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A Sporting view

by Mark Vasto



Dead-On Balls Accurate

New England Patriots Coach Bill Belichick has his trophies, but he is a cheater. I used to defend him, too. So what if he stole some signs? Baseball players do it all the time. It's part of the fun. And if you can hack one of those military-grade communication systems the NFL uses just to learn which side a team is running a sweep, I think you need to re-evaluate your career choice because you belong in the NSA, not the NFL.

Deflating the ball is another matter. It gives the running back and receivers an edge in holding onto the ball. For a receiver, it will not bounce off your pads as easily; for a running back, it will be easy to lock up in your arm as you matriculate the ball downfield. The statistics bear this out: The New England Patriots fumble ratio is other-worldly. Clearly, it has affected the outcome of games, and Belichick had to know that he had solved one of a football coach's greatest laments: the turnover.

"I would not say that I am Mona Lisa Vito of the football world," Belichick said at a press conference while explaining his lack of knowledge of underinflated footballs. For the uninitiated, he referenced Marisa Tomei's character, Mona Lisa Vito, from the film "My Cousin Vinny," who provides expert testimony that acquits Ralph Machio's character and his friend of murder charges.

Along the way, her combative nature proves useful when arguing with Joe Pesci over a dripping faucet. Pesci's character, Vinny Gambini,

surmises that maybe she did not tighten it enough.

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Belichick blamed the atmosphere for his balls deflating. Physicists like Bill Nye and NASA engineers like Neil Degrasse Tyson publicly refuted his arguments. In response, Patriot's owner Rob Kraft produced lucid, intelligent, well-thought-out objections of the NFL and media's interest in the matter.

Mr. Kraft? Overruled. Because just as Mona Lisa Vito's torque had been calibrated by top members of the state AND federal Department of Weights and Measures, the concern people have with the non-stop annoying pick-nit cheats and how they affect the outcome of games are serious. Belichick was dead-on balls accurate when he said he was no Mona Lisa Vito ... he's the colonel from "A Few Good Men." Now let that trial begin.

Mark Vasto is a veteran sportswriter who lives in Kansas City.

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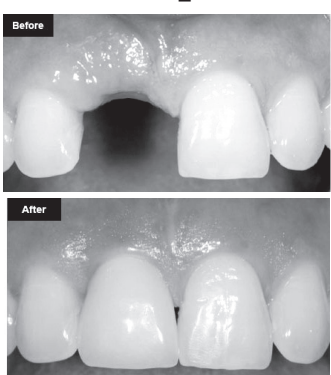
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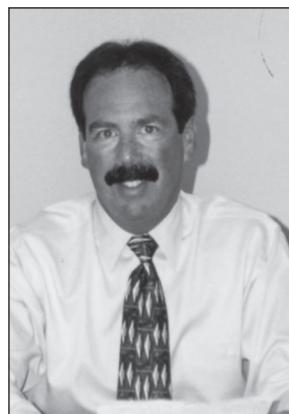
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Collecting

by Larry Cox

Finger Bowl

Q. I purchased an Amberina finger bowl in the hobnail pattern for \$20 at an estate sale. I think it is at least a hundred years old and rare. How much do you think it is worth? — Susan, Waco, Texas

A. It was just about what you paid for it, according to "Warman's Fenton Glass: Identification and Price Guide" by Mark F. Moran and published by Krause Books. Your piece was made for the L.G. Wright Glass Company during the 1970s.

Q. You referenced a doll expert, Sara Bernstein of New Jersey, in your column earlier this year. I contacted her, and she refused to appraise several dolls that I have inherited. What gives? — Barbara, Chesterfield, Missouri

A. As I mentioned in that earlier column, identifying dolls can be frustrating, since so many have been made and manufacturer's marks can be similar. I recommended one of the better dolls books, "Blue Book: Dolls & Values" by Jan Foulke and published by Holly House Books. This is, without a doubt, one of the best doll reference books I have found.

Sara Bernstein is based in Englewood, New Jersey, and she sells dolls through her website, www.rubylane.com/shop/sarabernsteindolls. I spoke with her, and she clarified the fact that she does not make appraisals for items

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LOCAL AUTHOR TO SPEAK AT WEST WARWICK PUBLIC LIBRARY
West Warwick Public Library, 1043 Main Street, West Warwick, will host local author, Peter Mandel, on February 23 from 6:30-8PM. Mr. Mandel will present "Get Your Children's Book Published Now: An Evening of Inside Tips to Help You Beat the Odds and Break into Print". This program for adults is to help potential Children's Book authors get their books published. All are invited to attend. No registration is required. Please call 828-3750, Ext. 4 with any questions.

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LIBRA (September 23 to October 22) Getting advice on your next business-related move is a good idea, but only if your advisers are trustworthy. Get references that you can check out before you make any decisions.

SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21) Getting a boost in your self-esteem is one benefit that comes with a job well done. There are other plusses as well, including being noticed by all the right people. Good luck.

SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21) Make time to deal with family matters, especially where they concern your elderly kinfolk. Being there for them from the start can help resolve problems sooner rather than later.

CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19) Getting a project started can often be difficult. But the good news is that you won't want for lack of assistance from colleagues who would like to work with you. So, let them!

AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18) A lot of work-related issues might be raised this week, and you need to be prepared for whatever comes along. Things should be easier when it comes to matters in your private life.

PISCES (February 19 to March 20) What might appear to be a very much unwanted change in your life right now could turn out to be a very welcome event after all. Give yourself a chance to see where it might take you.

BORN THIS WEEK: You exercise your strong leadership qualities well, which is why people believe in you and feel reassured by you.

ARIES (March 21 to April 19) All that flattery and fawning shouldn't affect any decision you have to make. Keep your focus on the facts and ignore all the hyperbole, especially if it gets uncomfortably personal.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) Your Bovine instincts are on the mark about that "favor" you're being asked to do. Agree to nothing unless you get a full explanation — which you would check out first, of course.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) A somewhat unsettled recent period should give way to a smoother time going through the week. Use this quieter time to catch up on matters you might have had to let slide.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) Feeling a little confused is understandable with all those mixed messages. Take time to list the questions you have. Then present them and insist on answers that make sense.

LEO (July 23 to August 22) Cupid can be very helpful for Lions seeking a love connection. The chubby cherub also brings warm and fuzzy feelings to paired Leos and Leonas who already share a special love line.

VIRGO (August 23 to September 22) Travel is favored this week, whether you'll be globe-trotting or taking a trip to a nearby getaway. You might be surprised (or maybe not) by who wants to be your traveling companion.

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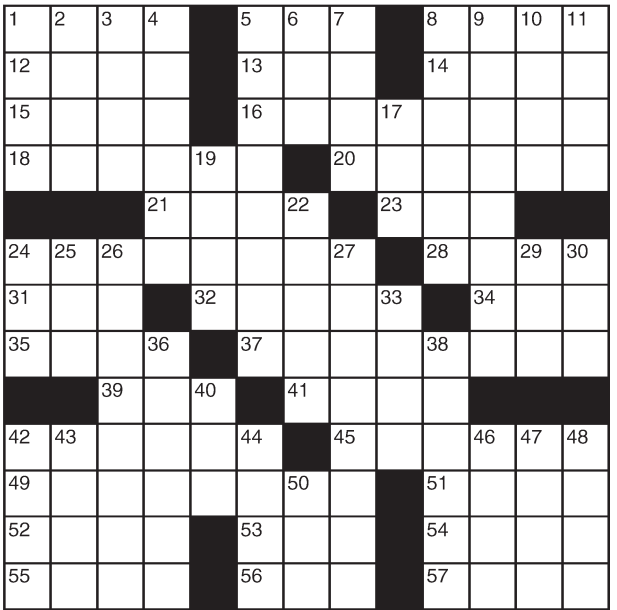
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5 Woman
8 Two-timers
12 Geometry find
13 Singer Sumac
14 Leave out
15 Dissolve
16 Contingency funds
18 One of Henry VIII's Annes
20 Strike from the text
21 The Red and the Black
23 "— the sea son to be jolly"
24 Post-tragedy joking, e.g.
28 Layer
31 Bullring bravo
32 Rock
34 Beer's cousin
- 35 Snapshots
37 Inept ones
39 Knock
41 Frog's kin
42 Church key, e.g.
45 Steering gadget
49 Dressy clothing
51 Tittle
52 Misplace
53 Compete
54 Applaud
55 Basin accessory
56 Conclusion
57 Examination
- DOWN**
1 Door-frame piece
2 Sandwich cookie
3 Water source
4 Most up-to-date
5 Acrobats
6 "I — Camera"
7 Actress Cheryl
8 "Stop!"
9 One with no memories
10 Regimen
11 Eyelid problem
17 Encountered
19 Favorable votes
22 Brown ermine
24 Jazzy style
25 Muhammad or Laila
26 Lessen
27 Backed
29 Wapiti
30 In medias —
33 Jacob's brother
36 Wood-smoothing machine
38 User
40 Apiece
42 Look lecherously
43 Turn the soil
44 Carry on
46 Ration (out)
47 Greek vowels
48 Engrossed
50 Martini ingredient



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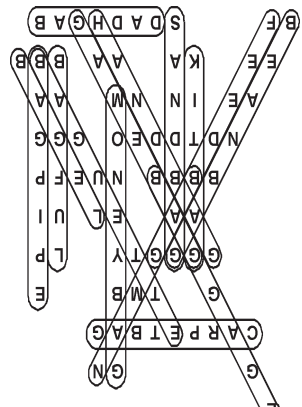
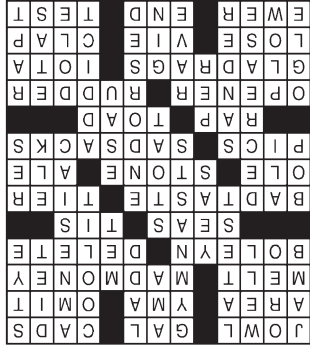
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7	2	8	3	4	5	4	5	6	8	2	5	6
U	A	A	L	A	S	L	A	T	B	R	R	Y
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Greene Public Library, 179 Hopkins Hollow Road, Greene, is sponsoring a 6-week Chair Yoga Class. Classes taught by Christie Jeffries, will be held from 6-7:15PM on November 6, 13, 20, December 4, 11 & 18. Chair Yoga combines traditional yoga practices of breathing & meditation with modified postures. Wear comfortable clothing and bring a yoga mat. Each class costs \$8. Call Christie at 323-1649 after 5PM or the Library at 397-3873.

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Kevin Hart, Josh Gad
5. Taken 3(PG-13)
Liam Neeson, Forest Whitaker
6. The Imitation Game(PG-13)
Benedict Cumberbatch, Keira Knightley
7. Strange Magic(PG)
animated
8. Selma(PG-13)
David Oyelowo, Carmen Ejogo
9. Mortdecai(R)
Johnny Depp, Gwyneth Paltrow
10. Into the Woods(PG)
Anna Kendrick, Meryl Streep

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FEBRUARY STORY PROGRAMS AT HOPE LIBRARY

Hope Library, 374 North Road, Hope is offering the following Programs: **Book Babies!** for ages birth-24 months and their caregivers, on February 13, 20 & 27 at 10:30AM (20 minute program). **Toddler Time** for children ages 2-3 & a caregiver on February 13, 20 & 27 at 11:15AM (30 minute program). **Preschool Story Hour** for children ages 3-5 years on February 23 at 10:30AM & February 12 & 26 at 2PM (40 minute program). To register for programs or for more information, call 821-7910.

FEBRUARY CHILDREN'S PROGRAMS AT HOPE LIBRARY

Hope Library, 374 North Road, Hope is offering the following Programs: **Drop-In Valentine's Day Crafts** on February 12 from 3-6:30PM & February 13 from 2-4:30PM. from 3:15-4:30PM. **Drop-In Chinese New Year Craft!** on February 19 from 2-5PM. **LEGO Time!** (Grades K-5) on February 21 from 10-11AM. **Family Movie Time!** on February 21 from 1:30-3:30PM. Registration required for all Programs, except Drop-In Crafts & LEGO Club, by calling 821-7910.


EARLY DEADLINE



February 17th

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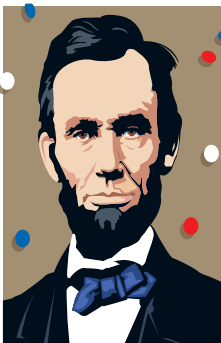
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The Swinging Squares will host a "Dr. Seuss" themed Square Dance (Mainstream & Plus) on February 21 from 8-10:30PM at the East Smithfield Neighborhood Center, 7 Esmond Street in Smithfield. Cost is \$7/person. Call Lynne at 1-508-852-7164 for more information.

SLOCUM GRANGE BREAKFAST
Slocum Grange, 96 Slocum Road, North Kingstown, will hold a "Valentine's Day" Breakfast on February 21 from 7-10AM. The menu includes blueberry pancakes, eggs, bacon or sausage, cheese omelet, home fries, Johnny Cakes, toast & beverage. Adults \$9, children (5-10) \$4.50, children under 5 are guests of the Grange. There will also be a Bake Table & a Craft Table. Food donations will be collected for the North Kingstown Food Pantry. All are welcome. Proceeds from the breakfast support the Grange charities.

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The Swinging Squares Club will hold Square Dance Workshops on February 2, 9, 16 & 23 from 7-9:30PM at the East Smithfield Neighborhood Center, 7 Esmond Street, Smithfield. Cost is \$6/person. Contact Lynne at 1-508-852-7164 for more information.

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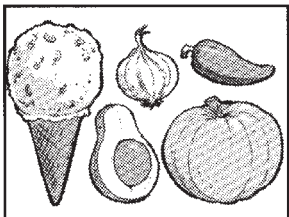
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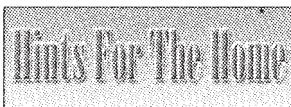
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Mantel Masterpiece

by Jill Bauer
(NAPS)—The mantel is such a great focal point in any living room or family room but, often, it gets special treatment only during the holidays. Here are some new ideas to transform your mantel (or windowsill, bookshelf or coffee table) all year round.

Fall: Embrace harvest season and all of its bounty. Use large metal disks, stalks of wheat and decorative lanterns for height and then add apothecary jars filled with white pumpkins. A whimsical owl is a terrific touch, as are a few more pumpkins placed throughout.

Winter: During winter, create a warm feeling with a big clock leaning against the wall or old books with simple white covers. Since there needs to be some height on each side, place lanterns on top of book piles or rustic candlesticks atop a heavy vintage box.

Spring: Nature is in full bloom. Use green, faux grass in a rustic planter and add some height with a birdcage or an old window. White candlesticks and small terracotta pots with yellow and blue flowers incorporate the essence of spring. Add some depth and visual interest with upside-down flowerpots or small wooden benches.

Summer: Look to the garden. "Summer-ize" a large circular mirror with a hydrangea wreath featuring a combination of colors and some burlap. Coordinate matching garland to have the same look and feel as the hydrangea wreath and then place the same type of candleholder on each side with a color-coordinated candle.

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By Samantha Mazzotta

Thermostat on the Fritz

Q. I replaced my home's old mercury thermostat with a digital thermostat about seven years ago. Lately though, the heating seems off: I'll adjust the temperature up a degree or two because it feels too cold, and in a few minutes the house is very hot. All the time, the thermostat shows the room temperature as being exactly what I set it at. Can I recalibrate a digital thermostat, the way that the older mercury thermostats can be calibrated? — *Karl J., Buffalo, New York*

A. Since digital thermostats don't measure temperature using mercury bulbs — the way older thermostats do — calibrating them doesn't work the same way. They have a temperature sensor that can detect the precise temperature of a room, enabling more exact control of the home's temperature and, ideally, cost savings.

However, you can check to see if the thermostat is measuring the room temperature accurately. This is as simple as taping a mercury or digital thermometer next to the thermostat, so that you get a reading of the air temperature around the device from a second source.

If the thermostat can be calibrated, you'll be able to find instructions to do so either inside the front cover of the device, or in the manufacturer's instructions. (If you lost the instructions, you usually can download them from the manufacturer's website.) Calibration differs between models, but generally brings the temperature set point in line with the sensor.

Several other issues could be causing the apparent touchiness of the thermostat. The sensor could be bad, or there may be a problem with the thermostat's wiring. The device itself may need to be replaced.

Further, your home's heating issue could be unrelated to the thermostat. If calibration doesn't help, have a heating and A/C professional come in a do a system checkup, look for possible problems, and suggest solutions.

home tip

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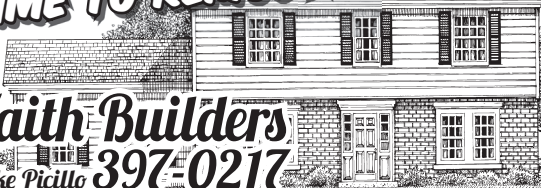
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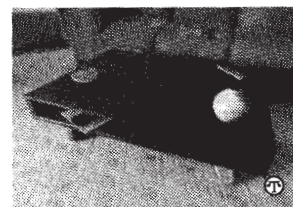
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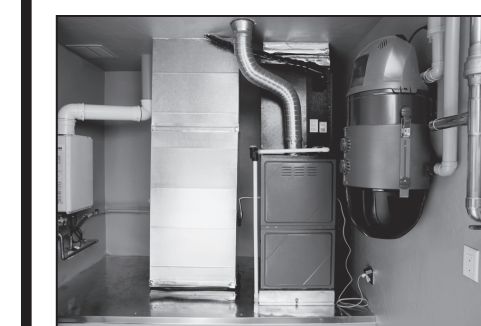
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