

# SKOKIE TRIBUNE

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ASK ALVIN

By  
Alvin

Dear Alvin,

I dropped my pencil, but I'm too lazy to pick it up. Should I eat a Twix bar or a burger?

From,  
???????

Dear???????

It depends on what your goal is. Do you want to be lazy or lazier lazy?

Alvin

Dear Alvin,

What is wrong with me? I eat 5 pieces of pizza a minute, and my mom turned into a chicken wing.

From,  
???????

Dear ????????

How do you eat that quickly? I know a very good pizza doctor, and his name is *M.D. Hackengoggle de pickle nose*. He is one of my best friends. We go bowling every Thursday night. You can meet us there any time. *M.D. Hackengoggle de pickle nose* would be fascinated by your condition.

Alvin

Dear Alvin,

I dropped my pig, and it got a foot ache. What do I do, Alvin?

From,  
???????

Dear ????????

Lucky you! I know another doctor but he is a veterinarian. His name is *Dr. Hackengaggle de snout*. He is available at this number that I am not going to tell you. Good luck!

From,  
Alvin

Dear Alvin,

I'm a P.C. and Windows 7 was my idea!

From,  
Sheesh

Dear Sheesh,  
So you're that little girl on those commercials!

Alvin

Dear Alvin,  
I have nothing to say to you.

From,  
LOL loves bob

Dear LOL loves bob,  
Then I have no response to your nothingness!

Alvin

Dear Alvin,  
My friend has a conocticot problem. I'm trying to find the cure. Do you know it?

Love,  
Gaga 123

Dear Gaga 123,  
I am sorry I do not know the problem, so I don't know the cure.

Dear Alvin,  
I have a conocticot problem! My friend is Gaga 123. What is the cure?

Gogo 1234

Dear Gogo 1234,  
Again, I don't know the cure.

Alvin

*Dear Alvin,*  
Help!!

Sincerely,  
From

Dear from,  
Help with what?

Alvin

Dear Alvin,  
Two people that sit with me are fighting about weird things.

From,  
Weirdo  
3

Dear Weirdo,

You could put a wall around both of them so they couldn't interact. If you want to have more fun, you could also throw in a moat.

Dear Alvin,

I just saw a levitating aardvark. Am I hallucinating?

Sincerely,  
Mister Man

Dear Mister Man,

It is most probable that you were hallucinating. There is about a 2% chance that the aardvark was doing yoga.

Alvin

Dear Alvin,

Yesterday I saw a flying taco that kept on saying, "I'm a P.C.!" Then I shouted several Harry Potter spells, and it disappeared. Was I dreaming? Then I woke up and had life alert.

From,  
I am a Macintosh HD

Dear I am a Macintosh HD,

If you woke up and had life alert, you probably were dreaming.

Alvin

Dear Alvin,

Why don't you wish us happy holidays? I am claustrophobic and I need you to wish me happy holidays.

From,  
Clostro Man

Dear Clostro Man,

Ok. Here it goes... **HAPPY BELATED HOLIDAYS SKOKIE SCHOOL AND CLAUSTRO MAN!!!**

Alvin

Dear Alvin,

BOO! BOO! BOO! BOO! BOO! BOO!

From,  
BOO

Dear Boo,

I am  
scared.

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Dear Alvin,

I've put in so many questions to Nancy and she hasn't answered any of them.

Signed,  
Helpless fish in a top hat

Dear fish,

Give her a valentine's card, and then she might be nice to you. If that doesn't work, you can tell me. I will talk to Nancy for you.

Alvin

Dear Alvin,

Do reindeer go Moo or Roar?

Comet

Dear Comet,

I'm pretty sure it is neither.

Alvin

Dear Alvin,

Do you like cheese?

Dear ?????

Yes, but I don't like blue cheese.

Alvin

Dear Alvin,

A falling reindeer hit my friend. I thought that they could fly. Please answer my question before I get hit with one.

From,  
Santa Claus

Dear Santa Claus,

I am sorry. I don't know much about reindeer, but you could talk to Sherlock Holmes.

Alvin

## Random Facts!!!!!!!

By Sarah K and Kayleigh P!

### Did You Know...

- The Mona Lisa has no eyebrows. It was the fashion in Renaissance Florence to shave them off!
- Every day about twenty banks are robbed.
- The warmest temperature ever recorded in Antarctica was 59°F.
- US Dollar bills are made out of cotton and linen.
- Americans are responsible for about 1/5 of the world's garbage annually. On average, that's 3 pounds a day per person.
- Your stomach produces a new layer of mucus every two weeks so that it doesn't digest itself.
- A B-25 bomber crashed into the 79th floor of the Empire State Building on July 28, 1945.
- All the chemicals in a human body combined are worth about 6.25 euro, if sold separately that is.
- Chocolate can kill dogs; it directly affects their heart and nervous system.
- Camels have three eyelids.
- Most lipstick contains fish scales.
- Orcas (Killer Whales) kill sharks by torpedoing up into the shark's stomach from underneath, causing the shark to explode.
- About 200,000,000 M&Ms are sold each day in the United States.

### Here are some Presidential random facts...

- Barack Obama was born on August 4, 1961 in Honolulu, Hawaii.
- Barack Obama is our 44th President, but there actually have only been 43 people who served as President.
- Abraham Lincoln was the tallest U.S President.
- Eight Presidents never attended college: Washington, Jackson, Van Buren, Taylor, Fillmore, Lincoln, A. Johnson, and Cleveland. The college that has the most presidents as alumni (seven in total) is Harvard: J. Adams, J. Q. Adams, T. Roosevelt, F. Roosevelt, Rutherford B. Hayes, J. F. Kennedy, and George W. Bush.

### Now some facts about China...

- 30% of Chinese adults live with their parents.
- 200 million people in China live on less than \$1 a day.
- There are 100 million Internet users in China.
- In 2006, there were 398 million mobile (or cell) phones in China.
- If all of the people in China stood on a chair and jumped off at the same time they could knock the earth out of orbit!

[http://www.berro.com/entertainment/general\\_interesting\\_facts.htm](http://www.berro.com/entertainment/general_interesting_facts.htm)

# **World Holidays**

**By. Samantha V**

**This week I am going to talk about St. Patrick's Day. St. Patrick's day is celebrated in towns and cities all around the world. It is celebrated on March 17<sup>th</sup>. No one is as excited about St. Patrick's as people who live in Ireland.**

**In Ireland, St. Patrick's day is more of a religious holiday like Christmas or Easter.**

**To start this holiday in the morning, they go to Mass and offer prayers to the saints all over the world. After Mass, they go back to their local village and watch the St. Patrick's Day parade. The first St. Patrick's Day parade took place not in Ireland, but in the United States.**

**Kids and adults walk in the street wearing green.**

## Bizarre Holidays!!!

By Rani Mehta

### January

*National Soup Month*

*Tea Month*

*National Oatmeal Month*

### Last Week (January 4, 2010)

Mon. 4<sup>th</sup>-Trivia Day

Tue. 5<sup>th</sup>-National Bird Day

Wed. 6<sup>th</sup>- Bean Day and Cuddle Up Day

Thu. 7<sup>th</sup>-Old Rock Day

Fri. 8<sup>th</sup>-Male Watcher's Day and Bubble Bath Day

Sat. 9<sup>th</sup>-Play Good Day

Sun. 10<sup>th</sup>-Peculiar People Day

### This Week

Mon. 11<sup>th</sup>-Step in a Puddle and Splash Your Friend's Day

Tue. 12<sup>th</sup>-Feast of Fabulous Wild Men Day and National Pharmacist Day

Wed. 13<sup>th</sup>-International Skeptics Day and Make Your Wish Come True Day

Thu. 14<sup>th</sup>-Dress Up Your Pet Day

Fri. 15<sup>th</sup>-National Hat Day

Sat. 16<sup>th</sup>- National NOTHING Day (how sad?)

Sun. 17<sup>th</sup>-Ditch New Years Resolutions Day (WHOOO!!!)

All Holidays Found at <http://www.holidayinsights.com>

## *World Wide Wonders*

*By: Virginia O*

*This month is National Soup Month!*

*In January there are lots of random celebrations, but this week I wanted to talk about National Soup Month in January. Soup has been so popular through time that it is considered one of the first "fast foods". Before soup, there was broth, which people used to pour over bread.*

*The most famous soup company is Campbell's. They sell canned tomatoes, vegetables, jellies, soups, and meats. I hope you liked this week's column!*

## Ask Tiffany

Hey gals! Thanks so much for finally writing me Q's!

Here's a question from: "*hippy boy girl*" she asks:

Dear Tiffany,

My friend Pippins is a hippy, and want me to act like that.

What should I do?

Tiffany (ME!) answers:

What you should do is have a double life, so then, you can be a hippy, and an average person! When it gets too much to handle, hire a replacement you!

Hey peeps! I have a question from: "*scared boy*" he asks:

Dear Tiffany,

I am reading a fantasy book, and it's coming to life! What should I do?

Tiffany (ME!) answers:

What you should do is the following:

If their trolls that want to eat you, cover yourself in peanut butter, and hope for the best.

Hola gals! I have a question from: we don't actually know. She asks:

Dear Tiffany,

I saw a UFO but I can't tell anyone because I would go to jail. What should I do?

Tiffany (ME!) answers:

When you go to jail, dress up as an alien and scare everyone at the jail. Then they'll believe you!

Happy new Tiffany! Were here giving fresh advice so ask all the Q's that come to your mind! Speaking of Q's, here's one from: "*bob shourwould*"

He writes:

Tiffany is your name, Bob Shourwould is mine.

Tiffany (ME!) answers:

No, my name is not Tiffany. I'm a mysterious stranger roaming across the desert that runs across the street!

Hey gals! Just reminding you that the questions have to be school appropriate to be put in the paper. I will not be answering any inappropriate questions.

TTYL!

Tiffany

## After School Snacks

By Nora C

### "Puppy Chow"

#### Ingredients:

- Chex cereal (amount depends on how much you want)
- Melted chocolate
- Peanut Butter
- Powdered Sugar (about one small bowl)

#### How to make:

1. Mix your melted chocolate and peanut butter together into one blended mixture.
2. Take your Chex cereal, and, one by one, dip both sides in the mixture.
3. Wait for your dipped Chex cereal to dry a little, and then lightly roll it in powdered sugar.
4. BON APPETITE!

#### Notes:

This is a fun and DELICIOUS snack to make, and it has a cool name. They are really fun to make, and I hope you enjoy them.

# WORLD NEWS

BY MARK F

As you might know there was an airplane attack on Dec. 25<sup>th</sup> 2009. The attacker's explosives failed to work, but there had been a breach in security. Now there's a rush to spread full-body scan, but it has been on the list since 9/11. Federal authorities have been working to close all the gaps that let the attack on Dec. 25<sup>th</sup> happen.

Barack Obama said that the intelligence agencies "failed to connect the dots." Obama also said he was delaying the transfer of the Guantanamo detainees to Yemen. The airplane attack aroused questions about Yemen, because the attacker said that he was working under orders from al-Qaida operatives in Yemen.



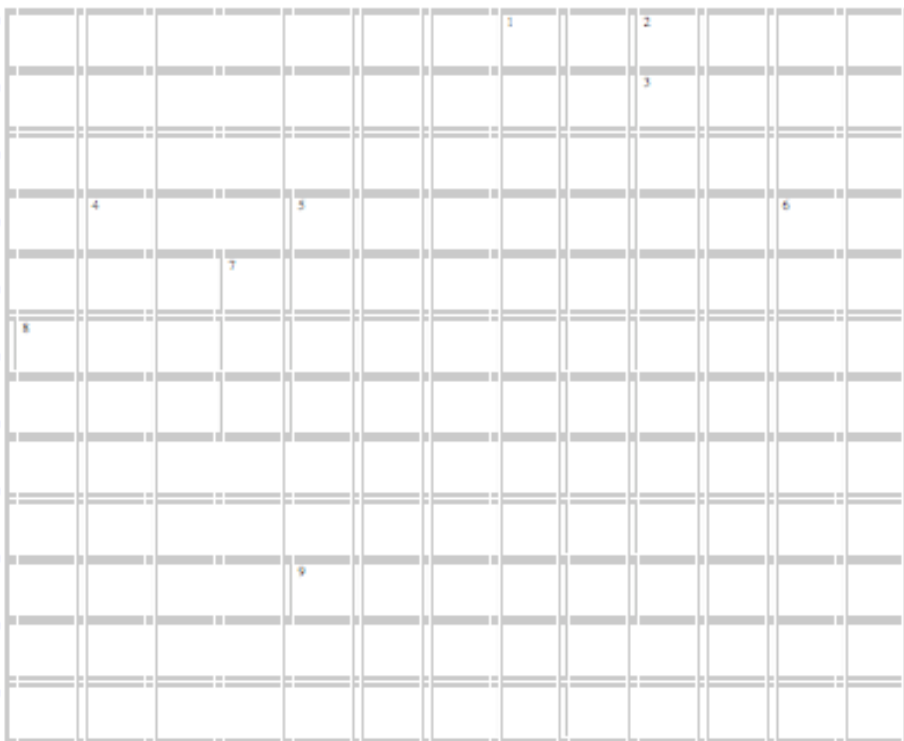
The winners of last weeks puzzles  
are, Erin D  
, Monica D

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Alabama	Indiana	Nebraska	South Carolina
Alaska	Iowa	Nevada	South Dakota
Arizona	Kansas	New Hampshire	Tennessee
Arkansas	Kentucky	New Jersey	Texas
California	Louisiana	New Mexico	Utah
Colorado	Maine	New York	Vermont
Connecticut	Maryland	North Carolina	Virginia
Delaware	Massachusetts	North Dakota	Washington
Florida	Michigan	Ohio	West Virginia
Georgia	Minnesota	Oklahoma	Wisconsin
Hawaii	Mississippi	Oregon	Wyoming
Idaho	Missouri	Pennsylvania	



### Winter Crossword Puzzle



**ACROSS**

- 3 It happens in the winter; It makes you nose turn red
- 5 It falls from the clouds, and it is white
- 8 You have this warm chocolaty drink
- 9 You have two of these, and you do it on a mountain

**DOWN**

- 1 You do it on a board on a mountain with snow
- 2 You do this on ice
- 4 You make them out of snow
- 6 You do it on a hill
- 7 Skate on it

# JOKES

By: Maggie D

**What is the longest word in the dictionary?**

(The word smiles! It has a mile in between the two s's)

**What occurs once in a minute, twice in a moment, but never in a thousand years?**

(The letter m!)

**How can a cowboy ride into town on Friday, stay two nights and go back on Friday?**

(His horse is named Friday!)

**There is a clerk at a butcher shop, he is five feet ten inches, and he wears size 13 sneakers. He has a wife and two kids, what does he weigh?**

(Meat!)

**I have three eyes, all in a line. When the red one opens all freezes. What am I?**

(A traffic light!)

**What flies when it's born, lies when it's alive, and runs when it's dead?**

(A snowflake!)

## Sports Katherine G

### Blackhawks

On Monday, The Anaheim Ducks defeated the Blackhawks 3-1. In the 3<sup>rd</sup> period, Anaheim was up 2-0, and Duncan Keith finally got passed the Duck's goalie, Jonas Hiller. For the last 65 seconds of the game, the Hawks sat Antti Niemi. Teemu Selanne scored with an empty net in the last 25 seconds. Anaheim took home a win with the score of 3-1.

### Upcoming Games

#### Blackhawks

- 1/16-** Vs. Blue Jackets-1:00 p.m.
- 1/17-** Vs. Red Wings- 11:30 a.m.
- 1/19-** Vs. Senators- 6:30 p.m.
- 1/21-** Vs. Flames- 8:30 p.m.
- 1/23-** Vs. Canucks- 9:00 p.m.
- 1/26-** Vs. Oilers- 8:30 p.m.
- 1/28-** Vs. Sharks- 9:30 p.m.

#### Bulls

- 1/15-** Washington- 7:00 p.m.
- 1/18-** Golden State- 3:00 p.m.
- 1/20-** LA Clippers- 9:30 p.m.
- 1/22-** Phoenix- 9:30 p.m.
- 1/23-** Houston- 7:30 p.m.
- 1/25-** San Antonio- 7:30 p.m.
- 1/27-** Oklahoma City- 7:00 p.m.
- 1/29-** New Orleans- 7:00 p.m.

## Ask Nancy

Dear Nancy,

Some kids are disturbing me. I don't want to be their friends; I just want them to stop acting like they are the queens of the school. They are so loud in the cafeteria, it hurts my ears.  
From,  
Stop the popular

Dear Stop the popular,

Try to just ignore them, maybe ask them to speak more softly. Maybe try and ask other people if they feel the same way about the popular.  
Good Luck,  
Nancy

Dear Nancy,

Every time I get out of gym and go down to change, I smell really bad. I don't want people to laugh at me, or not play with me because of my smell.  
Sincerely,  
6<sup>th</sup> grade stinker

Dear 6<sup>th</sup> grade stinker,

You should try antiperspirant. It comes in many different scents, and you roll it on under your armpits. Instead of smelling bad, you smell good! If you're so sweaty that your pits are wet, take a paper towel and wipe all the sweat off before applying antiperspirant . You can keep it in you locker, and it is available at Walgreens and tons of other places.  
Sincerely,  
Nancy

Dear Nancy,

I am very upset. My best friend wants to talk to me, and I can't take it! Have I done something wrong? Have I done something that hurt her?  
Signed,  
Pencil Sharpener With Tissues

Dear Pencil Sharpener With Tissues,

Ask your friend! She would know if you hurt her. Try and think back to when she asked to talk to you.  
Hopefully yours,  
Nancy

Dear Nancy,

My friend called me a bad name. What do I do?  
?!?!?!?!?!?!?

Dear ?!?!?!?!?!,

If your friend called you a bad name, is she/he really your friend? Tell your friend how her words affected you. If you value this relationship, try to work this out.  
Helpfully yours,  
Nancy