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Maria Rouse, R.I.P.

We recently were informed that our neighbor, Maria Rouse, an ORIGINAL Bowfiner, passed away this month.

We also learned that Maria was a talented singer, and had performed with big stars in the 1950s and 1960s under the name "Maria Del Carmen."

Some of her beautiful singing can be found on Youtube (here's an example: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=sSr1cVRQ5no>)

She and her family were featured in the Bowfin Inquirer of April, 2014. A copy of that issue, containing the interview by her next-door neighbor, Lauren Iwata, is available at our online website: bowfininquirer.com

Finding A Skeleton in My Closet !

by Jerry Lerman (344)

I've been enjoying very much the excitement of looking up family names on genealogy.com and finding not only revealing Census records about my forebears, but also the occasional newspaper article (mostly birth/wedding/death notices). But it might turn up other things, too! This short article about my dad, Lawrence, and his father, Pincus, who owned a small grocery in Detroit, appeared in 1947:

FINED BY MURPHY

Those fined by Judge Murphy were:
PINCOS LERMAN, owner, and **LAWRENCE LERMAN** of Lerman's Market, 2452 Hastings street, maintaining unjust scales and offering short weight meat for sale.

Aaron's Question Column

Question: Eve and I have been busy doing jigsaw puzzles, so I'm wondering whether there is any history written about the invention of jigsaw puzzles.
-Jerry



The first known jigsaw puzzle.

Aaron's Answer (A'sA): The earliest known jigsaw puzzle was made by a cartographer in England named John Spilsbury in 1766. (Not to be confused with Jonathan Spilsbury, his older brother) John Spilsbury was an apprentice to Thomas Jefferys, the Royal Geographer to King George III. Spilsbury created the first jigsaw puzzle in 1766 by pasting a map of Europe onto a block of wood and cutting the map into sections using a jigsaw, a type of saw which can cut almost perfect edges from wood, no matter how convoluted the edge is. The puzzle was first used as an educational tool for children, before Spilsbury realized the idea's money-making potential. He founded a business and started manufacturing many puzzles which each fit into 1 of 8 themes, the World, Europe, Asia, Africa, America, England

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