



**World FACT:**  
 WHAT DO THE PEOPLE OF ENGLAND CALL SANTA CLAUS?  
 ANSWER: FATHER CHRISTMAS

**What's the Difference?**

There are five things different between Picture A and Picture B. Can you find them all?



ANSWERS: 1. Sign says, "Returns." 2. Train missing 3. Two stockings hanging 4. Santa suit is white 5. Three \$ on register instead of four

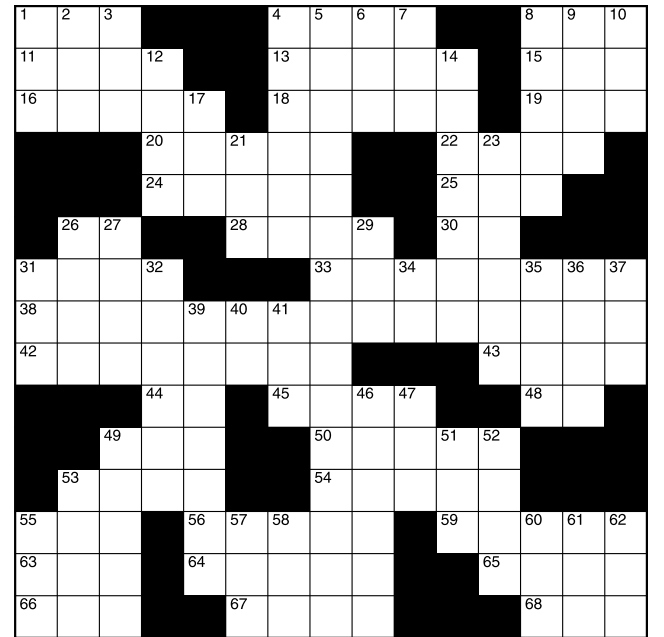
**THIS DAY IN...**



- 1845: TEXAS BECAME THE 28TH STATE IN THE UNITED STATES.
- 1851: THE FIRST AMERICAN YMCA OPENED IN BOSTON.
- 1996: A PEACE AGREEMENT WAS SIGNED IN GUATEMALA ENDING 36 YEARS OF CONFLICT.

**new word**

**lore**  
 knowledge gained through tradition



**CLUES ACROSS**

- British thermal unit
- Slightly open
- Ultrahigh frequency
- Rendered hog fat
- Compositions for one voice
- Bird beak
- Narrow headband
- Article of bedding
- Grand \_\_, vintage
- Loud warning sound
- Whale ship captain
- Clearly delineated
- Chart of Earth's surface
- Canadian province
- Occupational safety and health act
- Mister
- Scandinavian nomad
- Charge for borrowing money
- Hemingway novel
- Slender tubes of pasta
- Somalian shilling
- A rare earth
- A domed or vaulted recess
- An individual's micro-processor
- Madagascar franc
- Weighing device
- a.k.a. Bhulan dolphin
- Pertaining to eggs
- Baglike structure in a plant
- Concerning
- Bleated
- Exclamation: yuck!
- Bread fungus
- Netherlands river
- More (Spanish)
- Used to carry food for serving
- A monotonous routine-

**CLUES DOWN**

- Bacon-lettuce-tomato sandwich
- \_\_-kwon-do
- Large pot for making coffee
- Judge the worth of something
- The march king
- Brew
- Eggs of a female fish
- Remove lid
- Plant lacking a permanent woody stem
- Burundi franc
- A flat circular plate
- Speak haltingly
- Atmosphere
- Former Brazilian capital
- 1st Albus Dumbledore
- Ryukyu Islands City
- Detailed description of design criteria
- \_\_sel Adams: photographer
- Source of remembered information
- Old Testament book
- In the direction of
- Employee stock ownership plan
- Site Evaluation Steering Committee
- Hormone that stimulates the thyroid gland
- South American nation
- Negative response
- Santa \_\_ winds
- Beam me up, \_\_!
- Take in solid food
- Klaus \_\_, physicist spy
- Women's \_\_ movement
- Mild yellow Dutch cheese made in balls
- Narrative adventure story
- A quantity obtained by addition
- Stake
- Paddle
- Swiss river
- Cologne
- Spring clocks ahead (abbr.)

**How they SAY it in...**

**English:** NIGHT  
**Spanish:** NOCHE  
**Italian:** NOTTE  
**French:** NUIT  
**German:** NACHT

**Did You Know?**

CHRISTMAS TREES HAVE BEEN SOLD IN THE UNITED STATES COMMERCIALY SINCE AROUND 1850.

**get the PICTURE?**

Can you guess what the bigger picture featured here is?  
 ANSWER: TREE ORNAMENTS

**HOROSCOPES**

**ARIES -- Mar 21/Apr 20**  
 Aries, avoid the urge to rush through something you have to accomplish. While it certainly will get the job done faster, you'll have to spend more time redoing it.

**TAURUS -- Apr 21/May 21**  
 An inspirational meeting will take place, Taurus. Take what you can from the experience and use it to impart positive changes in your life through next year.

**GEMINI -- May 22/June 21**  
 A conflict at work escalates, Gemini. Remember, it takes two to tango, so don't assume you don't have any responsibility in this altercation. Good money days arrive next week.

**CANCER -- June 22/July 22**  
 For those Cancers thinking about settling down with someone special, now is the time to do so. For Cancers already in a relationship, solidify your feelings.

**LEO -- July 23/Aug 23**  
 Leo, an adventure can occur if you throw caution to the wind and dive right in. The trouble is that you're feeling a bit grounded, something you have to overcome.

**VIRGO -- Aug 24/Sept 22**  
 Virgo, do something that is outside of your realm of experience. You will get a charge from the new surroundings and tasks learned.

**LIBRA -- Sept 23/Oct 23**  
 Rash decisions are not advised at this time, Libra. Keep the status quo into early next year and then reassess your plans for the future. Cancer proves a thorn in your side.

**SCORPIO -- Oct 24/Nov 22**  
 Don't let your temper get the best of you, Scorpio. Level-headedness is what's needed to make it through some stressful days ahead. Times for relaxation are not far off.

**SAGITTARIUS -- Nov 23/Dec 21**  
 Others will expect you to be the life of the party. The trouble is, you find it difficult to muster the energy needed to be all smiles this week. Enlist a pinch hitter.

**CAPRICORN -- Dec 22/Jan 20**  
 Capricorn, if money issues get you frazzled, it should come as no surprise. Money has been flying out of your wallet faster than you can replenish it.

**AQUARIUS -- Jan 21/Feb 18**  
 There's no use fighting the waves on an issue that proves a bone of contention, Aquarius. You are outnumbered in your views and will not win this battle.

**PISCES -- Feb 19/Mar 20**  
 Pisces, if others are looking at you strangely it could be because you're giving off odd vibes. But you enjoy marching to your own beat.

**FAMOUS BIRTHDAYS DECEMBER 23**  
 Susan Lucci, Actress (61)

**DECEMBER 24**  
 Ryan Seacrest, T.V. Personality (33)

**DECEMBER 25**  
 Dido, Singer (36)

**DECEMBER 26**  
 Ozzie Smith, Athlete (53)

**DECEMBER 27**  
 John Amos, Actor (68)

**DECEMBER 28**  
 John Legend, Singer (29)

**DECEMBER 29**  
 Ted Danson, Actor (60)