



"On Broadway" Trivia Teaser

1. Who played Eliza Doolittle in the original Broadway production of *My Fair Lady*?
a-Mary Martin, b-Audrey Hepburn, c-Julie Andrews, d-Wendy Hiller

2. In 1997, *Cats* became the longest-running show on Broadway, surpassing the previous record set by what show?
a-A Chorus Line, b-The Fantasticks, c-Oh Calcutta, d-Hair

3. Which 1994 Broadway play was the first live stage production by Disney?
a-Aida, b-Aladdin, c-The Lion King, d-Beauty and the Beast

4. Anthony Rapp, Idina Menzel, Taye Diggs and Adam Pascal were among the original cast members of which Tony-winning Broadway musical?
a-The Producers, b-Rent, c-Gypsy, d-Chicago

5. Who played Willy Loman in the Broadway debut of *Death of a Salesman*?
a-Humphrey Bogart, b-Lee J. Cobb, c-Marlon Brando, d-E.G. Marshall

Answers: 1)c, 2)a, 3)d, 4)b, 5)b

Quote of the Month

"Take the first step in faith. You don't have to see the whole staircase, just the first step."

--Martin Luther King, Jr.

Buy a Home the Department Store Way

Some home builders are adopting an old merchandising tactic to help buyers come up with their down payment.

Want to buy one? Put it on layaway. It's a little different from having a department store put spring clothes aside for you, but the idea is much the same.

Builders such as K. Hovnanian Homes and Beazer homes are offering contracts that let purchasers deposit down payment installments in a no-interest escrow account.

Hovnanian calls the program, which started in December, their "Passbook to the American Dream."

Like many builders, Hovnanian also offers additional enticements to "Passbook" buyers such as free flooring upgrades.

In a slow housing market, where new construction is being hit hardest, this tactic is proving successful in luring in new buyers.

Not only that, but these buyers are more likely to aggressively save toward the down payment as they

see the home coming to completion. There is, however, one caveat.

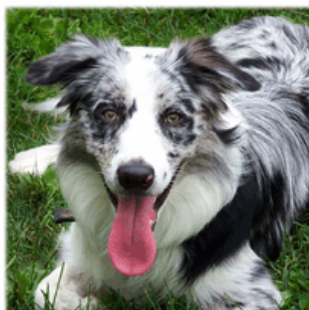
If the buyers don't save the entire down payment in a specified period of time, or if they decide to back out of the deal, they could lose whatever they have accumulated.



Bird Dogs Guard the Big Airport Runways

It's no secret that birds and airplanes compete for airspace and runway dominance. And usually it's the aircraft that wins, but not always.

Between 1990 and 2007, more than 82,000 aircraft-animal collisions were reported to the FAA, with birds involved 97 percent of the time. They caused \$291 million in damage to planes.



Border collies are coming to the rescue though for wildlife control at 20 airports in the United States, according to Flyaway Farm and Kennels, which supplies dogs to military and commercial airfields.

When the dogs run onto runways, they scare the birds away.

Southwest Florida International Airport, near Ft. Myers, was the first to use a bird dog in 1999. It scares off the cattle egrets, blue heron, great egret and grackles as well as flocks of migratory birds that stop by in the fall.

New York's JFK International uses dogs and even falcons to chase off the gulls, geese and starlings.

Charleston International in South Carolina uses dogs. Canada's Vancouver International has two border collies, according to USA Today. And at Minneapolis-St. Paul International, the dogs clear red-tailed hawks, Canada Geese and starlings from runways.

Some airports also use fireworks or recordings of explosions. Tampa International plays recordings of seagulls screaming in distress.

At Bird Strike Committee USA, an association of aviation and wildlife experts, they say no single tool can fully solve the wildlife problem, but dogs do help.

New One-Time Tax Break Makes Solar Power Attractive

Congress has renewed and increased the tax credit for wind power, solar power, geothermal and other energy saving power plans.

Buyers of green homes will benefit most, but homeowners who install solar power in their present homes will get a 30 percent one-time investment credit in 2009. If you install a typical \$25,000 solar panel system on your roof, you will get \$7,500 in income



tax credits. That's up from a \$2,000 credit under the old arrangement.

Home builders are finding that including solar power attracts more buyers and that big builders are including them more often.

Even in a soft housing market, when Standard Pacific Homes put solar systems in several new homes, they sold out. As a result, the builder decided to put solar panels on all 304 homes in the development.

Sun power is most attractive in markets



where energy costs are the highest, such as California, Connecticut and New Jersey. At OnGrid Solar, an industry research firm, they predict that the pretax rate of return on a

more homeowners now view solar panels as a long-term asset.

This is especially true as the price of gas, oil and even fees for standard electricity continue to rise at rapid rates.

typical solar system in these areas will be better than 15 percent each year.

The Lawrence Berkeley National Laboratory, which studies the effects of eco-features on real estate values, says



"I don't care if all the kids are wearing it that way. You'd better grow it back before your father gets home."

Sleepy at the Wheel? Don't Take the Risk, Experts Say

Maybe you don't drive for long hours at a time and maybe you're rarely behind the wheel in the middle of the night, but that doesn't mean you aren't at risk.

In fact, if you think about it, you'll probably admit there have been times when you were drowsy while driving your car or truck. And though you didn't realize it at the time, your brain was shutting down. You were becoming as impaired as if you were drunk, say doctors at the University of Minnesota.

There are two sleepy periods in each 24 hours. The first is between midnight and 6 a.m. The second is from early to mid-afternoon. You might be inclined to blame what you had for lunch for the sleepiness, but it's actually your biological clock that's responsible.

Quoted in Readers Digest, doctors at Washington State University's Sleep and Performance Research Center say the following signs indicate you are too tired to drive.

- * Continually yawning.
- * You are irritable and uncomfortable. Your mind wanders and you have disconnected thoughts.
- * You can't remember driving the last few miles.
- * Your driving becomes sloppy and you may hit rumble strips on the side of the road.

Contrary to popular belief, opening the windows, turning up the radio or stopping to stretch won't keep you awake.

The AAA Foundation for Traffic Safety recommends stopping for a caffeinated drink if you feel sleepy. Then, nap for 20 minutes while you wait for the caffeine to take effect.

To decrease your risk of drowsy driving, don't skimp on sleep. Find other ways to save time.

Sleepy drivers are responsible for 22 percent to 24 percent of all crashes.



Protection: Home Security Systems Can Be Wireless

If thousands of dollar signs fill your head when you think of a home security system, here's good news: New wireless systems are effective and can cost as little as \$200.

The systems not only help authorities catch a burglar (and keep your family safe), they can warn one not to enter in the first place. Professional burglars say they stay away from homes that are protected by a system and move on to easier prey.

Many systems also have built-in smoke detectors, carbon monoxide detectors and other features that automatically dial 911 when a threat is registered.

When deciding which brand to use in a home security system, your options are wide and varied but most companies provide the same or



similar features and are connected to your local emergency response system in the same way.

The GE Security's Simon XT is one example of a security system. It costs about \$200, more for the deluxe version, plus \$30 a month for monitoring.

The system can track activity in 40 zones of the house, such as windows or doors equipped with sensors. And like many systems, the sensors can be programmed to alert a homeowner by cell phone when the alarm is triggered.

What's more, if you connect a digital video camera to the Simon XT, it can also send images to you from the sensors. The advantage of that is you could see who is by the front door or who even is opening your liquor cabinet.

Regardless of which brand you choose, any system should include sensors for all perimeter doors, doors leading to a garage or store room, and several motion detectors.

The system should also include outside and inside alarms to scare off intruders. And it should have a silent alarm code in case someone forces the homeowners to shut down the alarm.

If a monitored system is not for you, consider something like Armor Concepts Door Jamb Armor.

It reinforces all parts of the door that can break so it can't be kicked down. A full set costs about \$125.

Noisy pets and dogs, in particular, also make good deterrents.



Change Your Smile And Change Your Reality

What is your smile reality?

- ✓ Do you smile effortlessly?
- ✓ Do you smile often?
- ✓ Do you smile comfortably?
- ✓ Do you feel your smile is an asset to you or a liability?

For many people, as they grow older their teeth become darker, duller, more worn and less attractive. Very often this occurs through no fault of their own and is simply the result of normal wear and tear. Fortunately, they don't have to STAY that way.

Your smile reality CAN be changed.

You are not stuck where you are. There is help. And it doesn't have to take months or years to fix.

Improving your smile doesn't have

to mean getting a full make-over, although we do a lot of that. It can be as simple as whitening your teeth. It can be bonding. It can be reshaping your teeth. It can be using porcelain veneer techniques.

No matter what you do, something is available to change your smile and that "something" just might be **the easiest youth-restoring action you've ever taken!**

And the good news is it isn't nearly as difficult as the tactics you may have resorted to in the past. I'm talking about diets that made you miserable and produced only short-term effects, boring exercise programs that even a robot would struggle to stick to, and any number of other self-depriving, masochistic tortures you can think of that promise increased youth and vitality.

The difference here is

looking younger doesn't have to take months, it doesn't require sacrifice and, best of all, you don't even have to work at it! That's our job.



Dr. Briscoe

All you have to do is decide whether you want to **reclaim the REAL you.** Whether you're ready for the happiness and excitement that looking younger and feeling great will bring you. Yes, YOU!

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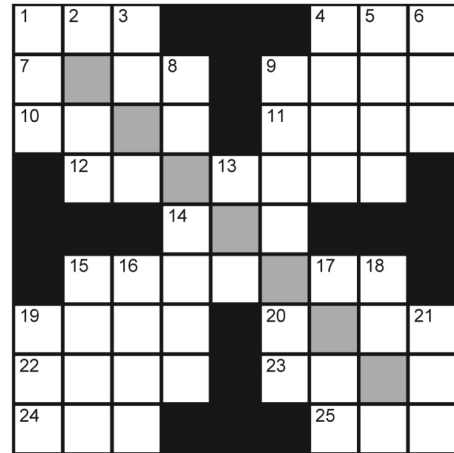
Sixteenth President

Across

1. Mire
4. Buddy
7. Alliance
9. Radio operators
10. History Muse
11. Battery contents
12. Ticked off
14. TV agency
15. Stem the flow of
19. "Ah, me!"
20. Attired
22. Strengthen, with "up"
23. Giving
24. "Yikes!"
25. Rover, for one

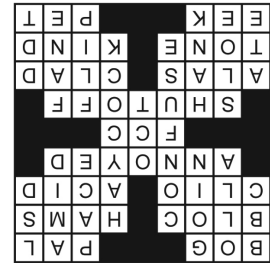
Down

1. "Monty Python" ainer
2. Earthen pot
3. Enter
4. Rate
5. During
6. "Acid"
8. Befuddle
9. Found in a farmer's field
13. Columbus Day mo.



15. ___ gin fizz
16. Aaron or Williams
17. Cymnast's feat
18. Temple: Arch.
19. Did lunch
21. Banned pesticide

The headline is a clue to the answer in the diagonal.



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