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Did You Know?

(Metro Creative)
January 1 is the first day of the calendar year in both the Julian and Gregorian calendars. Across the globe, New Year's Day has become a day of celebration, particularly when the clock strikes midnight

and the New Year is officially welcomed. In New York City, the famous ball drops in Times Square at the stroke of midnight, while other celebrations across the globe also ring in the New Year in a festive way.

But January 1 has been host to numerous notable events throughout world history as well. In 1651, Charles II was crowned the King of Scotland. More than two centuries later, the President of the United States, Abraham Lincoln, issued the second order of the Emancipation Proclamation on January 1, 1863. Exactly 17 years later, construction began on the Panama Canal, while on the first day of 1899, individuals witnessed the official end of Spanish rule in Cuba. In 1999, 100 years after the construction of the Panama Canal began, the euro was introduced to world financial markets as an accounting currency.



Joke of the Week

A New Pet

This guy was so lonely that he decided life would be more fun if he had a pet. So he went to the pet store and told the owner that he wanted to buy an unusual pet.

After some discussion he finally bought a centipede (100-leg bug), which came in a little white box to use for his house.

He took the box home, found a good location for the box, and decided he would start off by taking his new pet to the bar for a drink. So, he asked the centipede in the box, "Would you like to go to Frank's place with me and have a beer?"

But there was no answer from his new pet. This bothered him a bit, but he waited a few minutes and then asked him again, "How about going to the bar and having a drink with me?"

But again there was no answer from his new friend and pet. So he waited a few minutes more, thinking about the situation. He decided to ask him one more time, this time putting his face up against the centipede's house and shouting, "Hey, in there! Would you like to go to Frank's place and have a drink with me?"

A little voice came out of the box: "I heard you the first time! I'm putting my shoes on!"

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Making the most of January shopping

By George Hatton

(News Canada)—With retailers scrambling to clear out seasonal stock and reach annual sales targets, January is a bargain hunter's dream. But where can shoppers get the most bang for their buck? There are the old standbys of home electronics and clothing, but according to shopping website RedFlagDeals.com, boats, wedding supplies, and flooring are generally cheaper this time of year as well. Here are a few other "shoppportunities" you may not have considered:

- **Perfume and cosmetics sets/robes/gloves/slippers.** Retailers tend to load up on these classic holiday gift items, so the ones that didn't make it under the tree in December are now just sitting in the department stores waiting for you...at a discounted price.
- **Air conditioners.** It may be hard to get excited about air conditioning while it's below zero outside, but you'll get a much hotter deal buying this warm-weather item in the winter.
- **Gym equipment.** A new year means New Year's reso-

lutions, so retailers will be looking to capitalize on a renewed interest in fitness items. Whether you're still using it come February or not, this is the month to pick up a deal on a treadmill or elliptical trainer.

- **Christmas gear.** You may have seen enough holiday gift-wrap and décor to last a lifetime (or at least another 12 months), but this really is the best time to stock up on supplies for next year. You'll pay a fraction of what the same items will be selling for next December.



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Cocktail party talk

(News Canada)—When in doubt, a few 'foodie' facts provide safe but interesting conversation around a holiday buffet. Here, for the right time, is some scintillating trivia about chocolate, coffee, and wine:

Did you know...

Dark chocolate ingredients are now available to North Americans due to consumer pressure in Europe? This is why bold percentage figures are now prominently on the packaging of the better dark chocolate brands. Ritter Sport, for example, explains that the percentage represents the proportion of pure cacao bean components: the higher the true cacao content (including paste, liquor, butter, and solids) the lower the need for sugar and other minor ingredients. Taste may be the final judge on how much cacao your prefer however, so it's worth keeping in mind that with additional ingredients like hazelnuts, almonds and raisins, you will still get a lot of goodness no matter what percentage you choose.

Premium coffee owes its quality to the exclusive cultivation conditions found only in the narrow band on each side of the equator, especially in South America. It is here, with the interaction of warmth, water and sun that coffee beans flourish. According to gourmet brand, Tchibo, the very best flavour of coffee is produced by just the right climate, just the right geographical conditions, and by just the right precision roasting. Tchibo points out that the premium Arabica beans – grown near the equator at altitudes up to 2,100 metres – are the world's best quality for their Exclusive line of premium coffee.

Pressed juice products taste like fresh squeezed because they are free of the heat processes that deplete the natural liquid of regular concentrates. According to leading brand, Wilde: after pressing top quality fruit like oranges, pears, apples, berries, mangos, and red grapes, the fresh juice can be collected and blended with no preservatives or added sugar for the purest, just-squeezed taste.

Wine, at any time, might be spoiled by its cork. Indeed, winemakers shudder when acknowledging that up to 10 per cent of even the world's best wines are 'corked'. Sealing wine this way goes back centuries and while there is romance in the tradition, the pitfalls of using a tree bark derivative can't be denied. Cork is susceptible to impurities and defects, the worst offender being the nasty little organism compound known as TCA, or trichloroanisole. The fact that this material spoils one in 10 wines is the reason many of the world's most prestigious vineyards are changing to synthetic corks and screw caps.

Winter Weather Doesn't Cause Colds

(Metro Creative) – A myth still prevails that cold winter weather is the culprit behind seasonal colds and flu. However, medical research indicates that those who reside in cold climates are no more likely to suffer a cold than someone who is basking in warm temperatures.

It's not wet hair or the lack of a hat that causes common illnesses, it's the flu or cold germs floating in the air that are responsible for these maladies. The colder weather may contribute, though. When breathing in cold, dry air, blood vessels can constrict in the nasal passages and dry out in the process, producing

less mucous. This can make the nose a more susceptible place for viruses to infiltrate.

The cold weather may also affect a person's immune system response. Some people's immune systems actually strengthen when the weather is cold, while others' systems weaken. Therefore, it's not exactly the cold weather that causes an illness, but it can play a role.

Similarly, when the weather outside is frightful people spend more time indoors, where airborne germs may be present. Once more, cold weather plays a role in illness but doesn't exactly cause it.

Whether it's rain or shine, cold or hot, the best way to avoid colds and the flu is to wash hands thoroughly and regularly, eat a healthy diet that keeps the body in illness-fighting form and avoid others in close quarters when they are sick.



The cold weather or going outside without a hat isn't a direct cause of colds and the flu.

Simple Solutions to Boost Your Energy

(Metro Creative) – Increasing daily energy levels is a goal for many men and women. Many adults are increasingly looking to energy drinks or highly caffeinated beverages like coffee to get the job done, while others are fearful that such beverages, though effective at improving energy levels, could have an adverse effect on their overall health.

For those who feel energy drinks or another cup of coffee is not the ideal solution to increasing their energy levels, consider the following tips.

* Exercise. While it might seem counterintuitive to exercise if you're feeling fatigued, that fatigue might very well be a result of lack of exercise. Daily exercise helps increase energy levels and improve mood. Something as simple as taking a walk during a lunch break can vastly improve energy levels.

* Drink plenty of water. Dehydration can make people

feel lethargic. Drinking the recommended daily amount of water can boost energy levels, especially after a workout when the body often craves fluids.

* Carefully monitor sugar intake. Sweet foods with lots of sugar will provide an initial energy boost. However, that boost is fleeting, and blood sugar levels will rapidly drop after it. Instead of sugary snacks, select whole grain foods, which slowly and steadily increase the body's energy levels.

* Check magnesium levels. Constant feelings of fatigue could be indicative of a magnesium deficiency. Studies have shown that women with magnesium deficiencies expend more energy to do physical tasks than they did when their magnesium levels were restored. Almonds, hazelnuts and cashews are good sources of magnesium, as are whole grains and fish.

* Don't skip meals. Exhausted or fatigued men and women are often busy at work, which commonly results in missed meals. Skipping meals, according to studies published in the journal *Nutritional Health* revealed, leads to greater feelings of fatigue by day's end. Make eating all your meals a priority, and energy levels are likely to improve.

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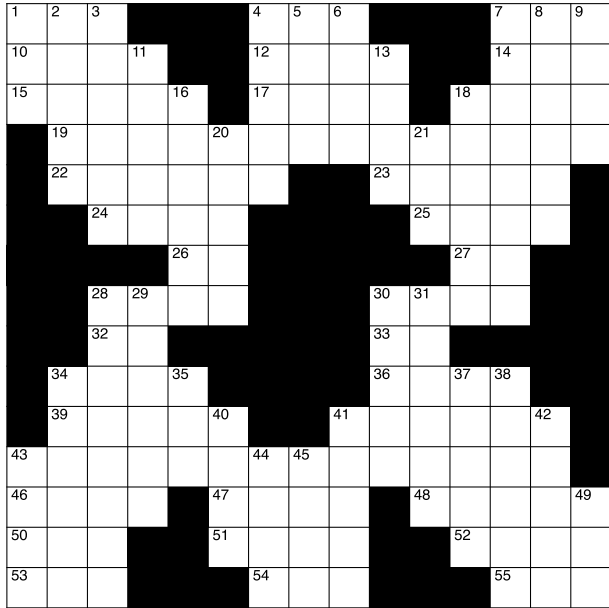
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from last week

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| 4. Earth chart | 33. Mister |
| 7. Energy unit | 34. Adult Bambi |
| 10. Greek god of war | 36. Small cake leavened with yeast |
| 12. Ardour | 39. Largest city in NE |
| 14. Title of respect | 41. Quick reply |
| 15. Couches | 43. Local dialect expressions |
| 17. Barn storage tower | 46. Friends (French) |
| 18. Cape near Lisbon | 47. ___ Bator, Mongolia |
| 19. Motion picture science | 48. ____, so good |
| 22. Fills with high spirits | 50. Side sheltered from the wind |
| 23. 18th Hebrew letter | 51. Village in Estonia |
| 24. At an advanced time | 52. Genus beroc class |
| 25. Missing soldiers | 53. 32nd president's initials |
| 26. And, Latin | 54. Furnish with help |
| 27. Silver | 55. Guided a tour |
| 28. Gentlemen | |
| 30. Tangelo fruit | |

CLUES DOWN

Watch next week for solution

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| 1. Vessel or duct | 29. Models of excellence |
| 2. "Operator" singer Jim | 30. Flat-topped inflorescence |
| 3. Subsequent RX replacement | 31. Costing nothing |
| 4. Flat-topped hills | 34. Marked for certain death |
| 5. Settled down | 35. 17th Greek letter |
| 6. ___ Alto, California city | 37. Photons, pions, alpha particles |
| 7. Tubes for passing food | 38. Amount that can be held |
| 8. An abundance of resources | 40. Light greenish blue |
| 9. Neither black or white | 41. Toadfrog |
| 11. Yemen capital | 42. 18th Hebrew letter (var.) |
| 13. Pegs | 43. Young whale |
| 16. Irish, English or Gordon | 44. Forearm bone |
| 18. Converging to a common center | 45. Moldavian capital 1565-1859 |
| 20. Comes upon | 49. Radioactivity unit |
| 21. A male sheep | |
| 28. More becoming | |



WHAT HOLIDAY FOOD GIFT IS OFTEN THE TOPIC OF JOKES AROUND CHRISTMAS?

ANSWER: FRUITCAKE

What's the Difference?

There are five things different between Picture A and Picture B. Can you find them all?



Answers: 1. missing arm 2. bigger hat 3. no mouth on middle snowman 4. extra buttons on left man 5. snow is falling