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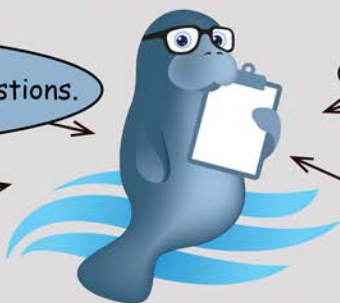
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**The origins of "The 12 Days of Christmas"**

Christmas carols can be heard far and wide from Thanksgiving weekend through Christmas Day. "The 12 Days of Christmas" is one of the most recognizable carols, and for good reason, as the popular song can trace its history back several centuries. Researchers have traced the earliest printed version of the poem on which the song is based all the way back to 1780. That's three years before the signing of the Treaty of Paris, which officially ended the American Revolutionary War. The song has long been suspected to have been a way for Catholics in Britain to teach their children the catechism, as the 1700s was a controversial period for Catholicism in the country. However, no documentary evidence exists in support of that theory, and many historians feel it is inaccurate. Others indicate that, while 1780 is likely the first time the poem was printed, the poem is likely much older than that, with origins potentially in France or Scotland. What is known is that the version many people recognize today, namely in song form, can be traced to the early twentieth century, when English singer and composer Frederic Austin first popularized the melody for the song. Austin performed that version of the song beginning in 1905, and it was first published in 1909.



# COMMUNITY BOARD

## DECEMBER

### Dec. 2nd & 3rd

Christmas is right around the corner. We want to help your Holidays be the best they can be. Join us for 2 beautiful nights of the Bible story. It's so simple too. "DRIVE THROUGH LIVE NATIVITY", The Hills Church, 2 Civic Circle, BH, from 6 to 8 pm. Stay comfortable in your car and watch as the actors portray the scenes from the Bible. All are welcome. Need more information - call 352-746-6171

### Dec. 3rd & 4th

The Citrus Community Concert Choir, Inc. is proud to announce their winter concert series titled 'Noel' The first showing on Dec 3rd will be at 3 PM at the Faith Lutheran Church, 935 S Crystal Glen Dr. Lecanto and the second showing will be at the First Presbyterian Church of Inverness, 206 Washington Ave. Inverness. Admission at the door is \$10 for adults. Students will be admitted 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)

### Dec. 3rd & 4th

"Trains for Christmas" Free train show, presented by the Meadowbrook Model Railroaders, from 9am to 3pm. Multiple layouts, no vendors, and a spectacular raffle. This event is located at Holy Faith Episcopal Church, 19924 W. Blue Cove Dr., Dunnellon, FL 34432 Contact Bill Quast at 352-209-5422 or [wmquast@gmail.com](mailto:wmquast@gmail.com)

### Dec. 10th

December 10th (Saturday): Crystal River, FL - Annual Craft & Car Show presented by K of C at St. Benedict Church 455 S. Suncoast Blvd., Crystal River (34429) from 9am to 3pm judged show 1980 and older cars & trucks. Trophies, 50/50, food, music, free arts & craft show for ladies. Pre \$15 by 12/8 or \$20 day of show. Call 352/212-2856 or email [jets57@yahoo.com](mailto:jets57@yahoo.com)

### Dec. 10th

"The Citrus County Craft Council is proud to present our annual Holly Jolly Arts and Crafts Show from 9am to 3pm at the College of Central Florida in Lecanto located at 3800 S. Lecanto Hwy. Lecanto FL. There will be a large assortment of talented, local vendors selling their wonderfully handmade goods. The prizes that will be raffled off at the event will benefit the Citrus County Education Foundation. Admission and parking for this event is free!"

### Dec 10th & 11th

The Nature Coast Community Band presents "A Classic Christmas" at 3:00PM at Seven Rivers Church (4221 W. Gulf to Lake Hwy, Lecanto) on Sunday December 11, 2022. and at 3:00PM at the Citrus Springs Community Center (1570 W Citrus Springs Blvd, Citrus Springs) on Saturday December 10, 2022. The program featuring holiday favorites includes "An Irving Berlin Christmas" and "Christmas with Mozart". Admission is free, but donations are appreciated.

### 13th

Cocoa, Cookies, & Cocktails Crawl in downtown inverness from 6-8PM. Vendors located inside Inverness Bicycle and Fit Full Force located on N. Pine Ave who are serving hot cocoa and cookies. Crawl to other businesses in downtown for more Treats and Sweet Deals.

### 16th

Jingle in the Holidays at our Christmas Open house at Cadence Bank in Dunnellon from 10AM to 4PM at 11392 N Williams St. Dunnellon FL. There will be prizes, snacks, vendors, and a coloring contest for those age 12 and under. We will be partnering with Hometown toy, gifting to Jessie's Place A child advocacy center coordinated with DCF. Please bring and unwrapped toy to donate.

### 17th

Only one-day, from 4:00- 9:00 pm, The Historic Ocala Preservation Society will feature some of the city's most beautiful, historic residences in the SE Historic District. Guests are encouraged to explore the presenting homes at their leisure and take in the beauty of one of our historic districts in the peak of the holiday season. We expect to WOW guests this year with holiday carolers spreading cheer from street to street, light hors d'oeuvres prepared by Grated and Cured, and a special meet & greet with Mrs. Claus. Christmas 6 historic homes tour Dec.17, 4-9pm. HOPS #352-484-0502 Tickets \$25@ [eventbrite.com/e/holiday-home-tour-tickets-431365896007](https://eventbrite.com/e/holiday-home-tour-tickets-431365896007)

### 28th

"Let Your Day Sparkle" West Citrus Ladies of the Elks Annual Fashion Show -Fashions & Accessories presented by: Janet of Sarasota. Doors open to shop @ 10:30 AM, West Citrus Elks #2693, 7890 W. Grover Cleveland Blvd, Homosassa. Guests will have a chance to shop for clothes, everything from casual to dressy, enjoy lunch, see a fashion show and even win a raffle basket or take a chance on the "Lottery Tree". The event starts at 10:30 a.m. to give people plenty of time to shop at Janet's 'pop-up' boutique. Guests will have lunch (served @ 12:00), before watching the fashion show -- followed by more shopping. Admission tickets are \$30, which includes lunch. To purchase a ticket, call Edie @ 513 378 9382. Reservations Required. This is one of the Lady Elks biggest Fundraisers, the proceeds from this event go to support and benefit local charities the Elks support.

## JANUARY

# HAPPY NEY YEAR! 2023 Here we come!



## ONGOING

**VOLUNTEER your business savvy!!!** Share your business expertise with others by becoming a volunteer with SCORE Nature Coast. SCORE is a non-profit organization that is dedicated to helping new or existing small businesses succeed in today's environment. Join other local business professionals in mentoring our small business clients towards achieving their goals. It is a great feeling to know that you are part of helping our community grow! We need volunteers to be mentors, as well as those with expertise in social media, marketing, workshop facilitation and more. Please take an active role in helping your business community grow! **WE NEED YOUR TALENT!!** Contact us at 352/249-1236 or visit our website at [naturecoastfl.score.org](http://naturecoastfl.score.org).

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Looking for fun, low impact exercise to add to your routine? Citrus County Parks & Recreation's Bicentennial Park Pool (located at 8145 W Bicentennial Park Dr, Crystal River, FL 34429) offers Water Aerobics classes with a certified instructor weekly on Monday, Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday from 11:30am - 12:30pm. The cost is \$3.00 per person per class. These classes offer a fun, healthy fitness workout without added stress on your joints. Must be 16 years or older to participate. For more information, please call (352) 795-1478.

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Citrus Sertoma-meets every 1st and 3rd Wednesday at the Inverness Moose Lodge 2112 on 221 S Haid Terrace, Lecanto, FL 34461 - Off Hwy 44 Dinner at 5:30 - Meeting at 6:30pm Visitors and New Members are welcome.

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**LEARN TO SQUARE DANCE** Every Monday Starting January 3rd, 2022 6PM till 9PM WHISPERING PINES PARK 1700 Forest Dr, Inverness FL 34453 Cost \$5.00 p/p Western Wear Optional-NEW CLASS STARTING OCT 3, 2022

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Springs Masonic Lodge No. 378 Meets the 3rd Tuesday of each month at 7:30 pm at Springs Masonic Lodge located at 5030 S. Memorial Dr., Homosassa, FL. All Masons are welcome to join us for dinner at 6:30 pm. Snowbirds are always welcome.

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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](mailto:Howturners.com) or call Denis Cap 352-489-4374

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Come Join Us For An Afternoon Of Fun and support a local not for profit as Floral City Lions Club Community House located at 8370 E Orange Street, Floral City hosts Bingo every Wednesday 1-3 pm. Admission is free/cost for card (12-3 game cards \$12 OR 12-9 game cards \$24) Proceeds Split 50% Winner/50% Lions Club Charities.

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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 your 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](mailto:President@FloralCityGardenClub.com)

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The German/American Social Club of West Central Florida extends an invitation to visit our next gathering. 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, like Spring Dance, Anniversary Dinner Dance, Fall Festival, Christmas Dinner Dance and more. Contact Sigi Strak for further info. at: 352-854-9616 or email: [sigistrak@centurylink.net](mailto: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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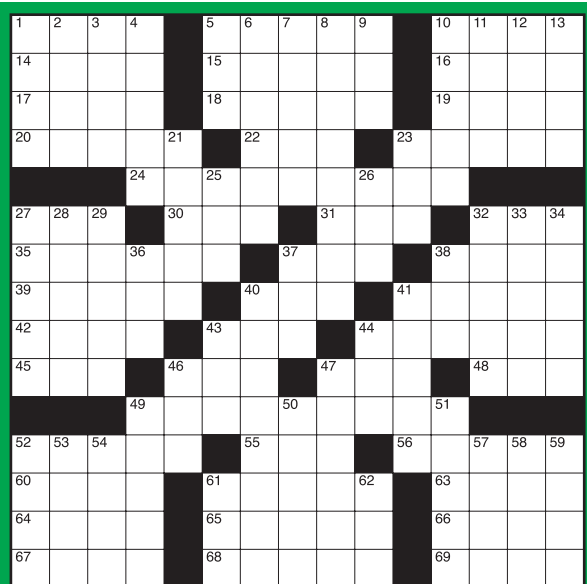
The Homosassa River Garden welcomes the public to its monthly meetings at the Fellowship Hall of the First United Methodist Church of Homosassa, 8831 W. Bradshaw Street in Homosassa, 34448. The club meets October through May beginning at 10:00 am with social time beginning at 9:30 am and is free. For further information, please look at our website <https://homosassarivergardenclub.wordpress.com> or call Ms. Lorry at 630-269-1096.

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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, then please see page 4 for our advertising rates.

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**CLUES ACROSS**

1. Chop up
5. Ones who utilize
10. Sings with closed lips
14. South American hummingbird
15. Serves as a coxswain
16. Liquor distilled from coconut or rice
17. Spur
18. Senile
19. Tanzanian people
20. Cruel
22. Boxing's "GOAT"
23. Yokels
24. London soccer team
27. Chinese chess piece
30. Supervises flying
31. 007's creator
32. Shaft horsepower (abbr.)
35. A spider makes one
37. Liquefied natural gas
38. Opaque gem
39. Brazilian palm
40. Periodical (slang)
41. You might step on one
42. Marvin and Horsley are two
43. Partner to cheese
44. Unpleasant smell
45. Field force unit (abbr.)
46. Fashion accessory
47. Cool!
48. Time zone
49. Songs to one's lover
52. German river
55. Go bad
56. Sword
60. Very eager
61. Leaf bug
63. Italian seaport
64. Napoleon Dynamite's uncle
65. Member of Jamaican religion
66. Large wading bird
67. Carries out
68. Eternal rest
69. It holds up your headwords

**CLUES DOWN**

1. Not low
2. Small water buffalo
3. A mark left behind
4. Archaic form of have
5. Fiddler crabs
6. Popular Hyundai sedan
7. Depart
8. Making over
9. Midway between south and southeast
10. Arabic masculine name
11. Type of acid
12. Popular 1980s Cher film
13. Outdoor enthusiasts' tools
21. Chinese city
23. "Star Wars" character Solo
25. The bill in a restaurant
26. Old, ugly witch
27. Burn with a hot liquid
28. To claim or demand
29. "A Doll's House" playwright
32. Involuntary muscular contraction
33. Pea stems (British)
34. Double or multiple fold
36. No longer is
37. Lakers' crosstown rivals (abbr.)
38. S. American plant cultivated in Peru
40. Cloth or fabric
41. Flanks
43. Disfigure
44. Angry
46. Baltic coast peninsula
47. Large, flightless birds
49. Plants of the lily family
50. Medieval Norwegian language
51. Polio vaccine developer
52. Not soft
53. Exchange rate
54. Voice (Italian)
57. Baseball's Ruth
58. Famed guitarist Clapton
59. Take a chance
61. Wife
62. Elaborate handshake

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## Pitfalls to avoid when making resolutions this year

Estimates vary depending on the year and scope of the study, but research into New Year's resolutions has generally found that fewer than 10 percent of people who make resolutions each year stay the course until they've accomplished their goal. In fact, a 2020 poll conducted by OnePoll in conjunction with Crispy Green found that the average person has abandoned his or her resolution by February 1. No two people are the same, but resolutions could fall victim to various pitfalls that can affect anyone. Recognition of these pitfalls when making a resolution may improve your chances of being successful in the year ahead.

~ **Lack of specificity:** When making a resolution, be as specific as possible. If you want to read more, resolve to read two books per month (or however many books you feel you can reasonably read in a month). If you want to lose weight, speak to your physician to help you set a specific weight loss goal you can meet without

compromising your overall health.

~ **No measuring stick to track progress:** Specificity is important, but it's not the only tool you can use to stay the course with a resolution. Maintain a resolution journal or blog that allows you to gauge your performance. This can help you engage more fully in your resolution efforts, providing an outlet you can use to explore your successes and failures. The more engaged you are in your resolution efforts, the more likely those efforts will prove successful.

~ **Going it alone:** The buddy system works when pursuing various goals, and New Year's resolutions are no exception. A friend or family member along for the resolution journey can make it easier to maintain your motivation. For example, anyone who wants to read more can join a book club, which can provide the motivation to finish books or excerpts before a weekly discussion.

~ **Biting off more than you can chew:** Small resolutions may not seem like much, but minor efforts can serve as the stepping stones to realizing larger goals. If your goals are too ambitious at the outset, you're more likely to give up at the first setback.

~ **Not anticipating setbacks:** Setbacks will happen, and as noted, it's easy to let them derail your efforts when they first appear.

Recognize that there will be bumps in the road but that these bumps should in no way end your journey. Take setbacks as the valuable lessons that they can be, and use them as an opportunity to examine what you did that didn't work and what you can do to avoid future setbacks.



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B



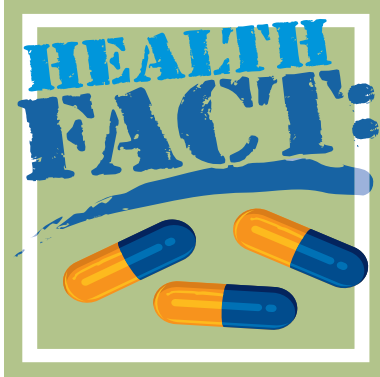
Answers: 1. More hair on woman 2. Scarf is a different color 3. Yellow circle on coat 4. Extra button on back person's coat

## THIS DAY IN...



## HISTORY

- **1066:** WILLIAM THE CONQUEROR IS CROWNED KING OF ENGLAND.
- **1758:** HALLEY'S COMET IS SIGHTED BY JOHANN GEORG PALITZSCH, CONFIRMING EDMUND HALLEY'S PREDICTION.
- **2019:** TYPHOON PHANFONE HITS THE PHILIPPINES, CAUSING WIDESPREAD DAMAGE.



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ANSWER: SKIING



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## How they SAY that in...

**ENGLISH:** Ski

**SPANISH:** Esquí

**ITALIAN:** Sci

**FRENCH:** Ski

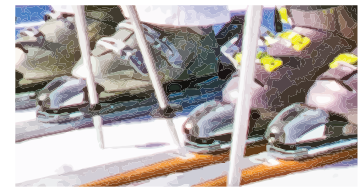
**GERMAN:** Ski

## Did You Know?

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## GET THE PICTURE?



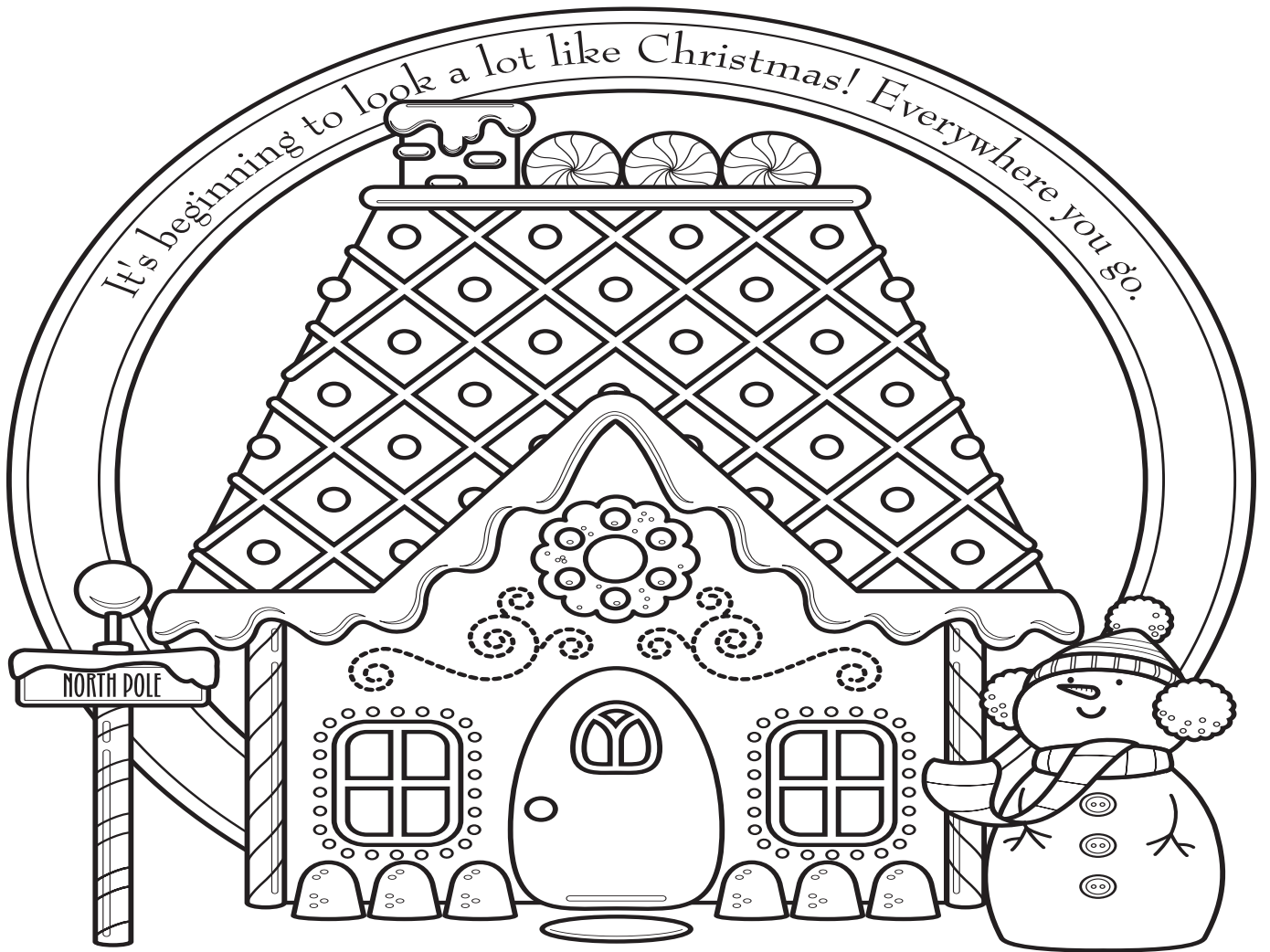
Can you guess what the bigger picture is?

ANSWER: SKIS



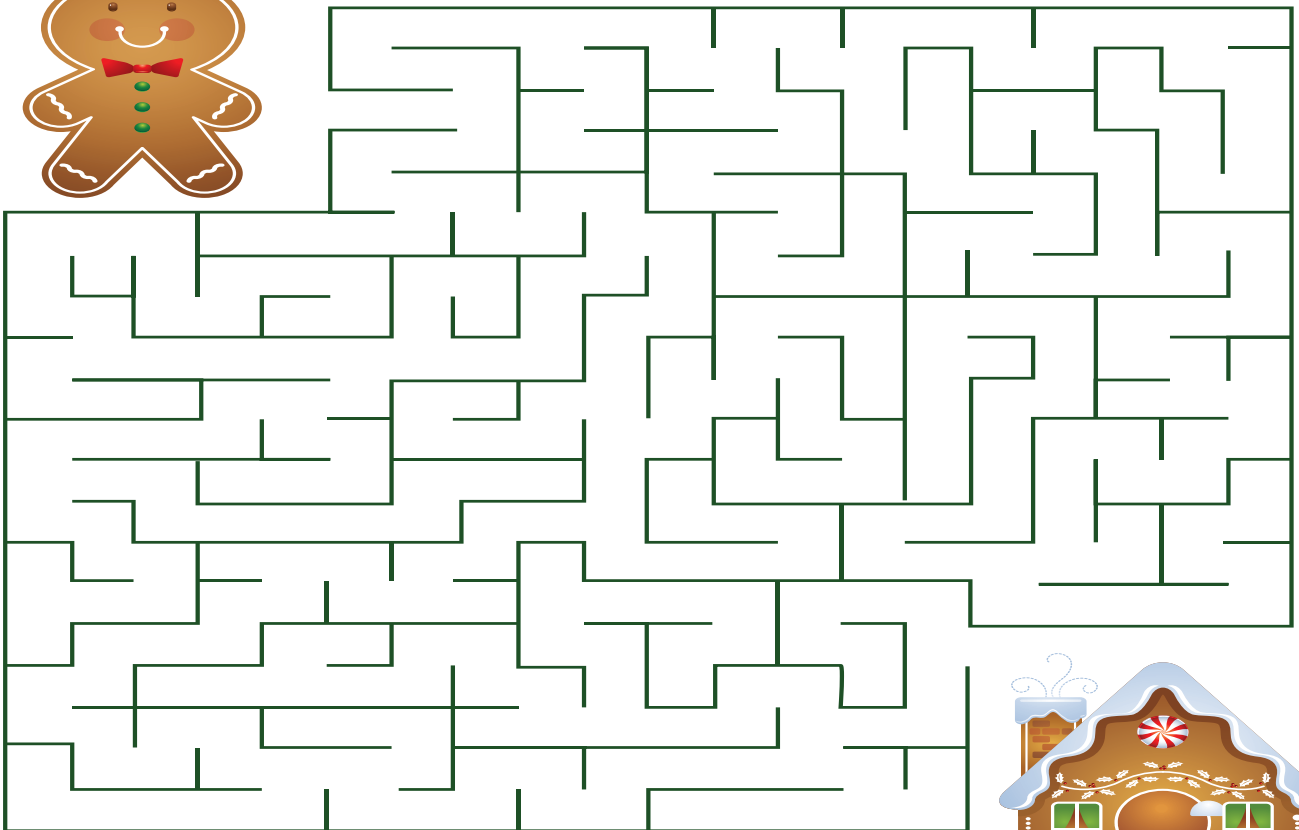
**WHAT DOES THE GINGERBREAD MAN PUT ON HIS BED?  
COOKIE SHEETS!**





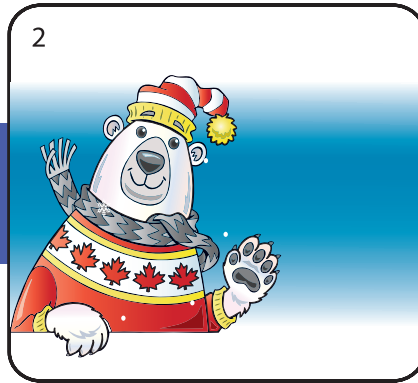
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# What's the difference?

Three of these nine pictures are different. Can you find the differences?



## Guess Who?

I am a father trying to host an old-fashioned family Christmas. My holiday cheer subsides when my boss decides to stop giving holiday bonuses.

Answer: Clark Griswold

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# December Days Past

December 1st 1913 Ford Motor Company institutes world's 1st moving assembly line for the Model T Ford

December 2nd 1929 First skull of Peking man found in the caves of Zhoukoudian, 50 km outside of Peking, China. Later dated roughly 750,000 years old. [1]

December 3rd 1967 1st human heart transplant performed in South Africa by Dr. Christiaan Barnard on Louis Washkansky



December 4th 1791 Britain's Observer, oldest Sunday newspaper in the world, first published

December 5th 1848 US President James K. Polk triggers gold rush of 1849 by confirming a gold discovery in California

December 6th 2006 NASA reveals photographs taken by Mars Global Surveyor suggesting the presence of liquid water on Mars

December 7th 1909 Inventor Leo Baekeland patents the first thermo-setting plastic, Bakelite, sparking the birth of the plastics industry

December 8th 1941 US and Britain declare war on Japan, US enters World War II

December 9th 1965 "A Charlie Brown Christmas", the first Peanuts animated special premieres on CBS in the US

December 10th 1901 First Nobel Peace Prizes awarded to Red Cross founder Jean Henri Dunant and peace activist Frederic Passy



December 11th 1913 "Mona Lisa" recovered 2 years after it was stolen from the Louvre Museum

December 12th 1901 Guglielmo Marconi sends the first transatlantic radio signal, from Poldhu in Cornwall to Newfoundland, Canada

December 13th 1774 Paul Revere and Wentworth Cheswell ride to warn Portsmouth of the approach of British warships

December 14th 1903 The Wright brothers attempt to fly the Wright Flyer for the first time at Kitty Hawk, North Carolina

December 15th 1612 German Astronomer Simon Marius is 1st to observe Andromeda galaxy through a telescope



December 16th 1773 Boston tea party incident - Sons of Liberty protesters throw tea shipments into Boston harbour in protest against British imposed Tea Act

December 17th 1986 Mrs Davina Thompson makes medical history by having the 1st heart, lung & liver transplant at Papworth Hospital in Cambridge, England

December 18th 1917 The 18th Amendment to the US Constitution, authorizing prohibition of alcohol, is approved by the US congress and sent to the states for ratification

December 19th 1958 1st radio broadcast from space, US President Dwight D. Eisenhower Christmas message "to all mankind, America's wish for peace on Earth and goodwill to men everywhere"

December 20th 1812 "Grimm's Fairy Tales" or "Children's and Household Tales" by Jacob Grimm and Wilhelm Grimm is first published

December 21st 1991 Soviet Union formally dissolves as 11 of 12 republics sign treaty forming Commonwealth of Independent States



December 22nd 1885 Ito Hirobumi, a samurai, becomes the first Prime Minister of Japan

December 23rd 1888 Vincent van Gogh cuts off his left ear with a razor, after argument with fellow painter Paul Gauguin, and sends to a prostitute for safe keeping

December 24th 1936 1st radioactive isotope medicine administered in Berkeley, California

December 25th 1st Christmas, according to calendar-maker Dionysus Exiguus

December 26th 1825 Decembrist uprising in Russia against Tsar Nicholas I begins

December 27th 1831 HMS Beagle with Charles Darwin on board departs England for a survey of South America, a voyage Darwin later said "determined my whole career"

December 28th 1612 First observation of Neptune - Galileo observes and records a "fixed star" without realising it is a planet

December 29th 1845 Texas admitted as 28th state of the Union



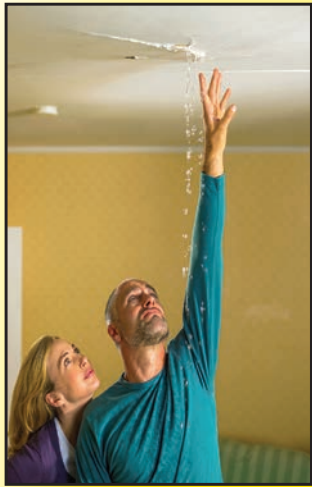
December 30th 1924 Astronomer Edwin Hubble formally announces existence of other galactic systems at meeting of the American Astronomical Society

December 31st 1781 Bank of North America, 1st US bank opens



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## Recycle and reduce waste for the holidays

The holiday season is a special time of year. Individuals often spend a little more on gifts, indulge a little more on rich foods and treats and make a concerted effort to enjoy more time with their loved ones during the holidays.

The tendency to overdo things during the holiday season can create a lot of waste. In fact, Americans produce 25 percent more garbage from Thanksgiving through the end of the year, according to Waste Advantage magazine, a publication of the waste and recycling industry. That uptick equates to one million tons of extra trash per week throughout the holidays. Extra food, plastic and paper waste is generated this time of year, but people can be mindful of the potential to go overboard and take some steps to be more waste-conscious as they entertain.

~ Reuse a small portion of wrapping paper or look for other wrapping items. Sunday comics, newsprint, colorful magazine pages, and even pieces of fabric can be used to wrap gifts in lieu of purchasing new wrapping paper. Otherwise, collect used wrapping paper and reuse it next year, doing the same with boxes and bows. According to researchers at Stanford University, if every American family wrapped just three presents in reused materials, it would save enough paper to cover 45,000 football fields.

~ Skip disposable party items. It's certainly easy to use disposable plates, napkins and cups when hosting holiday parties, but that is very wasteful. Opt for durable, reusable products that can be packed away and used each year during holiday events.

~ Buy durable and reusable items as gifts. Avoid fad gifts and focus on items that will have staying power. Homemade gifts, such as foods, knitted scarves, artwork, and more, are generally eco-friendly.

~ Set up marked trash and recycling receptacles. Remind party guests to recycle the appropriate materials by clearly marking a pail designed for collecting recyclables, such as cans, plastic beverage bottles and glass wine bottles. Most hard plastics can be recycled.

~ Remove your name from catalog lists. Call companies and ask to be taken off promotional mailing lists to reduce paper waste.

~ Send a photo. Mail holiday card recipients photos of the kids or the entire family in lieu of cards. They're apt to save the photos and display them, helping to keep even more paper trash out of landfills.

~ Research new recipes for leftovers. With an abundance of food remaining after entertaining, turn leftovers into new meals by exploring recipes from friends or by doing a little research online.

Waste can get out of control during the holidays, but there are ways to tame the excess.



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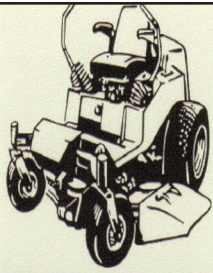
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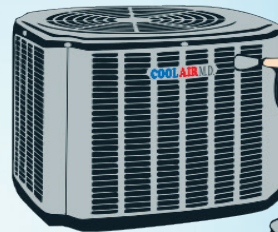
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This recipe for "Joe's Incredible Bacon Pumpkin Pie," courtesy of Royal Bacon Society and Allrecipes, uses maple-cured bacon as well as tangy cream cheese to increase the appeal of pumpkin pie. This may be one slice of pie that is hard to put down.

### Joe's Incredible Bacon Pumpkin Pie Serves 12

1/2	cup cubed fresh pumpkin
1 1/2	cups cream cheese, softened
1	cup packed brown sugar
3	eggs
1	teaspoon vanilla extract
1	cup half-and-half
1	teaspoon ground cinnamon
1/2	teaspoon ground ginger
1/2	teaspoon ground allspice
1/2	teaspoon ground cloves
2	(10-inch) prepared graham cracker pie crusts
16	slices maple-cured bacon

1. Preheat oven to 425 F.
2. Bring a small pot of salted water to a boil; add the pumpkin and cook until soft enough to easily pierce with a fork, about 10 minutes. Drain.
3. Mash the cooked pumpkin with a potato masher in your favorite large bowl. Mix the cream cheese and brown sugar with the mashed pumpkin. Whisk in the eggs one at a time. Add the vanilla, half-and-half, cinnamon, ginger, allspice and cloves; stir until you have a thin batter. The batter should be slightly thinner than pancake batter. Pour the batter into the pie crusts.
4. Place the bacon in a large skillet over medium heat until evenly brown. Trim soft, fatty bits from strips. Press seven pieces of bacon into the batter of each pie with a fork.
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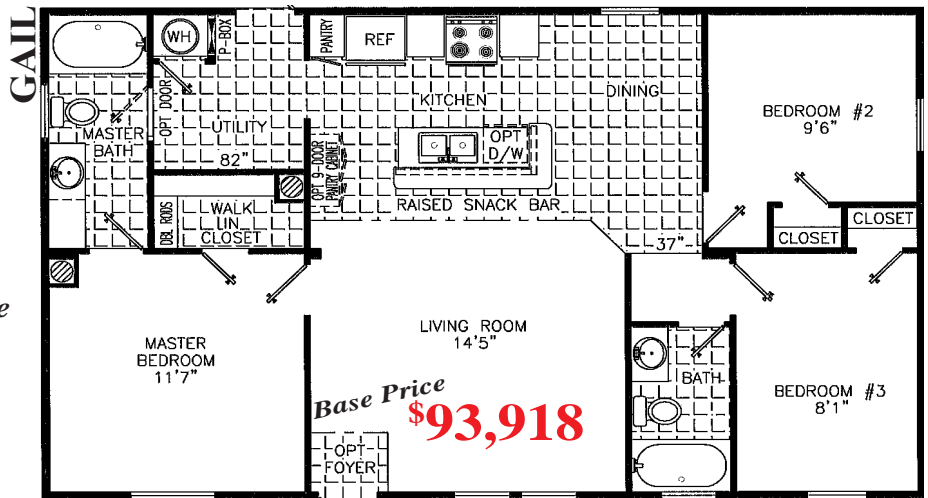
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**Work-related resolutions to consider in the year ahead**

New Year's resolutions run the gamut from kicking bad habits like smoking to finding more time to exercise to learning a foreign language. Many resolutions are about self-improvement, and that desire to live better can extend into the professional arena.

New Year's resolutions can be just as beneficial to a person's professional life as they can in that same individual's personal life. With that in mind, professionals can consider these work-related resolutions this January.

- ~ Make a concerted effort to change careers. The numbers are in regarding satisfaction at work, and they're not very promising. According to Gallup's State of the Global Workplace: 2022 report, 60 percent of workers report being emotionally detached at work. Perhaps more troubling is that 19 percent report being miserable at their jobs. Professionals who are not engaged at work can resolve to get the ball rolling on a career change in the year ahead. Look into what that might entail, whether it's simply applying for new jobs in your field or going back to school to facilitate a career change, and take the necessary first step.
- ~ Rebalance your work and family life. A 2015 survey of 1,000 full-time professionals in the United States found that 77 percent felt they had experienced burnout at their jobs. Rebalancing work and family life can make more time for things outside of work, including family. That can lead to greater life satisfaction, including a renewed vigor for your career.
- ~ Resolve to communicate more effectively with your team. Even professionals satisfied with their careers can take steps to make their work lives better. There are many reasons why workers feel stressed and burned out, and some may find communication with their managers is lacking. Managers can make a concerted effort to improve lines of communication with their staff. Doing so can improve productivity and create a better working environment for all.
- ~ Find ways to be more productive. Remarkably, a 2019 study by Rescue Time found that, in a given workday, workers' average time of productivity is just two hours and 28 minutes. By making a concerted effort to be more productive, workers can get more done in a typical eight-hour workday, thus paving the way for a better work-life balance. Spend less time surfing the internet, avoid checking your phone for texts and other distractions, and make a daily schedule of tasks to tackle. Each of these steps can help you be more productive in a given workday.

When making New Year's resolutions this January, professionals can resolve to find ways to make their workdays better.



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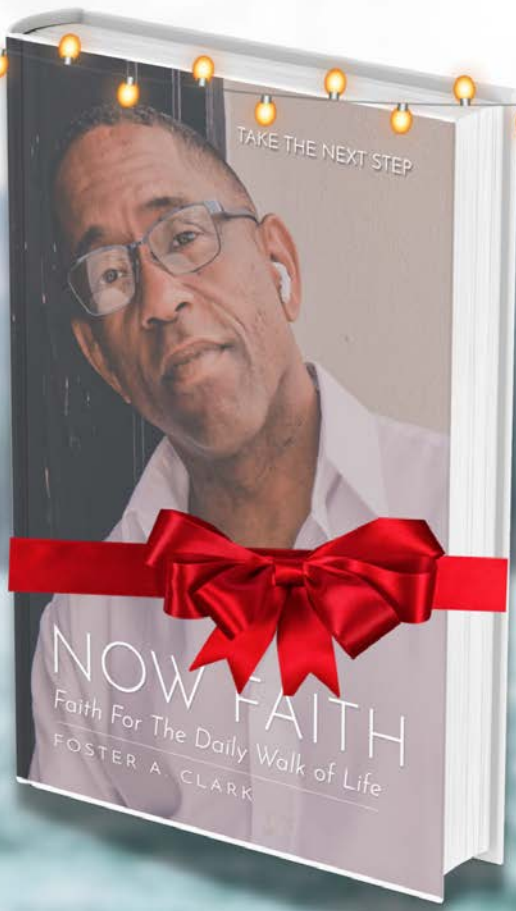
Adhering to a nutritious diet can be challenging at any time of year, and especially so during the holiday season. Baked goods and big meals are at seemingly every turn come the holiday season, and that can test even the most devoted dieters. In fact, a 2016 study published in the New England Journal of Medicine found that the average American's weight increases by 0.4 percent over Christmas and 0.2 percent over Thanksgiving. Curiously, the researchers found that the majority of weight gain occurs in the 10 days after Christmas.



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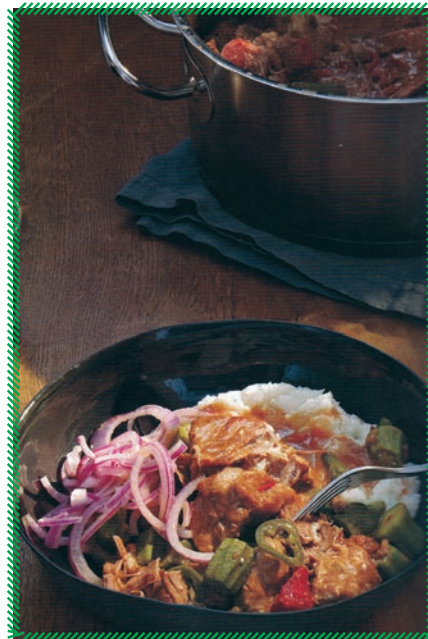
As the mercury dips and snow and ice making conditions outside less inviting, a warm and welcoming meal inside can be just what the doctor ordered.

This recipe for "Jalapeno Pork Stew With Pickled Onions" from "Real Simple Dinner Tonight: Done!" (Time Home Entertainment) by the editors of Real Simple is tailor-made for a cold day. This hearty dish will warm anyone up, both from the heat of the stew itself and the spicy kick of the jalapenos.

## Jalapeno Pork Stew With Pickled Onions

Serves 8

- 4 tablespoons olive oil
- 5 pounds boneless pork shoulder or butt, trimmed and cut into 2-inch pieces
- 2 tablespoons ground cumin
- Kosher salt and black pepper
- 3 tablespoons all-purpose flour
- 1 cup fresh orange juice
- 1 14.5-ounce can diced tomatoes, drained
- 12 cloves garlic
- 1 to 2 jalapeno peppers, seeded and sliced
- 1 large red onion, thinly sliced
- 1/4 cup red wine vinegar
- 1 1-pound package frozen cut okra
- 1 1/2 cups grits



Heat oven to 325 F. Heat 2 tablespoons of the oil in a large ovenproof pot or Dutch oven over medium-high heat. Season the pork with the cumin, 1 1/2 teaspoons salt and 1 1/2 teaspoon black pepper. In batches, cook the pork until browned, turning occasionally, 6 to 8 minutes; transfer to a plate.

Add the flour and the remaining 2 tablespoons of oil to the pot and cook, stirring for 1 minute. Add the orange juice, tomatoes, garlic, jalapenos, and 4 cups water and bring to a boil. Return the pork to the pot, cover, transfer to oven, and cook until the pork is tender, 2 1/2 to 3 hours.

Meanwhile, in a small bowl, toss the onion with the vinegar, 1/2 cup water, and 1/2 teaspoon salt. Let sit, tossing occasionally, for at least 30 minutes (and up to 4 hours).

Skim off and discard any fat from the stew. Add the okra. Cover the pot, return it to the oven, and cook until the okra is tender, about 15 minutes. If the stew is too thin, place the pot on the stove and simmer, uncovered, until thickened, 5 to 10 minutes more. Meanwhile, cook the grits according to the package directions. Serve with the stew and marinated onions.

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By Edward Rothlein of Citrus County

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# Classic fruitcake tailor-made for the holiday season

Though it might not have as many devotees as holiday cookies, fruitcake is a must-have for many during the holiday season. This recipe for "Fruitcake" from Jeanne Sauvage's "Gluten-Free Baking For the Holidays" (Chronicle Books) can help holiday celebrants ensure the holiday tradition of baking fruitcake continues this holiday season.

**Fruitcake**  
(Serves 10 to 15)

## Macerated Fruit

- 2 1/2 pounds raisins, pitted prunes, pitted dates, and dried figs, finely chopped
- 1/2 cup candied orange and/or lemon peel, finely chopped
- 1/3 cup candied or dried cherries, finely chopped
- 2/3 cup candied or preserved ginger, finely chopped
- Grated zest and juice of 1 large lemon
- Grated zest and juice of 1 large orange
- 1 tablespoon orange or tangerine marmalade
- 1 tablespoon apricot jam
- 1 cup applesauce
- 2 tablespoons brandy, sweet sherry or apple juice
  
- 1 cup unsalted butter, at room temperature, plus more for greasing
- 3 cups Jeanne's Gluten-Free All-Purpose Flour (see below)
- 1 teaspoon ground cinnamon
- 1 teaspoon ground ginger
- 1 teaspoon freshly grated nutmeg
- 1 teaspoon ground allspice
- 1 tablespoon baking powder
- 1 cup packed dark brown sugar
- 1 teaspoon pure vanilla extract
- 4 extra-large eggs, at room temperature
- 2 tablespoons brandy, rum, whiskey, sweet sherry, or apple juice, or as needed



The day before you bake the cake, prepare the macerated fruit. Place the raisins, prunes, dates, and figs in a large bowl. Add the citrus peel, cherries, ginger, lemon zest and juice, and orange zest and juice. Add the marmalade, jam, applesauce, and brandy and stir to combine. Cover the bowl and let stand overnight at room temperature so that the fruits soak up the liquid and the flavors meld. The mixture can macerate in the refrigerator for up to 1 week.

Preheat the oven to 325 F. If the fruit has been in the refrigerator, bring it to room temperature. Grease the bottom and sides of a 9 1/2- or 10-inch springform pan with butter. Line the bottom with three layers of parchment paper and the sides with one layer of parchment. The batter will be very sticky.

In a medium bowl, mix together the flour, cinnamon, ginger, nutmeg, allspice, and baking powder.

In the bowl of a stand mixer fitted with the paddle attachment, beat the butter on medium-high speed until light and fluffy, about 3 minutes. Add the brown sugar and beat for 1 minute. Reduce the speed to low, add the vanilla, and beat until combined. Add the eggs, one at a time, beating after each addition. Then beat for 1 minute longer. Add the flour mixture and beat until just combined. Add the macerated fruit and, with a large wooden spoon, combine with the batter. This requires a bit of strength.

Scrape the batter into the prepared pan.

Bake for 2 hours, then reduce the oven temperature to 300 F and bake until a toothpick inserted into the middle of the cake comes out clean, about 2 hours. If the cake browns too quickly, you might want to tent it with aluminum foil for the last 2 hours so it doesn't burn.

Remove the cake from the oven and, while it is still hot, pierce it all over with a skewer. Pour the brandy over the top. Place the pan on a wire rack and let the cake cool completely.

Remove the sides from the pan and peel the parchment paper from the sides and bottom of the cake. Wrap the cake in waxed paper and place it in an airtight container or wrap it in a few layers of plastic wrap. Leave the cake at room temperature for 3 to 5 days to allow the flavors to meld. If you used alcohol, you may store the cake in the refrigerator for up to 2 weeks.

Once the cake is sliced, store in an airtight container at room temperature for up to 1 week.

**Jeanne's Gluten-Free All-Purpose Flour**  
(Makes 4 1/2 cups)

- 1 1/4 cups brown rice flour
- 1 1/4 cups white rice flour
- 1 cup sweet rice flour
- 1 cup tapioca flour
- Scant 2 teaspoons xanthan gum

In a large bowl, whisk together the brown and white rice flours, sweet rice flour, tapioca flour, and xanthan gum thoroughly. Transfer the mix to an airtight container. Store in a cool, dark place for up to 6 weeks or in the refrigerator for up to 4 months.



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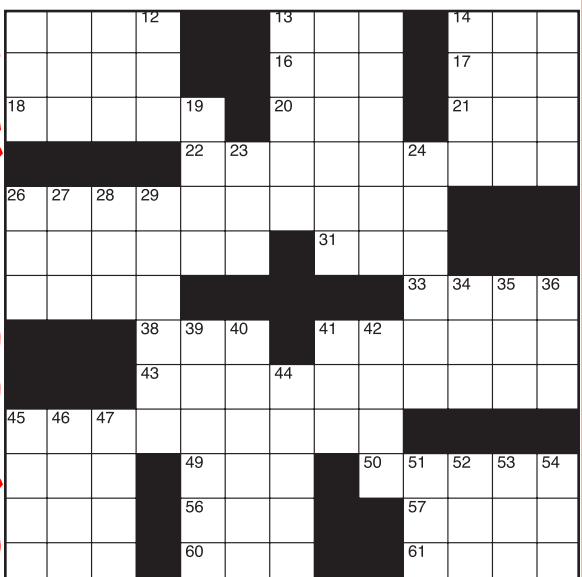
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# How to find more time for leisure

Everyone appreciates some time to rest and relax. But few may realize just how valuable free time can be to their overall well-being. A 2021 study from the American Psychological Association found that individuals with up to two hours of free time per day reported feeling better than people who had less free time. The sense of well-being free time provides underscores the need for leisure time. Unfortunately, a 2016 survey from the Pew Research Center found that 12 percent of adults in the United States felt they were too busy to enjoy life. These strategies to create more leisure time can help anyone overcome by a hectic schedule or people simply looking to spend more time on recreational activities.

~ **Audit yourself.** An honest self-assessment regarding how you spend your time may reveal that you're your own worst enemy when it comes to being busy and having no time for leisure. Utilize a journal to document how you're spending time each day. Chances are you will uncover some time-wasting behaviors or habits that can be ditched in favor of creating more leisure time.

~ **Book your leisure time.** Calendars are a part of everyday life, especially for busy professionals. Calendars may be used most often for work, but they also can be useful when trying to schedule time for leisure. Blocking off certain hours of the day to pursue leisure activities ensures open hours on a schedule won't be filled by impromptu meetings with coworkers or other events that can take away from time to rest and relax.

~ **Minimize distractions during the workday.** Workdays can be hectic, but many professionals succumb to distractions like the internet, text messaging with friends or family or scanning social media during a typical workday. In fact, a 2019 study by Rescue Time found that workers average just two hours and 28 minutes of productive time each workday. Increasing productivity by blocking out distractions during the workday should help professionals get more done during the workday, which in turn should free up time for leisure activities.

~ **Make the most of a remote or hybrid working arrangement.** In response to the COVID-19 pandemic, many businesses were forced to shift to remote working, and many have maintained that standard or adopted a hybrid working option. Numerous studies have shown that workers' productivity increases when they shift to remote work. However, it's important that individuals who work from home recognize they must walk a tightrope in order to make hybrid or remote working beneficial for their pursuit of more leisure time. Research from Ergotron found that 40 percent of workers work longer hours at home than in the office. Though remote or hybrid work can create more space for leisure time, it's only effective when workers make an effort to log off when the typical workday ends. In such instances, time normally spent commuting can be designated for recreational pursuits.

Leisure time is likely there for the taking, and some simple strategies can help busy professionals find more time to rest and relax.



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Barbara Sprague, CFB Executive Director and CEO, is pulling out all the stops to make sure no one goes hungry this holiday season. In addition to the agency's standard fundraising efforts, Sprague is challenging the community to be part of the CFB's movement to make an impact by offering an in-kind or monetary donation to help our neighbors in need.

"Living with hunger is challenging on many levels, and it's especially difficult during the holidays," explains Sprague. "We want to do everything we can to ensure everyone in our community can enjoy nourishing meals on Thanksgiving, Christmas/Hanukkah, and to begin the new year."

One meal equates to one pound of food. The CFB needs to collect or purchase through monetary donations at least 210,000 pounds of food for holiday meals to feed the 70,000+ individuals in our area who seek food assistance each month. Individuals and businesses wanting to be part of the movement can make a monetary donation to the CFB, as every \$10 provides 100 meals. The agency is also accepting the following food donations:

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"Every little bit helps," says Sprague. "Picking up a few extra cans of food every time you go to the grocery store can make a tremendous impact. It may be the determining factor in whether or not someone is able to eat a meal or not."

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**The three men broke into a conversation. The topic eventually reached the men's jobs, and why they were at the beach.**

**"I'm a construction worker," said the first man. "All year long I toil in the sun in very heavy clothes, so this seemed like the perfect vacation for me. If I can relax and do it naked, that's a win-win."**

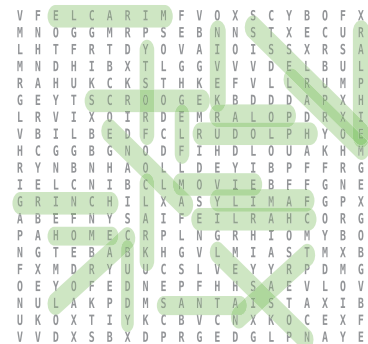
**"I'm an accountant," said the second man. "I just like how everyone here is dressed exactly the same."**

**The first two men turned to the third, sad man. "What do you do?" they asked.**

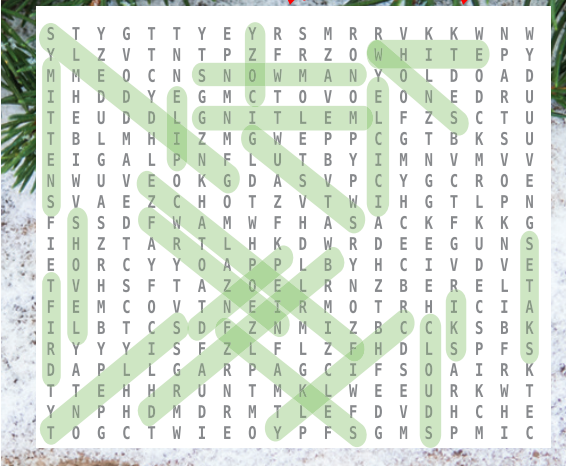
**"I'm a pickpocket," said the third man. "My doctor sent me here."**

# ANSWERS

## CHRISTMAS MOVIE WORD SEARCH

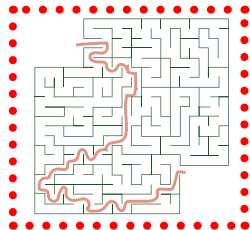


## SNOW WORD SEARCH



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PAUL COELHO



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Answers:

Top row: Picture 2, Missing snowflakes  
 Middle row: Picture 4, Missing eyebrows  
 Bottom row: Picture 9, Maple leaf blue

# Gus's Animal Gossip



Hey Guy's Gus, here. I can't believe that it is already December, and we are about to have our first Christmas with Gracie. I'm looking forward to seeing her on Christmas morning, she gets so excited about everything. I am happy that she is part of the Peddler's Pup pack now. She will never have to stress about being rejected again. Being surrendered to the pound two times really had a lasting impact on Gracie. Mom and Dad must kennel her when they leave because she will get so stressed out, she will display a lot of the negative behaviours discussed in the below article about "signs of anxiety in dogs." She gets so scared that she will be rejected that she just cannot help herself. Surrendering a pet that has already been acclimated to a family has lasting impacts on the pet and sometimes can impact that pet getting a new family. Remember if you are considering a pet this year for the holidays, we are long term responsibilities. Me and Gracie have a home for the holidays because mom and dad chose to ADOPT and not SHOP. I think it is great advice! Merry Christmas Guys! See you in 2023!

## Signs of anxiety in dogs

Mental health issues have garnered some much-needed attention in recent years. As the world confronted a global pandemic, the mental health cost of that confrontation proved significant, prompting millions of people to speak openly about mental health for the first time. Much of the conversation surrounding mental health conditions in recent years has focused on the human toll those conditions have taken. But mental health issues, including anxiety, can affect pets as well. According to the American Kennel Club, dog anxiety can affect all breeds. As a result, it behooves all dog owners to learn about dog anxiety so they can be in the best position possible to help their furry friends.

### What is anxiety?

The anxiety dogs feel is not much different than that felt by humans. Merriam-Webster defines anxiety as "apprehensive uneasiness or nervousness over an impending or anticipated ill." Although the AKC acknowledges that all dogs feel anxiety at one point or another, the organization warns that disproportionate levels of anxiety that go untreated can produce an anxiety disorder in dogs. Such disorders can pave the way to behavioral and other issues.

### What causes anxiety in dogs?

The Merck Veterinary Manual indicates that fear, separation and aging are some of the most common causes of dog anxiety. Some dog owners may recognize that their dogs are fearful of loud noises, strangers (including both people and animals they don't recognize), veterinary visits, and certain visual stimuli. Though that fear is often temporary, it could lead to significant anxiety in some dogs. The AKC estimates that around 14 percent of dogs are affected by separation anxiety. These dogs cannot be comfortable when their owners leave, and they may engage in various negative behaviors as a result. Such behaviors include chewing or destroying furniture, urinating or defecating in the home even if they've been trained, and excessive barking. Age-related anxiety has been linked to cognitive dysfunction syndrome, or CDS. In such instances, dogs with CDS experience anxiety as they deal with issues affecting their memory, perception and awareness.

### What are some symptoms of anxiety in dogs?

The AKC advises dog owners to be on the lookout for these important symptoms of dog anxiety:

- ~ Aggression
- ~ Urinating or defecating in the house
- ~ Drooling
- ~ Panting
- ~ Destructive behavior
- ~ Depression
- ~ Excessive barking
- ~ Pacing
- ~ Restlessness
- ~ Repetitive or compulsive behaviors



Anxiety can be a serious issue for dogs that adversely affects their quality of life. Various approaches can be tried to treat dogs with anxiety. Dog owners who suspect their dogs are experiencing excessive anxiety are urged to discuss their concerns with their veterinarians.

## Gracie's Giggles



I can not believe they don't let us bring in our sticks, but they bring in a whole tree!

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