

The Children's Place

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DRAW IT!

DRAW THE REST OF THIS FROG...



RIBBIT !!

GIVE ME 5 RHYMES FOR FROG...

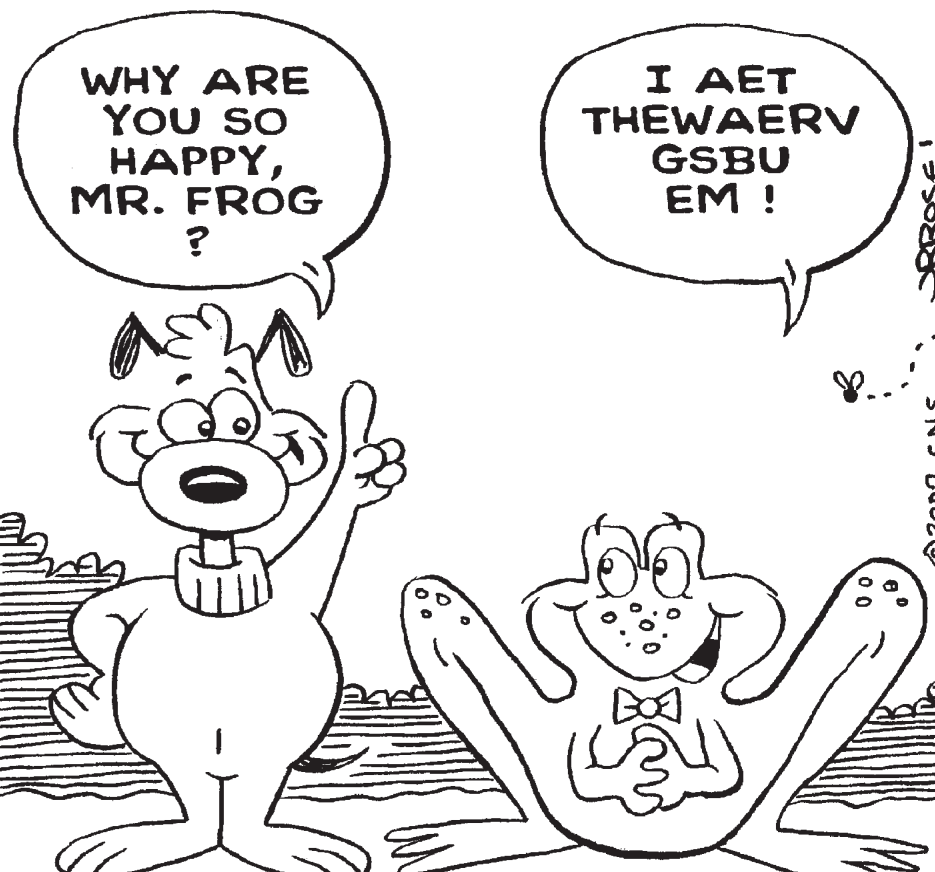


HOW ABOUT DOG ?

START AT THE ARROW AND WRITE DOWN EVERY OTHER LETTER TO SEE WHAT YOU CALL A FROG THAT'S VERY SAD...



THERE'S A HAPPY OLD GREEN FROG NEXT TO ME, YOUR PUPPY DOG ! UNSCRAMBLE HIM AND YOU'LL SEE WHAT THIS FROG JUST SAID TO ME!



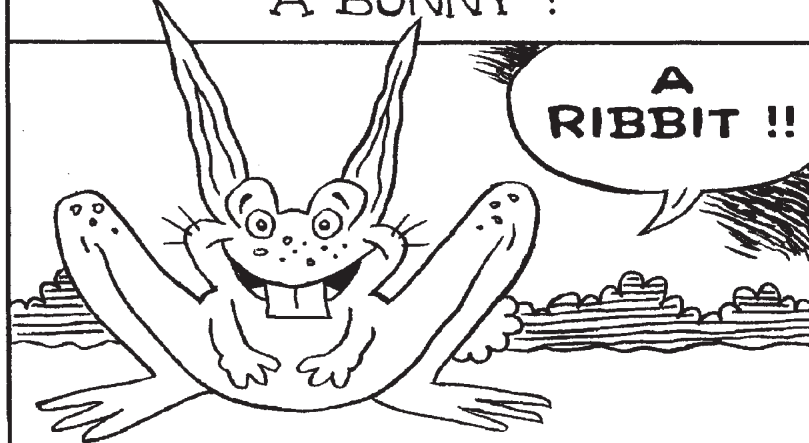
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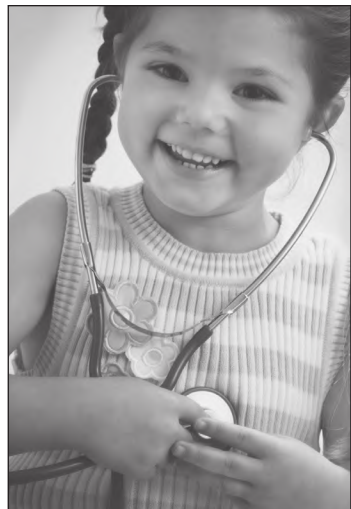
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Child Health

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be done, however. Challenges in children's health include:

- Reducing the number of uninsured children. Despite expansion of the Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP), each year more working families look to the state for help with medical coverage.
- Addressing mental health issues. The 2006 Youth Risk Behavior Survey found that more

than 28% of Utah youth reporting feelings so sad or hopeless that they stopped doing some usual activities.

- Reducing injury-related deaths. Motor vehicle crashes are the leading cause of death for Utah teens ages 15-19. Each year, motor vehicle crashes account for an average of 40 deaths, 330 hospitalizations, and 5,400 emergency department visits for Utah teens ages 15-19. In 2006, the UDOH and all 12 local health departments began a coordinated statewide campaign to increase teen seatbelt use and are currently promoting pro-

gram the national "Don't Drive Stupid" (www.dontdrivestupid.com) safety initiative.

As a state, we encourage everyone to get involved in improving the health of our youth," said Linda Abel, UDOH health program manager. "This means making sure children's vaccinations are up-to-date, teaching teens the importance of responsible driving, and supporting schools to teach health and nutrition and keeping students physically active to reduce childhood obesity. Together, we can make a difference for our children."



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Housing grants for rural homes

Thomas C. Dorr, the agriculture under secretary for rural development, announced today the selection of the recipients of \$9.6 million in Housing Preservation grants. Grants will be used to repair or rehabilitate individual housing and rental properties owned or occupied by very low and low-income rural residents. The 149 awards will be distributed to community organizations in 49 states, Puerto Rico, the Virgin Islands and the Western Pacific.

"Every citizen deserves to live in safe and affordable housing," Dorr said. "I am pleased that these USDA Rural Development funds will help rural Americans across the nation and in U.S. territories make needed repairs to their homes. The grants will help low-income families fix housing problems such as leaking roofs, unsafe plumbing or crumbling foundations."

The grants are being awarded to intermediaries -- such as town or county governments, Indian Tribes or nonprofit organizations -- which, in turn, provide grant funds to homeowners or owners of multi-family rental properties or cooperative dwellings.

For example, the Uintah Basin Association of Governments in Roosevelt, Utah, was selected for a \$50,000 grant to rehabilitate 10 to 15 homes in Daggett, Duchesne and Uintah counties. The project is intended to enhance the health, safety and well being of very low-income homeowners and assist in bringing their homes into compliance with local housing standards and codes, including energy efficiency standards. The grant funds awarded are contingent upon the recipient meeting the conditions of the grant agreement. A complete list of the selected recipients is posted on the USDA Rural Development web site at <http://www.rurdev.usda.gov>

USDA Rural Development's mission is to increase economic opportunity and improve the quality of life for rural residents. Rural Development has invested more than \$76.8 billion since 2001 for equity and technical assistance to finance and foster growth in homeownership, business development, and critical community and technology infrastructure. More than 1.5 million jobs have been created or saved through these investments.

Further information on rural programs is available at a local USDA Rural Development office or by visiting Utah's web site at <http://www.rurdev.usda.gov/ut/>. Feel free to call the Utah State Office at 801-524-4320 x2. Contact: Vernal Office at 435-789-2100 ext. 6.

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