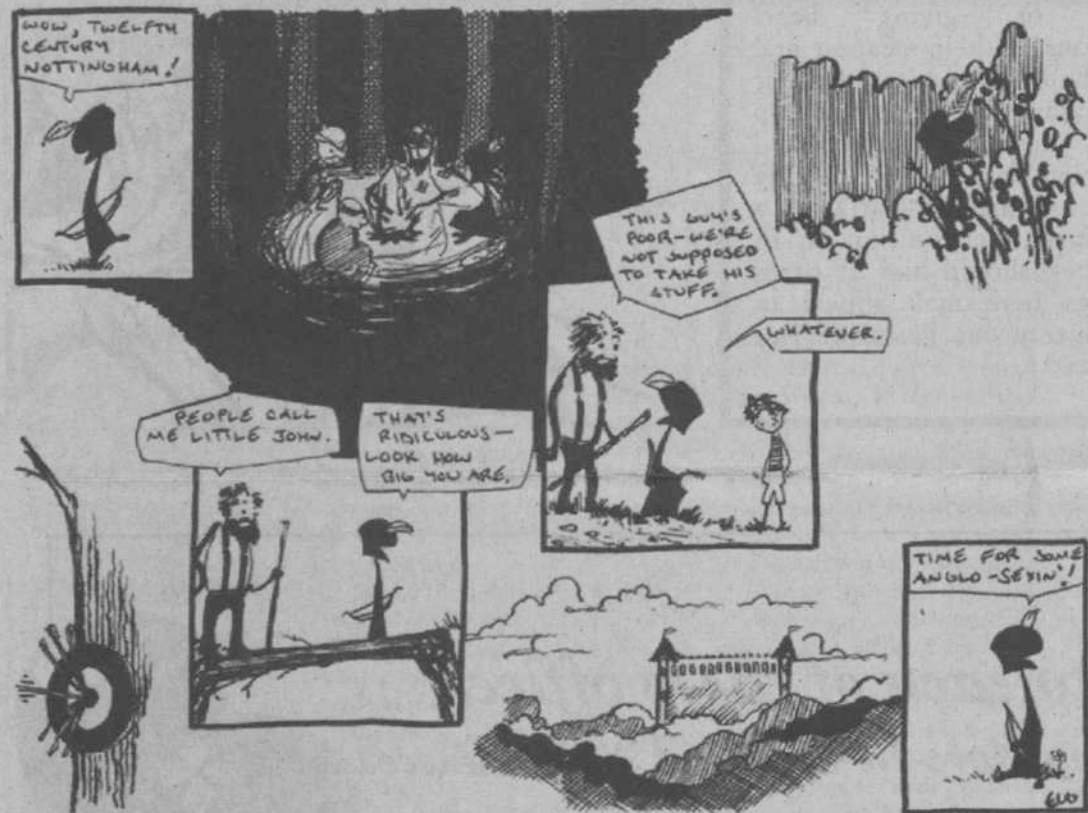


Quigmans ♦ By Buddy Hickerson



“I can’t believe it. I buy her a drink and she doesn’t even make out with me. Frickin’ feminazis.”

Buttercup Festival ♦ By Elliott G. Garbuskas



CAPTAIN RIBMAN in Olympic Golden Showers

by Sprengelmeyer & Davis



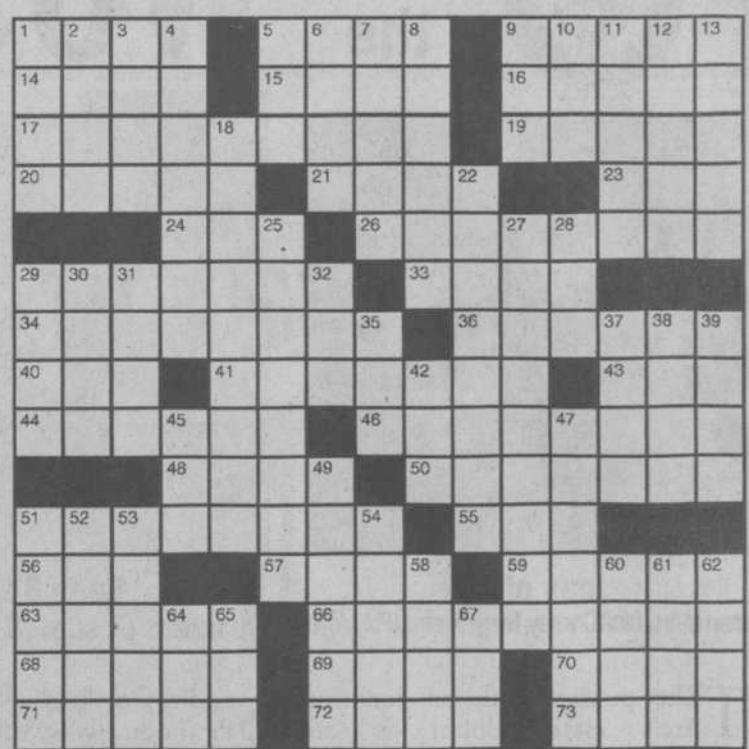
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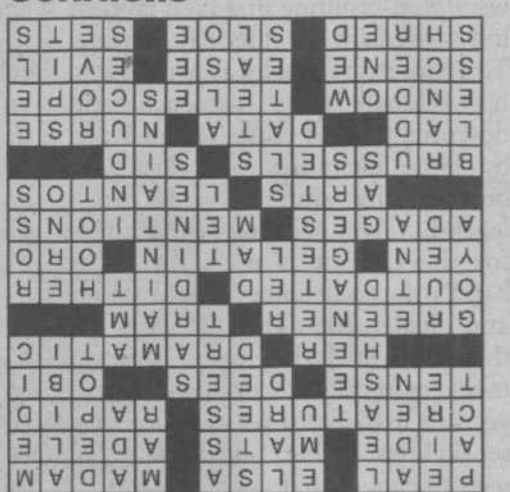
- ACROSS
- Thunder sound
 - Actress Lanchester
 - Address for a lady
 - Page
 - Floor pads
 - Fred's first dance partner
 - Beings
 - Type of transit
 - Edgy
 - Sandra and Ruby
 - Cumberbund cousin
 - That girl
 - Powerfully emotional
 - Kind of pasture?
 - Streetcar in London
 - Passe
 - Be nervously irresolute
 - Craving
 - Capsule substance
 - Mexico's gold
 - Maxims
 - Makes a reference to
 - Crafts' partner
 - Canted sheds
 - European capital
 - Comic Caesar
 - Youngster
 - Computer fodder
 - "ER" character
 - Bestow
 - Astronomer's device
 - Crime locale
 - Creature comforts
 - Satan's realm
 - Evidence unit?
 - Blackthorn
 - Match components



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Solutions



- DOWN
- Covenant
 - Emerald Isle
 - Yemen city
 - Tethered
 - Cassowary cousin
 - Fat

- Proud mount
- Declare
- Impair
- Oklahoma town
- Station
- Defense focus
- Doc
- Adolescents
- Pilchards
- Gave a second chance to pass
- Supports
- Qty.
- Spanish painter
- Regretted
- Sicilian volcano
- Subj. for Billy Graham
- Lake maker
- Loud, raucous cry
- Rubik with a cube
- Flag fabricator
- Part of GTE
- Matter form
- Persuades
- Lists of candidates

- Sanctify
- Dressing selection
- Milk dispenser?
- Rip-off
- Too
- Wander
- Roasting rod
- Underwater shockers
- Five before six
- Get married
- Wide shoe

HOROSCOPES

ARIES New assignments and responsibilities are rapidly coming your way. Don't turn them down, but do make sure you spell out the terms. Minimize errors.

TAURUS The urge to try new things and see new places becomes stronger the next several days. What can you schedule for fun?

GEMINI A good coach will help you develop the skills you're trying to acquire. You'll have to listen and do as you're told, however, which could be a challenge.

CANCER A distinguished and sometimes serious person can be a big help. He or she can teach you ways to feel better about yourself. Relax, and soak it up.

LEO A lot of work for the next two days, and it ought to pay well. Get your fun and games scheduled early. You'll be too busy later.

VIRGO Frustrations diminish over the next day or two, and you can relax. Schedule something you really enjoy doing, with one of your favorite people.

LIBRA Watch out for unexpected changes in plans for the next few weeks. Be flexible, alert and patient with people who arrive late.

SCORPIO A voice from the past could show up again, much to your surprise. You'll also be amazed to see how much you both have changed.

SAGITTARIUS Great wealth can be yours, without an awful lot more work. This is not the lottery; it's someone paying an old debt.

CAPRICORN Go over your resources one more time. You've overlooked something. If you come from a different point of view, the answer is obvious.

AQUARIUS The list of things you have to do is growing, as you may have noticed. Delegate as much as you can, or you'll never get it all done.

PISCES You'll naturally think more about the job you're doing, and that's good. You'll figure out ways of fixing things with what you already have. Don't be afraid to go backward.

CALENDAR

The Rosebuds



With Perfect Sleeper, Cypress Knees: 9 p.m. Thursday. New Brookland Tavern. \$6.

- TODAY
- "The Breakfast Club": Russell House Theater, 8 p.m.
 - "Super Size Me": 3, 7 and 9 p.m. Nickelodeon Theatre, 931 Main St.
 - Dog Fashion Disco with Tubring, Bad Acid Trip, Little Baby Dynamite, Oddzar: 8 p.m. New Brookland Tavern, 122 State St. \$7.
 - Patti Rothberg with Django Haskins: 10 p.m. Art Bar, 1211 Park St. No cover.
- THURSDAY, AUG. 26
- "The Breakfast Club": Russell House Theater, 8 p.m.
 - The Rosebuds with Perfect Sleeper, Cypress Knees: 9 p.m. New Brookland Tavern. \$6.
 - Allison Polans with Jennifer Moore: 9 p.m. Jammin' Java, 1530 Main St. Pay-What-You-Want show.
 - "Super Size Me": 3, 7 and 9 p.m. Nickelodeon Theatre, 931 Main St.

How does Google, well, google?

By Robert S. Boyd
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If you're considering investing in Google or you use this popular Internet searching system, you may wonder how in the world the amazing thing works.

To answer users' queries, the system founded six years ago by two Stanford University graduate students has scanned and stored nearly 4.3 billion Web pages.

In computer jargon, Google's "search engines" use robotic "spiders" — special software programs — that "crawl" continuously along the myriad trails of the World Wide Web, "harvesting" documents as they go. A

separate piece of software builds an index of every word the spiders find.

When a user submits a query — such as "Mount Everest" or "Bill Clinton" — the search engine checks the index, fetches each document that contains those words, sorts them by relevance and returns the most pertinent ones first.

To improve the results, Google uses a patented method called "PageRank," a sort of popularity contest that tries to determine which documents are likely to be most valuable to the user.

For each page, the PageRank system counts the number of other pages that are linked, or connected, to it. In essence, Google interprets a link from Page A to

Page B as a "vote" by Page A for Page B.

In addition to the number of votes a page receives, the system analyzes the status of the pages that cast the votes. Popular pages weigh more heavily in the calculation.

Google uses other tricks as well to determine a document's ranking. Words in a special typeface, bold, underlined or all capitals, get extra credit. Words occurring close together — such as "George" and "Bush" — count for more than those that are far apart.

Finally, Google returns the documents that match a user's query, ranked in order of their relevance as determined by their page rank.