

# GOOD NEWS!



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## Fireworks Safety

Fireworks consumption increased by 635 percent between 1976 and 2008, the last year for which totals are available. During this same period, fireworks-related injuries decreased dramatically, according to the American Pyrotechnics Association, mainly because of educational initiatives.

Today, many households create big demonstrations using fireworks that should probably only be used by professionals, which increases risks.

Fireworks provide hours of wholesome family entertain-

ment, but they must be used carefully and only by adults.

The Association warns consumers to keep a hose and bucket of water nearby in case of emergencies. If a firework doesn't ignite, don't try to relight it. Instead, wait 15 to 20 minutes then soak it with water.

Always read and follow all the warnings and instructions that appear on the packaging.

Use fireworks on a hard surface or on a strong piece of plywood to ensure its stability, not on grass. Wear safety glasses.

The noise and lights of fireworks can frighten animals. The association says it's best to leave them inside the house.

## Paul Bunyan, an American Super Legend

Every June 28, dozens of towns in several states celebrate this mythical giant lumberjack and his exploits on Paul Bunyan Day. For the past century, school children and adults have laughed over the tall tales of this great outdoorsman and his Blue Ox, Babe.

The legends concerning Bunyan's feats are part tall tales and part advertising. An Oscoda, Mich., reporter, James MacGillivray, produced the first stories in 1906 from tales he heard in lumber camps. The next year, new tall tales were added by an advertising copywriter for the Red River Lumber Company. The copywriter even named Bunyan's blue ox, Babe.

The Paul Bunyan character embodied frontier vigor, strength, hard work and the determination to overcome all obstacles. Among his many super deeds:

- \* He scooped out the Great Lakes to provide water holes for Babe.
- \* He created the Grand Canyon by dragging his axe behind him.
- \* His footprints created



Minnesota's 10,000 lakes.

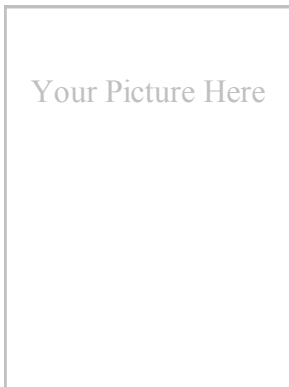
- \* He cleared North and South Dakota of all their trees for farming.

The tall tales include: It took five giant storks to deliver baby Paul to his parents. His first bed was a lumber wagon pulled by a team of horses. It

took a herd of cows to keep his milk bottle filled, and he could eat 40 bowls of porridge just to whet his appetite. When Paul was one-year old, his clothing needed wagon wheels for buttons.

Paul Bunyan Land, an amusement park in Brainerd, Minn., features a talking statue of Paul with a statue of Babe. Trees of Mystery, in Klamath, Calif., features a 49-foot statue of Bunyan, a 35-foot statue of Babe, and other carvings and characters from stories. Bunyan is also depicted on the world's largest wood carving at the entrance to Sequoia National Park.

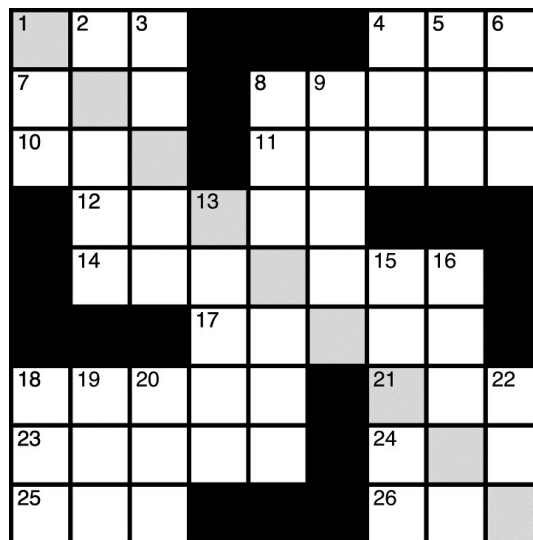
Other statues of Bunyan and Babe exist in Old Forge, N.Y.; Akeley and Bemidji, Minn.; Tucson, Ariz.; Westwood and Del Norte Country, Calif.; Bangor and Rumford, Maine; St. Ignace, and Ossineke and Manistique Townships, Mich.; Portland, Ore.; St. Maries, Idaho; Shelton, Wash.; Eau Claire, Wisconsin Dells, Lake Nebagamon and Minocqua, Wisc.; Aline, Okla.; and also atop a Vietnamese restaurant in Albuquerque, N.M.



## June Puzzle

### Across

1. "Monty Python" airer
4. Churchill's sign
7. "Go team!"
8. "Driving Miss \_\_\_"
10. Everything
11. About to explode
12. Inn
14. More tranquil
17. Grammar topic
18. Addiction
21. US printing agency: Abbr.
23. Base neutralizers
24. Old age
25. Dripping
26. "The Catcher in the \_\_\_"



### Down

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|---------------------|---------------------------|-------------------------|
| 1. Undergarment     | 6. Ball in a socket       | 16. E-mail option       |
| 2. Game equipment   | 8. Eats                   | 18. "Hee ___"           |
| 3. Daphnis's love   | 9. "Gladiator" setting    | 19. Trick taker, often  |
| 4. By way of        | 13. Ancient Celtic priest | 20. Chewed              |
| 5. "C" ___ la vie!" | 15. Species of moth       | 22. "___ to Billie Joe" |

## TRAVEL BAG

### Cruise Ships Creating Special Areas for Big Spenders

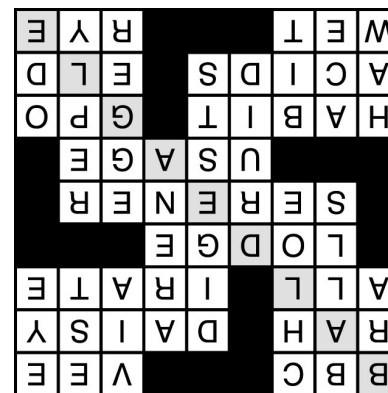
Some cruise lines have built private areas for those willing to pay the price for special treatment. They include fancy suites, exclusive swimming pools, luxurious lounges and special dining rooms.

The Norwegian Epic, new last June, has 75 Courtyard Villa suites. Guests who book the suites have access to 24-hour butler service and special treats, compliments of the ship's captain. The private pool area has padded lounge chairs, free fruit and drink service.

### Special Care for Pets

Airports nationwide are taking steps to ensure the safety of flying pets.

Logan International in Boston holds special classes that teach the proper handling of animals, how to talk to them, and safe ways to apply a muzzle or leash in an emergency. Workers learn how to get an animal into a crate, how to determine whether it's having breathing problems, if it is depressed or ill. First responders learn to take the animal's temperature and heart rate and how to give CPR.



Airport workers sound an alarm if a pet is distressed. The Animal Rescue League of Boston keeps a pet ambulance at Logan Airport's fire station that can hold up to 30 animals. About 2,000 animals a month come through the airport.

### Who Gets the Armrest?

If you are in the middle seat in the aircraft with a stranger sitting on either side, do you get the left armrest, the right, both or neither one?

Ethics and etiquette, says one veteran flight attendant, call for the person in the aisle seat to lean toward the aisle and the person in the window seat to lean toward the window. She says passengers in the middle seat are already suffering. They should get both armrests.

When should you recline? Most passengers choose not to recline in consideration of their fellow passengers.

If someone reclines in front of you and you can't work, it's OK to ask them to adjust their seats.



## Making Fathers' Day a Memorable Occasion

Your dad's closet is overflowing with ties. He is ahead two wallets and has enough shaving lotion and men's colognes to last him the rest of his life. So, what's to do for this Father's Day?

That special day can be made a memorable one with a little creative thought. What makes your dad his happiest?

Take him to his favorite restaurant and slip a gift card for that special place or another purpose, into his Father's Day card.

Be a slave for a day. Mow the lawn. Wash

his car. Cook him a lavish meal and wait on him hand and foot.

Most men have a hobby or multiple hobbies. If he likes to garden, get your hands dirty and help him weed the produce patch.

If he likes photography, plan a special scenic day trip with you driving, so he can be photographically creative.

Does he enjoy finer tastes in life? Some specialty liquor stores have sample size bottles of single malt scotches or glass-size bottles of wines. Accompany these gifts

with food items that act as pallet cleansers for the tastings.

Brew him a pot of his favorite coffee, make him breakfast, and prepare a basket full of sample coffees for him to try later. Baskets are always good choice. You can put one together from various items, like books for reading, CDs, DVDs, or foods he likes but doesn't usually buy for himself.

Whatever the gift, it's the thought that counts.

## News From Home

### Cleaning faucet aerators

Aerators keep the water flow of faucets from splashing about when you turn the faucet on. They contain a metal screen circle that does the job.

Ideally, the water then has a lovely circular flow of combined air and water. Sometimes, the water stream is shaky or crooked. It happens when the metal screen has become partially clogged.

You can remove the screw-on device that holds the screen and use a toothpick to unclog holes. Or put the screen in vinegar to soak over night.

If that doesn't work, a new screw-on device costs only about \$5.

The aerator is an environmentally friendly device. It limits water flow by mixing it with air.

### The "Un-decorating" Trend

If your home demonstrates your minimalist tendencies, this trend won't interest you. If you think displaying collections and many art objects just takes too much time to dust, it may not interest you either.

The trend in interior design today is called "Un-decorating." It emphasizes a lived-in feeling of comfort including objects of personal style and unfussy imperfection.

In her book, *Un-decorate: The No-Rules Approach to Interior Design*, Christian Lemieux recommends do-it-

yourself style. Lemieux is the founder of DwellStudio.

She says perfection is overrated and emphasizes cleverness over money, taste over expense, and personality over hired expertise.

### Go Green at the Supermarket

Most shoppers have accumulated two or more tote bags designed for grocery shopping. But they leave them at home. Make it more likely you will use them.

Put a couple of totes in the back seat or trunk of your car.

Buy brightly colored, washable bags so you will notice them, usually available at stores and flea markets for about \$1. Help to protect the environment by avoiding bag waste.

## How to Clean Hardwood Floors, Keep Them Beautiful

Now that you have a beautiful hardwood floor, what can you do to protect it and keep it beautiful? Tips from the World Floor Covering Association:

- \* Floor mats at entry ways will catch particles like dirt and keep them from scratching the wood. Use a mat by the sink to catch splashes.
- \* Buy a high quality broom, sweep the floor regularly, and use a vacuum cleaner without a beater bar to get between boards.
- \* An 8x14 inch terry cloth mop with a rotating head can be helpful.
- \* Get a professional cleaning product

that will remove tough stains, scuffs and heal marks without dulling the finish.

- \* Don't wax a wood floor with a urethane finish. Don't wet mop or use excessive water to clean the floor.
- \* Avoid ammonia cleaners and oil soaps to clean a wood floor. They dull the finish and affect your ability to recoat the floor at a later date.
- \* Use cleaners that won't leave a film or residue. Clean sticky spots with a damp towel or sponge.
- \* Protect your floors from sun damage. Shade floors from the sun's

harsh rays. Rotate area rugs and furniture regularly to allow wood floors to age evenly.

- \* To prevent scratching, cover furniture and table legs with flannel protectors. Always be careful when moving heavy objects across the floor in order to prevent scuffing and scratching.
- \* Take precautions against every-day scratches. Stiletto heels can dent and scratch hardwood floors. If you have one or more dogs in your home, use runners to protect the floors in their regular walking and running paths.



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<<<< **My Listings as of May 30, 2011** >>>>

Near Bunn Lake in Zebulon on 1.85 acres with view of private pond. 3,000 SF Ranch w/3BRs and 3.5 BAs, 2 story LR & formal DR, Fam Rm w/ FP, eating nook, granite Ctops in kitchen w/island, 2 story foyer, 2 car gar, 2 bonus rms, screen porch



**\$335,000 New Listing!**  
[www.10704Balustrade.com](http://www.10704Balustrade.com)

Great starter home in Garner off Timber Run with 1,435 SF, 3BR, 2 full baths, Family Room w/Gas FP, 1st floor master, fenced back yard, updated baths, large deck and new carpeting.



**\$139,900 New Listing!**  
[www.602Chapwith.com](http://www.602Chapwith.com)

3,430 Sq. Ft. 4BR, 2.5 BAs in Historic Oakwood in downtown Raleigh. 3 Story, with bonus Rm and Guest BR and Full Bath on 3rd floor. Gourmet Kitchen w/island. Family Rm w/ Gas FP, multi-level back



**\$600,000 Short Sale!**  
[www.403Edenton.com](http://www.403Edenton.com)

North Raleigh Contemporary Ranch in Stone Ridge . 4,236 Sq. Ft. 4BRs, 3.5BAs . Updated Kitchen & Baths, Large Garden Rm, Formal LR and DR, Family Rm, Multi-Level Deck, Office, on .92 acre lot.



**\$525,000**  
[www.813ThatcherWay.com](http://www.813ThatcherWay.com)

North Raleigh home in Wakefield. 4BRs, 3.5BAs, 2 Story Great Room, Sun Rm, Gourmet Kitchen w/island, breakfast nook. 1st floor Master Suite with W-I-C, Separate Tub/Shower, twin vanities, back deck, 2 car garage. Formal LR



**\$369,900**  
[www.11904PawleysMill.com](http://www.11904PawleysMill.com)

1,500 Sq. Ft. 2 Bedroom Garden Home with 2 full baths, living/dining area with gas FP. Garden rm with tiled flooring. Kitchen with eating area, & under cabinet lighting. Comes with refrigerator and washer/dryer. 2 Car



**\$254,900**  
[www.4602LudwellBranch.com](http://www.4602LudwellBranch.com)

Beautiful 1.5 story home in Youngsville, w/3,045 SF, 3BRs, 2.5BAs, large kitchen w/island, screen porch, 2 story great room w/FP, bonus room, multi-purpose room off kitchen, hardwoods, fenced back yard, screen porch, 2 car garage and attic storage.



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[www.65Kensington.com](http://www.65Kensington.com)

In Falls Landing off Mitchell Mill Rd in N Raleigh off Hwy 401N. 2,220 Sq. Ft, 4 BR, 2.5BAs. Large Family Rm with gas FP, kitchen has lots of cabinet space, w/ island. MBA is large with separate Tub/



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