

## PICTURE OF THE WEEK: Water-skiing Squirrel

Have you ever wanted to learn to water-ski? It's not an easy skill to learn, but it may be easier than you think. In fact, it's so easy that a squirrel can learn to do it! A woman from Florida, Lou Ann Best, teaches squirrels to water-ski.

The famous water-skiing squirrel is named Twiggy. She's been featured on TV shows like the "Rosie O'Donnell Show" and "Good Morning America." Twiggy performs on a pair of miniature water skis. She is pulled by a remote control boat.

But there's a secret about the water-skiing squirrel. More than one exists! Lou Ann Best has trained lots of squirrels to water-ski--and she names them all Twiggy. Each Twiggy performs in shows for about 5 years. After that time has passed, the current Twiggy retires and a new one takes her place. Once they retire, the squirrels are usually released back into the wild after receiving the appropriate care.

Twiggy isn't just a performer. She's a teacher, too. Twiggy wears a life jacket every time she skis to teach us about water safety. Life vests are essential whenever you're around water.

--Written by [Katheryn Troyer](#)

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## WEEKLY NEWS 1: U.S. Soldiers in Afghanistan

A U.S. soldier was killed by an Afghan bomb on Monday, June 7. The bomb, which also wounded two other soldiers, was detonated by a remote control and set off near the city of Kandahar in southern Afghanistan. The bomb exploded underneath the soldiers' Humvee near Deh Rawod in the Uruzgan Province of Afghanistan. All three soldiers in the Humvee were taken to a military hospital in Kandahar.

Approximately 20,000 troops from the U.S. Army's 25th Infantry Division and the 22nd Marine Expeditionary Unit have recently been battling Taliban fighters in areas along the Pakistan border. In the past month, seven U.S. troops have been killed as they were fighting the al Qaeda terrorist network and Taliban militia that previously ruled a majority of Afghanistan.

There have also been other reports of violence in the area, including two makeshift explosive devices that exploded next to an Army convoy on Monday, as well as rockets attacking an Army camp in Paktika Province. Fortunately, no injuries were reported in either incident.

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Ray Charles died at the age of 73 on Thursday, June 10, 2004. Charles is most notably remembered for his Grammy award winning music, including the hit songs "Georgia On My Mind," "What'd I Say," and "Hit the Road, Jack."

Charles died in his Beverly Hills home surrounded by his family and friends. He had not appeared in public for quite a while, and friends speculate that it was due to his weakened condition.

Charles went blind at the age of seven and was orphaned at the age of fifteen. Despite his disability and difficult experiences, Charles continued to love music, mastering both the saxophone and the piano. He played in numerous jazz and blues bands. Eventually he went solo and began putting out his own hit pop songs.

Charles' music combined numerous genres, including rock, jazz, blues, and gospel. He was influenced by jazz legends like Artie Shaw, country western singers, and classical composers such as Chopin. His voice was noted for having a sweet soulful quality which distinguished his work from that of other R&B artists. His receipt of 12 Grammy awards in the R&B category marks his immense talent.

Although the world of music has suffered a great loss of a gifted and prolific man, Charles' music lives on and will continue to influence musicians for many future years.

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It's a bird! It's a plane! It's former President Bush! He'll be falling from the sky on Sunday. Why? Bush wants to celebrate his eightieth birthday by skydiving.

This isn't the first time Bush has celebrated his birthday with a skydive. He did the same thing when he turned seventy-five. Doesn't skydiving sound like an exciting way to celebrate a birthday? Perhaps Bush is trying to tell us that age should not hold us back from fulfilling our dreams. Have you thought about what you'll do to celebrate your eightieth birthday?

Bush has jumped from airplanes in the past, and not always as part of a birthday celebration. His first jump was in 1944 when he was serving in the Navy. His plane was shot down over the Pacific Ocean during World War II and he jumped from the plane to survive. He was only twenty-years-old.

Sunday's jump will be dramatically different. Bush will bail out over his presidential library on the Texas A&M campus in the company of the Golden Knights, an army parachute team. Once the plane reaches 13,000 feet, Bush will trade the safety of the plane for an exhilarating rush as the he plummets towards the earth. Happy Birthday!

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## WEEKLY NEWS 4: Native Tribe Battles with Residents

Santa Ynez Valley has recently become the breeding ground for a nasty battle over land. Local residents, fond of the area's slow pace and non-urban atmosphere, are fighting with a Native American tribe called the Chumash. The Chumash plan to purchase hundreds of acres of land for a large housing development and country club.

This battle for land is similar to many conflicts occurring throughout California. Many Native American tribes are seeking to purchase land and develop it in a way that disturbs local residents. Many residents say they do not need for the land to be developed and they do not want to see the area urbanized.

"We don't need growth here," said Manny Lawrence, who owns a horse stable near property the Chumash wants to develop. "That's the reason we are here. We don't want the urban sprawl."

Many members of these tribes say they are outraged by the opposition from the community. They believe it indicates racism in the predominantly white areas of Santa Ynez and Solvang.

Vincent Armenta, chairman of the Chumash tribe, said the tribe wants to develop the land as a way to broaden their investments and improve the lives of its members.

"We're asking to do things that are within our rights. We don't make the laws. The federal government made the laws," he said. "It's old money against new money. People don't believe we should have money."

This battle for property is also receiving attention because the owner of the land for which the tribe is negotiating is Fess Parker, a former "Daniel Boone" and "Davy Crockett" TV star. Parker, who paid \$6 million for about 1,400 acres in 1998, has made attempts to develop a hotel and golf resort, but those attempts were turned down by Santa Barbara County officials.

He then struck a deal with the Chumash tribe. The tribe plans to purchase 745 acres for \$12 million and build a hotel, golf course and 155 homes for tribe members. An additional 200 homes would be built for general sale. (contributing: Newsday.com)

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## AROUND THE WORLD 1: Pandas in China

On Thursday, June 10, 2004, China's State Forestry Administration said their wild panda population might be up by as much as 40 percent. A new survey, sponsored in part by the World Wildlife Fund, shows there are more than 1,500 pandas in China, not including those less than 18-months-old. However, pandas are still on the endangered species list. In fact, this statistic may show more about better survey methods than an actual increase in panda bears.

What the survey does tell conservationists is that there are more pandas than they originally thought. Surveillance technology has come a long way since the 1980s, and previous estimates of panda populations were probably far below the true population count. Because logging and poachers still threaten pandas, and deforestation cuts back their natural habitat, environmentalists doubt the number of pandas has increased significantly, if at all. To keep the population growing and healthy, China continues to research almost all aspects of panda life: what they eat, how they breed, and whether captive pandas can successfully survive in the wild.

Research on pandas also holds an important place in the United States in Washington DC's National Zoo. Most of the zoo's studies revolve around Mei Xiang and Tian Tian, two giant pandas born in captivity in China. Both bears are between six and seven years old. In fact, you can look at some of the studies by going to the National Zoo's website and finding the page on "Giant Pandas." A live webcam lets you observe Mei Xiang and Tian Tian. Other features include a panda quiz, a crossword puzzle, and articles about pandas.

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## AROUND THE WORLD 2: Olympic Flame Goes Through Tokyo

On Sunday, June 6, 2004, the Olympic flame passed through Japan as part of a 53-kilometer journey to Athens. The journey will span five continents. The flame, which was passed to various runners, began its journey on Sunday morning at the Daiba waterfront area in Tokyo. It eventually ended up at the Tokyo Metropolitan Government building in Shinjuku Ward just before 6:30PM.

The last runner was teen table tennis player Ai Fukuhara, who will be representing Japan at the Summer Olympics in Athens this summer. Other runners included Kozue Matsumoto, a native of Chiba Prefecture who has been blind since the age of 2, Olympic gold medalist swimmer Kyoko Iwasaki, and Olympic gold medalist judoka Toshihiko Koga. Overall, there were 136 runners plus an additional 70 people chosen from the public.

After Nagashima completed his 350 meters in the rain, he said, "I didn't tell my father that I was running today because if I did, he would be jealous." His father, Shigeo Nagashima, is the manager of Japan's national baseball team. The team will be competing in Athens this summer. He was originally selected to help pass the Olympic flame but had to undergo rehabilitation from a stroke.

The torch was lit on March 25 in ancient Olympia and left Athens on Wednesday. For the first time in Olympic history, the torch will travel through five continents during a 65-day journey. It will pass through 33 cities. The flame arrived in Japan from Australia and will pass on from Tokyo to Seoul.

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Last week the government of a large southern African country, Zimbabwe, announced that it would take all private land away from the farmers who own it. The government will assume ownership of all land within Zimbabwe's borders. This means that private citizens cannot buy or sell land. Instead, they must lease it from the government.

Zimbabwe and other African countries have been going through a process of transferring land into government hands in recent years. In the year 2000, Zimbabwe had approximately 4,000 private farmers. Today that number has been reduced to about 500.

The main purpose in doing this is to create more farming opportunities for more people. Historically, most of the really good, fertile farming lands have been owned by descendants of colonists from Europe. Therefore, the people who are native to the land have not had opportunities to benefit from the natural resources to the same extent that foreign settlers have. The government wants to own all the land so it can regulate who gets to lease and use the land. In this way, a more fair distribution of resources and money will be possible.

Although the intentions seem good, there are some drawbacks to the decision of Zimbabwe. During the transfer of the land from citizen to government, the land does not get used to produce food to its full potential. In a country that already faces serious problems with food shortages and poverty, preventing food from being grown, bought and sold may cause hunger throughout the society.

Zimbabwe's president, Robert Mugabe, claims that the shortage of food has been caused by draughts and other natural conditions. He claims that in the long run, the transfer of land will benefit Zimbabwe's people.

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Turkey, a large country that connects Europe and the Middle East, is named after the ethnic majority inside its borders. These people are known as Turks. There is, however, a large and influential ethnic minority inside the country known as the Kurds. The Kurdish people have their own language and their own traditions. Throughout the history of Turkey, they have struggled for recognition and the right to preserve the unique aspects of their cultural identity.

As a result of this struggle, many prominent Kurdish leaders have been put in jail by the Turkish government. This week, however, four outspoken Kurdish leaders were released from jail. Crowds of Kurdish people gathered outside the jail to cheer and celebrate the release of these famous figures. The Kurds in Turkey are hopeful that this decision by the Turkish government will lead to other changes for the Kurdish minority. In fact, on the same day that the prisoners were released, Turkish television broadcasted a show in the Kurdish language.



The Turkish government has its own motivations for releasing the Kurdish activists. Turkey is in the process of joining the European Union (EU)--a group of countries in the European continent who work together on many issues such as economics and law. Before joining the EU, however, Turkey must meet a number of demands made by the other European countries. One of these demands is that Turkey address the needs of the Kurdish minority. Turkey's government has oppressed the Kurdish minority in the past, but if they are going to be a member of the EU, they must make reforms to treat all citizens--even non-Turks--fairly under the rule of law.

A victory for the Kurds in Turkey will clearly benefit this minority group. Moreover, the entire country will benefit if it joins the EU. However, the recent signs of change for Turkey's Kurds are also having an impact on other countries. There are large Kurdish minorities in other countries in the region, especially in Iran and Iraq. The Kurds in these countries have struggled for rights and recognition for generations. They are often oppressed and abused by the majority. Iraq's Kurds, for example, suffered greatly under the leadership of Saddam Hussein. But now the Kurdish people in Iraq have some hope of playing a significant role in a new government.

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## SPORTS ZONE 1: Lightning Win Stanley Cup

They may not have been the flashiest team in the league--or the most talented--but the Tampa Bay Lightning played their hearts out every night of Stanley Cup. That's why they are the National Hockey League's 2004 Stanley Cup Champions.

The Lightning won the Stanley Cup last Monday night in game seven against the Western Conference Champion Calgary Flames. Tampa Bay forward Ruslan Fedotenko scored both Lightning goals, giving them just enough offense to edge past the Flames 2-1. "We just tried to get through it, and we found a way," Lightning coach John Tortorella said after the game. "I've never been through something so enduring. It's unbelievable. It's a great feeling."

The win was especially sweet for the Lightning captain, Dave Andreychuk, who finally got to lift the Stanley Cup after a career of 1,758 games over 22 NHL seasons. "It took me 29 years [of hockey] to get here, and I'm so proud of our guys because we got game 7 at home because we worked hard all year long," said Andreychuk after the win.

Coach Tortorella insisted throughout the playoffs that his team was good enough to win if they could out-hustle and out-work their opponents. He was definitely right about that one!

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## SPORTS ZONE 2: Smarty Jones Falls Short

Last Saturday evening Smarty Jones had a chance to become horse racing's first Triple Crown winner since Affirmed accomplished the feat in 1978. Smarty won the first two legs of horse racing's Triple Crown, The Kentucky Derby and the Preakness. But Smarty was unable to capture the Belmont Stakes. The horse came in second place behind an improbable winner by the name of Birdstone.

Smarty held the ninth starting post, meaning that he was on the outside of the track at the beginning of the race. Smarty's jockey Stewart Elliot led his horse to the lead and towards the inside rail of the track. Smarty increased his lead on the back side to 4 lengths. It was not until he came around the final turn and towards the finish line that he began to falter. Birdstone, ridden by Edgar Prado, gave it everything he had. He passed Smarty with just a couple hundred feet to go, giving him first place at the 136th running of the Belmont Stakes.

As Birdstone crossed the line, the packed crowd of 120,000 spectators fell silent. Most were at the race to see Smarty win.

Failing to get the sweep at the Belmont has become common in recent years. The last six horses prior to Smarty have failed to do so.

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## SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY 1: Baby Dino Egg Fossil

Researchers from the Chinese Academy of Sciences in Beijing announced a major discovery this week. They found a well preserved baby pterosaur fossil still inside its egg.

Pterosaurs are winged reptiles that lived at the same time as the dinosaurs. Other fossil specimens of pterosaurs have been previously discovered, but this is the first specimen still in the egg. The baby pterosaur fossil was so well preserved that the scientists could see imprints of its skin and wings as well its bones. The discovery is also exciting because experts are now sure pterosaurs laid eggs. They did not know for certain before the egg fossil was found.

The scientists estimate that the fossil dates back to about 121 million years ago. They believe that the creature probably died days before it was supposed to hatch, possibly because of some sort of natural disaster. The specimen was found in a lake bed in northeastern China. The scientists who made the discovery published their findings this week in the journal Nature.

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SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY 2: Kids Need Vitamin D



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Some kids don't get enough vitamin D, say experts from Children's Hospital in Boston.

Vitamin D, important to young people because it helps form healthy bones, is produced by the body with the help of sunlight. It can also be found in certain foods and drinks like fortified milk. It is difficult to get enough vitamin D from food alone, however. Sunlight is an important part of the production of vitamin D.

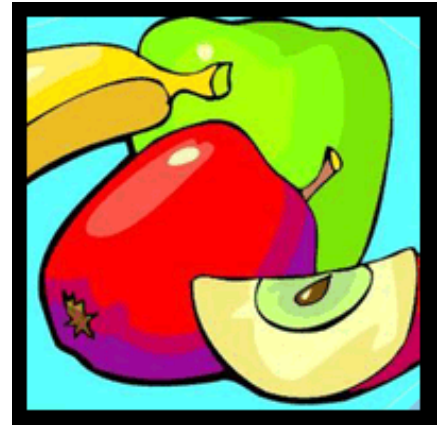
The doctors who conducted the study tested 307 adolescents to find the amount of vitamin D in their blood. They found that 74 of the children tested--nearly a fourth--had vitamin D deficiency. Of those 74, 14 were severely short of the vitamin. A total of 129 children did not have enough vitamin D in their blood.

The doctors also found that the amount of vitamin D found in the children's blood was affected by a number of factors. Children seemed to have less vitamin D in the winter, for example, probably because they were spending less time outside in the sunlight. Diet was a factor as well. Even skin color affected levels of the vitamin, since people with darker skin have a harder time making vitamin D.

Vitamin D deficiency can lead to multiple complications. It is also believed that low levels of vitamin D can cause depression. While the study conducted focused on D deficiency in city children, it is a problem that may extend to other groups of children and adults around the country. The results of the Children's Hospital of Boston study were published in the journal Archives of Pediatrics and Adolescent Medicine this month.

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## THIS WEEK IN HISTORY

On June 18, 1983, the space shuttle Challenger was launched into space on its second mission. Aboard the shuttle was Dr. Sally Ride, who as a mission specialist became the first American woman to travel into space. During the six-day mission, Ride, an astrophysicist from Stanford, operated the shuttle's robot arm, which she had helped design. Twenty years earlier, Valentina Tereshkova of the Soviet Union was the first woman ever to travel into space.



On June 19, 1949 NASCAR staged its first Grand National event at the Charlotte, North Carolina Fairgrounds, marking the birth of NASCAR racing as we know it today. NASCAR stands for the National Association for Stock Car Auto Racing. A crowd of 13,000 watched as Jim Roper won the inaugural event on the three-quarter mile dirt track at the Charlotte Fairgrounds. The Grand Nationals later became Winston Cup Series events.

Actress Helen Hunt was born on June 15, 1963. Hunt started acting as a child, appearing on The Mary Tyler Moore Show and Swiss Family Robinson. From 1992 to 1999, she co-starred with comedian Paul

Reiser in the hit TV series Mad About You. She also appeared in several films in the mid-1980s and early 1990s, and won a Best Actress Oscar for her role opposite Jack Nicholson in As Good As It Gets. Most recently, Hunt has played in Castaway, a film with Tom Hanks.



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## MUSIC AND ENTERTAINMENT 1: Much More of Shrek

Fortunately for all "Shrek" fans, there are still more chapters to tell, according to Jeffrey Katzenberg, co-founder of DreamWorks.

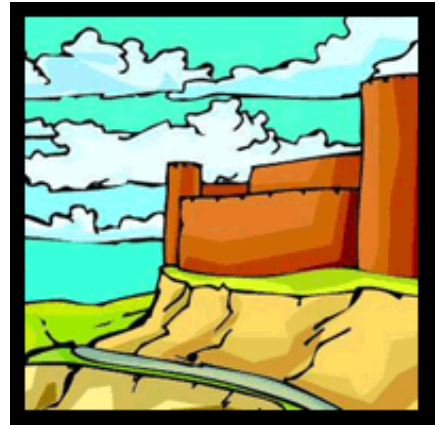
During an Australian premier of "Shrek 2," the mastermind behind animated films like "The Little Mermaid" and "Beauty and the Beast" disclosed that work on "Shrek 3" and "Shrek 4" has already begun.

Work on the third installment began nine months ago. But even though work has already started on the highly popular sequels, the third movie won't be in theaters until 2006. Katzenberg said that the creators spend three to four years making this genre of movie.

So far, "Shrek 2" has been out for a little more than three weeks and has made an estimated \$315 million. "Shrek 2" also broke box office records by bringing in \$108 million dollars its first weekend, coming in second to "Spiderman."

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## MUSIC AND ENTERTAINMENT 2: R-Card Controversy

R-rated movies require that a parent or guardian accompany any kid under the age of 17. But in some Illinois-based theaters, underage children are permitted to see rated R movies alone. How? With R-cards, parents are able to sign a card so their underage children are able to see R-rated movies without the parents in attendance.

James Whitman, the company's director of operations and marketing at the theater that originated the concept, came up with the idea of R-cards after parents complained they didn't want to sit through R-rated films with their kids. Instead, they wanted their kids to be able to see the movies alone. So far, this specific branch of movie theater has issued 700 R-cards.

The R-cards are sparking debates across the country. Should parents let their children see R-rated movies without knowing exactly what's in the movies? Some critics of the R-cards believe that parents are neglecting their responsibilities and choosing convenience instead.

The R-cards are only two dollars. They are currently distributed only in Illinois and three other Midwestern states.

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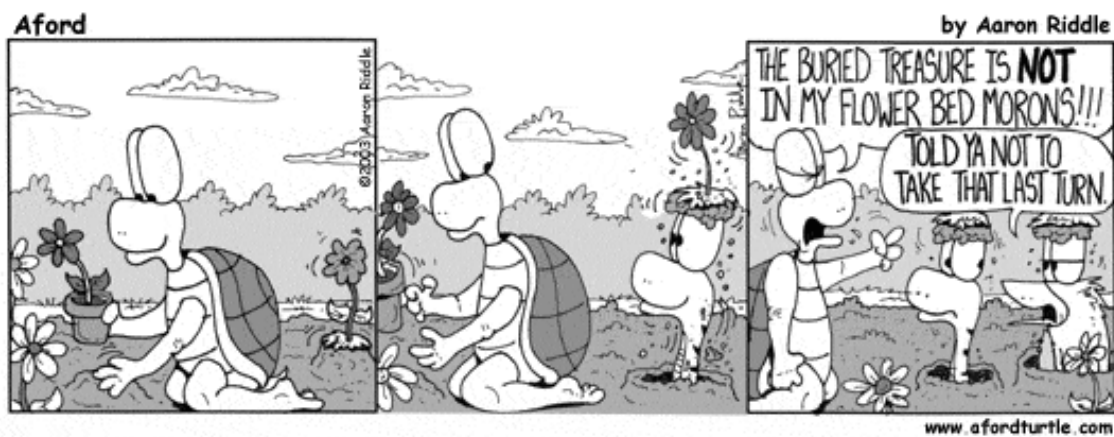


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## COMICS & POEMS 2: My Moo Moo Cow, Poetry Feature

### *My Moo Moo Cow*

You said you were going to buy me a cow.  
I don't want to wait, I want it now.  
Don't know if I can look her in the face.  
Maybe a goat could take her place.

That way I could get my grass cut too.  
I've got hay now, so a cow will do.  
I'm drinking so much milk from off my shelf.  
Don't need a cow to moo, I'll be mooing myself.

I could call her Bess or Bessey or Sue.  
Just any old name will have to do.  
As long as she furnishes a lot of milk. I'll brush her hair, make it look like silk.

When she quits giving me milk I'll change my diet,  
Maybe have steak, that'll be a riot.  
Don't like steak, so that won't work;  
Forget the cow and milk, I'll just go berserk.

--Written by [Ellen Stanton](#)

**This poem is featured in Dances in Moonlight, an Anthology of Poetry released by the International Library of Poetry in November 2000.**

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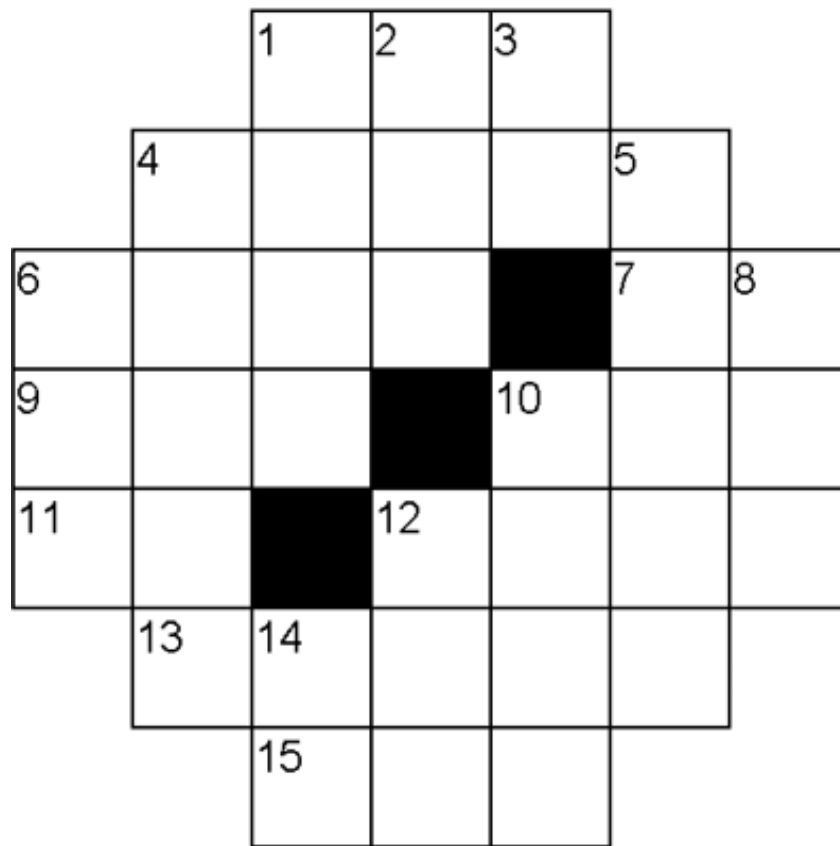
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### ACROSS

- 1 Nervous system
- 4 What a camera takes
- 6 Winged
- 7 Sun god
- 9 Glass
- 10 Light
- 11 Movie alien
- 12 Brief letter
- 13 Small egg
- 15 Dined

### DOWN

- 1 Lad
- 2 Neither's partner
- 3 Road (abbr.)
- 4 Dis
- 5 Speak
- 6 Whiz
- 8 Sailor's yes
- 10 Part to play
- 12 Crank
- 14 Richmond locale

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## U.S. GOVERNMENT 1: Court Supports WWII Victims

On Monday, June 7, 2004, the Supreme Court ruled in a 6-3 vote that they would hear cases from Americans who wish to sue foreign countries for Holocaust-era crimes.

One of the first cases comes from 88-year-old Maria Altmann. Altmann claims that an Austrian art gallery is holding paintings that belonged to her late Uncle. The paintings are valued at well over \$110 million. That's a lot of money!

The Austrian government claims that the paintings were a gift from Altmann's brother in the 1940s, but Maria Altmann denies this claim. She says the paintings were seized by Nazis during World War II. The Austrian government is seeking to have the case dismissed.

Other individuals are hoping to successfully sue foreign countries, too. Japan may be sued by a group of six women who were treated as slaves during World War II. Several Holocaust survivors are hoping to sue France for the country's participation in the busing of Jewish people to concentration camps.

Although some argue that relationships between other countries and the United States may be damaged because the Supreme Court is permitting these lawsuits, the U.S. District courts are expected to hear several cases pertaining to this subject.

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U.S. GOVERNMENT 2: Candles Light for Reagan 

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## U.S. GOVERNMENT 2: Candles Light for Reagan

On Friday, June 11, 2004, local organizations across the United States will hold candle lighting ceremonies in tribute to Ronald Reagan. The lit candles will honor the deceased president and provide a gleam of hope for the increasing number of Americans who are victims of Alzheimer's disease. President Ronald Reagan recently died after a long battle with Alzheimer's disease.

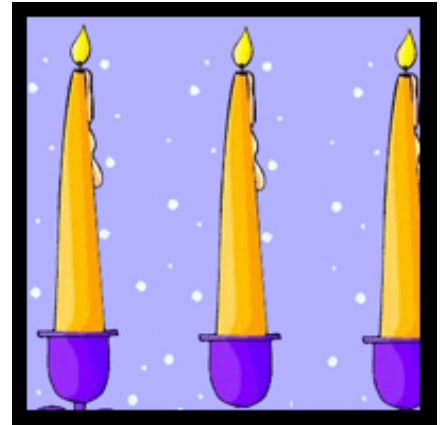
Alzheimer's disease is a disorder that attacks the brain's nerve cells. People who are stricken with the disease experience memory loss, decreased thinking skills, and changes in their behavior. These symptoms tend to get worse over time. Alzheimer's typically strikes the older--or elderly--population. The disease currently affects between 4-6 million Americans, and experts suspect that number will increase since people are living longer.

The candle lighting ceremonies were initiated by the Alzheimer's Foundation of America. The candle lighting events are called "Remembering Reagan, Remembering To Care." The ceremonies are designed to pay tribute to both President Reagan and his wife, as well as provide inspiration and hope to others who may be dealing with the disease.

The candle lighting tributes will be held at various places across the country, and most of the ceremonies will include readings of President Reagan's letter to the public announcing his Alzheimer's diagnosis, candle lightings, and a reading of the names of other Alzheimer's victims.

--Written by [Carla Shives](#)

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## U.S. GOVERNMENT 1: Court Supports WWII Victims

Answer all of the questions on the quiz, then select the Score button to grade the quiz.

**There are 15 Questions total.**

**1. 1. How long does it take to make the "Shrek" movies?**

- 6 months
- 9 months
- 1-2 years
- 3-4 years

**2. What kind of dinosaur fossil was found in China recently?**

- adult pterosaur
- hatched baby pterosaur
- baby pterosaur in egg
- empty pterosaur eggshell

**3. Through how many cities will the Olympic flame pass?**

- 33
- 22
- 11
- 44

**4. What Native American tribe wants to develop the land in the Santa Ynez Valley?**

- Chumash
- Cherokee
- Ynez
- Santa

**5. How many U.S. soldiers died in the Afghan bomb attack?**

- three
- two
- one
- five

**6. According to doctors at the Children's Hospital in Boston, which vitamin are lots of kids missing?**

- Vitamin A
- Vitamin C
- Vitamin E

Vitamin D

**7. Where were the giant pandas Mei Xiang and Tian Tian born?**

US

China

Japan

France

**8. At what age did Ray Charles go blind?**

4

5

6

7

**9. How old is Ex-President Bush?**

65

70

80

85

**10. In what type of sport is Twigg the squirrel trained?**

Water-skiing

ping-pong

surfing

Frisbee

**11. Which of the following is NOT a reason for transferring the land in Zimbabwe?**

drought

fairness

opportunities

regulation

**12. With what disease was Ronald Reagan afflicted?**

Cancer

Alzheimer's

Parkinson's

Crohn's

**13. What country may be sued because it transported Jewish people to concentration camps during World War II?**

England

Japan

US

France

**14. How much are R-Cards?**

\$1.00

\$2.00

\$3.00

\$4.00

**15. Which horse won the Belmont Stakes?**

Smarty Jones

Seabiscut

Birdstone

Black Stallion

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