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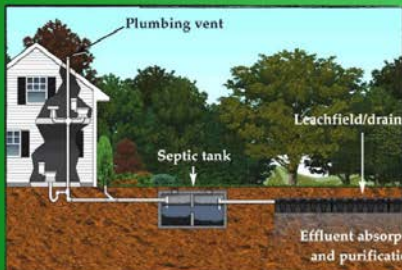
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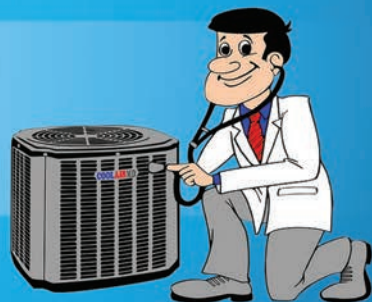
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traffic problems. Here's a look at the areas where traffic is the norm, courtesy of TomTom Traffic Index and U.S. News & World Report.

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#### United States

1. Chicago 2. Boston 3. New York City 4. Philadelphia 5. Miami 6. Los Angeles 7. San Francisco 8. Washington, D.C. 9. Houston 10. Atlanta

These cities' traffic woes, though significant, still pale in comparison to one of the most congested cities in the world: Bangalore.

According to TomTom, this city in India is the most congested metropolis in the world, with a congestion level of 71 percent.

## North American cities with the most traffic

Traffic is an obstacle no driver wants to encounter. Sitting behind the wheel of a vehicle inching along the roadway and traveling well under the speed limit can be extremely frustrating, particularly when it occurs while commuting to work or school.

Traffic is avoidable if travelers depart at off-peak hours or take more circuitous routes. Others may be able to steer clear of traffic if they live in cities or towns where congestion on the roadways is less common. However, millions of drivers have no such luxury.

Certain cities across the United States and Canada are plagued by

Mr. Jones is driving past the state mental hospital when his left rear tire suffers a flat. While he is changing the tire, another car goes by, running over the hub cap in which he was keeping the lug nuts. The nuts are all knocked into a nearby storm drain.

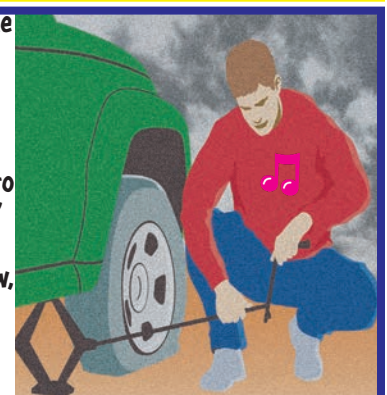
He is at a loss for what to do and is about to go call a cab when he hears a shout from behind the hospital fence, where one of the inmates has been watching the whole thing.

"Hey, pal! Why don't you just take one lug nut off each of the other three wheels and use them to replace the missing ones? That'll hold your tires on until you can get to a garage or something."

Mr. Jones is startled by the patient's seeming rationality, but realizes the plan will work, and installs the spare tire without incident. Before he leaves, he calls back to the patient. "You know, that was pretty sharp thinking. Why do they have you in there?"

The patient smiles and says, "I'm in here because I'm crazy, not because I'm stupid."

BY Sharon Rothlien of Citrus County





# COMMUNITY BOARD

## AUGUST

### 5th & 6th

Citrus County Concert Choir invites you to "Songs That Make You Smile" Aug 5th at 3:00PM at Faith Lutheran Church located at 935 S Crystal Glen Drive Lecanto, FL. Our second showing will be Aug 6th at 3:00PM at First Presbyterian Church of Inverness 206 Washington Ave. Inverness, FL Admission at the door is \$10 for adults, Students will be admitted for free. Proceeds provide scholarships to Citrus County high school students pursuing degrees in the musical arts. For more information call (352) 634-3927 or visit [www.Citruschoir.com](http://www.Citruschoir.com)

### 8th & 22nd

Free Florida-Friendly Landscaping" Gardening Workshops in August Citrus County Utilities Florida-Friendly Landscaping" program offers free classes are held in-person at the Citrus County UF/IFAS Extension Building, located at 3650 W Sovereign Path in Lecanto from 2:00 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.. A hybrid option is also available for those wishing to participate online. To register, please visit <https://ccufflprogram.eventbrite.com>. Contact Steven Davis at (352) 527-5708 with additional questions  
8th- Optimizing Irrigation Systems- Landscape irrigation is supplemental, but often uses 50-70% of total residential water consumption. Irrigation practices such as seasonal scheduling, catchcan calibration, and selection of drought-tolerant plants are essential to creating a sustainable and waterconserving landscape. 9 Principles of Florida-Friendly Landscaping"  
22nd- learn more about the 9 basic principles used to establish a set of gardening practices which aid gardeners in creating sustainable and successful ornamental gardens. These practices allow gardeners to create beautiful landscapes generating little or no impact to our water resources. Selection of the right plant for the right location, efficient irrigation, proper fertilization, and responsible pest management are several of the topics discussed during this workshop.

### 8th

The Citrus County Genealogical Society will meet August 8 at 10:00 a.m. by Zoom and at the Church of Jesus Christ of the Latter-day Saints, 3474 W Southern St, Lecanto. The speaker will be Debbie Wilson Smyth who will be talking about "Shore to Shore" a last will and testament offers a rich resource of information for genealogical purposes. This presentation provides an overview of the probate process and records that may be created after a person's death. Guests are welcome. To get a link contact Mary Ann Machonkin at [himary@tampabay.rr.com](mailto:himary@tampabay.rr.com)

### 16th

Free ABC of Dementia Workshop at 1 pm at The Citrus Hills Activity Center, located at 240 W. Fenway Drive in Hernando. The workshop is free, but reservations are encouraged. For more information or to reserve seats, call 352-422-3663 or 352-746-7633, or e-mail [deb@coping.today](mailto:deb@coping.today).

### 19th

The Citrus County Craft Council invites you to the Harvest Moon Arts and Crafts Show from 9am to 3pm at the Crystal River Armory. Free parking and admission. Many of your favorite local Citrus County crafters will be on hand with a wide variety of items for sale. We will be there rain or shine, so please mark your calendars and plan to come early for the best selection. Each crafter will donate an item from their work to be raffled off with all proceeds going to the Nature Coast Ministries. The Young Marines will also have food available for purchase the day of the event. For questions or further information, please visit our website at [citruscountycraft.com](http://citruscountycraft.com) or email Jamie Cyrulik at [cccpublicist@gmail.com](mailto:cccpublicist@gmail.com).

## SEPTEMBER

### 10th

COUNTRYSIDE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, 7768 SW. Highway 200, Ocala, proudly welcomes saxophone recording artist EIRINN ABU in concert on Sunday @ 3:00 PM. Eirinn Abu, always a favorite in the Ocala area, has been called "The instrumental version of Josh Groban or Andrea Bocelli." His CDs includes a mix of hymns, such as "Amazing Grace," movie themes, and love songs, including a duet with Dolly Parton of "I Will Always Love You". A love offering will be taken. For info call 352-237-4633.

### 12th

The Citrus County Genealogical Society will meet at 10:00 a.m. by Zoom and at the Church of Jesus Christ of the Latter-day Saints, 3474 W. Southern St., Lecanto. The speaker will be Jean Sanner and she will be discussing using focused research questions and organizational skills on the Shared Matches Tools in order to confirm and expand our paper research trees. We will use charts and third party tools to build proofs of relationship. Guests are welcome. To get a link contact Mary Ann Machonkin at [himary@tampabay.rr.com](mailto:himary@tampabay.rr.com)

### 21st

Summer is coming to an end but new things are beginning all around us. The Woman's Club of Beverly Hills is pleased to announce that they have MOVED to a new location, new date and time, starting on Thurs., Sept. 21st. You are invited to join us and see what we're all about. Many exciting things are happening this year and we hope you will be a part of our non-profit, community service organization. New Location: Central Citrus Community Center, 2804 W. Marc Knighton Ct, Lecanto, FL 34461. Meetings are held on the third Thurs. of the month at 1 pm with guest speakers and light refreshments. Our Lunch Bunch continues each month, different dates, times and locations. We partner with many charities throughout our year, September through May, and enjoy being a part of a growing community. Need more information? Call us at 203-915-7407. Ladies, hope to see you!

## COMMUNITY BOARD SUBMISSIONS DETAILS

To have your free community event or event where the proceeds go to a local not for profit mentioned on the Community Board there is no cost. All submissions need to be received no later than the 18th of the month to ensure they will be published in the next edition. We do have to keep the mention to a 4-6 line maximum (approximately 90 words) to ensure we have room to list everyone's events. If your event mention does not meet these size requirements, then it will be edited. If your event is to support your private business and you are charging a fee, then please see page 4 for our advertising rates.

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## ONGOING

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The 1st & 3rd Tuesdays of each month The Citrus Library Coping Connection offers Online dementia support groups hosted by Certified Dementia Practitioner Debbie Selsavage. The meeting is conducted through on-line, real-time video communication. The connection hub will be located at the Central Ridge Library at 425 W. Roosevelt Blvd in Beverly Hills. Participants will need to arrive at the Central Ridge Library by 12:50 p.m. on the day of the meeting which is from 1 pm to 3 pm. The program is free and available to anyone. For more information, call 352-746-6622 or 352-422-3663.

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Celebrate Recovery at Hills Church, 2 Civic Circle, Beverly Hills, FL. Every Monday Night at 6:00 For more information please call 410-353-7857

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ALZHEIMER'S CAREGIVERS COMMUNITY SUPPORT The Floral City Alzheimer's/Dementia Caregivers Support Group meets on the third Friday of every month in the Floral City United Methodist Church on Marvin St. Meeting starts at 10:30am. There is no charge and all caregivers are welcome to attend with no pressure to speak. For more info. contact Helen Ciampi 352-341-2867 or Marcia Beasley at 352-726-7740

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Hands on Woodturners meetings on 3rd Wednesday of each month at 7pm at Beverly Hills Lion Club 72 Civic Circle Beverly Hills Blvd Visitors are always welcome, members are all levels of turnings A woodturner demonstration given by experienced craftsman contact email: Howturners.com or call Denis Cap 352-489-4374

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FCGC meets the 2nd Friday of every month starting at 11:00 am at the Floral City community center (October we meet on Thursday) and we are looking for new members. If you are interested in gaining friendships, gaining knowledge through speakers, going on field trips, and advice on all things in a garden, then come and see what we're all about. Committed opportunities available. All are welcome. Contact us at: President@FloralCityGardenClub.com

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The German/American Social Club of West Central Florida extends an invitation, please be our guest. We meet every 2nd Mon. of the month, (summers excluded), at 4 PM at the Knights of Columbus Hall located at 2389 W. Norvell Bryant Hwy, (CR486) in Lecanto. We will resume meetings on Sept. 12, 22, at 4 PM. The Meeting for Oct. will be the third Mon. Oct. 17th at 4 PM. We have many exciting events throughout the year.

Contact Sigi Strak for further info. at: 352-854-9616 or email: sigistrak@centurylink.net

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The New York Club meets every 3rd Tues. of the month for lunch at The American Legion, 6585 W. GTL (Hwy. 44W) at 12 noon at \$18 pp. Drinks available from the bar. Dues are \$10 pp per year from Oct., 2022 thru May, 2023. Join us on trips, listen to interesting speakers & special holiday parties. Call Marie @ 845-667-290

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The Homosassa River Garden Club is taking the summer off from their monthly meetings but will resume on October 16th. In the meantime, plans for some fun time together at local restaurants are in the works. Watch our Facebook page "Homosassa River Garden Club" and our website at <https://homosassarivergardenclub.wordpress.com> for up to date info on what's happening with the garden club. Remember you can post garden pictures on our FB page, ask for advice on floral issues and join us at our next get together. For more information please contact Ms. Lorry at 630-269-1096.

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A GriefShare support group begins January 9th at the Hernando Church of the Nazarene, 2101 North Florida Ave. ( Highway 41) Hernando on Mondays' from 10:00 to 12 noon this event will continue through April. All are Welcome. Call the church office at 352-726-6144 or Ruth Brincefield at 352-212-0570 for more information.

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NEW BINGO GAMES at the Floral City Lions Club Community House located at 8370 Orange Ave., Floral City. NEW payouts, NEW games, MORE games. Mondays from 1-3! Come join in the FUN!

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Floral City Heritage Museum located at 8394 E Orange Ave. in Historic Downtown Floral city is open to the public Friday and Saturdays from 10 AM until 2 PM. Come taste a piece of "OLD FLORIDA" history and shop at our country store. Hope to see you there!

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Citrus coin club meeting has moved to crystal river national guard armory 8551 w Venable st crystal river. Meetings are first Thursday of the month at 7pm. All are welcome. Talk, shop, buy or sell coins.

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Crafters of Floral City A casual and friendly group of knitters, crocheters, quilters, artists, jewelry makers and more dedicated to sharing the love of a chosen craft and enjoying time together. Come join us on Tuesdays at 9:00am at the Floral City Baptist Church. 8545 Magnolia St. Floral City. \$2.00 WEEKLY For more information please call: 303 999 5022 or 352 228 9193





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## Float these dessert ideas to guests

National Root Beer Float Day is celebrated each year on August 6. The day is a great chance to dig into a frosty sensation, but root beer floats are ideal just about any time of year.

A traditional root beer float is made by pouring bubbly root beer over vanilla ice cream. Frank J. Wisner, owner of Colorado's Cripple Creek Brewing, is credited with creating the first root beer float on August 19, 1893. Wisner concocted the drink after the snowy peaks of Colorado's Cow Mountain reminded him of ice cream floating in soda. So he combined the two and called the beverage a "Black Cow." Most people now refer to it as a root beer float.

Root beer floats can be made with any variety of root beer. Some of the popular choices include Barq's, Dad's, Mug, IBC, A&W, Stewart's, and Dr. Brown's. Take a tall glass designed for malted drinks or ice cream shakes and spoon in two scoops of vanilla ice cream. Then pour in enough root beer to submerge the ice cream. Top with whipped cream and a cherry.

A classic root beer float can't be beat, but those looking to create a "Float Bar" for a special party dessert offering, can whip up many different combinations of ice cream and beverages. Here are a few ideas.

- ~ Make the root beer floats pint-sized with root beer float shooters.
- ~ Swap vanilla ice cream for chocolate and have an even richer root beer float.
- ~ Use cherry cola and vanilla or black cherry ice cream for a sweet surprise.
- ~ Pair orange soda with vanilla ice cream and make a creamsicle in a cup.
- ~ Pour your favorite iced coffee beverage over coffee or chocolate ice cream for a mocha-style treat.
- ~ Grape soda and peanut butter ice cream creates a drinkable version of a PB&J sandwich.
- ~ Recreate the appeal of chocolate-covered strawberries with strawberry soda poured over chocolate ice cream.
- ~ Pina colodas take on new life when pineapple soda and cream of coconut are mixed with scoops of vanilla ice cream. Add a dash of rum for an adult version.
- ~ For another spirited concoction, skip the ice cream and use lime-flavored sherbet and tequila for a margarita-inspired treat.
- ~ Chocolate soda or Yoo-hoo Chocolate Drink can be added to marshmallow-flavored ice cream and topped with a dusting of graham cracker crumbs for a s'mores-flavored float.

The possibilities are endless when creating floats inspired by the original root beer float.





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1. **Vitamin A:** The World Health Organization reports that vitamin A deficiency is one of the more common nutrient deficiencies across the globe, particularly among children. In fact, the American Optometric Association notes that vitamin A deficiency is the leading cause of preventable blindness in children. So why is vitamin A so vital to eye health? The AOA reports that vitamin A supports functioning of the conjunctival membranes and cornea. In addition, the Chicago-based Kraff Eye Institute notes that vitamin A deficiency can contribute to problems with night vision. Foods such as carrots, milk, eggs, and pumpkin are good sources of vitamin A.

2. **Vitamin E:** The AOA reports that vitamin E can help to reduce the progression of age-related macular degeneration, which the National Eye Institute characterizes as an eye disease that can blur central vision. The NEI also notes that AMD is a leading cause of vision loss among older adults. Vitamin E also can reduce the risk of cataracts. Almonds, sunflower seeds and peanuts are good sources of vitamin E.

3. **Vitamin C:** Also known as ascorbic acid, vitamin C helps to neutralize oxidative damage that can contribute to the formation of cataracts and AMD. The Kraff Eye Institute notes that oxidative stress is responsible for various aging processes and occurs when the body experiences an imbalance between harmful free radicals and helpful antioxidants. Vitamin C is an antioxidant that can help combat a number of age-related eye issues, which underscores the need to include vitamin C in a diet. Cauliflower, cabbage, lemon, and oranges are good sources of vitamin C.

Vision loss is often accepted as an inevitable side effect of aging. Though certain individuals may not be able to avoid some degree of vision loss as they grow older, a diet rich in vitamins A, E and C can reduce risk for various age-related eye health issues.



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		0	8
9		6	20
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Solution		

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Unscramble the words to  
determine the phrase.

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Answer: Perfect vision

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- 2007: NASA LAUNCHES ITS PHOENIX SPACECRAFT.

**CORRECTIVE**

something that  
fixes a problem

*How they  
SAY that in...*

**ENGLISH:** Blind

**SPANISH:** Ciego

**ITALIAN:** Cieco

**FRENCH:** Aveugle

**GERMAN:** Blind

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Know?**

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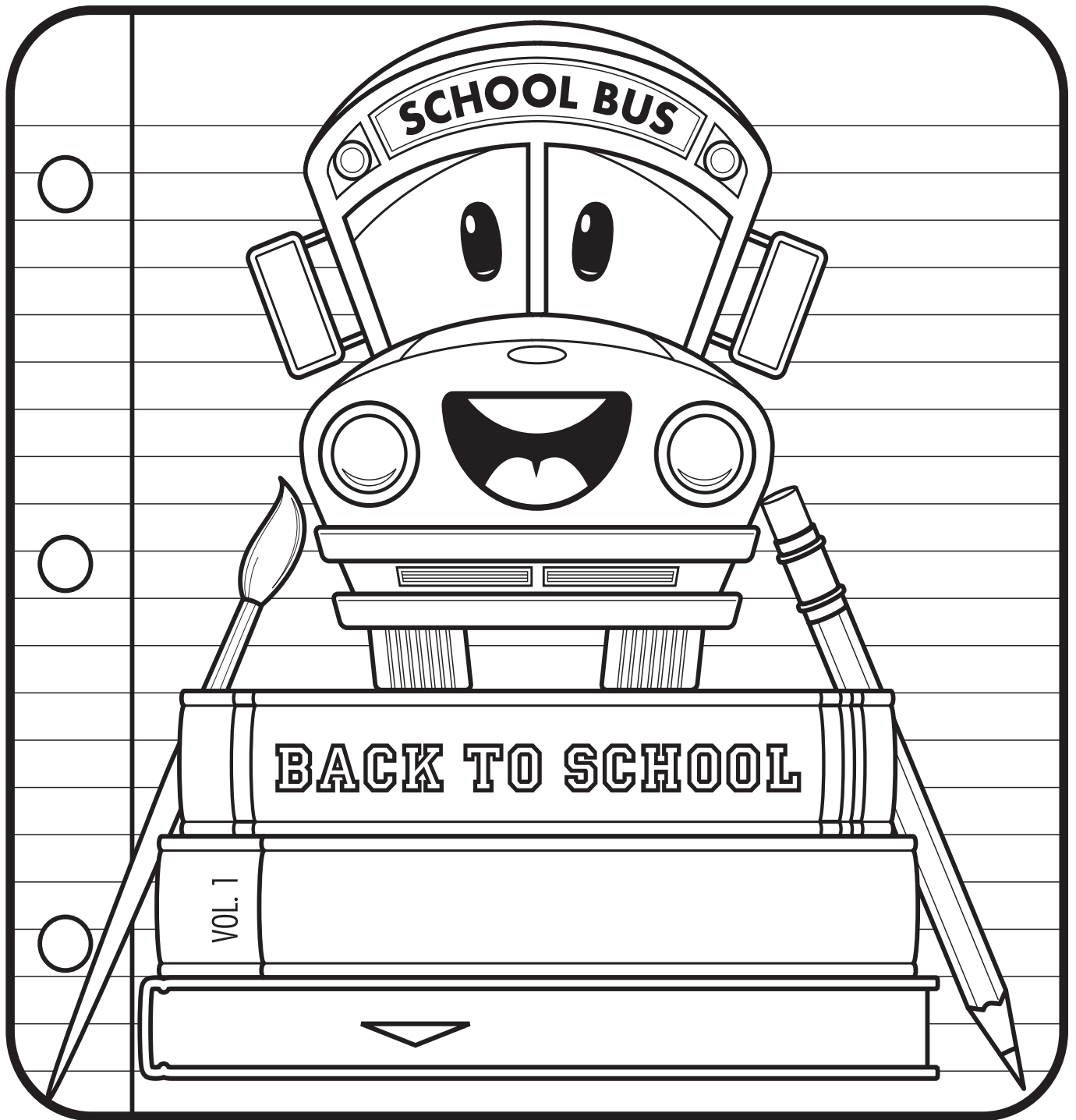
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				8				7
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	4		1	7			9	
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	3			5	6	4	2	
9	2	1				6	3	

Level: Beginner

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	8							4
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**August 2nd 1790** 1st US census conducted, the population was 3,939,214 including 697,624 slaves.

**August 3rd 1972** US Senate ratifies the Anti-Ballistic Missile Treaty with the Soviet Union to limit the use of missile systems capable of defending against missile-delivered nuclear weapons.

**August 4th 1942** 1st train with Jews departs Mechelen Belgium to Auschwitz.

**August 5th 1914** 1st electric traffic light installed in the USA on the corner of East 105th Street and Euclid Avenue in Cleveland, Ohio

**August 6th 1991** Tim Berners-Lee releases files describing his idea for the World Wide Web. WWW debuts as a publicly available service on the Internet

**August 7th 1955** Tokyo Telecommunications Engineering, the precursor to Sony, begins selling its first transistor radios in Japan



**August 8th 1974** US President Richard Nixon announces he will resign at 12pm the next day

**August 9th 1930** Animated character Betty Boop debuts in Max Fleischer's cartoon "Dizzy Dishes"

**August 10th 1628** Swedish warship Vasa sinks in Stockholm, killing 30

**August 11th 2003** NATO takes over command of the peacekeeping force in Afghanistan, marking its first major operation outside Europe in its 54-year-history

**August 12th 1851** American inventor Isaac Singer patents the sewing machine

**August 13th 1521** Spanish conquistadors under Hernán Cortés capture Aztec Emperor Cuauhtémoc in Tenochtitlan marking the end of the Aztec Empire

**August 14th 1842** Second Seminole War declared over by US Army Colonel Worth, after nearly 7 years; more than 3000 Seminole Nation survivors re-located from Florida to Oklahoma, only about 300 allowed to remain

**August 15th 1939** "The Wizard of Oz", American musical fantasy film adaptation of L. Frank Baum's book, premieres at Grauman's Chinese Theatre



**August 16th 1888** T.E. Lawrence better known as 'Lawrence of Arabia' was born in Tremadog, United Kingdom

**August 17th 1590** Governor of Roanoke Island colony, John White, returns from England to find no trace of the colonists he had left there 3 years earlier

**August 18th 1737** First public admittance to the Salon de Paris art exhibition at the Louvre in Paris

**August 19th 1942** World War II: Over 4,000 Canadian and British soldiers killed, wounded or captured raiding Dieppe, France

**August 20th 1619** 1st known African Americans in English North America (approx. 20) land at Point Comfort (Fort Monroe), Virginia. They are then sold or traded into servitude.

**August 21st 1959** Hawaii becomes the 50th US state

**August 22nd 1864** First Geneva Convention adopted in Geneva "for the Amelioration of the Condition of the Wounded in Armies in the Field" signed by 12 nations



**August 23rd 2005** Hurricane Katrina forms over the Bahamas, later becoming a category 5 hurricane

**August 24th 1572** St. Bartholomew's Day Massacre of Protestants by Roman Catholics begins in Paris and later spreads to the French provinces

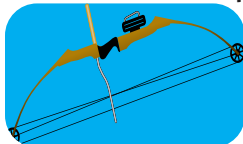
**August 25th 1718** Hundreds of French colonists arrive in Louisiana; New Orleans founded

**August 26th 1963** "Hey Jude" single released by the Beatles in US (Billboard Song of the Year 1968, Billboard 10th biggest song of all time 2013)

**August 27th 1883** Krakatoa volcano, west of Java in Indonesia, erupts with a force of 1,300 megatons and kills approximately 40,000 people

**August 28th 1830** 1st American built locomotive, "Tom Thumb" races a horse-drawn car from Stockton and Stokes stagecoach company from Baltimore to Ellicott Mills. Let history record that due to mechanical problems the horse won!

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~ Screenwriter Rod Serling, Philippines combat

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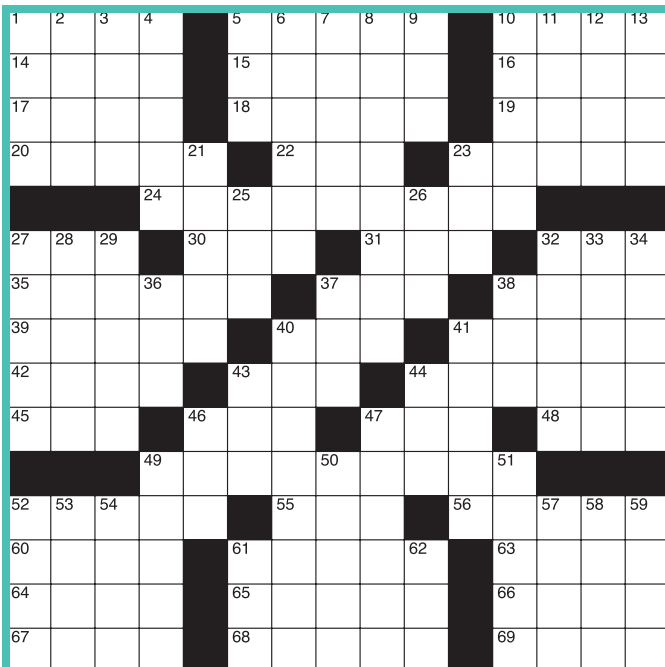


## Guess Who?

I am an actress born in Malaysia on August 6, 1962. I was a beauty pageant winner prior to becoming an actress. I've been in a James Bond movie and recently won a Best Actress Oscar for a role in a 2022 film.

Answer: Michelle Yeoh





#### CLUES ACROSS

1. A way to pick up
5. Presents
10. Type of guitar
14. Actor Idris
15. A citizen of Iran
16. Creative
17. Harness
18. Weight unit
19. You better call him
20. Utterly devoted
22. Male cat
23. Spiritual leader of a Jewish congregation
24. Risk-taker
27. A team's best pitcher
30. Cool!
31. Women's \_\_\_ movement
32. Georgia rockers
35. Step-shaped recess
37. The princess could detect its presence
38. Type of truck
39. Butterhead lettuces
40. Angry people see it
41. Lines where two fabrics are sewn together
42. Soviet city
43. Carpet
44. Traveled all over
45. Thin, straight bar
46. Body art (slang)
47. Congressman (abbr.)
48. No seats available
49. Breaks apart
52. Arabic name
55. Ballplayer's tool
56. Type of sword
60. Baseball team
61. Upper bract of grass floret
63. Italian Seaport
64. Ancient Syrian city
65. Shoelace tube
66. The Miami mascot is one
67. South American nation
68. Popular video game "Max \_\_\_"
69. Body part

#### CLUES DOWN

1. German courtesy title
2. Ancient Greek City
3. Ancient Hebrew calendar month
4. Long-legged frog family
5. Photo
6. Delivered a speech
7. Lute in classical Indian music
8. Decorated
9. Take a seat
10. Belonging to a bottom layer
11. Member of a Semitic people
12. Part of a ticket
13. Defunct Guinean money
21. Challenges
23. Popular BBQ food
25. Subway dweller
26. By way of
27. Shady garden alcove
28. Egyptian city
29. Partner to "flowed"
32. Widens
33. Old Eurasian wheat
34. Act incorrectly
36. European pipeline
37. Al Bundy's wife
38. Ocean
40. Root eaten as a vegetable
41. Sound units
43. Style of music
44. A way to drench
46. Hot beverage
47. A cotton fabric with a satiny finish
49. Rumanian city
50. Urge to action
51. Vaccine developer
52. Canadian law enforcers
53. Wings
54. "Perry Mason" actor Raymond
57. Small fry
58. \_\_\_ Clapton, musician
59. Take a chance
61. Bland food
62. Consumed



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### Kitchen cabinets: reface or replace?

The kitchen is a busy room in many homes. That popularity likely has something to do with why so many homeowners spend sizable sums renovating their kitchens. According to highlights from the 2022 U.S. Houzz Kitchen Trends Study, the median spend on major kitchen remodels grew by 14 percent from the previous year, and minor remodels increased by 25 percent. Spurred on by increased time spent at home during the pandemic, the main impetus for kitchen remodels according to the study was that homeowners wanted to make these improvements all along and finally had the time and means to do so.

There are many aspects of a kitchen that homeowners can change. Houzz found 94 percent of renovators either fully or partially replaced cabinets in their improvement plans. Cabinets are a major component of kitchen layouts. Cabinets help to establish the aesthetic of a kitchen and serve a useful function, providing necessary storage space to ensure the room does not appear cluttered.

Homeowners have different options when it comes to cabinet renovations, and they may need to decide if they need to replace or reface their cabinets.

#### Replacement

Cabinet replacement involves removing all of the existing cabinets before new cabinets are leveled and installed. According to the home improvement resource The Spruce, homeowners can expect to pay between \$13,000 and \$30,000 for contractor grade cabinets. Cabinet replacement is a good idea when homeowners want to add more cabinet space or create a new layout in the room.

#### Refacing

Cabinet refacing is less messy and less disruptive than replacement. All cabinets remain the same size and in the same location. The cabinet boxes must be in good shape to facilitate a refacing. The process involves installation of new drawer fronts and cabinet doors, as well as veneering of the cabinet boxes. New hardware typically is installed as well. The insides of the cabinets typically remain the same. The Spruce says cabinet refacing can be 30 to 50 percent cheaper than a replacement. Most people call in professionals to change their cabinets. Cabinet replacement can be a do-it-yourself job, but it involves measuring and ensuring everything fits and is leveled appropriately. Homeowners who choose to reface their cabinets themselves may opt to paint or restain. Wood veneer or a new door and drawer panel installation can be complicated and is best left to qualified contractors.





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Michelle Allis is our Citrus County July winner! She gets her Peddler's Post where she works as a waitress at The Diner. Michelle has been a resident of Citrus County for about 4 years now, but please know she is not a transplant to our beautiful state, she was born in Cape Canaveral, FL. When Michelle isn't serving our great community, her and her family love to paddle! Kayaking, SUP, and she is even in the K2N Dragon Boat Club! Michelle says her favorite part of the Peddler's Post is the games, but if your advertising a coupon, best believe she is gonna check you out!



Stephanie Kay is our Hernando County July winner! Stephanie and her family moved to Hernando County about 3 years ago. They love to ride their bikes on the Withlacoochee State Trail and love to play in the the Weeki Wachee Springs. Stephanie picks up her Peddler's post at the Tactical Supply & Surplus in Brooksville. She likes the community board and to check out the other small business owners who advertise with us. As a small business owner herself, she like to support others out there trying to hustle their American Dream!





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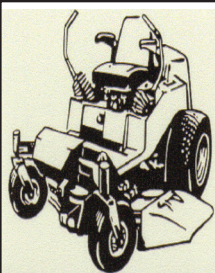


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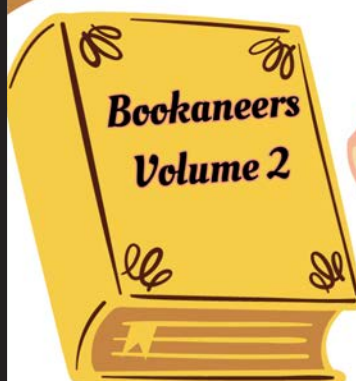
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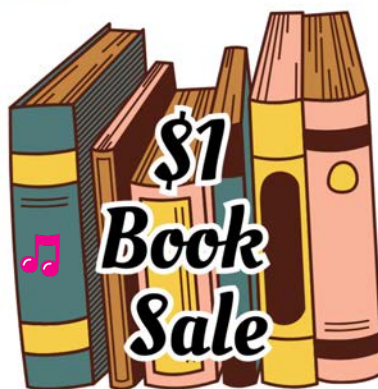
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One last bash as summer winds down is a great way to send off a season that's synonymous with recreation and leisure. And end-of-summer soir'e also provides an opportunity to get together with friends and family before a new school year begins and families' schedules fill up.

As August inches closer to September, hosts can consider these tips as they plan a memorable sendoff to summer.

~ Avoid Labor Day weekend. Labor Day marks the unofficial end of summer in many places, but hosts may want to avoid choosing this popular three-day weekend for their end-of-summer soir'e. A survey from the travel experts at The Vacationer found that roughly 137 million people had travel plans over Labor Day weekend in 2022. Travel is undeniably popular on Labor Day weekend, and hosts likely won't want to contend with guests' travel plans. The weekend before Labor Day may produce a greater turnout, which undoubtedly makes for a more enjoyable affair.

~ Pick a summer theme. An end-of-summer party should have a theme that evokes the season's special vibe. A beach theme with some sand in the backyard, some specialty cocktails served with mini beach umbrellas and, of course, some water play for adults and kids can help to establish a vibe that's synonymous with summer.

~ Serve traditional fare. Though hosts who already hosted a handful of backyard barbecues this summer might have had their fill of hamburgers and hot dogs, an end-of-summer party is the last time many people will eat such foods until next spring. So while it's alright to offer some alternatives, such as meat cooked on a smoker or grilled fish, be sure to offer the standard hamburgers and hot dogs as well.

~ Invite the neighbors. It's tempting to throw a season-ending bash that lasts into the wee hours, but that can be problematic for hosts whose neighbors are within arm's length. That potentially sticky situation can be remedied by inviting the neighbors to the party. Neighbors won't be upset by a little extra nighttime noise if they're living it up as well. If that's not an option, hosts can just remember to turn the volume down a notch once the sun sets.

~ Create a contingency plan. August can be a bit on the rainy side in many areas, particularly those where hurricane season hits full swing as summer winds down. Though summer storms tend to come and go in the blink of an eye, it's best to have a contingency plan in place. If possible, ensure outdoor entertaining areas can provide some respite from the elements if need be. A well-placed pergola can keep guests and food safe from the rain and a retractable patio awning can provide an extra layer of protection. Hosts also can clear out part of their home interior and have some backup games at the ready to accommodate guests if the party has to move inside for a little while.

An end-of-summer soir'e can be the perfect way to say so long to a beloved time of year.





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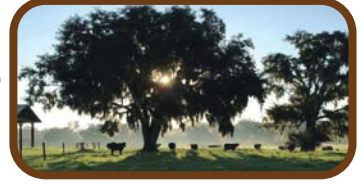
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Clue: Protects against illness

**B. 10 19 11 23 19 9**

Clue: Medical professional

**C. 15 18 18 10 3 18**

Clue: Pointy instrument

**D.** 16 9 19 23 18 11 23 25 19 15

Clue: Provides safeguards

Answers: A. vaccine B. doctor C. needle D. protection



## 5 fun facts about the month of August

Summer is in full swing in August. Come the eighth month of the calendar year, temperatures outside tend to be especially steamy and individuals and families are doing all they can to make the most of the last full month of summer. As summer winds down, individuals can ponder these fun facts about the month of August.

1. Not unlike July, August is named after a notable individual associated with ancient Rome. Augustus Caesar, also known as Octavian and sometimes referred to as Caesar Augustus, was the first Roman emperor. Augustus's reign was a lengthy one, beginning in 27 B.C. and lasting until his death in A.D. 14. Augustus's maternal great-uncle was Julius Caesar, who happens to be the namesake of July.

2. August weather can make some people uncomfortable, and that has made the month part of what's become known as "The Dog Days of Summer." The Farmer's Almanac indicates that the moniker is linked to the rising of Sirius, the Dog Star. Ancient Egyptians, Romans and Greeks believed that the rising of Sirius in mid- to late-summer caused the temperatures to rise and conditions to become less comfortable. Though temperatures remain hot and conditions humid in many parts of the northern hemisphere throughout the month of August, the dog days officially end on August 11.

3. Millions of adults feel there's no more refreshing beverage on a warm summer evening than a cold beer, and that may be even more so on the first Friday of August. That day marks International Beer Day, which began as a local event in the western United States in 2007 but has since spread globally. More than 200 cities in 80 countries and across six continents now celebrate International Beer Day, and celebrants can take part by enjoying a cold one and/or giving a loved one a beer. This year's celebration will take place on Friday, August 4.

4. One of the most enduring motion pictures in Hollywood history premiered in August nearly 85 years ago. "The Wizard of Oz" starring Judy Garland premiered at the Orpheum Theatre in Green Bay, Wisconsin, on August 10, 1939. The Hollywood premiere at the famed Grauman's Chinese Theatre occurred just five days later.

5. August is a notable month for one of the world's most accomplished athletes. American swimmer Michael Phelps took center stage at the 2008 Summer Olympics in Beijing when he won a total of eight gold medals, setting a record for the most gold medals by an athlete in a single Olympic Games. Phelps won his eighth gold medal in Beijing on August 17 in the 4 x 100-meter medley relay, officially eclipsing fellow American swimmer Mark Spitz, who had won seven gold medals at the 1972 Summer Olympics in Munich.

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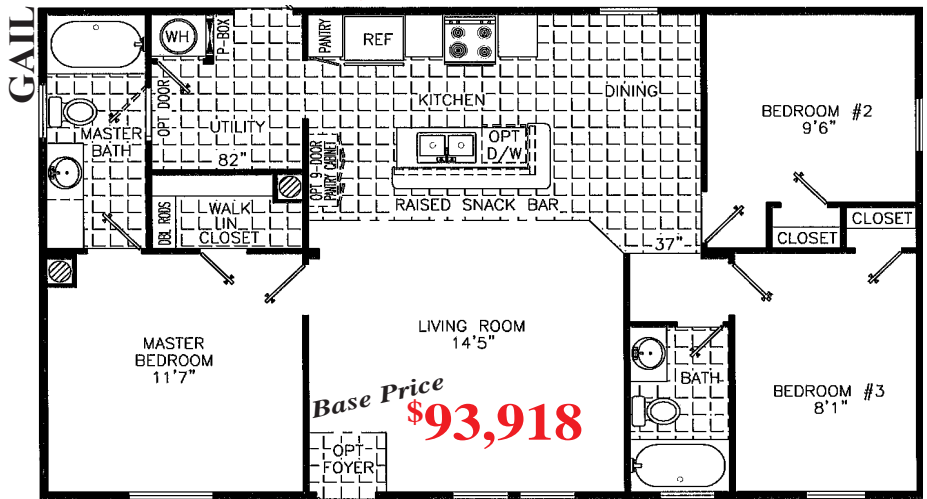
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## Tame traffic-related stress

Aggravation on the nation's roadways has become a frequent topic of conversation over the last decade or so. Incidents that involved traffic-related acts of violence have gained increased attention over that span.

The automotive group AAA estimates that nearly eight out of 10 drivers demonstrate aggressive driving behaviors. While data indicating the number of road rage cases per state is not available, The Trace's study on road rage with a firearm found 522 people were shot in 2021 due to road rage, and that Texas, Florida and California have the most road rage incidents involving guns.

Road rage is the extreme outcome of impatience or frustration behind the wheel. Many times this frustration stems from traffic-related stress. There are more cars on the road than ever before, which can intensify stressful traffic conditions. Drivers can take steps to reduce stress while behind the wheel and recognize behaviors that may contribute to road rage.

~ Don't rush. Leave plenty of time to get to a destination. You are less likely to be impatient and react to traffic stressors if you are racing the clock.

~ Calm down. If there is something that has angered or upset you, take time to calm down before getting behind the wheel.

~ Be patient. Recognize that someone driving slowly may be lost or aging with diminished abilities.

~ Keep a safe distance. Tailgating can create animosity among drivers. By leaving room, you can avoid aggressive interactions between drivers that can contribute to frustration.

~ Don't honk unnecessarily. Honking out of frustration is unproductive and also may exacerbate your levels of stress and anger other drivers.

~ Take an alternative route. If you know that certain roadways are plagued by traffic, then figure out a route to avoid the traffic, even if it may be longer.

~ Change your schedule. It's not called "rush hour" for nothing. Certain times of the day feature busier roadways than others. If possible, alter your schedule so that you commute during off-peak hours.

~ Share the driving. Split driving duties with others, particularly when feeling stressed out. Breaking up particularly long trips among a few drivers can relieve anxiety.

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Alone he sat--the journal of his former student in his hand.

Declan had solved the unsolvable mysteries before; the police force would even request his assistance because of his brilliance, but he would never suspect Thomas Brooks to have done what he did. Thomas wasn't just a great student, however, he became friends with Declan while he was his student. He sought to acquire all the knowledge of Declan Macey; he was his hero...but now his hero had become the subject of a despicable plot to supplant Declan's place as the greatest detective.

Declan had reached the final page of Thomas' journal. He sat alone in his home with his head down. Ozzy persisted in stealing Declan's attention, but he was unsuccessful. After barking for nearly ten minutes, Ozzy accepted Declan's disinterest. Finally, Ozzy ceased his barking and skipped away. Declan then lifted his head, but when he did Ozzy had vanished. Suddenly, he heard a noise. Already on edge because of Thomas Brooks, Declan cautiously moved near the sound. When he arrived in the room which hosted the noise, Declan flicked the switch--only to discover his dog lying on his belly with his tail wagging. He was relieved. Then spotted what the noise was; a metallic cross rested on the floor near Ozzy's paw. Ozzy lowered his head and rested it before the cross. Declan stared at the cross as it stared back at him. He knew where Thomas was, but most importantly: he knew where Lily was. Declan grabbed his keys, and before he left his home he turned to Ozzy and gave him a thankful nod.

Declan parked the car in front of an old church. To most, it was just an old church, but to Declan it was where he committed his life to the woman of his dreams. To Thomas it was where the end of an era and the beginning of a new one took place.

The doors opened for Declan, as he was welcomed in by a woman.

"Welcome, Mr. Macey," she shut the door and locked it. As Declan looked ahead, he gazed at the runner as it led to his ex-wife. Like their wedding day, she was waiting for him in a wedding dress, but unlike their wedding day, she was strapped down to a chair and crying.

Declan ran toward her, but was immediately welcomed by the sight of a pistol aiming for his head as Thomas Brooks emerged on stage. He stood tall, dressed professionally as if he was there to marry them.

"Mr. Macey, I see you met my wife," the woman walked past Declan with a dagger of a smirk on her face. Her name was Janet. She walked on stage and greeted her husband with a kiss. "You may remember her from that theater explosion," Thomas and his wife laughed, "you did so well, honey." They kissed again.

Declan turned to his right again and finally saw Lily Green. It was the first time she saw him since the divorce. This wasn't the first for Declan, however. Shortly after the divorce, Declan stepped out of his home for the first time and roamed around a shopping mall--but during his time there, he caught a glimpse of his ex-wife. Declan immediately left the shopping mall and returned home. He couldn't stand to see her again, as it tortured his heart and soul.

"Look at what I've done, I mean this really is great, isn't it? I've brought back the Detective Duo!" Thomas clapped for himself. Thunder roared as the lights in the church flickered.

"I guess that's our sign," Thomas said. He turned to his wife and nodded. She walked off stage and disappeared behind the curtains. "See, Mr. Macey," he gradually made his way off the stage and toward Declan. "the last time you and Lily were in this church, you made a vow to be together forever. This was where you became one." Janet marched off stage, clothed in a wedding dress. She grabbed Lily and then forced her to hold Declan's. Both looked into each other's eyes.

Janet stood near Thomas, whose pistol remained still and pointing forward.

"This was also where you vowed to be together until...oh...what was it...?" Thomas waited for an answer.

"Till death do us part," Lily answered. Declan's head jerked to Lily. The two looked into each other's eyes again.

"Exactly," Thomas laughed, "and that's exactly what's going to happen tonight. I don't care that you two divorced, nothing will ever take away what you two promised that night. And let's be real, you both have never stopped loving each other," Thomas turned to Declan, "Lily was waiting for you to save her like you were her prince charming," he turned to Lily, "And look at what this man has done for you. He came out of retirement to save you, knowing that," Thomas looked into Declan's eyes--pressing the pistol against his rib, "he would never have you again like he did."

Thomas pulled the hammer back as he pressed the pistol harder against Declan's rib.

"Out with the old," Thomas pulled the hammer back as he pressed the pistol harder against Declan's rib and then turned to his wife.

"...in with the new," Janet unveiled her pistol as she pressed it against Lily's rib and leaned in to Thomas' face for a kiss. Declan and Lily looked into each other's eyes with tears trickling down. This was the end, and there was so much Declan wanted to say. He opened his mouth, ready to speak, until--BANG!

Janet opened her eyes and removed her lips from Thomas'. As she did, she saw blood dripping out from his mouth. She tasted the blood in her mouth as she spit it out. Thomas' body dropped to the ground. Dead. Janet lifted her pistol, searching for the killer. She spotted a man with a red helmet standing in front of the double door entrance. He reloaded his gun and kept it aiming forward--this time at Declan.

Thinking the man was trying to kill her, Janet grabbed Lily, keeping her as her prey as she dragged her away from the altar. Scared she might die, she accidentally dropped her gun, but she left it. Declan, left behind, grabbed Thomas' pistol and hid behind the pulpit, avoiding another bullet fired by Red.

While hiding behind the pulpit, Declan's eyes widened as he spotted Janet tying Lily's hands behind her back, running off with her. Declan looked back and saw Red, reloading his gun. He was right there, finally! Declan had a clear shot and could easily eliminate the man he had been chasing.

No, Declan said to himself, not again. He looked backstage and watched as Lily was being taken away. He finally chose Lily.

Declan ran outside, chasing after Janet. Thankfully for him she wasn't very fast and wearing a wedding dress. He easily caught up to them and rescued Lily from her grip.

"Are you ok?" Declan grabbed Lily. Suddenly, they heard the clicks of guns. Declan then discovered a herd of police officers with their guns aiming at Janet. In the distance, Declan watched as Red was handcuffed by the police. His helmet was removed, revealing the sight of a bald man. As Red was thrown into the police car, he and Declan met eyes. All Declan could do was smirk--finally he was gone. He realized he finally made the right choice and chose Lily over the past, but as he turned to Lily he returned to reality and remembered she wasn't his anymore. When they were married and finished a case, they would return home together. Now he was alone.

TWO WEEKS LATER...

Declan sat home listening to the radio. "Gimme Shelter" began to play, and though his instinct was to turn it off, he stopped himself and let it play. For the longest time, he sought for his privacy and hated when anyone knocked; however, after being with Lily again, he felt lonely and defeated.

KNOCK-KNOCK!

Declan rose. He marched to the door and swung it open. As he did, a smile lit up his face. For the first time in his life, the only person's company he wanted was standing in front of him. Both smiled at each other and said nothing. She then reached behind her back and presented a mug. It was the same mug he had broken before this entire journey began.

"Maybe I can show you how it works," she said. Both laughed as Declan welcomed her inside. They wrapped their arms around each other as their emotions were released. The love of his life was in his arms, and he had his favorite mug.

The door remained open as the light of the sun shone on Declan's smiling face.

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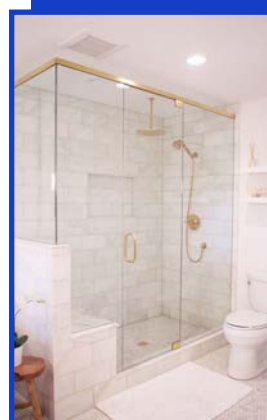


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## Reel in a delicious catfish dinner tonight

There are many different ways to serve fish and an equally diverse array of fish to choose as the centerpiece of such meals. For many, catfish is the quintessential option for lunch or dinner. In the United States, catfish is a largely southern delicacy, and it is served predominately across Texas, Louisiana, Tennessee, and Georgia. However, anyone with access to fresh catfish can whip up a tasty serving.

Catfish has a mild, slightly sweet flavor with a dense, moist texture. Since it is less flaky than other white fish when cooked, it holds up better when cooked in certain ways, such as frying. Catfish lovers can enjoy this recipe for "Beer-Battered Catfish with Homemade Tartar Sauce" courtesy of U.S. Farm-Raised Catfish.

### Beer-Battered Catfish with Homemade Tartar Sauce (Serves 6)

- 6 U.S. Farm-Raised Catfish fillets, cut into large strips
- Oil for frying
- 1 1/2 cups all-purpose flour, divided
- 1/2 cup cornstarch
- 1 tablespoon Cajun seasoning
- 1 teaspoon baking powder
- 2 teaspoons salt
- 1 cup beer
- Salt and pepper to taste
- Fresh lemon wedges
- Malt vinegar

### Tartar sauce

- 1 cup mayonnaise
- 1 tablespoon dill pickle, minced
- 2 ounces fresh parsley, finely chopped
- 1 tablespoon dried dill
- 1 tablespoon sweet relish
- 1 tablespoon fresh lemon juice
- 1 teaspoon drained capers
- Dash hot sauce



In a deep fryer, heat oil to 375 F. Combine 1/2 cup flour, cornstarch, Cajun seasoning, baking powder, and salt. Whisk in beer until smooth.

Place remaining flour in a shallow bowl. Season fillets with salt and pepper; then lightly dust with flour.

Dip the fillets in beer batter, allowing excess to drip off. Place catfish in oil a few pieces at a time. Fry until well browned on all sides, about 3 minutes.

Remove, and drain on paper towels.

To make tartar sauce, combine all ingredients in a small bowl; stir to combine. Refrigerate any excess.

400 passengers but only 200 meals were loaded onto a flight from Delhi to New York City. It was only discovered after takeoff, when the flight attendants started going through their preparations for the meals. So, the airline had bungled, and the crew was in a fix. However, one smart flight attendant had an idea. A couple of hours into the flight she nervously announced, "Ladies and gentlemen; we don't know how this happened, but we have over 400 people on board, but only 200 dinners. Anyone who is kind enough to give up their meal to someone else, will receive unlimited free liquor for the duration of the flight!" Her next announcement came six hours later: "Ladies and gentlemen, if anyone wants to change their mind, we still have 180 dinners available."





## Potatoes are the perfect side dish

Potatoes are often the unsung heroes of meals. They work any time of the day and with most meals. Hash browns accompany eggs at breakfast, French fries are ideal with sandwiches come lunchtime, and there's no limiting potatoes at dinner. They can be the star of the show with potato gnocchi or baked potato soup, or serve as mashed or baked complements to roasts and more. Steak and potatoes long has been a popular pairing that wins rave reviews around the table. This recipe for "Steak with Crispy Potatoes and Pistachio Pesto" from "Real Simple Dinner Tonight: Done" (Time Home Entertainment) by the editors of Real Simple highlights what a winning combination steak and potatoes can be.

## Steak with Crispy Potatoes and Pistachio Pesto

Serves 4

- |       |  |
|-------|--|
| 1 1/2 | pounds red new potatoes (about 18), sliced 1/4-inch thick        |
| 1/4   | cup plus 3 tablespoons olive oil                                 |
|       | Kosher salt and black pepper                                     |
| 1/2   | cup fresh flat-leaf parsley leaves                               |
| 1/4   | cup shelled roasted pistachios                                   |
| 1     | small garlic clove   |
| 2     | strip or sirloin steaks (1 inch thick; about 1 1/2 pounds total) |
| 1     | bunch broccoli rabe (about 1 pound)                              |



Heat oven to 425 F. On a large rimmed baking sheet, toss the potatoes with 2 tablespoons of the oil and 1/4 teaspoon each salt and pepper. Roast until golden, 25 to 30 minutes.

Meanwhile, in a food processor, process the parsley, pistachios, garlic, 1/4 cup of the remaining oil, and 1/4 teaspoon each salt and pepper until finely chopped.

Heat the remaining tablespoon of oil in a large skillet over medium-high heat. Season the steaks with 1/2 teaspoon each salt and pepper and cook to the desired doneness, 4 to 6 minutes per side for medium rare. Transfer to a cutting board and let rest for at least 5 minutes before slicing.

**Wipe out the skillet. Add the broccoli rabe and 1/2 cup water and simmer, covered, until tender, 2 to 3 minutes. Serve with the steak, potatoes and pesto.**

**Tip:** The pistachio pesto in this dish makes an excellent accompaniment to lamb, chicken, shrimp, or fish. Or serve it on toasted country bread for an easy appetizer.

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Solve the code to discover words related to the dog days of summer.

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Clue: Water vapor in the air

**B.    3   13   22   6   11   9**

Clue: Warm and moist

**C. 3 8 11 11 22 5**

Clue: Hot season

**D. 3 4 9**

Clue: Atmosphere seen from earth

Answers: A. humid B. steam C. summer D. sky

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A girl was given a tea set for her second birthday. It became one of her favorite toys, and when her mother went away for a few weeks to care for her sick aunt, the toddler loved to take her father a little cup of tea, which was just water really, while he was engrossed watching the news on TV.

He sipped each "cup of tea" he was brought and lavished generous praise on the taste, leaving the little girl immensely proud.

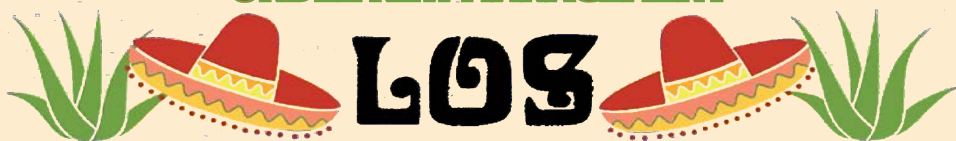
Eventually, the mother returned home and the father couldn't wait to show her how his little princess had been looking after him. On cue, the girl took him his "cup of tea" and he sipped it before praising it to the heavens.

The mother watched him drink it and said: "Did it ever occur to you that the only place she can reach to get water is the toilet?"

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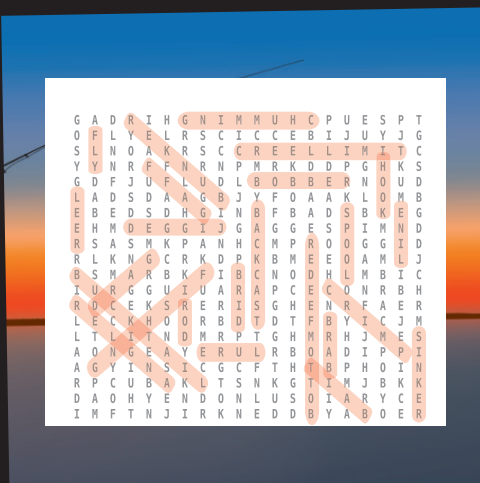
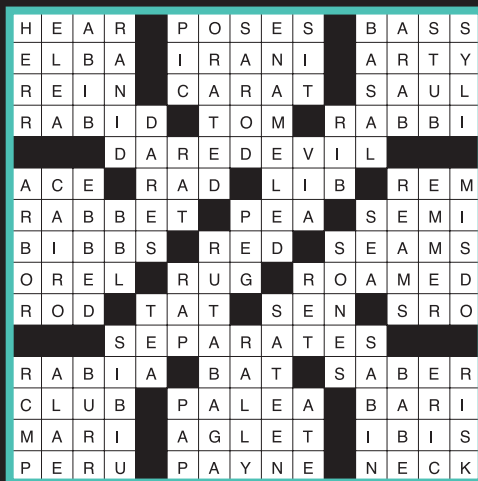
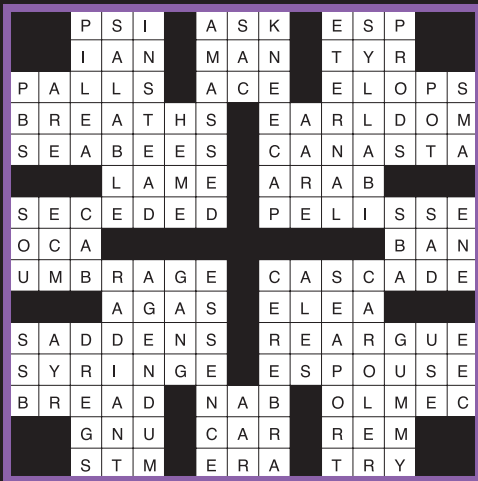


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**Did you know?** An assortment of variables will dictate just how long a home's siding will last, including the amount of sun a home receives and the location of the home. The life expectancy of siding also will depend on the siding material. According to Sunshine Contracting, vinyl siding lasts between 20 and 40 years. It's a popular choice because of how long it lasts and the minimal upkeep it requires. Wood siding, another traditional favorite, is more expensive, but it also boasts impressive longevity, according to BobVila.com. With proper maintenance, which includes cleaning and refinishing, wood siding may last for decades. The coating on aluminum siding typically begins to fade after about 15 years. Fiber cement siding is affordable, durable and low maintenance, and it may actually last as long as the home itself. It needs to be repainted occasionally. Sunshine Contracting says stone veneer siding will last between 20 and 75 years, depending on the stone that is used.

## Did you know?

A room addition can be a worthy project that makes a home more livable. A host of factors will affect the cost of a room addition, but the experts at HomeAdvisor estimate that such a project can cost as much as \$150,000. The size of the new room, the location of the home, the materials used to build the room, and a number of variables unique to the existing home will affect the final cost of an addition. An online calculator can provide some basic estimates about the final cost of a room addition, but homeowners are best served by contacting various contractors and receiving multiple estimates to get the most accurate idea of what the cost layout will be to add a room to their homes. Though the sticker price of a room addition may shock some homeowners, it's worth noting that such projects provide a good return at resale. In fact, the "Cost vs. Value Report 2021" from Remodeling magazine found that a midrange primary suite addition with an initial cost of \$156,741 had a resale value of nearly \$86,000.

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## Findings show that pet obesity is a growing, dangerous problem

No pet owner wants to envision a visit to their local veterinary office concluding with a discussion about their companion animal being on the cusp of serious health problems. However, a growing number of pet owners could soon be forced to confront that very scenario.



A recent survey from the Association for Pet Obesity Prevention uncovered some sobering truths about the state of pet health. In the 2022 "State of U.S. Pet Obesity" report, Ernie Ward, DVM, CVFT, the founder and president of APOP, noted that pet obesity rates in the United States have been steadily increasing over the last several decades. That's unfortunate, as Ward notes that a growing body of evidence has linked obesity in dogs and cats to a host of serious ailments and outcomes, including:

- ~ Skin and respiratory disorders
- ~ Renal dysfunction
- ~ Metabolic and endocrine disorders, such as diabetes
- ~ Orthopedic disease, such as osteoarthritis
- ~ Certain types of cancer
- ~ Decreased life expectancy

So how high are obesity rates among cats and dogs? According to the APOP report, 61 percent of evaluated cats were classified as overweight or obese by their veterinary professional. Among that total, one in three cats was classified as obese in 2022. Cats' canine counterparts are not faring much better. The APOP report indicates that 59 percent of dogs were classified as overweight or obese by their veterinary professionals. Though obesity rates among dogs are significantly lower compared to cats, the report still indicates that more than one in five dogs (22 percent) was classified as obese in 2022.

Another troubling finding to emerge in the APOP report is the misperception among pet owners regarding their animals' condition. The report indicates that roughly one-third of pet owners whose animals were classified as overweight or obese classified their pet's weight as "normal," "ideal" or, perhaps most surprisingly, "thin." Those characterizations were submitted prior to pet owners' being informed of their pets' assessments, which underscores how small a grasp pet owners may have regarding their pets' physical condition. Recognition of what defines a healthy weight for pets and knowledge of how to help pets achieve that weight can ensure a healthier future for millions of pets. Pet owners are urged to speak with their veterinarians to develop a plan that ensures the long-term health of their companion animals.

More information about overweight and obesity in pets can be found at [petobesityprevention.org](http://petobesityprevention.org).

## Diabetes in cats and dogs:

### What pet parents need to know

Diabetes mellitus affects scores of families, including the four-legged members of the household. According to the Merck Veterinary Manual, diabetes is a common endocrine disease in dogs and cats, occurring in roughly one out of every 300 animals. Most cases of spontaneous diabetes happen in middle-aged to older dogs and cats. Diabetes occurs when the body cannot use glucose normally. Glucose is the main source of energy (sugar) for the body's cells, and the body requires insulin to transfer glucose from the bloodstream to the cells that need it. If there isn't enough insulin or the body is unable to use insulin properly, glucose accumulates in high levels in the blood, reports the American Veterinary Medical Association. PetMD says that there is not one single cause for diabetes in dogs and cats. For some, it is a genetic condition. Others may develop the disease due to an underlying medical condition or from being obese. Medications such as steroids also can induce diabetes in dogs and cats. Testing for diabetes is not routine during veterinary exams. Pet owners often stumble on a diabetes diagnosis after noticing some key indicators that something is amiss with their pets, which include:

- ~ Excessive consumption of water and increased urination that may result in accidents in a normally house-trained pet
- ~ Increased hunger
- ~ Cloudy eyes, which occurs particularly in dogs
- ~ Recurring or chronic infections that can include the skin or urinary tract
- ~ Weight loss
- ~ Apparent weakness

Standard bloodwork and urinalysis will confirm a diabetes diagnosis. If pet owners learn their companion animals have diabetes, they must learn to accept this is a lifelong condition that must be managed properly; otherwise, untreated diabetes can lead to liver dysfunction, kidney failure and a life-threatening condition called ketoacidosis. Treatment with insulin is the standard course for pets with diabetes. Carefully timed and measured feedings to help control the balance of insulin and glucose also will be necessary.

Veterinarians can help design a diet to help with the management of diabetes. Insulin is generally injected twice per day, shortly after meals. It is very important to maintain proper insulin and feeding schedules and a proper appetite for the pet while on insulin therapy, says AVMA; otherwise, hypoglycemia (low blood sugar) can occur if the pet is not eating and absorbing enough sugar to balance the insulin injections. Vet-based and at-home monitoring of blood and urine glucose levels also is necessary.

Pet owners who suspect their animals are diabetic should schedule a visit with a veterinarian immediately, as time is of the essence in managing the disease.







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