

Your mind is an amazing thing

Senior Living



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YOU MAY REMEMBER THIS Emo Philips quote that I've shared before. "I used to think that the brain was the most wonderful organ in my body. Then I realized who was telling me this."

The brain is an incredible organ controlling most of the activities of the body, processing, integrating, and coordinating the information it receives from the sense organs, and making decisions as to the instructions sent to the rest of the body.

But one of the non-essential but entertaining things it can do is to unscramble the scrambled words in a sentence. For example, see if you can read what appears to be a non-sensical passage that has circulated on social media since 2003.

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wrod are, the olny iprmoentn tihng is taht the frist and lsat ltteer be at the rghit pclae. The rset can be a toatl mses and you can sitll raed it wouthit porbelm. Tihis is bcuseae the huamn mnid deos not raed ervey lteter by istlef, but the wrod as a wlohe.

This ability to comprehend text despite spelling errors and misplaced letters in the words even has a name: Typoglycemia, (How they came up with a name that uses "typo" and the condition of having low blood sugar, beats me.)

But it is not true that only "the first and last letters need to be in the right place". As in most everything, it's more complicated than that. One of the factors explaining why we can "magically" read the passage is because that organ between our ears reads words as whole units, not letter-by-letter. And more importantly, our brains are wired to find meaning by looking at contextual cues and using the predictability of the passage.

So as a little diversion, here is a test to see how well you can handle typoglycemia. And since context and predictability are so important, I'll make this exercise easier

by using the familiar five steps to protect yourself and others from COVID-19 found on the North Central Public Health District website (wascoshermangilliam-covid-19.com).

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Another joke from Earline Wasser's collection which some of you may be able to relate to:

My wife said that my grand-daughter has me wrapped around her little finger. I said, "That's not true. I said 'no' to her just yesterday." "What did she ask you?" "She asked me if there was anything I wouldn't give her."

The game that is played on a felt mat with small plastic colored discs where you flipped discs into a pot is Tiddlywinks. I received correct answers from Jeanne Pesicka, Chuck Rice, Lois Dunsmore, Jean Harmon, Dick Lafever, Pat Kelly, Jim Tindall, Kim Birge, Rhonda Spies, Lana Tepfer, Jerry Phillips, and Portia Masterson, this week's winner of a quilt raffle ticket. And last week I missed Jeanne Pesicka.

If you were living during the '60s, which I imagine most of you were, you will remember the scandalous affair between Richard Burton and Elizabeth Taylor, who at that time was married to Eddie Fisher, who had notoriously left Debbie Reynolds to marry Taylor. (It gets complicated!) For this week's "Remember When" question, during the filming of what movie did the affair begin? Email your answer to mcseiorcenter@gmail.com, leave a message at 541-296-4788 or send it with a picture of the so-called Taylor-Burton diamond (or the actual diamond if you have it) that Burton gave Taylor in 1969 and was valued at over a million

dollars. Well, it's been another week, trying to keep the spring in my step. Until we meet again, as Carole King sang in 1971, "You've got to get up every morning with a smile on your face." "I have always felt that laughter in the face of reality is probably the finest sound there is and will last until the day when the game is called on account of darkness. In this world, a good time to laugh is any time you can."

Linda Ellerbee

The Dalles Meals-on-Wheels daily menus. If you would like to pick up a meal at noon, call 541-298-8333 before 10:30 a.m.

Menu

- Thursday (22):** Chicken Fried Steak
- Friday (23):** Closed
- Monday (26):** Chicken Pot Pie
- Tuesday (27):** Roast Beef with Mashed Potatoes and Gravy
- Wednesday (28):** Taco Casserole

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large reported. A subject was able to coax the pigs into a dog kennel. The owner of the pigs was located.

Oct. 12 — E. Scenic Drive, 300 block — Friendly dog at large without a leash transported to the animal shelter.

Oct. 13 — E. Royal Crest Drive, 3500 block — Ongoing issue with dog at large reported. Owner contacted.

Oct. 13 — G Street — Poor living conditions for four dogs reported.

Assaults, harassment, menacing and domestic violence:

Oct. 9 — W. Seventh and Garden Court — Disturbance reported.

Oct. 9 — W. Second Place — Domestic dispute reported.

Oct. 9 — W. First — Disturbance reported. A male declined to wear a mask in a business.

Oct. 9 — W. Second — Dispute reported between two juveniles. One declined medical attention.

Oct. 9 — E. 11th — Harassment reported.

Oct. 9 — W. Pomona Street — Harassment reported.

Oct. 10 — Court Street — Harassment reported. A female was slapped on the lip.

Oct. 10 — E. 10th — Domestic dispute reported.

Oct. 11 — E. 19th — Disturbance reported. A subject's behavior was escalating in an emergency room.

Oct. 12 — W. Second Place — Harassment reported.

Oct. 12 — W. Fourth — Domestic dispute reported. Additionally, keys were reported as stolen.

Oct. 12 — W. Ninth — Disturbance reported. A male was transported to the hospital by medics after he became upset, threw a pumpkin and began complaining of chest pain.

Oct. 13 — W. Lee Street — Domestic dispute reported.

Oct. 13 — Case Street — Domestic dispute reported.

Oct. 14 — W. Eighth Place — Domestic dispute reported.

Oct. 15 — The Dalles — Harassment reported.

Oct. 15 — Court Street — Disturbance reported.

Oct. 15 — W. Fourth — Disturbance reported.

Controlled substance violations (non-DUII):

Oct. 14 — E. 19th, 1700 block — Hospital staff reported drug paraphernalia found on a male brought in for a heroin overdose.

Disorderly conduct, mischief, criminal trespass and vandalism:

Oct. 9 — Lincoln Street, 300 block — Male trespassed from a business.

Oct. 9 — Mt. Hood Street, 500 block — Female trespassed from a business.

Oct. 9 — W. Myrtle Street, 900 block — Vandalism reported. A hole in the fender of a utility trailer was logged for information.

Oct. 9 — W. Sixth, 300 block — Female trespassed from a property.

Oct. 9 — W. Seventh, 3200 block — Trespass reported. A female was cited and released for criminal trespass II.

Oct. 10 — W. Richland Court, 800 block — Female lodged at NORCOR for criminal trespass II.

Oct. 10 — W. Sixth, 2100 block — Male returned to a business from which he had been previously trespassed.

Oct. 10 — E. Second, 300 block — A bench was reported to have been thrown through a window of a business (criminal mischief).

Oct. 10 — W. Second, 300 block — The bench was later reported as stolen.

Oct. 10 — Court Street, 300 block — Slashed tire on a vehicle reported (criminal mischief).

Oct. 10 — E. 11th, 400 block — Trespass reported.

Oct. 10 — W. Second, 400 block — Large gathering of transients reported to the west side of a building. Officers spoke to the individuals.

Oct. 10 — E. 16th — Female trespassed from a property.

Oct. 11 — Oregon Avenue, 1400 block — Male cited for criminal trespass II. A bag of marijuana was confiscated for destruction.

Oct. 12 — E. Ninth, 1400 block — Trespass reported.

Oct. 12 — W. Second, 400 block — Broken window reported (vandalism). A male later admitted to breaking the window and was cited and released, and trespassed from the property.

Oct. 12 — W. Second, 400 block — Female trespassed from a property.

Oct. 12 — Union Street, 700 block — Female returned to a property in which she had been previously trespassed. She was additionally trespassed from two other businesses.

Oct. 12 — W. Second, 2900 block — Male trespassed from a business.

Oct. 12 — W. Fourth, 100 block — Criminal mischief reported.

Oct. 12 — W. Second, 600 block — Male admitted to urinating on a park bench. He was trespassed from the property.

Oct. 12 — Cherry Heights Road, 800 block — Male

trespassed from a business. The male requested an ambulance and was transported to the hospital.

Oct. 13 — E. 15th, 1900 block — Vandalism reported. Passenger side tires had holes in them.

Oct. 13 — W. 10th, 200 block — Vandalism to a vehicle reported.

Oct. 13 — W. Third, 300 block — Trespass reported.

Oct. 13 — W. Sixth — Male cited for criminal trespass.

Oct. 13 — W. Third, 300 block — Male returned to a property from which he had been previously trespassed.

Oct. 13 — Lewis Street, 1400 block — A female was cited for trespass.

Oct. 14 — W. Ninth, 1100 block — Trespass reported.

Oct. 14 — W. Third, 300 block — Male who had been previously trespassed returned to a property. The male was cited for criminal trespass I. He was reported to have returned to the property again about an hour later.

Oct. 14 — E. 15th, 1900 block — Male cited for trespass.

Oct. 14 — W. Sixth, 1700 block — Male trespassed from a property.

Oct. 15 — E. 11th, 800 block — Spray paint on a lawn reported (criminal mischief).

Oct. 15 — W. Third, 300 block — Male trespassed from a property.

Oct. 15 — W. Third Street, 300 block — Male lodged at NORCOR for criminal trespass II and a parole violation warrant.

Driving under the influence of intoxicants:

Oct. 9 — W. Seventh, 3200 block — Female driving under the influence of an illegal substance reported.

Oct. 10 — E. 19th, 1700 block — Possible incident of driving under the influence of intoxicants reported.

Oct. 11 — W. 13th and Webber — Male reported to be passed out in the front seat of a vehicle. A male declined medical assistance and walked from the scene.

The vehicle was blocking the south shoulder of the street and was towed. The male was arrested for driving under the influence of intoxicants and released to his sister after providing two breath samples.

Oct. 13 — Cherry Heights, 1300 block — Female arrested for driving under the influence of intoxicants. BAC registered .21 percent.

Motor vehicle crashes, incidents, offenses and impounds:

Oct. 9 — W. Sixth, 1300 block — Two car, non-injury traffic crash reported.

Oct. 9 — W. Sixth, 1300 block — Hit and run reported.

Oct. 9 — E. Second, 200 block — Officer noted two vehicle traveling at a high rate of speed and signaled to the closest vehicle to stop. The male driver was cited for speed racing.

Oct. 10 — W. 11th, 500 block — Warning citation issued for a vehicle with a for sale sign parked on a street without registration.

Oct. 11 — 10th and Walnut — A vehicle was recovered after a pursuit. The vehicle was towed.

Oct. 11 — E. 19th, 1800 block — Hit and run reported.

Oct. 13 — E. Fourth and Court Street — Two car traffic crash reported. One driver was cited for failure to obey a stop sign and cell phone.

Oct. 14 — E. 18th, 900 block — Hit and run reported.

Oct. 14 — W. Sixth, 1200 block — Hit and run reported.

Oct. 14 — W. Seventh and Snipes — Possible child driving a vehicle reported.

Oct. 15 — E. Seventh, 400 block — Hit and run reported.

Oct. 15 — E. 12th and Oregon Avenue — Non-injury traffic crash reported. Both drivers were cited.

Outstanding warrants, parole, probation or terms violations:

Oct. 9 — Creek View Lane, 700 block — Male arrested for four warrants and trespass II, and lodged at NORCOR.

Oct. 11 — The Dalles — No contact order violation reported.

Oct. 12 — E. Seventh, 400 block — Male cited and released for a warrant.

Oct. 12 — W. Fourth — Possible parole violation reported.

Oct. 13 — Court Street, 400 block — Female cited for a failure to appear warrant.

Oct. 14 — W. Seventh and Floral Court — Female cited for a Hood River Circuit Court warrant. In the same incident, another female was arrested and lodged at NORCOR for felony elude in a vehicle, hit and run and an out of state warrant.

Oct. 15 — W. Second Place and Pentland — Female lodged at NORCOR on a warrant.

Oct. 15 — E. Seventh, 400 block — Male cited and released on a warrant.

Oct. 15 — E. Second, 3500 block — Male cited and

released on a warrant out of Clackamas County.

Sex offenses:

Oct. 12 — The Dalles — Sex crime / rape reported.

Theft, burglary or robbery:

Oct. 9 — E. 17th, 1200 block — Attempted car prowler reported. A piece of wood was left behind and damage done to a door.

Oct. 9 — E. 18th, 1300 block — Car prowler reported. Two coin purses were emptied and the vehicle trashed.

Oct. 9 — Cherry Heights Road, 600 block — Theft of a catalytic converter reported.

Oct. 9 — E. 18th, 700 block — Possible theft of packages reported.

Oct. 9 — E. Second, 200 block — Theft reported. A female caused a disturbance and stated she would not pay her bill after a bartender declined to serve her more alcohol. She left prior to officers' arrival without paying for her meal (\$27).

Oct. 9 — W. Sixth, 1200 block — Theft of a purse reported.

Oct. 10 — E. Third, 500 block — Theft reported.

Oct. 10 — Mt. Hood Street, 500 block — It was reported that a business removed items from a subject's cart that were not found on a receipt. The male told officers he accidentally took too much from the business but gave it back.

Oct. 11 — E. 11th, 1700 block — Fuel reported to have been taken from a vehicle overnight.

Oct. 11 — E. 10th, 2300 block — Car prowler reported. A purse that contained a driver's license and credit/debit cards were stolen from a truck.

Oct. 11 — 14th Street — Stolen vehicle reported.

Oct. 11 — E. Seventh — Theft of \$300 reported.

Oct. 11 — E. Seventh — Burglary reported.

Oct. 12 — W. Seventh and Hostetler — Roll of carpet reported as stolen the previous week and found outside a building. The carpet was retrieved by its owner.

Oct. 12 — Roberts Street, 1100 block — Items missing from a garage reported (theft).

Oct. 13 — W. Sixth, 300 block — Theft of items reported.

Oct. 13 — W. Sixth, 1200 block — Theft of items reported.

Oct. 14 — E. 11th, 600 block — Stolen vehicle reported. A wallet, including birth certificate and license, were also in the vehicle.

Oct. 14 — W. 10th and Cherry Heights Road — Female reported to be in a Portland hospital and that her medical marijuana and a jacket were stolen at the above location. A debit card was also reported as stolen and used to buy several items.

Oct. 15 — W. Verdant Street, 1000 block — Car prowler reported.

Oct. 15 — E. 14th, 2400 block — Residential prowler reported.

Oct. 15 — Webber Street, 100 block — Burglary reported.

Other:

Oct. 9-15 — The Dalles — Officers responded to 36 welfare and/or mental health checks.

Oct. 9 — W. 11th, 1600 block — Noise complaint reported. A resident said they would turn the music down.

Oct. 10 — Cherry Heights Road — Missing person reported.

Oct. 14 — W. Home Court, 800 block — Missing person reported.



Correct answer, last week's puzzle



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9	5	3	2	7	6	8	4	1
8	4	2	3	1	9	5	6	7
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