

HOLLYWOOD

by Tony Rizzo

HOLLYWOOD -- Super Bowl champion Tom Brady is preparing for his eventual exit from football. While many sports stars move into commentary and hosting sports shows, the six-time Super Bowl-ring holder is going Hollywood. The 42-year-old quarterback has already launched his production company, 199 Productions, to produce documentaries, feature films and television shows. The company is already developing several on-camera projects for Brady.

Romeo told Juliet, "Deny thy father and refuse his name!" Which is what Pulitzer Prize-winning author Ronan Farrow has done. Is he the son of Woody Allen and Mia Farrow, or the product of a reuniting of Mia Farrow and her former husband Frank Sinatra? That's one DNA test we'd like to see!

Ronan Farrow launched the "Me Too" onslaught that led to the conviction of Harvey Weinstein and exposed many others in the pages of The New Yorker magazine. His family exploded apart because of the alleged accusations that Allen sexually abused Ronan's sister and eventually married his mother's adopted daughter. Most recently, Ronan learned his book publishing company, Hachette, was secretly publishing Allen's memoirs despite many major publishing houses turning it down. Ronan cut ties with his publisher, and when the employees and authors of Hachette spoke up and gave ultimatums, Hachette dropped Allen's book.

The Walt Disney Company produced the most successful Peter Pan film, the animated 1953 classic that cost \$4 million and grossed \$87 million (huge back then), are now

producing "Peter Pan and Wendy," with unknowns Alexander Molony as Peter and Ever Anderson as Wendy. Anderson, 12, is the daughter of "Resident Evil" star Milla Jovovich. The 1991 "Hook," with Robin Williams as Peter, Dustin Hoffman as Captain Hook and Julia Roberts as Tinker Bell, was very successful (\$70 million cost/\$300 million gross), but the 2015 Hugh Jackman film "Pan," which cost \$150 million and grossed only \$128 million, was a flop.

Have you discovered "Zoey's Extraordinary Playlist," the new NBC Sunday night show? Hit your On Demand and tune into the vivacious Jane Levy. You wouldn't think her breakout role in "The Evil Dead" (2013) would have prepared her for this show, in which computer coder Zoey Clarke magically hears people's innermost thoughts and desires through popular songs.

An impressive cast includes best supporting actress Oscar-winner Mary Steenburgen (for 1980's "Melvin & Howard"), who also appeared in "Philadelphia" (1993), "Nixon" (1995) and "Book Club" (2018), to name just a few. Also starring are "The Gilmore Girls" and "Parenthood's" Lauren Graham (who sings) and Peter Gallagher -- "The Idolmaker" (1980), "Summer Lovers" (1982) and "Sex, Lies and Videotapes" (1989) -- who spent five years on "Law & Order: SVU" and now three years of Netflix's "Grace and Frankie." Then there's the dynamic young cast that will make you try and guess who'll break into song next.

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GO FIGURE!

by Linda Thistle

The idea of Go Figure is to arrive at the figures given at the bottom and right-hand columns of the diagram by following the arithmetic signs in the order they are given (that is, from left to right and top to bottom). Use only the numbers below the diagram to complete its blank squares and use each of the nine numbers only once.

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DIFFICULTY: ★★
 ★ Moderate ★★ Difficult
 ★★★ GO FIGURE!

KOVELS® Antiques & Collecting

By Terry and Kim Kovel

Blackball Box

As early as the 17th century in America, members of fraternal clubs often voted at their meetings without paper ballots. Decisions often required a simple majority, but sometimes had to be unanimous: Just one "no" vote could scuttle a project. So, they used a blackball box instead of paper ballots. Each person was given a random number of black and white marbles. To vote no, a black marble was dropped in the box. The box had a board that covered the voter's hand and marble so that no one could see the vote. Each marble made a noise when it was dropped, so only one marble could be used. When the box was opened, it was easy for everyone to see the number of black marbles and if the project, motion or request for membership had passed or failed. It was impossible to tell who had used a black marble.

The term "blackballed" is still in use, and the box was saved as part of history. The rules are still in "Robert's Rules of Order," a guide to parliamentary procedure, but there are few times when only one vote, not a majority, is needed. An old blackball box used by the Odd Fellows fraternal order was sold at a Garth's auction recently for \$500.

Q: I have a light bulb that I have identified as an 1885 Heisler-Bernstein incandescent lamp. Does it have any value? And if so, where would I find a buyer for such a bulb?

A: Antique and vintage light bulbs are classified as "early technology," an area of collecting that includes electrical apparatus, astronomical devices and medical instruments. Artificial lighting is significant, since its beginning

in the 1880s marked the lengthening of the workday and other changes in everyday life.

Yes, there are collectors who hunt for early incandescent light bulbs, especially early carbon filament ones from the 1880s to early 1900s with intact filaments, like yours. Some early bulbs bring high prices; a few have sold for over \$5,000. Charles Heisler and Alexander Bernstein both owned businesses in the 1880s and early 1900s that developed bulbs and lamps, and their work was influential in making electric lighting practical and popular. Look for an auction house that specializes in early technology or scientific instruments. The website www.bulbcollector.com also has information.

CURRENT PRICES

Stoneware rolling pin, salt glazed, cobalt blue stenciled wildflowers, turned wood shaft & handles, 16 inches, \$60.

Hooked rug, cat resting on striped cushion, flower & leaf border, American, 1860-1930, 30 x 52 inches, \$150.

Sewing stand, walnut, oval lift top, silk pleated work compartment, removable fitted tray, England, 28 x 15 x 12 inches, \$290.

Tiffany & Co. sterling silver bowl, flared & flattened rim, openwork stylized flower & leaf handles, c. 1910, 2 5/8 x 11 inches, \$370.

TIP: If your tea caddy or knife box has a silver or brass keyhole, don't use a metal cleaner. The cleaner will damage the wood.

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Strange BUT TRUE

• A World War I homing pigeon saved 194 men by delivering a message despite losing a leg and an eye, and having been shot through the chest.

• Before settling on the Seven Dwarfs we know today, Walt Disney also considered the names Chesty, Tubby, Burpy, Deafy, Hickey, Wheezy and Awful.

• A study showed that customers in a bookstore were 3.48 times more likely to peruse romantic books if the store smelled of chocolate, and 5.93 times more likely to buy them!

• Gaius Julius Caesar arrived in the world on July 13, 100 B.C., but contrary to popular belief, it's unlikely that the future Roman emperor was born by caesarean section. Although the procedure existed at the time, it was usually fatal to the mother and therefore only performed when a pregnant woman was dead or dying, in an effort to save the child. Caesar's mother, Aurelia, lived until 54 B.C.

-- nearly half a century after her son's birth.

• While the technique of flattening fabrics with hot pieces of metal was introduced in ancient China, the first actual ironing board (then called an ironing table) was not invented until 1858, in New York.

• The Christmas song "Silver Bells" was originally called "Tinkle Bells" until co-composer Jay Livingston's wife informed him that "tinkle" had another meaning.

• Future president Herbert Hoover was Stanford's football team manager -- a decision the school might have questioned when, at the first Stanford-Cal game in 1892, he forgot to bring the ball.

• Martial arts legend Bruce Lee was a cha-cha dance champion, winning a competition in Hong Kong in 1958.

• The lifespan of a taste bud is just 10 days.

Thought for the Day: "Just living is not enough. One must have sunshine, freedom, and a little flower."

-- Hans Christian Anderson
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Now here's a tip!

by Jo Ann Derson

• If you're able to, fold and hang clothing straight from the dryer. The warmth of a cycle can set wrinkles that occur from being stuffed into a laundry basket.

• "I really abhor bar soap, but my husband prefers it. After cleaning the soap dish, I smear it with petroleum jelly. I do the underside too. There's a little lip that will keep the soap from sliding off, but the petroleum jelly keeps the inevitable sludge from sticking to the soap dish, making my cleaning routine much easier!" -- A.D. in Idaho

• For maximum effectiveness, spray, then wait, then wipe. Spray cleaners need contact time to both cut through grime and to kill germs. Give surfaces a light mist, then wait up to 10 minutes before wiping

clean.

• To make an avocado rose as a garnish, place half an avocado cut side down and slice. Fan the slices out into a long line, then wrap around into a spiral shape.

• Chef's secret: If you sprinkle salt from 12-14 inches above the food you're seasoning, it's called "raining," and it helps the salt crystals to distribute evenly across the food's surface. Plus it will make you look cool.

• "If your pup has an upset stomach, you can try giving him kefir. It's packed with probiotics and is especially good if Fido is on antibiotics or has a yeast problem. Not too much. Just a tablespoon as a treat once a day." -- B.T. in Texas

Send your tips to Now Here's a Tip, 628 Virginia Drive, Orlando, FL 32803.

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SNOWFLAKES

by Japheth Light

There are 13 black hexagons in the puzzle. Place the numbers 1 - 6 around each of them. No number can be repeated in any partial hexagon shape along the border of the puzzle.

DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ◆◆
 ◆ Easy ◆◆ Medium ◆◆◆ Difficult

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STICKELERS

by Terry Stickels

Here's an alphametic reminding us of the upcoming film awards season.

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Stickelers Answer

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Go Figure!

answers

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10	5	x	7	-	6

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