

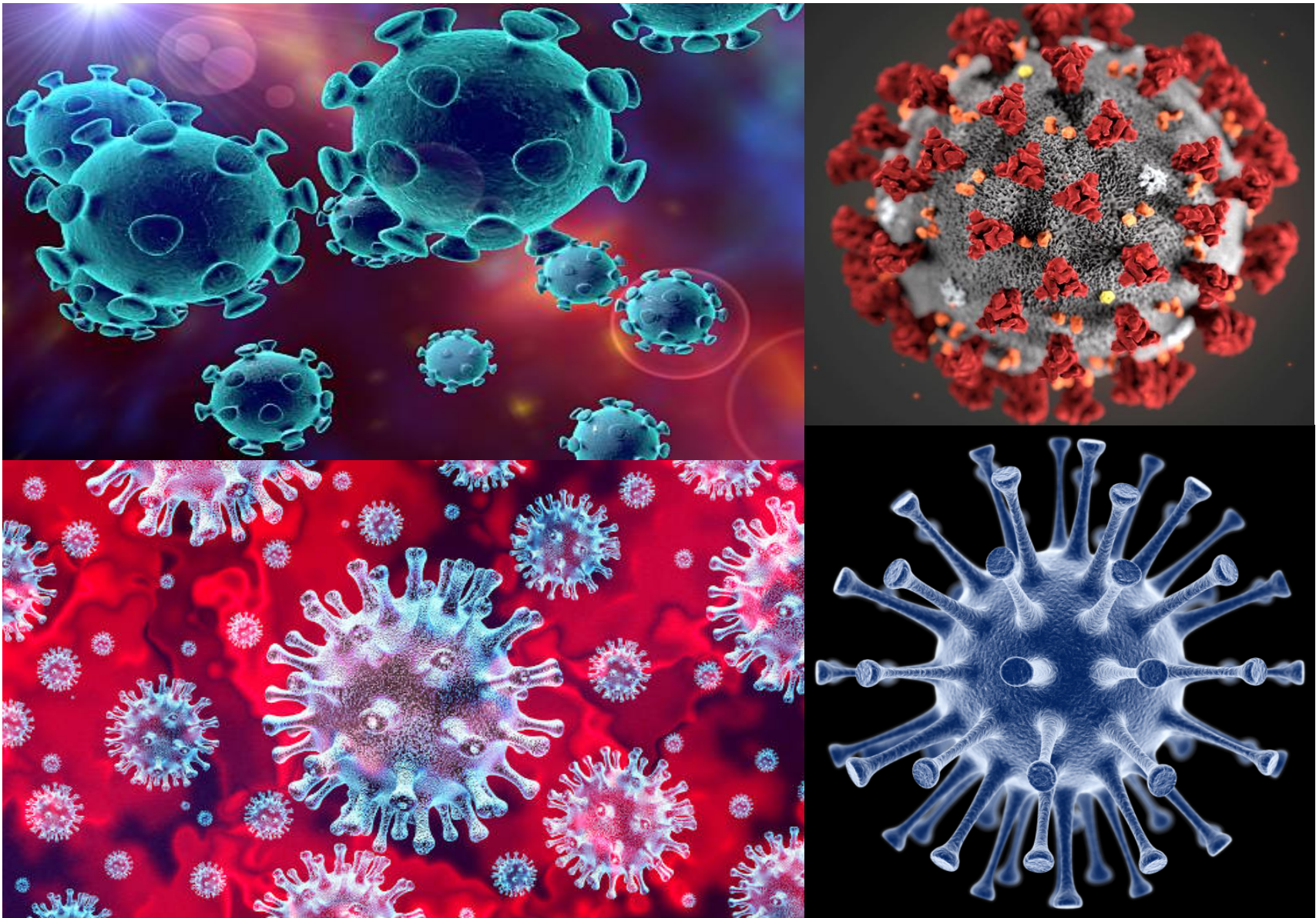
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**ACROSS**

- 1 Frosty's "eyes"
- 5 Family member
- 8 Burden
- 12 Earthen pot
- 13 Alias abbr.
- 14 Crooner Jerry
- 15 Uncategorized (Abbr.)
- 16 Journey segment
- 17 Sicilian spouter
- 18 Bet collector
- 20 Of a heart chamber
- 22 Mag. staffers
- 23 Big bother
- 24 Channel marker
- 27 Re movement
- 32 Cleo's slayer
- 33 "Hail!"
- 34 Life time?
- 35 Sane
- 38 Trudge
- 39 Charged bit
- 40 Eco-friendly org.
- 42 Homes
- 45 Froot Loops spokesbird Sam
- 49 Hindu princess
- 50 Blond shade

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- 52 Appellation
- 53 Country that's an anagram of 49-Across
- 54 Carnival city
- 55 Cornfield intruder
- 56 Skilled
- 57 B&B
- 58 Pianist Dame Myrat
- DOWN**
- 1 Barbershop item
- 2 A bit of everything
- 3 Too
- 4 Menial
- 5 servant
- 5 Willy Loman, e.g.
- 6 A Turner
- 7 Long story
- 8 Exaggerate
- 9 Countrywide
- 10 Arm bone
- 11 Close tightly
- 19 Freudian concept
- 21 Skater Babilonia
- 24 Prohibit
- 25 Oft-chanted initials
- 26 Not necessary
- 28 Eggs
- 29 On-air fund
- 30 Way back when
- 31 Started
- 36 Cut remedy
- 37 Indivisible
- 38 Beer belly, maybe
- 41 Italian river
- 42 Met melody
- 43 Zinger
- 44 Garment for 49-Across
- 46 Give a darn
- 47 Old Testament book
- 48 Information
- 51 Sermon subject

**STICKELERS** [sic]  
by Terry Stickels

Below are four squeezer puzzles.  
Can you find the correct word to be placed in the middle of each to create two new words, one front-end, one back-end?  
Here's an example of how it works:

ever G R E E N horn

shark \_ \_ \_ \_ tight  
flip \_ \_ \_ \_ suit

work \_ \_ \_ \_ power  
thumb \_ \_ \_ \_ ball

**CryptoQuip**

This is a simple substitution cipher in which each letter used stands for another. If you think that X equals O, it will equal O throughout the puzzle. Solution is accomplished by trial and error.

Clue: S equals T

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IRYIQML PG NYSOW BMZROKMB,

O ITNNWIM SQYS'I Y ZTS SW

SQM ZQYOIM.

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# BEFORE AND AFTER

1965

2020



What you are looking at is Grand River Avenue at Biltmore Street. Each picture was taken on the south side of the street west of Rutland Street facing Northwest towards Southfield Road. The old traffic signal is long gone. On the left you can see a fire hydrant. That's the only constant in both pictures. The city has replaced the grass with concrete. Grandmont Bowl is now a Social Services office. On the right side of the street an auto dealer and various other businesses including the beloved and demolished Norwest theatre are long gone. An array of fast food restaurants are now in their place. To the immediate right in the 2020 photograph is Elegant Dry Cleaners. They were not around in 1965, but they have been a stable part of the community for over 40 years. Grand River has changed, but not as much as other streets in the city. Business is supported by solid neighborhoods, such as Grandmont.

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# COVER STORY

## The World Stands Still to Stop the Coronavirus Pandemic

The coronavirus is spreading fast! As a news story this is a very fluid situation. Updated news about the virus literally changes from hour to hour. We will not report the number of cases or death tolls because by the time you read it here the number will be obsolete. Therefore, as a monthly newspaper our responsibility is to report protective and preventative measures. **WE WANT TO KEEP YOU SAFE AND ALIVE.** To stop this scourge on our society the world has shut down. Michigan is no different. Bars and restaurants must close by 3 pm. All Michigan schools are closed until Monday April 6. Before that date approaches, The Monthly Standard fully expects Governor Whitmer to amend her order and suspend the remainder of the school year. What happens to the graduating class of 2020? Gatherings of over 250 people are banned. It looks as though, in Michigan, their diploma's will be mailed to them. Graduation ceremonies at smaller schools might still proceed. The Michigan Department of Health and Human Services has set up a COVID-19 Hotline to answer your questions. **Call: 1-888-535-6136 seven days a week from 8 am to 5 pm. (IT SHOULD BE ACCESSIBLE 24 HOURS A DAY).** All of this suppression of activity is supposed to flatten the curve of COVID-19. What does that mean? To flatten the curve simply means to lessen the transmission of the virus through isolation. The total number of cases might stay the same, but the health care industry will not be overwhelmed. If everybody gets sick at once hospitals will not be able to adequately serve them. Having the same amount of cases over an extended period of time ensures quality care from our health care professionals for all. Symptoms? Call your doctor or hotline.

### PISTONS CHRISTIAN WOOD TESTS POSITIVE FOR COVID-19

Rudy Gobert of the Utah Jazz contracted COVID-19. The Jazz played the Pistons in Detroit on March 7th. It was the job of Gobert to guard Christian Wood. (Pictured at right) Much sweat is expended during the course of a basketball game. The NBA knows the danger. That's why the league suspended play when it learned Gobert tested positive for the COVID-19 coronavirus. Now Wood has the virus. We are sure Christian Wood is receiving the best care possible from the Detroit Pistons. As one of our own in the spotlight. We wish Christian Wood a speedy recovery.

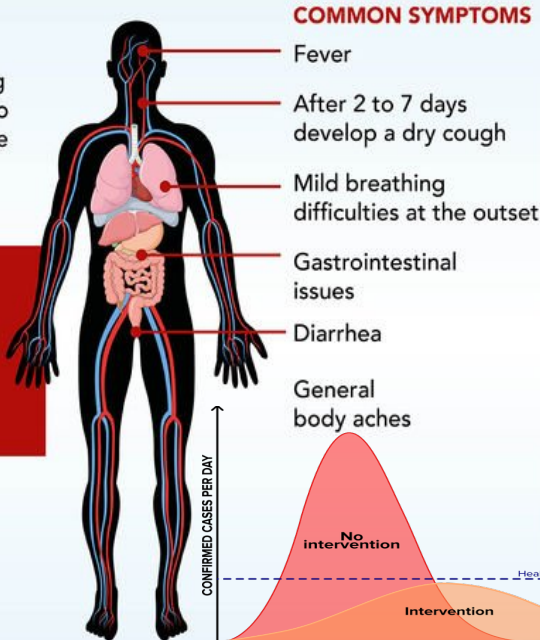


### What is Coronavirus?

Coronaviruses are a large family of viruses that cause illness ranging from the common cold to more severe diseases like pneumonia, MERS and SARS

- SEVERE SYMPTOMS**
- High Fever (100.4°F or higher)
  - Pneumonia
  - Kidney failure
  - Death

**TRANSMISSION**  
Coughs or sneezes from infected person or touching contaminated objects



### PROTECTING YOURSELF AGAINST CORONAVIRUS

1. Avoid close contact with anyone showing symptoms of respiratory illness 
2. Wear gloves, wash or change them daily 
3. Wash your hands 
4. Wash your towels if they have touched your hands 
5. Avoid touching doorknobs and banisters 
6. Cover your mouth and nose when you cough or sneeze 
7. Wear a surgical mask. They are, however, not that effective and must be changed daily 
8. Cook food thoroughly 

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# MUSIC

## "Love, I Am" will be Detroit's Next Singing Sensation

Listen for Yourself (on [www.themonthlystandard.news](http://www.themonthlystandard.news)) You Won't Be Disappointed



The Monthly Standard was introduced to Love, I Am on a snowy, cold, gray, and blustery day. After I heard them sing, they truly warmed my heart. We met at the offices of Gino Washington (Featured as our Black History Month Cover Story). The group totally blew me away. They did not come to perform on that day. They were asked to sing off the cuff. Not expecting much, I decided to record it. I'm glad I did. **THESE WOMEN HAVE TALENT! GO TO OUR WEBSITE AND WATCH THE VIDEO!** You can see they are beautiful, now listen to them sing! The group consists of three sisters. T.J., Chi-Chi, & Sarita. They all sing lead. In the video you'll hear the powerful vocals of T.J. enhanced by the harmonious backing vocals of Chi-Chi, and Sarita. The future is bright for the young, attractive, and talented singing group Love, I Am. Listen for yourself. You will agree. Online Access. Facebook:: Love IAM (Write it like that), Instagram: love\_iam\_, Website: [weareloveiam.com](http://weareloveiam.com)



TJ



Chi-Chi



Sarita

## STUDENT COLUMNIST



Trey Owens

*Trey Owens hails from Winfield, Illinois. He is currently a junior at San Francisco State University studying journalism.*

### Enhancing Stafford Must Be the Focus of the Lions in 2020 Draft

The Lions have seven picks in this year's upcoming NFL draft in April, including the #3 pick in the first round. Having the third pick overall gives the Lions a lot of options. What does not seem to be a option is trading franchise quarterback Matthew Stafford. At the 2020 NFL scouting combine, during a "Good Morning Football" interview in late February, Lions head coach Matt Patricia was asked about the Stafford trade rumors and put them to rest. "Yeah It's comical," Patricia said as he highlighted Stafford was one of the main reasons he came to Detroit in the first place. General Manager Bob Quinn also called the rumors "100% false!" The Lions seem intent on keeping Stafford, who is the club's all-time leader in passing yards and touchdowns. Stafford continues to put up great numbers. The veteran quarterback was doing his usual thing last year until he was sidelined with a back injury. According to "Good Morning Football," during the first nine weeks of the season Stafford was 1st in passing yards per game, 2nd in passing touchdowns, and 4th in total yards. In my opinion the Lions don't need to draft a new quarterback. They need to keep getting better around Stafford. I believe addressing their many issues on defense should be the Lions top priority. Drafting linebacker Isaiah Simmons from Clemson would give the Lions defense a much needed jolt. The Dick Butkus award winner recently ran a 4.39 at the NFL combine, and is an uber athletic tweener who can play multiple positions on defense. A player like this could stir the creative juices of Lions defensive coordinator Paul Pasqualoni. The Lions struggled to get off the field last year. According to NFL.com, the Lions were top 5 in yards allowed and penalties per game while giving up the most plays from scrimmage the entire season. Continuing to address the defensive side of the ball, the Lions should look into drafting a cornerback. With an early second round pick (#35), the Lions should be able to get Trevon Diggs from Alabama.

He is the brother of Minnesota Vikings WR Stefon Diggs. Trevon is a 6'2" corner with good ball skills. He could play opposite Darius Slay. His addition would help the Lions immediately. Diggs is a former receiver, and he used those skills to lead Alabama in interceptions with three. Diggs vs Diggs could be an exciting matchup for years to come in the NFC North. Another position the Lions must address is running back. They need somebody that can split the load with Kerryon Johnson. To remain fresh and healthy Johnson, who only played in eight games last year because of a knee injury, should not be asked to carry a full workload. Some would suggest the Lions pick a running back high so they could snag Jonathan Taylor of Wisconsin or J.K. Dobbins of Ohio State. Although Taylor and Dobbins would be good additions, my pick would be Clyde Edwards-Helaire, the 5'8" 209 lb. running back out of LSU. He should still be available when the Lions pick at #67 in the third round. This selection would give the Lions exactly what they need. Edwards-Helaire was the starting running back for LSU's 2019 national championship team. He rushed for over 1,600 yards and 16 touchdowns for LSU that season. Blocking is an underrated part of what running backs have to do. Edwards-Helaire consistently made critical pass blocks to give QB Joe Burrow more time to find an open receiver. He is a proven winner and would be able to contribute to the Lions immediately. A reliable running back can go a long way towards giving the Stafford led Lions offense the stability it sorely needs. Whomever the Lions decide to pick, they need to make sure each player makes Stafford's job easier, whether he plays on the offensive or defensive side of the ball.



Clyde Edwards-Helaire



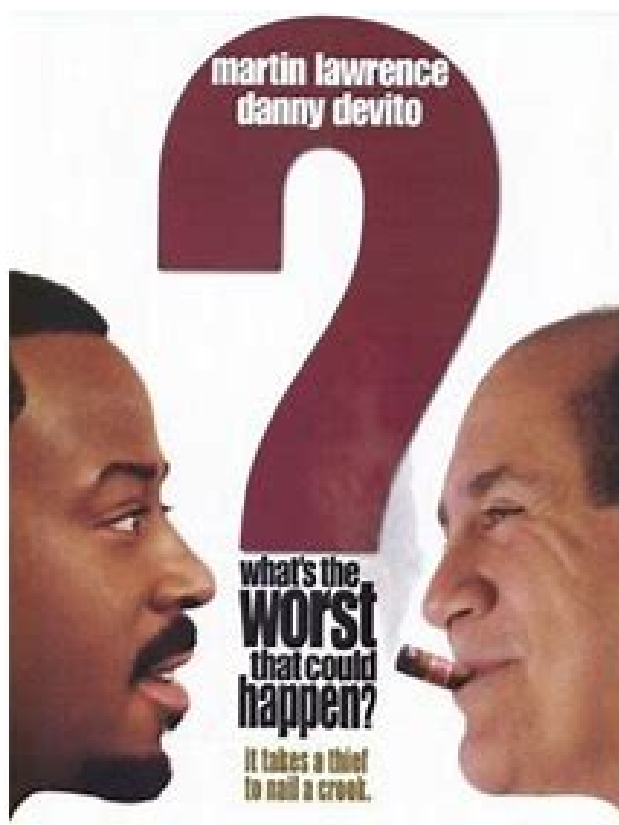
Trevon Diggs

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# MOVIE OF THE MONTH

## 'What's the Worst that Could Happen?'

Funny. Funny. Funny! That's what you'll say after you watch this comedic romp starring Martin Lawrence and Danny DeVito. Lawrence plays a thief, Kevin Caffery, who specializes in plundering the rich. Danny DeVito plays Max Fairbanks an obnoxious billionaire. (A role he specializes in). The plot revolves around a coveted ring that Fairbanks steals from Caffery. That's a twist because the billionaire steals from the thief. (How this occurs you'll have to watch the movie to see). I will tell you that Caffery won't rest until he gets his ring back. The supporting cast in the film is outstanding. You'll see John Leguizamo, Bernie Mac, Nora Dunn, Larry Miller, Ana Gasteyer, and especially Willam Fichtner, who departs from his usual tough guy roles to play a detective you won't soon forget! The film is rated PG-13 with a running time of 98 minutes. To watch the movie simply go to our website. [www.themonthlystandard.news](http://www.themonthlystandard.news). We thank the over 10,000 people who watched The St. Valentine's Day Massacre last month.



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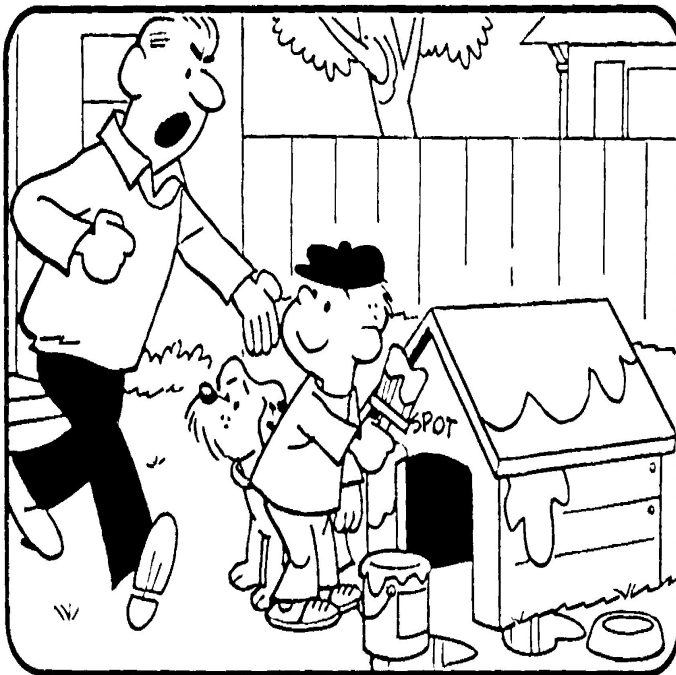
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Source: Total Wine Handbook

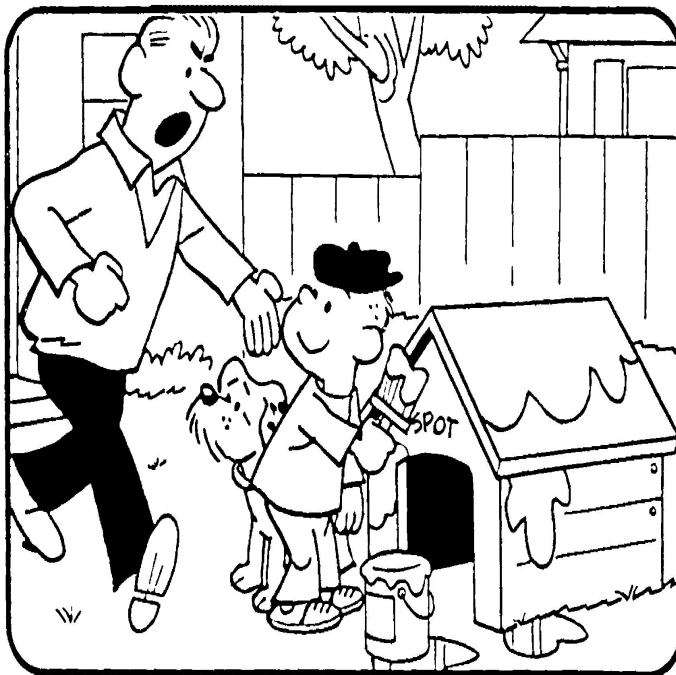


**HOCUS-FOCUS**

BY  
 HENRY BOLTINOFF



Find at least six differences in details between panels.



Differences: 1. Arm is moved. 2. Neckline is different. 3. Fence section is lower. 4. Cap is reversed. 5. Paint can is reversed. 6. Dish is missing.

**King Crossword**

*Answers*

**Solution time: 25 mins.**

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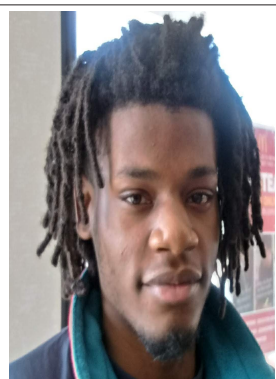
**Stickelers Answer**

- shark SKIN tight
- flip PANT suit
- work HORSE power
- thumb SCREW ball

**CryptoQuip**

answer

Since someone rudely  
 slashed my patio recliner,  
 I suppose that's a cut to  
 the chaise.



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## THE BACK PAGE

### The Nicholas Brothers are Too Talented to be Forgotten

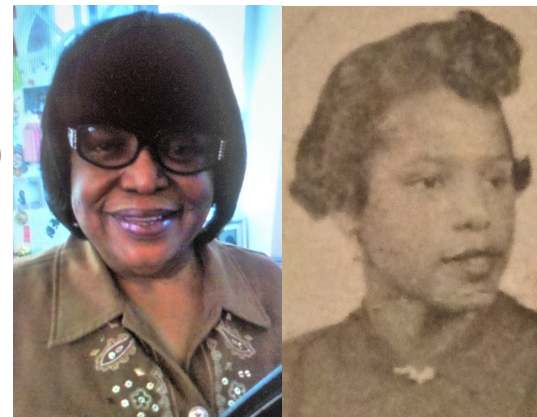
If you want to be entertained you must watch The Nicolas Brothers. They are the best dance team ever. They had a perfect combination of speed and grace. These high flyers still have not been duplicated. The brothers were Fayard (1914-2006) and Harold. (1921-2000) They appeared in many films from the 1930's through the 1980's. They are gone but The Monthly Standard refuses to let them be forgotten. See them perform on our website. [www.themonthlystandard.news](http://www.themonthlystandard.news)



## IN MEMORIAM

December 21, 1933-February 7, 2020

### Marjorie Joan Pearson A WONDERFUL LADY



Any person that had the pleasure of being in the presence of Marjorie Joan Pearson experienced happiness and joy. She was just that type of person. Marjorie, whose maiden name was Lowery, never had a negative thing to say and ALWAYS accentuated the positive. She was truly the nicest person you could ever meet. In 1994, Marjorie retired from Wayne County Community College. Many students from from her era will be saddened when they read about her passing, but when they remember her pleasant nature, they will reflect and smile. Many students have told her children how much they loved her. Marjorie was raised in River Rouge, Michigan. She went to River Rouge High School where she was a great student and a cheerleader. Marjorie graduated in 1952. Marjorie was also a talented interior decorator. She also loved to tinker in an attempt to create the next big invention. She was a homemaker galore! Marge was a great cook who also loved to sew, knit & crochet. She loved music too. Her favorites were Fats Domino & Little Richard. Her favorite actor was Peter Lorre. There are few, if any, left like her. Rest in Peace.

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