



THE NAP TIMES SPORTS

YAY!!!

OUR GUYS WON AND THEIRS LOST. HAHA

There is no greater feeling than when the team you're cheering for wins the game. Be it big or small, any victory can give you a sense of joy in your heart. That sense of joy is only heightened when you're able to rub it in to the people who's team of choice were thus defeated by your team.

Of course how the game is played is also integral to the overall enjoyment. Win or lose, fair play and good competition make for more enjoyable sport. Playing a good game is like a large bowl of tasty ice cream. However winning is like hot fudge and whipped cream piled on top. Losing is like crushed up bugs sprinkled on top. Some may argue that baseball is the all American sport, however Football produces the larger followings, and the bigger games. For some reason, soccer (called football in other countries) never really caught on as a super event in the United States. Some venture because it's a team sport, with little chance for super stars to break out may have impacted its popularity? However superstars exist in other countries. The World Cup is the largest soccer event, and occurs, pitting the nations' best against each other every four years. It is difficult

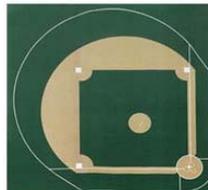
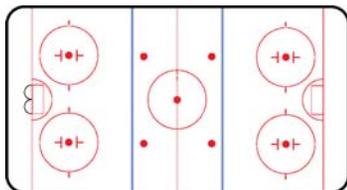
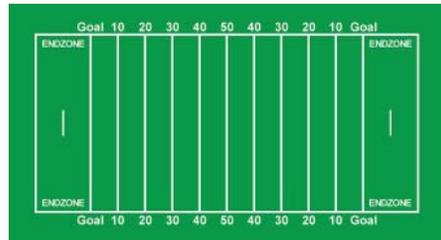
to measure, but it appears that the most recent World Cup was the most watched television program ever, with a global audience.

There are a variety of sports available. Individuals can prove successful in one sport that caters to their talents, even when they failed at others.

The Olympics also occurs every four years and places the best athletes from different countries against each other. The games were split into two categories, so that every two years, there is at least some type of Olympic activity going on. The Winter games include skiing, ice skating, luge, curling, bialhlon, and hockey (to name a few). The Summer games include Swimming, Beach Volleyball, Gymnastics, and Tennis.

Football, Soccer, Baseball, Softball, Lacrosse, and Field Hockey are popular team sports that school age children participate in. They promote athleticism, team work, good health, and cooperation.

Can you tell that I don't really like discussing sports? However I had that really cool baseball photo, and needed some text to go with it. Look, here's the end. Whew.



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PEEK A BOO

DADDY BEHIND HANDS THIS WHOLE TIME

Back in 2000, playmobil launched a series of toys geared for infants. This series, cultivate brand loyalty at an early age, and they stopped producing the line a year later. Flash forward 7 years, and the Made in China label is scaring parents. Check out these playmobil first smile toys I've been snatching off of eBay. And maybe you can find some too.

In these recall-heavy times, who can you turn to? The Germans and the toys they build in their own factory. You may be familiar with the Playmobil 1-2-3 line intended for one, two, and three year olds. A lot of the sets look like their grown-up cousins, but they're chunkier and they have less pieces. Those sets are nice and well, but they're still too complex for the under-one-year old set. The playmobil First Smile offering features clear plastic balls, a stacker, a chain, and some rattles. In fact, the stacker and the clear plastic ball both rattle. Every playmobil set is manufactured in their own plant in Germany.

So you don't have to worry about hazardous levels of lead paint. In addition, playmobil largely doesn't use paint applications, most of the toys consist of solid color plastic, (if you look closely at the playmobil face, the brown eyes and smile are not paint, but actually brown plastic poured into the pink colored head.

The playmobil micro playsets, containing magnets are the only playmobil sets manufactured in China. These sets contain the smallest playmobil pieces ever and are not recommended for children. So back on track. When I first saw this series at Toy Fair, I brushed it

off. As a big time playmobil collector, these didn't interest me. But now, as a parent, I need to find infant toys for my son. I know want to expose him to the playmobil family as soon as I can, however these have been long gone from stores. The best thing about playmobil is that it lasts forever, so it's easy to find used sets in fairly good condition. You may have lost pieces, but the toys stand up to quite a bit of punishment.

The first one I got, the rattle ball, is fairly easy to find on eBay. This clear plastic ball features a set little playmobil man (there is a girl version, but I've never seen that one on eBay) it also has some tiny balls that act as a rattle as the toy is moved. It's too large to be put in anyone's mouth, much less an infant's, and the plastic is unbreakable (I guess you could run over it and smash it, but your average child should not be able to crack it).

Then I found the stacker. This one (with the pointy hat) was the "poster child" of the First Smile line, so I was familiar with this toy existing, but I never saw it for sale. It's just around 8 inches tall, and it can be re-arranged in multiple configurations. The oversized playmobil head is nice, and it too contains a rattle. This is all solid plastic, there is no paint at all. If I could choose between this and a traditional Fisher Price donut stacker, I'd much rather have this playmobil themed toy.

A little ebay tip, when I found this one, it was not listed as "playmobil first smile" it was listed as "playmobil stacker." I believe I found it because the word "baby" was in the description. But otherwise, searching for just "playmobil first smile" would not have brought this auction up.



CONGRESS SHOCKED AT FINDINGS

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FINANCE

Cost of raising a child born in 2007

Housing	\$6,677
Food	\$2,428
Transportation	\$1,982
Clothing	\$757
Healthcare	\$965
Childcare/Education	\$1,837
Miscellaneous	\$1,867
College	\$30,367
Total	\$418,702

source: BabyCenter.com



Quarter



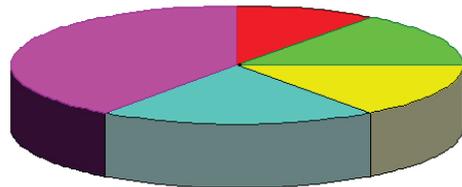
Dime



Nickel



Penny

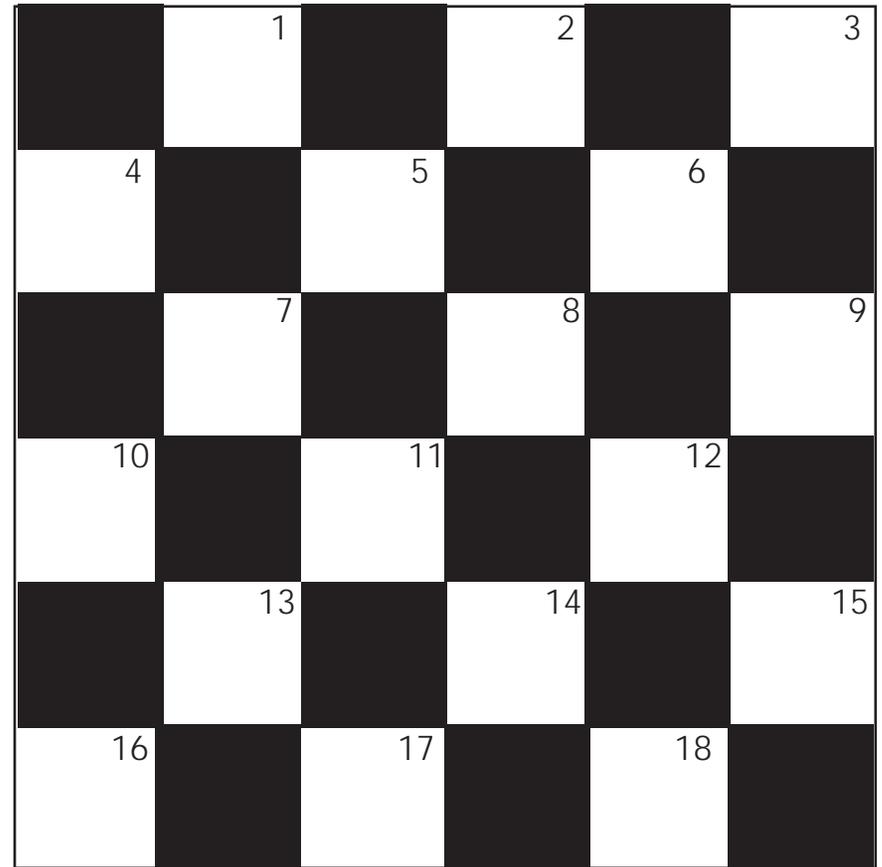


Five Year Old's Spending Budget FY08

- Misplaced
- Candy
- Vending machine
- Stuck up nose
- Fountain at mall
- Saved for college

TAKE FIVE

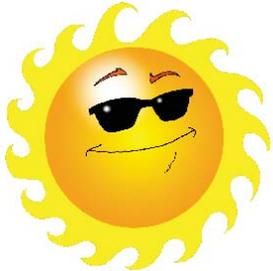
World's Worst Crossword





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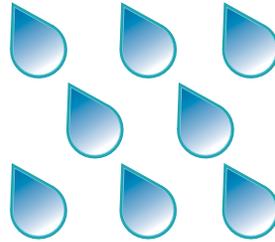
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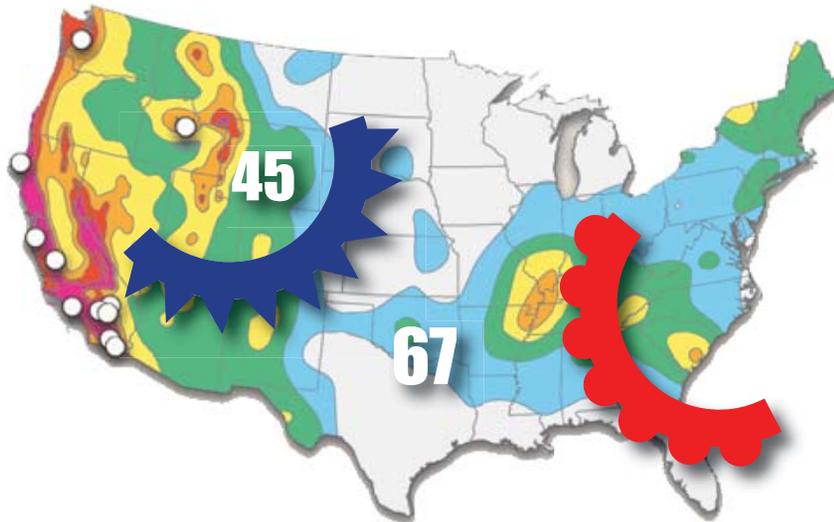
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Tuesday



Wednesday



JOBS

CAVEMAN - 25K - Can you bang rocks and hunt mammoth? Must have own club - 98X-CVMN

SPACE EXPLORER - 100K - See the universe, and eat freeze dried food. Must be willing to travel. - J15 -SPXP



PRINCESS - 30M - You can live in the Crystal Castle, ride on magical unicorns and be friends with the birds. Qualified applicants only. -432 - PRCS

TOY TESTER - 47K - Play with toys all day and tell us what you think. It's easy. Yay. -K97 - TOYS

MONKEY WRANGLER - 76K - Wrangling monkeys is harder than it looks. But what the hay... you're wrangling monkeys - 999-MNKY

CHOCOLATIER - Free Chocolate. I am retiring and need someone to take over my factory. Housing included. -384-WILY

COWBOY - 47K - Herdin' cattle, lasso 'n sheep, eatin' beans, and catchin' rustlers. 592-CWBY



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CLASSIFIED

FOR SALE

NICKEL - I found a nickel, it's pretty shiny. I'll sell it to you for a dollar. 497-BUCK

CANDY - I have lots of candy. Mom won't let me eat it all. So I thought I'd sell it to buy more candy. -637-CNDY

PAPER AIRPLANE - I make the best paper airplanes, they fly forever. \$10 -782-PLNE



BROCCOLI - Already hot. I'm just actually full, and couldn't possibly eat them. Please take them off my hands. \$5 OBO -394-YUCK

TURKEY ART - Unique hand made turkey silhouette can be used as wall hanging or centerpiece. -827-HAND

LITTLE SISTER - \$20 or best offer. Has own clothes and original baby teeth. Really loud and smells funny -294-HURY



MISSING

BLANKIE - I've looked everywhere. Can you help me find it? Maybe you've seen it?

FROG - Him name Hopkin Green Frog. Did you take my frog? Love Terry.

APPETITE - Looks like strained peas again. Ugh.

TOES - I had them this morning. I know I did. All I can find is this mushy sock full of something.

MARBLES - I've lost my marbles. Signed, Mommy. HAHAAHAHAHAHAHAHAHAHAHAHAHAHAHA



HOUSING

TREEHOUSE - Complete with telescope. Wall to wall carpet samples. Stolen STOP sign. Bucket on rope. No Girls Allowed sign extra. -456-TREE

AUSTRALIA - You'll never have a terrible, horrible, no good, very bad day here. No kissing on TV -302-ALEX

TOY STORE - Yes you can live in a toy store. And yes it is better than you though. -290-PLAY

MOON BASE in OUTER SPACE Super sweet moon base. Vegetables can't grow on the moon! I hope you like Space Dogs, they're free! 228-MOON



PETS

PUPPIES! - There are puppies! Mommy says they cannot stay. You'll love them lots because they're sooooo cute. AWWW - OK, that one just peed on my shoe, so you can have that one first. - 438 - PUPP

FISH - MAGNETIC Are you not yet allowed to have a living, breathing pet? This Magnetic Fish is the perfect "trainer" to get you started. Required 3 AAA batteries (not included) 392-FISH

ROCK - Fantastic throw back to the 70s. Only your grandparents will truly remember this tired joke. I can't believe it's in here. 393-ROCK



OPPORTUNITIES

EXTRA CASH - Do you want some extra cash? Experimental trials are going on right now! Do you like secret potions? We need you to drink some and report what happens. Do you get super powers? Turn invisible? Let us know! 493-TEST



WANTED: Somebody to go back in time with me. This is not a joke. P.O. Box 322, Oakview, CA 93022. You'll get paid after we get back. Must bring your own weapons. Safety not guaranteed. I have only done this once before.

ROOMMATE NEEDED - Parties in our crib every night... bring your own night light. No D/D NS - 555-SLEP

SUPPORT GROUP - Are you addicted to staring at the ceiling? Do you hate lying on your belly? Join the free. ANONYMOUS -Floor Adjustment Group. We're here for you. 292-HELP

RIDE - I need a ride to the toy store. No one will take me. Too young to take bus. The coolest action figures are coming out this week and they'll be sold out if I don't go NOW. I'll pay gas. 402-WALK

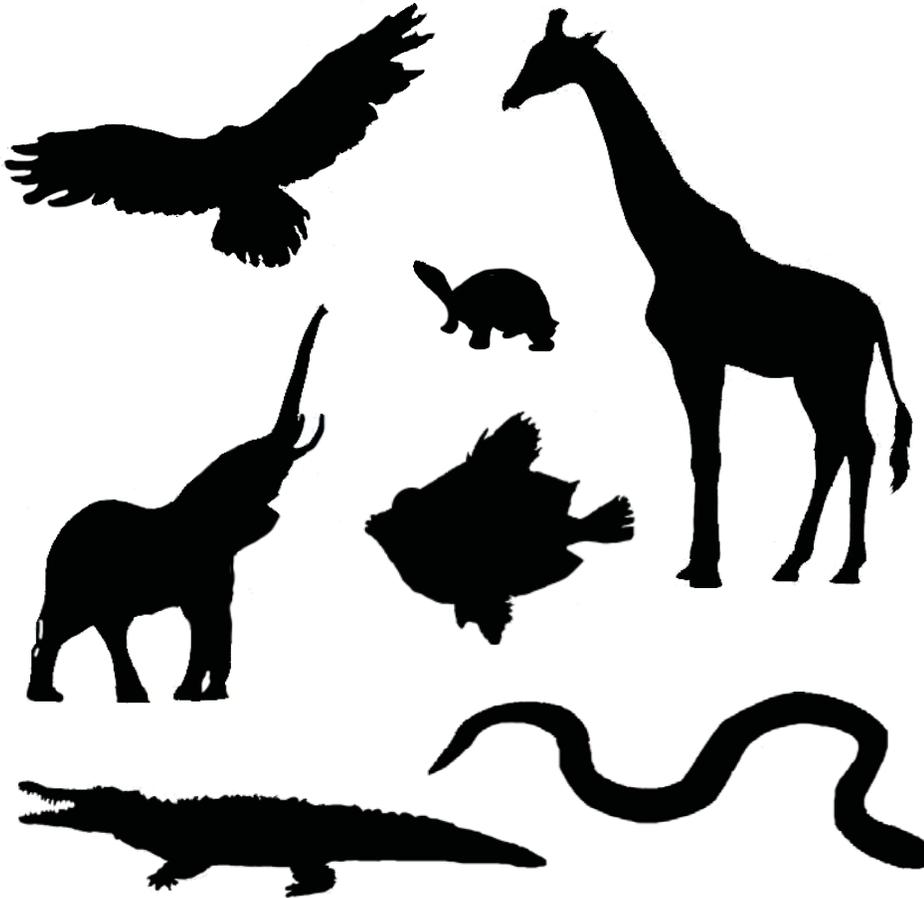
READING - Are you unable to read? I just learned and I have some free time, so I could read anything you want. Books, newspapers, even TV. 291-READ





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ANIMAL SHAPES



Do you see a Bird, An Elephant, a Giraffe, a Fish, a Turtle, a Crocodile, and a Snake?

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AUTOMOTIVE



General Lee



Batmobile



Wooden Truck



SMART Roadster



BMW Z4

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