

SPECIAL April 2020 – PUZZLES Number 17

- QUIRKY QUIZ

1. Approximately how many squirts of a cow's udder on average are required to yield one litre of milk: 50, 70 or 90?
2. From a Scientific survey conducted among Sydney families, which people build up more lint in their navels; those that have top-loading washers, or those that have front-loaders?
3. The hot and spicy curry style known as Vindaloo is, surprisingly, not originally Indian at all, but is based on a dish from which European country?
4. The Mickey Slim was a cocktail that gained a brief popularity. What were its two ingredients?
5. The U.S. Mint only ever released one coin that is attracted to a magnet. In what year?
6. What large list compiled in 1934 included *Silly, Sappy, Flabby, Lazy, Dirty, Wistful, Awful, Graceful, Shifty Thrifty, Baldy, Burpy* and *Biggy-Wiggy*?
7. When do Turkeys gobble the most?
8. Who produced records under the pseudonym *Apollo C Vermouth*?
9. Which occasional member of the Traveling Wilbury Brothers was designated Lucky Wilbury?
10. As at April 2020, approximately how many Vietnamese Dong can you get for one Australian dollar?
11. Many people are scared both of flying and the number 13. What is the phone number for Qantas reservations?
12. What is the average cruising speed of a house fly to the nearest kilometer per hour?
13. Bugs Bunny first appeared under that name in 1941. However, he made his cartoon debut earlier with what name?
14. From what occupation does the surname Leech arise?
15. What does England's Prince William have in common with Ronald Reagan, George Bush Senior and Bill Clinton, Kermit the Frog and polar bears?
16. What are the structures on earth made by animals other than man?
17. What was unusual about the casting of the 1959 movie *The Thirty Foot Bride of Candy Rock*?

18. Who said: "A woman drove me to drink, and I never had the courtesy to thank her."
19. How many times in his career did golfer Art Wall achieve a hole in one?
20. What kind of dessert takes its name from a French word for froth or foam?
21. Which has the greater number of bones in its neck: a giraffe or a sparrow?
22. What length of time elapsed between the first and subsequent cricket test matches between Australia and New Zealand?
23. What do these text message abbreviations mean?
 - (a) XLNT
 - (b) M8
 - (c) GMTA
 - (d) G2G
 - (e) L8R
 - (f) SIT
 - (g) HAND
 - (h) NE
24. What physical feature was shared by the actors Leo McKern (*Rumpole of the Bailey*) and Peter Falk (*Columbo*)?
25. Under what name was Pepsi Cola first sold?
26. True or false? Only female ducks quack.
27. Which of these natural flavourings is derived from an orchid: cinnamon, mace, saffron or vanilla?
28. In the game of Scrabble, (English Language version) which of the three numerical values between 1 and 10 are NOT assigned to any letter of the alphabet?
29. In the game of Scrabble, (Polish Language version) what is the numerical value of the letter Z?
30. Which two sovereign states are contained within the borders of Italy?
31. What was the *HMV Tricolor* carrying when she sank in the English Channel in 2002?
32. What was the first planet other than Earth to have a spacecraft crash on it?
33. How many characters did Eddie Murphy play in his first *Nutty Professor* movie?
34. What title did Mary Katherine Campbell win twice?
35. How does the name of the Chinese dish Chop Suey translate?
36. Identify this religious sect: Set up to welcome the Second Coming of Jesus in 1844; Michael Jackson was brought up as one.
37. Whose lemonade was sparkalarkalarkaling?

38. St. Patrick's Day (March 17) purports to commemorate which one of the following events?
- (a) St. Patrick's birth date
 - (b) St. Patrick's arrival in Ireland
 - (c) The day St. Patrick drove the snakes from Ireland
 - (d) The date of St Patrick's death
39. Who was executed following the shooting death of South Australian pioneer John Ainsworth Horrocks?
40. To the nearest 100, how many nuclear explosions are known to have occurred world-wide since 1945?
41. What is a skirl?
42. What is meant by the Australian slang term "*In the Magoos*"?
43. Which king playfully knighted a loin of beef, thus creating the sirloin cut?
44. Identify the Beatles song which names two British Prime Ministers. Name the two Prime Ministers.
45. The term "Derby", now used in many sporting references, originated with which sport and which person?
46. What useful article did British engineer Harry Beck produce in his spare time in 1931?
47. Where are Victorian car number plates made?
48. What insect is so-called because it was dedicated to The Virgin Mary in the Middle Ages?
49. Only two of the forty-four American Presidents so far have been divorced. Which two?
50. What is a trundler in New Zealand?

(Answers next page)

ANSWERS

1. 90
2. Those that have top-loading washers
3. Portugal
4. Gin and "a pinch of" DDT
5. 1943 (made of zinc-plated steel because copper was needed for the war effort)
6. Disney's possible names for the seven dwarfs.
7. In the morning
8. Paul McCartney
9. Dhani Harrison (George's son)
10. 14,900
11. 131313
12. 8 km/h
13. Happy Hare
14. Physician
15. All left-handed
16. Termite mounds
17. It was the only film that starred Lou Costello without Bud Abbott
18. W.C. Fields
19. 45
20. Mousse
21. The sparrow with 14 neck vertebra beats the giraffe with 7
22. 27 years: one test played in New Zealand in 1946; three tests played in Australia in 1973/4.
23. (a) Excellent (b) Mate (c) Great Minds Think Alike (d) Got to Go (e) Later (f) Stay In Touch (g) Have a Nice Day (h) Any
24. A glass eye
25. Brad's Drink (after its inventor Caleb Bradham)
26. False: Male ducks quack, but they're quieter.
27. Vanilla
28. 6, 7 and 9
29. 1

30. The Vatican and San Marino
31. 3000 BMW cars
32. Venus
33. 7
34. Miss America
35. *Miscellaneous Scraps* (or something similar)
36. Seventh Day Adventist
37. Marchants (Once Australia's largest soft-drink manufacturer)
38. (d) The date of St Patrick's death
39. His camel. (After being shot in an accident involving his camel, it was Horrock's dying wish that the animal be punished).
40. 1,200
41. The sound of a bagpipe
42. Playing in your team's Number 2 or Reserve side.
43. James I of England, (VI of Scotland)
44. *Taxman*, Wilson, Heath
45. Thoroughbred Horse Racing, Edward Smith-Stanley, 12th Earl of Derby
46. (Simplified) London Underground Map (for which he was paid nothing, five guineas or ten guineas depending on which version you believe)
47. Hopkins Correctional Centre a.k.a Ararat Jail
48. Ladybird / Ladybug
49. Reagan and Trump
50. A shopping trolley