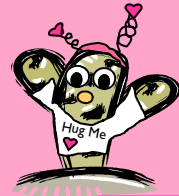
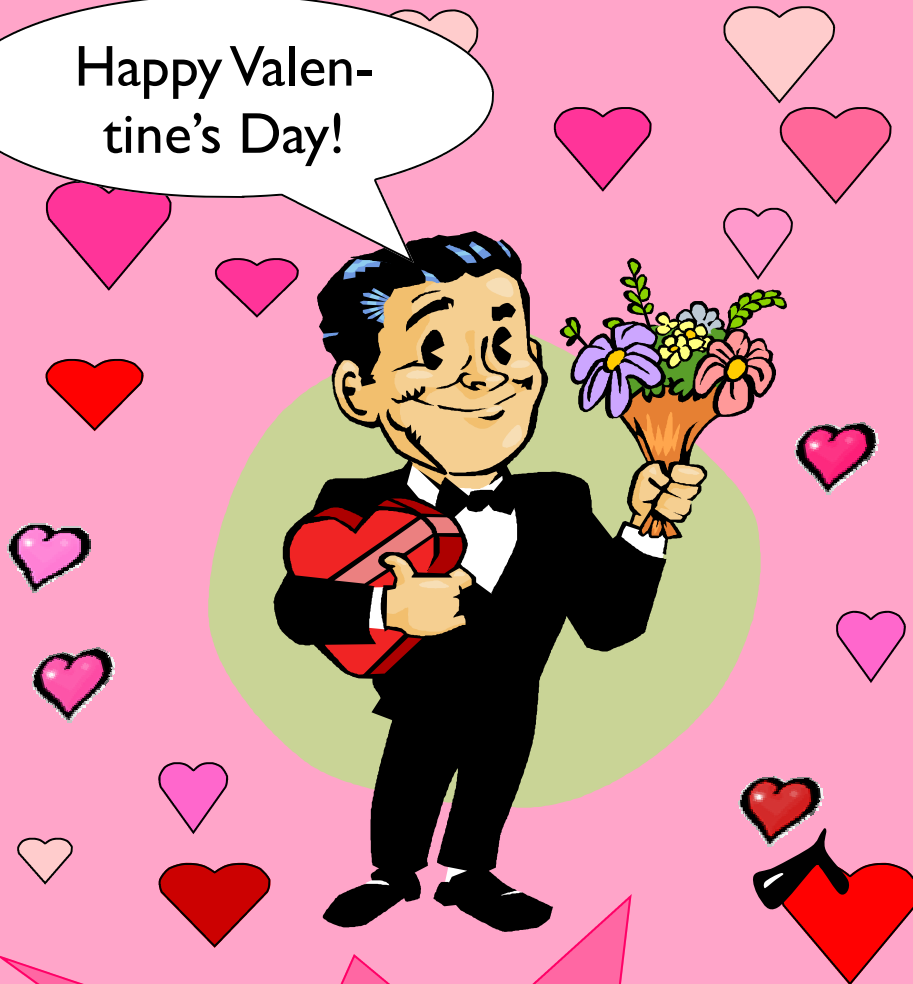


Kaktus Kids



Happy Valentine's Day!



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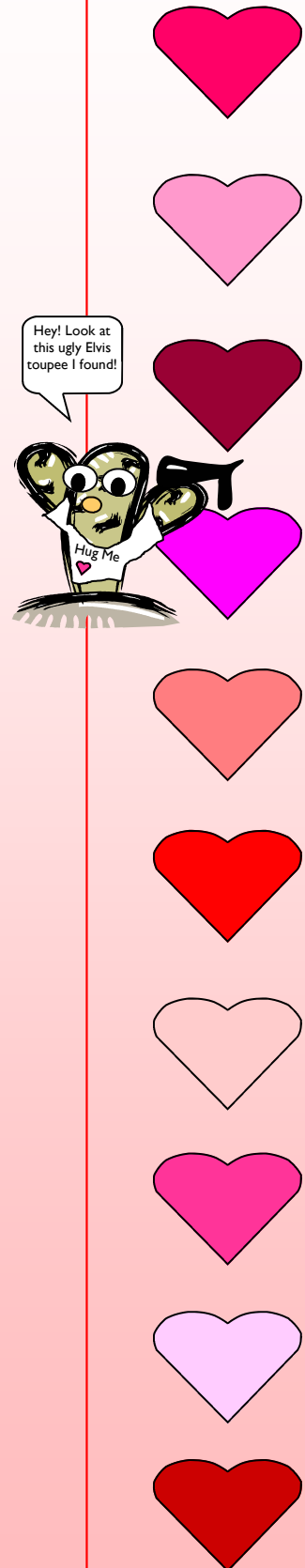
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Don't forget St. Patty's Day on
March 17th!



Reader Central

Contest!

Make up a really cool detective and draw a picture of him or her! Send it in to kaktuskids@chapmankids.net or:

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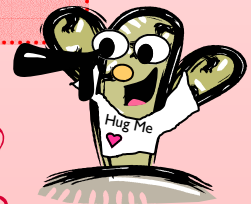


Please send your entries to us by March 31.

We are looking forward to your mysterious entries!

To see if you got in the magazine from last issue's contest, flip to page 11!

Ugly Shmugly!!
I'd look GREAT
in this!!



Brain Puzzler

Startling:

This nine letter English word can still be a word even if you take away one letter at a time! Which letters do you take away? Answer on p. 16

Poll Results

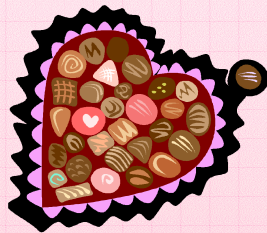
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Hershey Bar: 60%

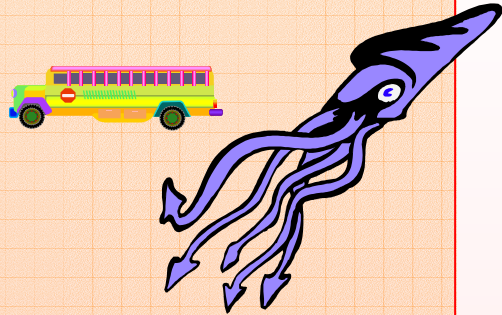
Snickers Bar: 30%

Butterfinger Bar: 10 %

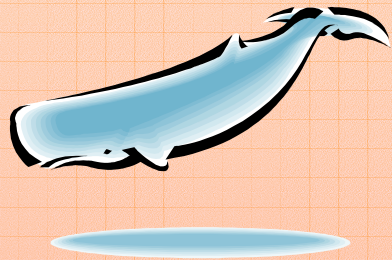
Mars Bar: 0%



Fun Facts: Giant squids can grow to the length of 59 feet! That's as big or bigger than a school bus!

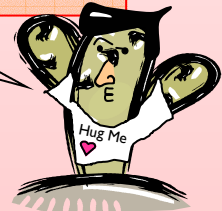


The Giant Squid is hunted by another great beast, the Sperm Whale. Imagine what the fight between those two monstrous creatures would be like!



Hank

Do you like my new toupee?



Come and kiss your great aunt Marge, Betsy!



My name isn't Betsy and who invited Aunt Marge here anyway?



Poll

Who of the following is your favorite fictional detective?

- A. Nancy Drew
- B. Frank or Joe Hardy
- C. Miss Marple
- D. Sherlock Holmes

Send in your answers to:
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Krafty Korner

Are you overloaded with Valentine's cards from your adoring admirer's? Of course you are. That's why you should make Valentine's Card containers!

The Dramatic Cereal Box Container

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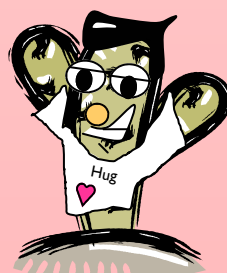
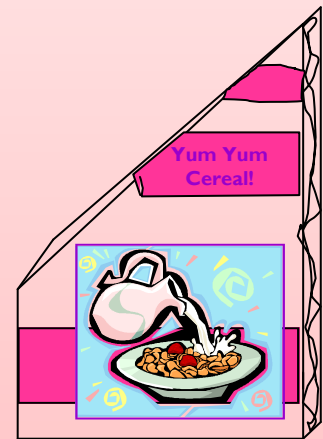
A cereal box

Scissors

Glue

Stickers, paper, and other decoration things

1. Cut a cereal box so that it looks something like this.
2. Now Cut some colored paper that fits onto the different sides of the box.
3. Glue it on
4. Decorate your box with words, stickers, paper, hearts, whatever!
If you want to put a pocket on your box just cut a piece of paper a little bigger than you want your pocket to be and glue it on around the edges! Have fun and don't forget to send Spike a few valentines too. He's starting to pretend that everyone loves him!



Kaktus Kooking

Cookie Sandwich

You need:

Powdered Sugar

Milk

Vanilla

Food Coloring



1. In a small bowl, mix a couple spoonfuls of powdered sugar with a few drops of milk, vanilla, and food coloring.
2. Spread the mixture between two Graham Crackers and enjoy your lovely Cookie Sandwich!

Frozen Bananas

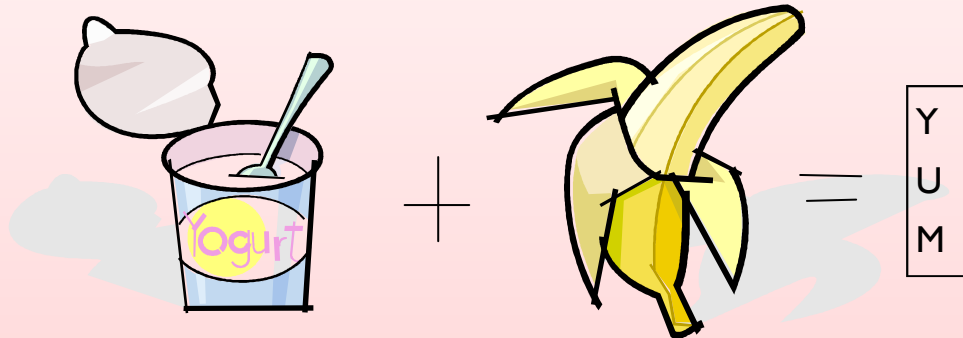
You need:

2 Bananas

Sprinkles

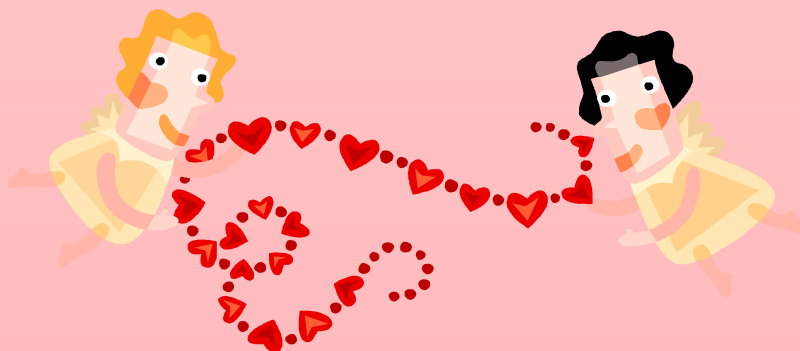
Yogurt, any flavor

Toothpicks



1. Cut up the bananas into about 1 inch thick pieces.
2. Stick a toothpick into each piece and dip it in yogurt or any dip that you want such as melted caramel or chocolate.
3. Lay out the pieces on a tray and sprinkle them with sprinkles.
4. Freeze the tray for two hours.
5. Eat 'em up!

You can also substitute melted chocolate or caramel for the yogurt if you want.



Fun 'n' Games

How many words can you make out of this word?



Valentine



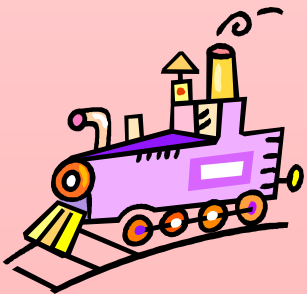
Valentines Brain Teasers

Oh dear! Mother got a nice box of chocolates for Valentine's day but now Alfred has found them! Mother's box of chocolates had 17 candies in it. all but 5 were eaten. How many are left?

Assuming that Alfred hasn't eaten them all yet, You take two chocolates from three chocolates. How many do you have now?



Cupid is sick from eating too much candy. The doctor gave him three pills and told him to take 1 every half hour. How long will the pills last? And will they last till Valentine's day?



Harold is taking the new electric train to Chicago so that he can go see his honeybunch, Margie. If the train is going east at 85 miles per hour which way is the smoke blowing? *

*We know the question is irrelevant but this is Kaktus Kids. Kaktus Kids is *supposed* to be weird.

The House of Sixty Fathers

The House of Sixty Fathers by Meindert DeJong is a good book. No doubt about it, *that* is a good book. It follows Tien Pao, a young Chinese boy, who along with his family is running away from the Japanese. They run to Hengyang but one day, the sampan where his family lives drifts away. He ends up back behind Japanese lines with only a little pig, Glory of the Republic, for company. He travels over mountains and rice paddies, ever avoiding the Japanese. He suffers from starvation and fear and he gets shot at by the enemy but he stands firm and keeps going on. This is a tear jerker, but it's one of those good ones. A bit intense and probably for older children but you won't want to miss it. Tien Pao befriends Chinese guerillas and American Airman, he hides in caves, and masquerades as a farmer's boy. He travels by foot, car, train, and plane to find his family. Truly, The House of Sixty Fathers is a vivid portrait of pre-World War II terror in China. Please, please read this book!



We rate
this book



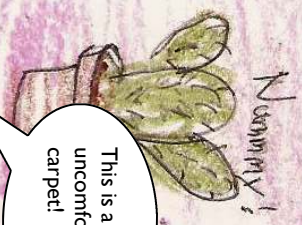
Two Owls and a Hen,
Four Larks and a Wren,
Have all built their nests in
my toupee!



F O O M

K A R T O S K O M H X

THE COOK!



This is a very uncomfortable carpet!



F O O M

By Kelly Chapman



And I get to eat them!

To the Ends of the Earth

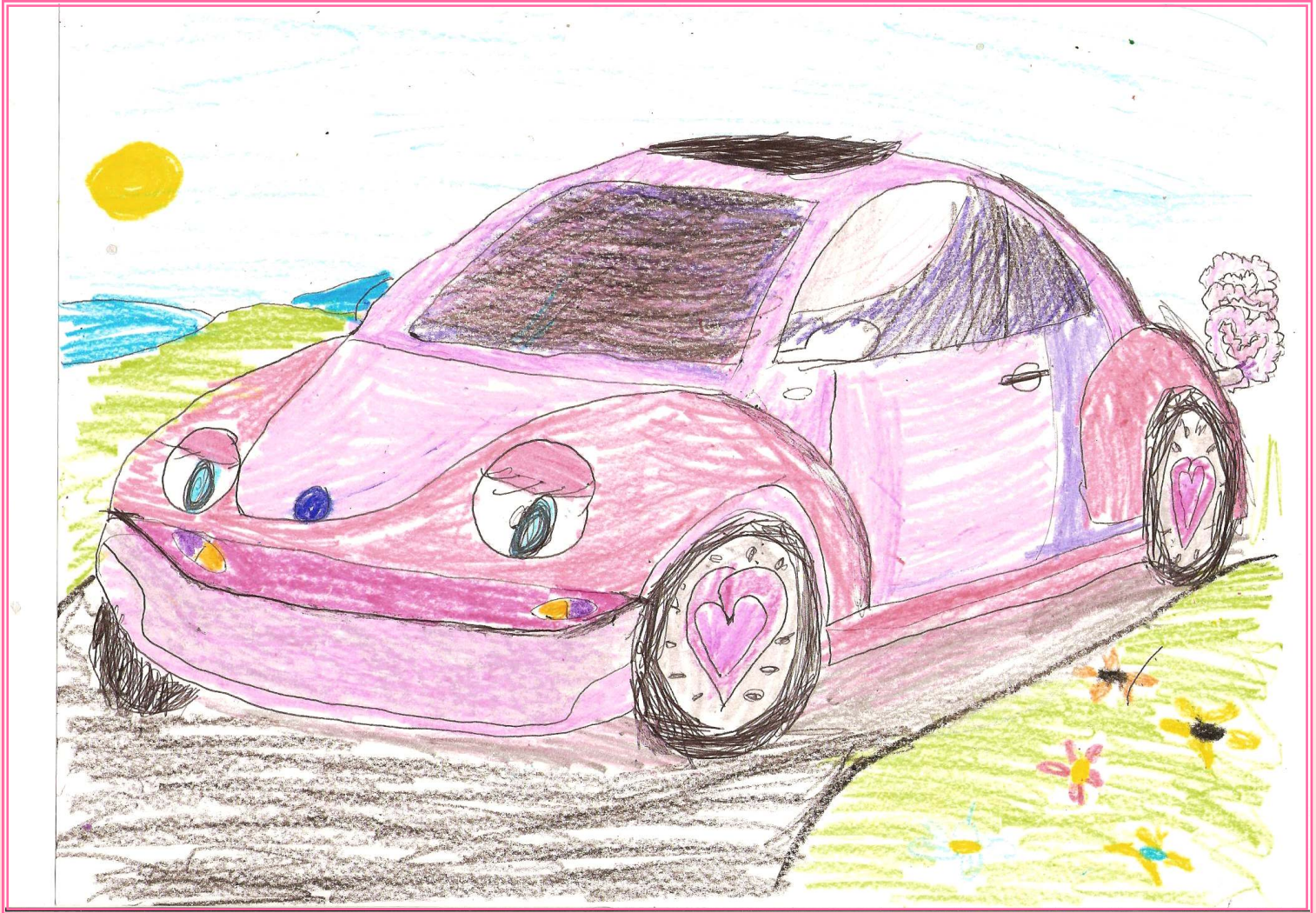
Here I am in San Antonio Texas! San Antonio is a big city and it's very famous too. It is sometimes called the Alamo city because of a famous battle that was fought there. Battle of the Alamo.. The Alamo was a Catholic mission. It had a monastery and a church that was surrounded by high walls. Every once in a while, the Texans used the mission as a fort. The people of Texas didn't like the Mexican Government much. Back then, Texas was a part of Mexico, not a United State like it is now. Well in the winter of 1835-1836 the people of Texas decided to separate from Mexico and become their own nation. A Mexican general named Santa Anna was in command of the Mexican Army. He approached San Antonio with his troops to teach the Texans a lesson. Some 150 Texans were able to defend the city. Maybe you've heard of Davie Crocket or James Bowie. They were famous frontiersmen who were part of the 150 men. The Mexicans quickly came and surprised the Texans, who retreated to the Alamo for protection. About 5000 Mexican soldiers arrived to siege the Alamo. The leader of the Texans, Lieutenant Colonel William Barret Travis sent out a message that said: "I shall never surrender or retreat". Luckily a relief party passed through the Mexicans and came to the Alamo, increasing the small band of men to 189. Some other 400 men were on their way but they were delayed and had to turn back. The siege of the Alamo lasted for 13 days. Soon the Texans were running out of ammunition and Santa Anna decided to make his attack. He sent about 1500 soldiers into the Alamo. The Texans fought hard but it is widely believed that all were killed in battle. Only four people survived. A wife, her baby, her Mexican nurse, and Colonel Travis's black slave Joe. Soon "Remember the Alamo" became a battle cry. General Sam Houston defeated Santa Anna later in a surprising way. He surprised the Mexican army during their afternoon siesta! So in the end Texas did get her independence even though it cost them many



valuable lives. I had tons of fun in San Antonio. Met lots of nice Kaktuses and I even checked out the Alamo! But I need a little break. I think that next time I'll go to the relaxing paradise of Brazil!

Spike at the Alamo

'Lovebug' Contest Winners!

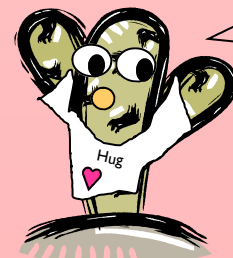


The McLovebug by Christian C. age 11 in Oregon



The Spyder and the Fly
By Kelly C. age 12 in Oregon

No one entered our contest so we had to draw some all by ourselves! Think of the glory and prestige that could be yours if you actually won! Think of the honor. Think of the wonderfulness. Think of the children.



Sorry Pat the Hat. I thought you were my new, ugly Elvis toupee. Now where is my REAL toupee?



Education Station

Ask

Dr. Wise

GAA! HELP MY TONGUE IS ON FIRE! MY TONGUE IS ON FIRE!

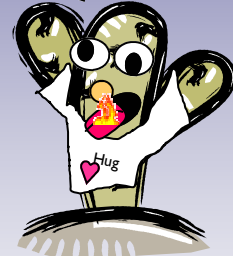
Dear Dr. Wise,

What makes jalapeños spicy?

From Hot Stuff

Dear, "Hot Stuff"

I would first like to note that your parents are notably "creative" for picking that particular name for you. Second of all, the jalapeños are not the spicy ones. The white stuff (not the seed) in the middle is what adds that zing to it. It contains a special chemical called capsaicin that protects the jalapeño plant from getting eaten because most animals tongues get burnt off with it. Ours do too, it's just our tongues are stronger than animals tongues. Also, if you drink water, that just spreads the capsaicin. If you eat food, that absorbs it, thus stopping the burning sensation.



WORMS WORMS WORMS!!

This experiment tests Wormy's behavior to other things. Wormy won't die or become Wormy 1 and Wormy 2. Get a jar, some earthworms, Dirt, some water, and a bright light. Keep the light on until the experiment tells you to turn it off.

1. Fill your container at least halfway with dirt.
2. Place the worms on top of the dirt.
3. Let the whole thing sit for 30 minutes or more and see what happens to the worms.
4. Turn off the light so that everything is pretty dim.
5. Pour water on the dirt to make the dirt really wet but not flooding.
6. Wait for 30 minutes again and see what happens to the worms
7. Clean up everything and go fishing!



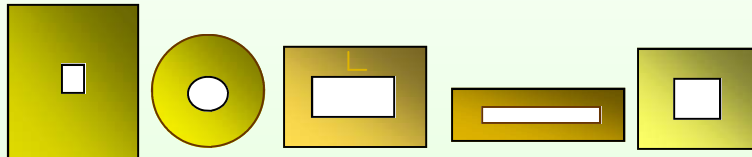
If you did everything right the worms probably went down at first because of the bright light. They sense the light and are afraid of it because they might dry out if they are in it too much. Earthworms breathe through their skin and they have to have moist skin if they want to breathe. In the second part the worms should have come out onto the dirt again. They are afraid that if the soil gets too wet, they won't be able to breath through their skin so they come up to the top of the ground to avoid that. They also come up because they can get their skin moist better up top than down below. So worms have sense too. Think about that next time you handle one.

Leprechaun Stuff

Liam, Sean, Henry, Larry, and Wee One have mixed up their hat buckles! Can you help them unscramble them? Maybe they'll give you a pot o' gold as a reward!

Clues:

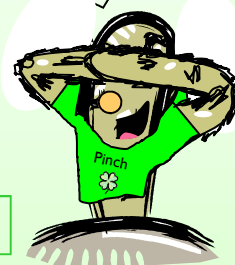
1. Larry's has his initial on it
2. Sean's is next to Larry's
3. Henry's is to the right of Sean's
4. Henry's is lighter in color than the rest
5. Liam's is three buckle's away from Henry's



HEY! WHAT ABOUT ME HUH?!? I BET YOU CAN'T FIND ME !!

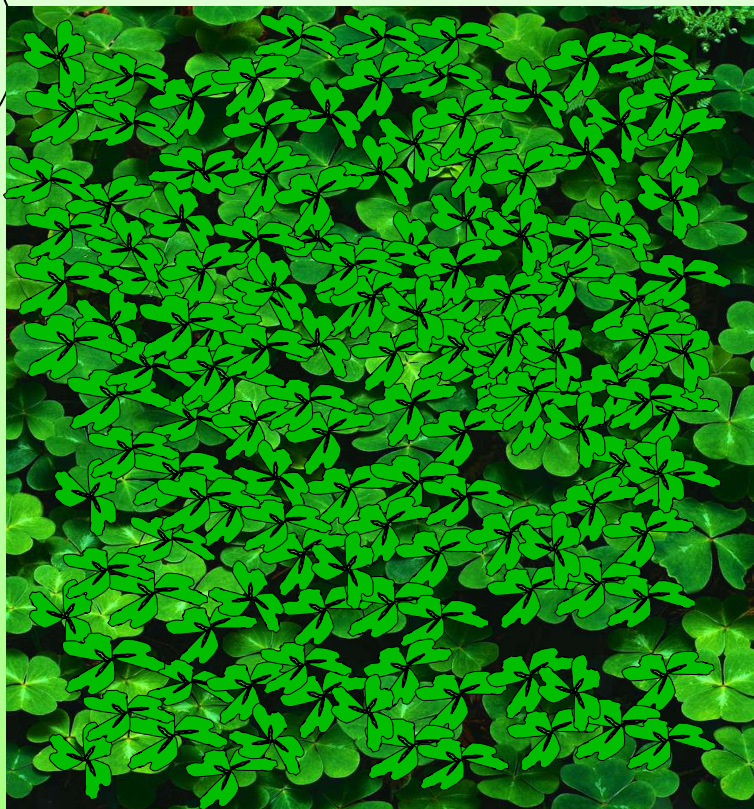


Did You Know? The first St. Patrick's Day Celebration was in Boston in 1737. That was a long time ago! So we've been celebrating St. Patty's Day for 270 years!



Can you find the four leaf clover in this clover patch?

Ye can't have wee cupids all the time can you me fair lads and lasses?



To make four leaf clovers grow out of three leaf clovers, You need , a garden tray, some garden gel (be careful with it) or other kinds of fertilizer. and of course, three leaf clovers. (You need the root also. Not just the stem and leaves.) Be **sure** to ask your parents about this experiment.

Now plant the three leaf clovers in the garden tray with soil and wait until the plants look pretty healthy. Follow the directions on the plant gel container to fertilize the soil and wait. Be very, very careful with the plant gel or fertilizer and **make sure** to ask your parents to help you. Wait a while longer and see if there are four leafed offspring. It might not work the first time though.

Oh look! An ugly Elvis toupee! But ugly shmugly. I look GREAT in this thing!!!



DON'T FORGET TO WEAR **GREEN** ON ST. PATRICK'S DAY OR ELSE YOU WILL GET PINCHED!! Spike can't get pinched no matter what.

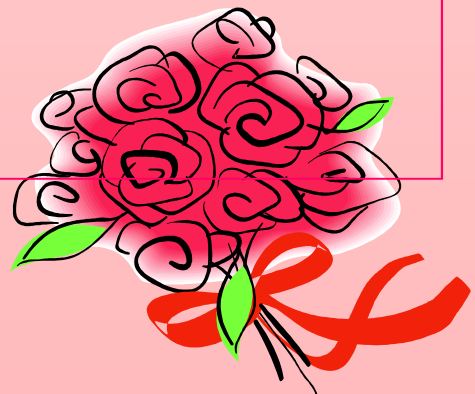
Saint Valentine

Sometimes we think of Valentine's day as a day to give out cards and little boxes of candy hearts. But there are many different stories about how this holiday was started. The following one is my favorite:

Saint Valentine was a Christian living amongst Romans. The Romans did not agree with Valentine's beliefs and wished to imprison him, so they did. Valentine had made friends with many children so when he was locked up waiting for his execution his friends slipped loving notes through his cell window. That is probably how we started exchanging Valentine's Day cards. Sadly, Valentine was executed on February 14 about A.D. 269 just because the Romans did not agree with him. 227 years later, February 14 was named St. Valentine's Day by the Roman Catholic Church.

Although no one knows if this story is true, I think it is important that we know that Valentine's Day is about showing love and care to everyone, even the people that aren't our best friends. Happy Valentine's Day everyone!

-Kelly Chapman



The Texas Twins Present: Hapshetsut

Welcome to our new series! The Texas Twins, David and Daniel Larson wrote a nice column for us to put in our magazine and we have decided to publish it as a series. You'll find that they did an excellent job. Thank you David and Daniel!

Egypt, a powerful empire with its temples and pharaohs, but one pharaoh was the most interesting of them all ...Hatshepsut, The women who pretended to be a man. As we all know, pharaohs were men but Hatshepsut was the first woman to rule as a pharaoh over Egypt. But Why? How? When? This is possibly the QUEEN OF SHEBA! This though, is only an assumption. An assumption means that we are taking some thing for granted. We will discuss this later in the paper. King Thutmose I and II ruled before her and King Thutmose III ruled Egypt after her. This woman was to be pharaoh of all Egypt. Here is her story.

Chapter one

Hatshepsut's Life

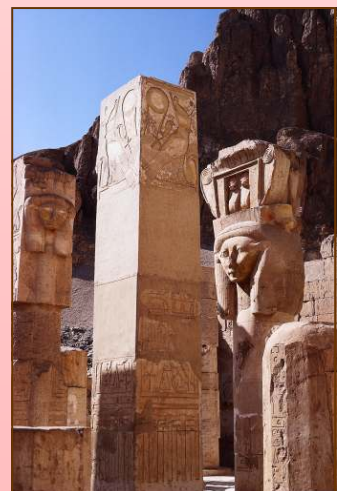
In the land of Egypt, Thutmose I was pharaoh. Having two wives named Ahmose and Wad-jmose, Tutmose I and Ahmose had a son named Thutmose II. There were also two daughters named Akhbetneferu and Hatshepsut. Akhbetneferu did not live too long after she was born. Hatshepsut was the favorite of Thutmose I. As the years went by, Thutmose II became a powerful pharaoh as his father got older and weaker.

As a child, Hapshetsut fell in love and developed good relationships with both parents. She loved to hear stories of her fathers Thutmose I battles and rule. Thutmose I rule has two different dates attached to it, depending on which article you read. One date has him ruling as early as 1506 and another as late as 1526 BC. These are assumptions. In 1493 BC he died to go to the gods that the Egyptians worship for centuries.

Thutmose II now ruled and took Hatshepsut as his wife. It is believed that Thutmose II was not the best ruler. It is written that he got sick with a disease and didn't really take the responsibility of ruling Egypt. As time went on Thutmose became sicker and sicker. The news came to Hatshepsut that Thutmose was dying. As he had minutes left of his life, he asked Hatshepsut to make his son Thutmose III, king. But Thutmose III, at this point in his life, was only a baby, so this is the start of Hatshepsut's rule over Egypt.



The Pyramids in Egypt



This is the Mortuary Tem-



"The Back"



What happened to your worms? Did you catch a good fish?

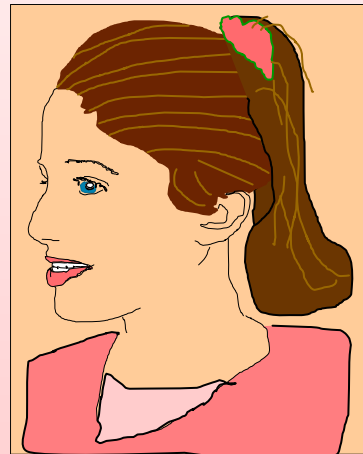


The Illustrious and Wonderful Editors, Christian and Kelly Chapman

We are very excited here at Kaktus Kids because it has been a year since our first "good" magazine. Maybe some of you remember receiving it. Well here we are again! Hope y'all enjoy it very much. The staff must apologize for last time because they sent a very large file to everyone. This time, as you can see, we sent a link to our blog where Kaktus Kids is posted up. As always, you can send us stories, poems, recipes, games, ideas, jokes, crafts, photos, puzzles, contest entries, questions, comments, fan-mail, or chocolate to the following address: 2075 NW Cluster Oak Dr. Albany, OR 97321 or to the following e-mail address: kaktuskids@chapmankids.net. We love to get stuff from y'all but unfortunately (since we haven't been getting very much mail) we've had to kidnap our neighbor and force her to draw a contest entry for us. Don't you feel sorry for her? That's the reason why you should write to us. OK that's it for now! We have to go make our neighbor draw a detective.



"Christian"
By Kelly



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