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by the disinherited royals.

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Princess Elizabeth was on an official trip to Kenya when her father, King George VI, died, making her the new sovereign, Queen Eliza-

beth II. She was at a state dinner at the Treetops Hotel when

George dies, and it is often said that she "went up the tree a prin-

Nicknames "the Dragon Lady," Empress Dowager Tzu His was

often blamed for China's humiliating losses to western powers,

since her policies strongly resisted modernization. This former

concubine rose to power because she was the only one to give the

emperor a surviving son. Tzu His took supreme power as regent

Queen Anne of Britain helped her older sister, Mary II, depose

their Catholic father. After Anne took the throne, she passed the

Act of Unification, officially joining Scotland and England into one

country-Great Britain. Though she was pregnant 18 times, none of

approved the Act of Settlement, which allowed only Protestants on

the throne and cut several senior members of the royal family from

the succession due to their Catholicism. This led to later uprisings

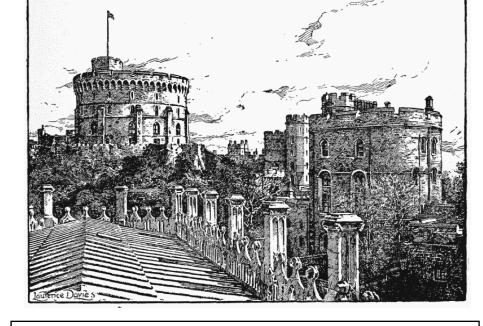
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her children survived. In order to preserve Protestant rule, Anne

Women Rule!

- Queen Elizabeth I was taught caution early in life. She learned mistrust of men from her mother, Anne Boleyn's fate and was nearly executed for treason by her half-sister Mary I. Mary couldn't prove that Liz was involved in that plot, though, and transferred her from the Tower of London to house arrest in Woodstock.
- The famous Queen Cleopatra of Egypt was once booted from the throne and exiled to the desert by her co-ruler and younger brother Ptolemy XIII. When Julius Caesar came to Alexandria to mediate the sibling rivalry, she had herself smuggled into her own palace in a rug in order to meet him.
- A legendary warrior, Queen Boudicca rebelled against Roman rule in eastern Britain around A.D. 60. She raised an army and trashed several Roman cities, including Londinium (London), in retribution for crimes against herself and her daughters, and nearly caused Emperor Nero to pull his soldiers out of Britain entirely. She was later defeated, however, and like Cleopatra, she committed suicide rather than be captured.
- A master of propaganda, the female Pharaoh Hatshepsut is said to have dressed as a male king and even wore a false beard in the traditional style of pharaohs to ease common fears of a female in power. At least, that's how she was depicted in art. She ruled ancient Egypt for 20 years until her death.
- Mary I was desperate to have a child to secure the Catholic religion in England instead of her Protestant half-sister Elizabeth taking the throne. She twice thought she was pregnant, but was humiliated when both pregnancies proved false and her husband left for his native Spain.





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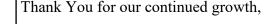
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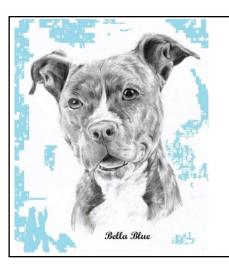
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- Marie Antoinette's mother, Empress Maria Theresa of Austria, was one of the dominant figures in European politics for nearly 40 years in the 18th century. A strong ruler in her own right, her influence spread greatly as she married most of her surviving children into various European royal families.
- Queen Victoria's reign is famous for being an era of sexual repression. However, these "Victorian" standards were instituted not by the queen but by her prudish husband, Albert.
- One of the great "Catholic Monarchs," Queen Isabella of Castile
 was a fiercely religious woman who united much of Spain when
 she married Ferdinand of Aragon. Together, the powerful couple
 drove the "heretic" Moors out of the country and began the Spanish
 Inquisition.
- Queen Joanna "the Mad" of Castile (now part of Spain) was devastated by her beloved husband's death. She insisted that his coffin travel with her wherever she went, though she didn't travel much she was imprisoned for the rest of her life, first by her father, then by her son.
- Eleanor of Aquitaine was queen of not one, but two major European powers. As the independently wealthy sovereign duchess of Aquitaine in the 12 century, she was the first married to Louis VII of France and later wed Henry II of England. A fiery and active woman, she led her own troops on a crusade with Louis, encouraged her sons in their revolt against their father, Henry, and wielded enormous power during the reigns of sons Richard I and John.





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- For all her reputed beauty, men were the downfall of Mary, Queen of Scots. The former Queen of France was implicated in the murder of her philandering second husband and forced to abdicate after she married the prime suspect only three months later. After 18 years of imprisonment, Mary's connection to the Babington Plot convinced Queen Elizabeth I that Mary's continued existence was too dangerous. Mary was executed, though her actual involvement in the plot is still uncertain.
- Though not a queen in her own right, the highly intelligent Marguerite of Navarre wielded great power as a key advisor for her brother, King Francois I of France, during the 16th century. She was also a famous patroness of art and literature, and she published several works of her own.
- In nearly 2,000 years of history, Japan has had only eight empresses. The first was Empress Suiko, who held the throne from 593 to 628. Empress Go-Sakuramachi was the last; she ruled Japan from 1762 to 1771, but she eventually abdicated in favor of her nephew. Female rulers were officially outlawed in the Imperial Household Law of 1889.







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Fast Facts. . .

- The bikini swimsuit, which debuted in July 1946 was named after the American detonation of an atomic bomb at Bikini Atoll in the South Pacific on July 1. Designer Louis Reard hoped his swimsuit would make a similar explosion in the fashion world.
- The working title of the Beatles hit "With a Little Help from My Friends" was "Bad Finger Boogie."
- According to Holly wood lore, silent film actress Norma Talmadge started the tradition of stars putting their footprints in the cement at Grauman's Chinese Theatre when she accidentally stumbled onto the freshly laid sidewalk in front of it in 1927.
- The only active diamond mine in the United States is in Arkansas.
- Ancient Romans believed the walnut was a physical model of the brain: The hard shell was the skull, the papery partition the membrane, and the two pieces of nut were the two hemispheres of the brain.
- Crocodiles and alligators are surprisingly fast on land, but they lack agility. If you're being chased by one, run in a zigzag line.
- New York bookseller Harry Scherman started the first book-of-themonth club in 1926 to target people who lived in remote areas or were just too busy to keep up with new releases. The first selections was "Lolly Willows", or "The Loving Huntsman" by Sylvia Townsend Warner, which was sent to 5,000 readers.
- The word "salary" comes from the word "salt," which ancient Roman soldiers received as part of their pay.



"Collecting more taxes than is absolutely necessary is legalized robbery."- CALVIN COOLIDGE

"Taxes shall be levied according to ability to pay. That is the only American principle." - FRANKLIN D. ROOSE-VELT





TAXES IN THE UNITED STATES

Over the last seven years the United States government has been taking about reducing the tax burden on companies that reside in the United States. This would help to bring home "Billions" in dollars that could be used to "Grow" the economy.

In a startling move, the European Union announced that it was fining the American company - Apple, 42 Billion in back taxes that it never paid while doing business in Europe. It is legal to have a "shell" company in Ireland, but the European Union is challenging that law. It will be fought in the court system for years, but this should be a wake up call to the United States. If they don't act FAST to overhaul the tax system - the money that they thought could be used at home, will be confiscated and used in other countries for their benefit.

8 oz Thin Spaghetti, broken in half

16 oz Ground Mild Italian Sausage

1 Onion, diced

14.5 oz can Ital. Style Diced Tomatoes

8 oz can Ital. Style Tomato Sauce

1 1/2 cups Water

1/2 cup Cheddar Cheese, Shredded

SKILLET DINNER

Brown sausage and onions in a large skillet over med. heat. Add diced tomatoes, tomato sauce and water. Bring to a boil. Reduce heat and simmer 15 min. Bring back to a boil. Stir in uncooked pasta, mixing well. Cover and simmer 20 minutes, stirring often to

separate pasta. Sprinkle with cheese and serve immediately.

Serves 4-6 people





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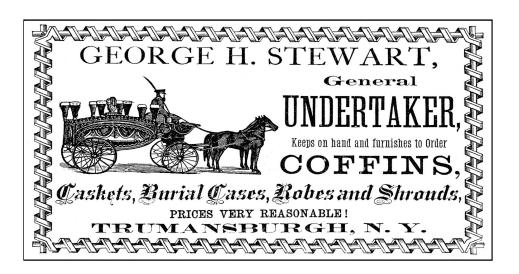
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LOGIC PROBLEM

Maria, Nadia and Paula are at a restaurant. Can you work out the dessert they had and the amount of money they each spent from the clues below? Try to solve the puzzle in your head without writing anything down.

- 1 Maria didn't have chocolate cake and didn't spend the most money.
- 2 Nadia spent \$8, but not on carrot cake.
- 3 Paula bought apple pie. One diner spent \$9, and another \$7.



Pumpkin Pie Smoothie

1 cup plain pumpkin puree

1 very ripe banana

1 cup plain yogurt

1 teaspoon honey

1/4 teaspoon ground cinnamon

1/4 to 1/2 cup water



Combine all ingredients in a blender, and blend until smooth. Pour into a dish for your dog and a glass for yourself, and sprinkle with a pinch of cinnamon. For a thicker smoothie, freeze the banana first, then blend.

*** Recipe provided by LuckyPuppyMag.com Fall 2016 Issue ***





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Freaky Facts: Frogs

Kermit, Jeremiah the Bullfrog, Prince Charming-frogs are clearly special creatures with many talents. They're also sort of gross. Check out these freaky frog facts that are sure to delight and disgust.

- At about four weeks old, tadpoles get a bunch of very tiny teeth, which help them turn their food into mushy, oxygenated particles.
- Horned lizards are often called horny toads, though they're not actually amphibians. Horny toads can squirt blood from their eyeballs to attack predators. This only happens in extreme cases, but they can shoot it up to three feet, so watch out.
- The Goliath frog of West Africa is the largest frog in the world. When fully stretched out, this sucker is often more than two and a half feet long!



- When frogs aren't near water, they will often secrete mucus to keep their skin moist.
- Frogs typically eat their old skin once it's been shed.
- One European common toad lived to be 40 years old, making it the oldest known toad on record.
- While swallowing, a frog's eyeballs retreat into its head, applying pressure that helps push food down its throat.
- A Frog's ear is connected to it lungs. When a frog's eardrum vibrates, its lungs do, too. This spe-

cial pressure system keeps frogs from hurting themselves when they blast their seriously loud mating calls.

The earliest known frog fossils were found in Arizona and are thought to be about 190 million years old.



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