, joined forces with his brother Jim to create their own company they dubbed Vans. They manufactured the shoes on the site of their Anaheim, California, store, and sold 12 pairs their first day of business.

• What would this sport be without Tony Hawk? As a pre-teen, the San Diego-born Hawk was identified as hyperactive and gifted with an I.Q. of 144. He used his excess energy to excel at skateboarding, and became a pro boarder at age 14. In 1999, at age 31, Hawk became the first to land a "900," a trick that involved completed 2.5 mid-air revolutions, rotating 900 degrees. That year, a video game series entitled "Tony Hawk's Pro-Skater" made its debut. Since then, the series has generated 18 titles.

• Tony Hawk may have officially retired from pro competition in 2003, but that didn't stop him from performing his final "900" in 2016 at age 48.

• Pro boarder Rodney Mullen has been called the "Godfather of Street Skateboarding." Like Tony Hawk, Mullen was also a pro at 14, winning his first world skateboard championship at that age. Mullen is well-known for his invention of more than 30 tricks, including the kickflip, heelflip, flatground Ollie, Switchstance 360-flip, and Godzilla rail flip.

• Just how dangerous is skateboarding? About 100,000 boarders visit U.S. emergency rooms each year due to skateboarding-related injuries. Many of the injuries stem from the fact that only 40% of riders wear the right protective gear – helmets, wrist guards, knee pads, etc. However, that total number is less than 25% of the number of injuries reported by basketball players!

• The country of Norway considered skateboarding dangerous enough to ban the sport from 1978 to 1989. During the 11-year prohibition, boards were smuggled from Germany and ramps were hidden in the woods to evade the law.

• Skateboarding will become an Olympic sport for the first time in 2021 at the Tokyo Summer Games.

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Jeff Beck 6/24/1944
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FOOD AND FUN



• A green cat was born in Denmark in 1995. Some people believe that high levels of copper in the water pipes nearby may have given his fur a verdigris effect.

• Edgar Rice Burroughs, creator of the iconic jungle man Tarzan, worked as a pencil-sharpener salesman before trying his hand at fiction. He only started writing at the age of 36 to support his wife and two kids.

• Boanthropy is a psychological disorder in which patients believe they are a cow.

• The infamous crocodile jump by James Bond in “Live and Let Die” was performed with real crocs by the only person willing to attempt it -- the owner of the crocodile farm.

• In early 2015, Mattel released Hello Barbie, an interactive talking doll that didn’t just repeat preprogrammed phrases, but could actually hold a two-way conversation. The doll raised major concerns over privacy, however, since the discussions between it and child owners were recorded and

sent to third-party vendors. Goodbye, Barbie!

• Like casinos, your local shopping mall is intentionally designed to make you lose track of time, with clocks and windows removed to prevent views of the outside world, in a type of “scripted disorientation” known as the Gruen Transfer.

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1 Egyptian deity
5 Piercing tool
8 Probability
12 Lion's share
13 Hot tub
14 Stench
15 Unoriginal one
16 Home to the Buccaneers
18 Pizza topping
20 Wine container
21 Off-white
23 Dict. info
24 Spoofs
28 Pharmaceutical
31 Playwright
32 Leg bone
34 Mentalist's gift
35 Rhett's last word
37 Mildew cause
39 Scratch
41 Valentine flower
42 Molds
45 Foliage
49 Marshmallow toaster
51 Carousel, for one
52 "I cannot tell —"
53 Pair

54 Aspiring atty.'s exam
55 Fork setting
56 Still, in verse
57 Orange veggies

DOWN
1 Apple computer
2 Former frosh
3 "Got it"
4 Meryl of film
5 Space rock
6 New Deal
7 Gentle soul

8 Gave a speech
9 Owing nothing
10 Transaction
11 Terrier type
17 Group of seals
19 Highlander
22 Release a deadbolt
24 Cover
25 Altar constellation
26 Abba-inspired hit musical
27 Buck

29 Constitution letters
30 Family docs
33 Church section
36 Caught some z's
38 Almost
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42 "Lion King" villain
43 Saintly ring
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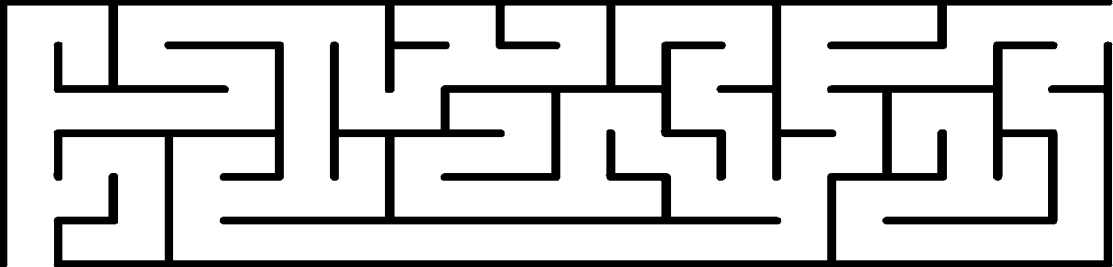
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WONDERFUL WORDS

FOOD WORDS

by Janet Spencer

- In Greek, gastro means stomach and nomia means law: gastronomic = the law of the stomach.
- In France, gourmet meant a groom for the horses. Later it

came to mean any servant. Some servants were wine-tasters; some were connoisseurs of food. Eventually the word came to mean one who is well studied in fine foods — a gourmet.

- The Middle Dutch word snacken meant to snap at a thing, such as a dog snaps at a morsel of food tossed its way. Today the English version of the word is snack.
- The French word bancus meant little bench, such as one would sit on during a banquet.

FOODS NAMED AFTER PEOPLE

- Prince Charles Phillipe de Condé, grandnephew of Louis XIII, King of France in the 1600s, had a sweet tooth. He wouldn't eat anything that wasn't sweet. A chef made up a glaze made of sugar, egg whites, and nuts. Poured over meats and vegetables, Prince Condé finally ate stuff that was good for him. The glaze was named after Condé, and the word came to mean anything sweet: candy.
- Samuel Benedict was a famous playboy. After a night of partying in 1894, he went into the kitchens at the Waldorf-Astoria in New York and made himself breakfast. It consisted of two poached eggs on top of bacon on top of buttered toast with Hollandaise sauce poured over all. The chef was so impressed that the Waldorf added it to the menu and named it after the inventor: eggs benedict.
- Ancel Keys worked at Mayo Clinic in Minnesota. He invented a nutritious food that soldiers in the field could eat. It was named after the man who invented it: K-rations.

EATING YOUR WORDS

In French, hors means outside and oeuvres means the works: literally 'apart from the main work.' The Latin word salsus meaning salted gives us our salad. Cole slaw is a salad which comes from the Dutch terms koolsa meaning cabbage, and sla meaning salad. The French word for head, caboch, gave us our cabbage. Spago is the Italian word for little cord: spaghetti. The cantaloupe was first grown in Cantalupo, Italy, and brussels sprouts come from Brussels, Belgium. Gelatin, Jello, and jelly come from the Latin word gelo meaning to congeal. Desservir is French for clear away, and that's what you do before dessert is served. If you have some tutti-frutti for dessert, you're eating an Italian word meaning 'all fruits.' If you have some chocolate, you'll be using a Mexican-Indian work for bitter water, chocolatl. And if your family is giving you heat over the number of calories you're consuming, well, calorie is Latin for heat.

FAST FACTS

- Peanuts are known as goobers because the African word for peanut is nguba.
- The old French word moisseron was

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mispronounced by the English and became mushroom.

- The German word knappen means 'to eat' and a knappensack was a sack holding things to eat: a knapsack.
- The Peruvian word charqui meant meat that had been cut in strips and hung out to dry. Today we call it jerky.
- In Old English, grappe meant a cluster of fruit growing together, and grape was the hook that they were gathered with. Today, grape means the fruit itself, and grapple means struggling with a problem much as a harvester struggles with a hook.

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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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Types of Pepper

- There are around 20 species of Piper plant, and about 100 types of products that they yield, but Piper nigrum, black pepper, remains the all-time favorite. The berries yield three different kinds of pepper, depending on when they are harvested and how they are treated.
- To get black pepper, the berries are harvested while still green and immature, before they have turned red. When they are dried, they turn black and wrinkled.

Just Like Cats & Dogs

by Dave T. Phipps

NO, I'M SORRY, YOU MISUNDERSTAND. WHEN I SAY YOU'RE A "MIRACLE OF MODERN SCIENCE" THAT IS NOT IN A GOOD WAY.



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Even Exchange

by Donna Pettman

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Each numbered row contains two clues and two 6-letter answers. The two answers differ from each other by only one letter, which has already been inserted. For example, if you exchange the A from MASTER for an I, you get MISTER. Do not change the order of the letters.

1. ____ Luther King

2. Royal headwear

3. Pancake mixture

4. Tonsils' location

5. Full of energy

6. Cooked an egg

7. Ice cream treat

8. Code inventor

9. Front-runner

10. Explosion

____ T ____

C ____

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____ R ____

____ A ____

____ L ____

Hemingway's fish

Puckered brow

Toast topping

Menacing warning

Litter member

Set loose

Holy day

Mickey or Mighty

Financier

Fly your own kite

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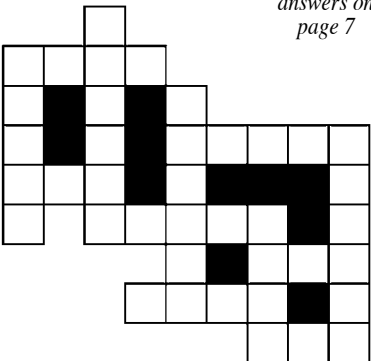
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FEAR KNOT

By: rj johnson

DOUBT? ...OR DARE!

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AMPBLO
♥OLSHA
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HMO
♥ESLA
PYLHM
UPN
♥NEHKRA
NIBKR
PHEO



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Unscramble these twelve letter strings to form each into an ordinary word (ex. HAGNEC becomes CHANGE). Prepare to use only ONE word from any marked (♥) letter string as each unscrambles into more than one word (ex. ♥RATHE becomes HATER or EARTH or HEART). Fit each string's word either across or down to knot all twelve strings together.

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- To get white pepper, the ripe red berries are soaked in water, then mashed and rinsed so the flesh of the berry falls off and is discarded and only the interior white pit remains. Usually they are pickled or canned and sometimes they are quickly dehydrated or freeze-dried. White pepper is more aromatic but doesn't taste as pungent. It is generally used in places where the chef doesn't want little black specks showing up, like cream sauces.
- Green peppercorns, picked from the vine while still green berries, are not dried out in conventional methods and will therefore rot quickly if not preserved. Green peppercorns have a fresh, mild flavor.
- Because most of the piperine is contained in the skin of the berry, black pepper has the fullest range of flavor and aroma. It is also the easiest to produce, so it's the least expensive kind.
- Ground pepper is speckled in coloring because each ground up peppercorn consists of the dark covering and the light pit.
- Refined piperine, by weight, is about one percent as hot as the capsaicin which makes chili peppers hot.
- It's been estimated that an ounce of pepper is enough to season nearly 1,500 eggs.

COOKING WITH PEPPER

- Pepper that's added to soups and stews will taste different from pepper added to fried or roasted dishes. The oils released when the peppercorn is cracked begin evaporating as they are gradually dispersed throughout the food. Lengthy simmering will destroy the flavor, so it's best to add the pepper at the end of the cooking. Some chefs use white pepper while the dish is cooking, and garnish with black pepper just before serving.
- Simple recipe: To make pepper-flavored butter, grind about one teaspoon of pepper corns. Place them in a cheesecloth bag. Melt about half a pound of butter, and let the bag full of crushed pepper simmer in the butter for a short time. Remove the pepper and chill the butter. Use the pepper butter on vegetables, steaks, and potatoes.
- Soak a few whole peppercorns in milk prior to making a white sauce for a savory flavor.
- Toast peppercorns in a dry frying pan for a nutty flavor.
- Street vendors in India often sell sliced fruit sprinkled

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by Elie's Spiritual Treasures

John 6:51

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Find the **bolded/underlined** words in the diagram. They run in all directions — forward, backward, up, down and diagonally.

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with freshly ground pepper.

- Add a few drops of pepper oil to brandy to give it extra kick.

FAST FACT

- Pepper only grows well in tropical regions where there is heavy rainfall followed by a dry spell. When Portuguese explorer Vasco da Gama wanted to transplant cuttings in Europe, the ruler of Calicut in India told him, "You can take our pepper, but you will never be able to take our rains."

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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 Swamp is a Wetland With —

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Candaba
Congaree
Everglades

Great
Green
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Dust Mite Allergy Triggers Cough

DEAR DR. ROACH: For months, I have had a persistent cough that I have been unable to get help with. I saw an allergist about three years ago and was told I am allergic to dust mites. I was first referred to a lung doctor where X-rays showed that my cheek sinus drains were completely blocked, and then to an ear, nose and throat doctor, who also confirmed this diagnosis.

This ENT doctor recommended I have surgery to unblock the drains and clear out the sinus area. I understand that sinus drainage can cause coughing and wonder if this would still make me cough. I sometimes cough until I can cough up something, and this seems to stop my cough for a while. I was using a nasal

rinse for a while until about two weeks ago when it caused my nose to bleed. The ENT doctor prescribed antibiotics and oral steroids that did not make any difference. It doesn't seem to make any difference whether I'm home or sitting in the doctor's office, I'm still coughing. What is the best way to deal with dust mite allergy? -- J.S.

ANSWER: There are many causes of chronic cough, but postnasal drip is at the top of the list. Dust mites are indeed a common allergen, and symptoms may include runny nose, watery eyes, sneezing and cough from postnasal drip. Specific treatment for dust mites should include physical barriers, such as covers for pillows and mattresses, and sometimes for other soft surfaces, like furniture cushions, but this is only part of an effective strategy. Removing as many fabrics as possible (draperies, carpets, stuffed children's toys) where dust mites can live is essential. Regular cleaning is necessary, and high efficiency particulate air (HEPA) filters for vacuuming have been shown to reduce dust mites. A low-humidity environment can be very effective in discouraging dust mites, and cooler air -- especially at night -- can reduce irritation of nasal passages caused by dry air. Many interventions for a prolonged period are necessary to reduce dust mite infestation and the symptoms associated with them.

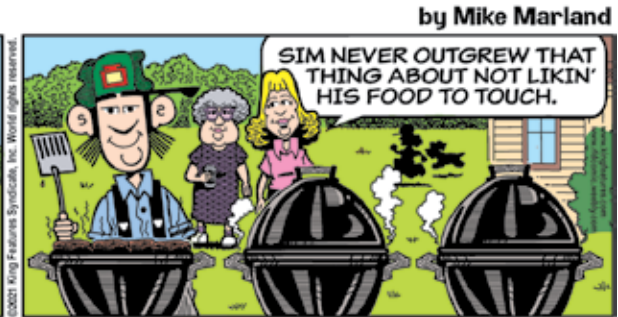
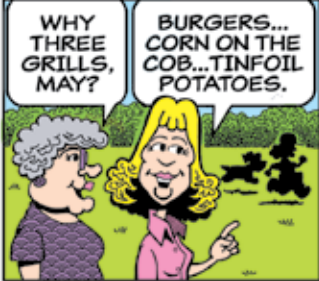
This is critical, because the issue of the sinuses is probably secondary to ongoing allergic exposure. Fixing your sinuses will not fix your ongoing symptoms. Without control of the allergens, you will continue to have symptoms and may even develop sinus blockages again, no matter how good a job the surgeon does on your sinuses.

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DEAR DR. ROACH: I am 90 years old. My husband and I donated blood as often as needed, over 100 times, but last week my doctor said I tested positive for syphilis. I about fell off my chair. I haven't slept for four nights. Have you ever heard of this? -- E.

ANSWER: The screening test for syphilis, called the VDRL or RPR test, is not particularly accurate. About 1-2% of people will have a false positive result.

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Hand-Painted Urn

Ceramic artists mentioned in auction descriptions or reports are almost always the ones who shape the piece, a dinnerware designer or an artist who creates unique pieces by modeling clay or developing unique glazes. But that wasn't always true. In the 1700s and 1800s, there were artists who decorated porcelains with paintings of gardens, flowers, portraits, religious scenes or buildings. Another artist made the ormolu mounting to complement the painted picture.

In the early 1900s, housewives began painting ceramics. Amateurs and artists bought marked plain white porcelain from Germany, Japan, England and other countries, and then decorated them in American styles. Magazines featured instructions and designs for this hobby. Special paints could remain permanently on a glazed vase or dinner plate even when washed. Unfortunately, the paint will not always survive the heat of a modern dishwasher, and the art can disappear.

One of the most famous professional decorators, John Bennett, was born in Staffordshire, England, in 1840 and worked at Doulton & Co. in the 1870s. He moved to New York about

1876 and started his own ceramic business. In 1882, he retired, moved to New Jersey and decorated pottery that he stamped "W. Orange-N. J." Bennett died in 1907.

His ceramic paintings were asymmetrical designs of colorful flowers and nature. He was influenced by the aesthetic, and arts and crafts movements. His work is expensive today. This very large covered urn, 16 1/2 inches high, is signed "Bennett." It pictures clusters of pink and white hydrangea blossoms and green leaves on a black background. Rago Arts and Auction Center sold it for \$5,000 plus buyer's premium.

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Q: I have a boxed Little Hostess Party set that belonged to a distant relative. It is a set of glass children's cups, saucers and plates in pastel colors. What should I price it at my house sale? How old is it?

A: The sets were made in the 1940s and '50s by Atlas Glass Company. The heat resistant glass is called Platonite. There were many different sets and colors. The 16-piece set, mint in the box sold 10 years ago for as much as \$200, but at a house sale today it might sell at \$100. Dark colors like green or maroon sell for a little more.

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TIP: Splint baskets should have an occasional light show-



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Meaning, the test is positive but they do not have syphilis. There are many possible causes, such as infection and autoimmune disease, like lupus, but some people, particularly older people, will have a positive test for no identifiable reason.

In your case, I am sure it is a false positive, but your doctor may do a more specific test, such as an FTA-ABS, to be 100% sure. You shouldn't let it keep you awake at night.

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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