

# TRIVIA? Dear Abby

Trinidad Trivia

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Which of these hotels was NOT in existence prior to 1900?  
 a. Briery Hotel  
 b. Overland Hotel  
 c. Toltec Hotel  
 d. U.S. Hotel

Yesterday's answer: Tony Nigro

## WHAT'S UP TODAY?

Today is Wednesday, Feb. 24, the 54th day of 2010. There are 311 days left in the year.

### Highlights in history on this date:

- 1916 - Battle of Verdun in France begins with a massive German artillery bombardment. It is the longest and bloodiest battle of World War I, with more than one million killed.
- 1919 - Bavarian Premier Kurt Eisner is assassinated in Munich.
- 1921 - Brig. Reza Khan overthrows Iranian government in military coup and later becomes shah.
- 1922 - British protectorate in Egypt ends.
- 1989 - Islamic rebels fire rockets into Afghanistan cap-

ital of Kabul, killing one person and injuring three others; playwright Vaclav Havel is convicted for his role in an officialy banned rally in Czechoslovakia.

1992 - For the first time since the Communist revolution of 1949, China welcomes foreigners back to its Shanghai stock market.

1999 - The party of Gen. Olusegun Obasanjo narrowly wins in Nigeria's legislative elections, giving him the edge in an upcoming presidential election and signaling a return to democracy.

2000 - In a clear endorsement of moderate President Mohammed Khatami, voters reject Iran's hard-liners, giving reformists the largest number of seats in parliament.

2001 - More than 1,000 people watch as two women con-

victed of prostitution are hanged in southern Kandahar, the headquarters of the Taliban. The women, also convicted of "corrupting society," are executed in the sports stadium.

2002 - U.S. and Pakistani officials confirm that Daniel Pearl, correspondent for the Wall Street Journal, kidnapped a month earlier in Karachi, has been killed by his captors.

2005 - Tens of thousands march through Beirut in the biggest anti-Syrian protest in Lebanese history amid signals that Syria will soon begin withdrawing its troops.

2009 - A few hundred Russian opposition sympathizers hold an anti-Kremlin rally in central Moscow. Former chess champion Garry Kasparov says only the resignation of Prime Minister Vladimir Putin and his government will allow Russia to overcome the financial crisis.

Today's Birthdays:  
 John Henry Newman, English cardinal (1801-1890); Leo Delibes, French composer (1836-1891); W.H. Auden, English poet (1907-1973); Robert Mugabe, president of Zimbabwe (1924-); Kelsey Grammer, U.S. actor (1955-); Mary Chapin Carpenter, U.S. country singer (1958-); Jack Coleman, U.S. actor (1958-); Christopher Atkins, U.S. actor (1961-).

# 'In Vino Veritas' reveals painful truth of marriage

DEAR ABBY: The other day I asked my husband a question and told him to be honest. If given a choice between giving up wine or giving up sex with me, which would he choose?



Dear Abby  
 Jeanne Phillips

You guessed it. He said, "Giving up sex with you." I think I knew the answer before I asked the question, but hearing it out loud devastated me.

I know every woman wants to be No. 1 in her husband's life. Am I wrong to feel so heartbroken? -- LOST THE BATTLE TO CHARDONNAY

DEAR LOST THE BATTLE: Not at all, particularly if you prefer sex to a full-bodied Cabernet. But now it's time for a follow-up question: "Why?" If sex with you is less interesting to your mate than his vino, he may have an alcohol problem. Or the problem may lie in your bedroom.

One thing is certain: When you asked your question, you "uncorked" the fact that there's a serious problem in your marriage. And now you have an opportunity to do something about it.

DEAR ABBY: My wife is constantly passing gas. She does not care where she is or who is around. I have worked in the trucking industry for almost 30 years and never ran across anyone as flatulent as she is.

She is young and attractive, but there is nothing less appealing than feeling "frisky," getting into bed and hearing the trumpet sounds. I have recommended she see a doctor, but she laughs it off and says, "Everyone does it."

I can't believe I'm the only one with this problem. I could really use some "sound" advice, Abby. -- BLOWN AWAY IN ALLIANCE, OHIO

DEAR BLOWN AWAY: Everyone may do "it," but perhaps not to the extent that your wife does. There are over-the-counter products that can lessen the problem, which may be

related to her diet. However, if her flatulence persists, then I'm recommending you not let your wife "laugh off" the idea of consulting a physician, because her problem could be a symptom of something that needs to be checked out -- and that's no joke.

DEAR ABBY: Our driveway is directly across from our neighbor's dining room window. The only curtain open in their entire house is this one. Since they always sit at this window, they can observe who pulls in and out, what groceries are brought in and how many times we leave.

They make comments like, "I see you had pizza last night," or, "What did you buy at 'Such and Such' store?" This has caused a strain on our relationship with them.

I know they have a right to open whatever curtains they want in their own house, but what about the invasion of our privacy? -- PEEVED BY THE PEEPERS, JOHNSTOWN, PA.

DEAR PEEVED: Apparently what's going on in your driveway is better than what's on television. Because you can't change your neighbors, you're going to have to find the humor in this situation and change the way you react. They may be trying to make conversation because there's nothing else going on in their lives. And their curiosity might turn out to be a blessing one day if someone tries to enter your home in your absence.

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**Answer to previous Word Scrimmage**

**WORD SCRIMMAGE™ SOLUTION BY JUDD HAMBRICK**  
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<b>AVERAGE GAME 225-235 PTS</b>	<b>JUDD'S TOTAL = 357</b>

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Photo by Tim Keller

Des Moines Rodeo Club calls Sierra Grande home. From left, sponsor Sue Vincent, Rhodi Martin, Ann Vincent, Samantha Bastillo, Shayla Martin, Austin Vincent, and sponsor Jeanalyn Martin.

# Des Moines Rodeo Club Saddles Up

TIM KELLER  
 The Chronicle-News

Des Moines Rodeo Club is looking for a home, but its members aren't sitting on their hands waiting. The Des Moines High School students are midway through a long, busy year of competitions throughout New Mexico and elsewhere.

According to sponsor Jeanalyn Martin, the school thinks of rodeo as an outside activity, not a school sport. "Rodeo is an NMAA-sanctioned high school sport," Martin says. "These kids are athletes." The New Mexico Activities Association sanctions sports for official interscholastic competition.

But Martin says that she and co-sponsor Sue Vincent carry the bulk of the load -- along with other parents and the teen athletes themselves -- when it comes to transportation, entry fees, and cheerleading. And Des Moines' young horsemen are making a name for the school throughout New Mexico.

After 8 rodeos and halfway through the New Mexico High School Rodeo Association's 2009-2010 season, homeschooled senior Rhodi Martin is in 6th place overall in barrel racing and 10th place in poles. Her sister Shayla Martin, a DMHS sophomore, holds 4th place in barrels, qualifying for the annual High School/College Challenge in Farmington. The Challenge brings the state's top 5 high school competitors in each event to compete against New Mexico college rodeo athletes. College rodeo scouts from throughout the West use the event to spot and recruit scholarship prospects.

DMHS senior Ann Vincent leans toward her Texas roots, competing in both Texas Region I and Tri-State high school rodeo circuits. In Tri-State, she's in 8th place overall in

poles, 12th in barrels, 10th in goat tying, and 12th place overall. She also competes in breakaway roping.

Sophomore Austin Vincent, competing in steer wrestling for the first time this year, is in 2nd place on the Tri-State circuit, and 13th overall. In Texas Region I, he's in 3rd in steer wrestling and 9th overall. He also competes in tie-down roping and ribbon roping.

Its successes are generating excitement and bringing new members to the Des Moines Rodeo Club. Recent additions are Bryan Jacobs and Samantha Bastillo, with others in the wings. The community's long-standing Sierra Grande Horse Association summer youth rodeo series has been a breeding ground for local talent.

The club's organizers, when they're not shuttling kids, horses, and long trailers across New Mexico on the weekends, are holding a series of fundraisers to help defray the considerable costs of entry fees and transportation. The New Mexico circuit includes rodeos as far flung as Roswell and Farmington, Gallup and Clovis, Alamogordo and Santa Fe, T or C and Grants.

Last weekend's raffle of a donated cord of firewood brought in more than \$500, so they plan to do that a couple times next fall. This spring they'll offer up their Buckaroo Dance with a live band and activities for every member of the family, including skits and a bucking barrel.

Meantime, the young riders are training most days, getting in their horseback time despite busy schedules of school, basketball, and other responsibilities. Like all athletes, they know a thing or two about the rewards of hard work.

# Snowplow safety

By Trooper R. Decristino,  
 Colorado State Patrol  
 Special to The Chronicle-News

During winter storms, Colorado Department of Transportation (CDOT) snowplows work around the clock to keep Colorado roadways clean and safe for traveling motorists. These large vehicles can present a hazard for drivers who follow too closely or pass when visibility is poor. CDOT plows use distinctive amber and blue lights to warn motorists well in advance that snow removal operations are underway. When you see these lights, your best course of action is to follow these safety tips:

### SNOWPLOW SAFETY TIPS:

\*Yield right-of-way to snowplows. They are cleaning the roadway for you.

\*Do Not Pass! Never drive into a snow cloud "rooster tail." Plows will periodically pull over to allow traffic to pass safely.

\*Stay alert. A snowplow weighs 17 times more than a car. In a crash, occupants of a car are much more likely to be seriously injured.

\*Slow down! Never use cruise control on wet or icy roads.

\*Be patient and follow at a safe distance. Allow at least six car lengths between your vehicle and a snowplow to avoid damage from sand, liquid de-icer and flying objects from the plow's blade.

\*Turn headlights on.

\*Avoid blind spots. Plow drivers cannot see directly behind their trucks.

CDOT snowplow operators are extremely safe-conscious drivers, but they need your help. Stay back and let them safely do their job clearing the roadways for you. Don't take a chance. Don't crowd the plow!

Blotter

• Trp Valdez investigated a crash on Las Animas County road 43.7 after Luis Medina, 38 of Las Vegas, NV crashed his vehicle.

Medina was arrested for DUI.

• Trp Leal arrested Alissa Smith, 35 of Trinidad for driving while license suspended.

• Trp Leal arrested Jay Williams, 61 of Lakewood for DWAI.

• Trp Boepple arrested Jeffrey Cornay, 38 of Des Moines for DUI.

• Sgt Billinger arrested Andrew Armijo, 51 of Trinidad for DUI.

Send us your traffic questions at [Jorge.Leal@cdps.state.co.us](mailto:Jorge.Leal@cdps.state.co.us)

District Court for Las Animas County, Colorado Court Address: 200 E. First Street, Room 304 Trinidad, CO 81082	
John P. Noard, Doris C. Noard, Betty R. Withington, and Jerry Withington Plaintiffs:	
vs.	
Todd Nathan AKA, Todd A. Nathan, Las Animas County Sheriff James W. Casias, Sante Fe Trail Ranch Property Owners Association, a Colorado non-profit corporation, and all unknown persons who claim any interest in the subject matter of this action	Court Use Only
<b>Defendants:</b>	
Attorney for Plaintiffs: Jesse Manzanares 122 W. 1st Street Trinidad, CO 81082-2789 Phone Number: (719) 846-4447 Atty. Reg.#: 499 FAX Number: (719) 845-0313 E-mail: <a href="mailto:jcm6@comcast.net">jcm6@comcast.net</a>	<b>Case Number:</b> 09CV180  <b>Division:</b> Courtroom:
<b>SUMMONS</b>	
<b>THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF COLORADO</b> To: Todd Nathan aka Todd A. Nathan, Defendant	
<b>YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED</b> and required to appear and defend against the claims of the complaint filed with the court in this action, by filing with the clerk of this court an answer or other response. You are required to file your answer or other response within 30 days after the service of this summons upon you. Service of this summons shall be complete on the day of the last publication. A copy of the complaint may be obtained from the clerk of the court.	
If you fail to file your answer or other response to the complaint in writing within 30 days after the date of the last publication, judgment by default may be rendered against you by the court for the relief demanded in the complaint without further notice.	
This is an action to quiet the title and reform a certain Sheriff's Deed in and to the real property situate in Las Animas County, Colorado, as follows:	
"All in Santa Fe Trail Ranch, Las Animas County, Colorado: Lot 7 and Lot B, Unit 1, Lot 8, Unit 1, Lot 9, Unit 1, according to the plat recorded 4-30-1990, at Reception No. 588333, Book 873, Page 261, in the Las Animas County, Colorado Records"	
Dated January 27, 2010	
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s/s _____ Jesse Manzanares, Attorney For Plaintiffs	
(This summons is issued pursuant to Rule 4 (h), Colorado Rules of Civil Procedure)	
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