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Title: 16 pt Helvetica Bold  
Text: 11 pt Times New Roman  
Page Size: 6 inches horizontal, 8 inches vertical  
Line Spacing: 6 lines per inch

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- How did the snake get its name?
- Would you patronize a beauty shop named Curl Up and Dye? Or a maternity outlet called Mother Frockers?
- Did you know that "The Towering Inferno" can be anagrammatically reviewed as "not worth a fire engine"?
- Is Aaat's Bay (Alaska) the first geographic placename in the United States, and Zzyzx Springs (California) the last?
- Are there more people named Gary Gray than all other transposable first-and-last-names combined?
- Should we be surprised that there has not yet been a United States president named Smith?

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