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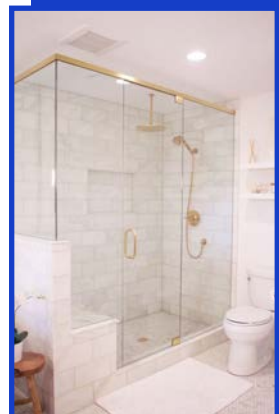


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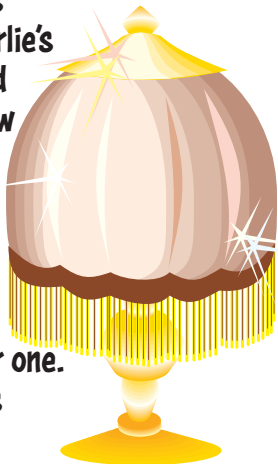
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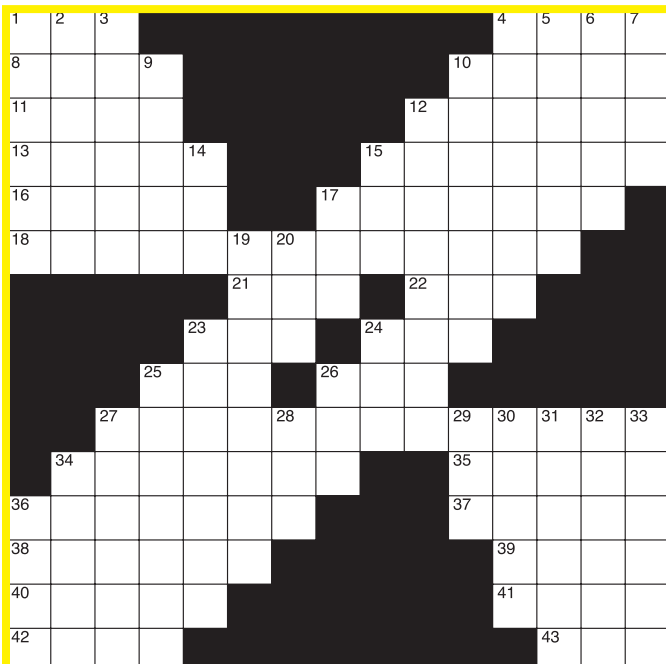
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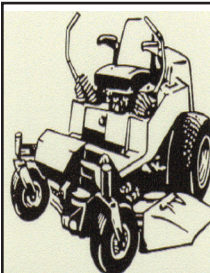
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The stages of menopause

Menopause marks a moment in a woman's life when her reproductive years come to an end. It is a natural part of aging and represents when a person has gone 12 consecutive months without a menstrual period.

Perimenopause

Although some may think that menopause lasts several years, it actually is a single moment in time when menstruation ceases. However, perimenopause is the period of years leading up to menopause, or when women or people assigned female at birth start to transition to menopause, according to the Cleveland Clinic. Perimenopause also is called "perimenopause transition." It usually starts in one's forties and lasts until menopause. Gradual changes occur during perimenopause, including skipped periods, longer or shorter periods, hot flashes, or changes in mood. Perimenopause tends to set in anywhere from five to 10 years before a final period.

Menopause

A woman will not know she has reached menopause until it actually has happened and no subsequent periods occur. False alarms are not uncommon. During perimenopause, skipping periods is common, and menstrual cycles may shorten, causing cycles to come on more frequently and run into one another.

While menopause can occur at any time in one's forties or fifties, the average age of occurrence in the United States is 51. The Mayo Clinic says symptoms of menopause can start during perimenopause and persist a few years after a person's last menstrual cycle. These symptoms include chills, night sweats, hot flashes, sleeping disturbances, mood changes, weight gain and slowed metabolism, vaginal dryness, thinning hair and skin, and loss of breast fullness. Many women also notice changes in the shape or performance of their bodies, such as changes in the waist and joints and muscles being stiff and achy.

There are treatments available that may help with menopausal issues that can be discussed with health providers.

Postmenopause

Postmenopause is the name given to the time after menopause. During this stage, the severity of menopause symptoms may lessen. However, some women may experience symptoms for 10 years or more. Menopause puts people at risk for several health conditions due to reduced estrogen levels, including osteoporosis and heart disease, according to the Cleveland Clinic. While menopause is a distinct moment in time when reproduction ceases, it is preceded and followed by other stages that affect women in various ways.



COMMUNITY BOARD

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.

11th

In commemorating the tragic events of September 11, 2001, Citrus County Fire Rescue will visit the Homosassa Public Library to provide a special presentation on Fire Safety for Seniors. This program will be held at the Homosassa Public Library at 10:30 AM -- 11:30 AM. It is located at 4100 S. Grandmarch Ave, Homosassa, FL 34446. See less

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

17th

COME ONE, COME ALL (ladies that is) The Woman's Club of Beverly Hills will be attending The Craft Fair put on by The Beverly Hills Civic Association on Sunday, September 17 from 10 am to 2 pm at 77 Civic Circle in BH. Stop by and see what we're all about. Then on Thursday, September 21 at 1 pm our General Meeting and Guest Speaker will be presented at our new location of The Citrus County Senior Center, in the Café, 2804 West Marc Knighton Court, Lecanto, FL 34461. We would love to meet you. For more information call 203-915-7407.

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!

OCTOBER

8th

Soprano Jennifer Foster will be in concert at Countryside Presbyterian Church, 7768 SW Highway 200 on Sunday, October 8, 2023 @ 3:00 PM. Jennifer has performed internationally as a soloist, including San Francisco Opera, music festivals, multiple venues in Europe and with the Central Florida Master Choir. Her latest album, "If You Search With All Your Heart", was just released in June, 2023 on the Watchfire Music Label.

10th

The Citrus County Genealogical Society will meet October 10 at 10:00 a.m. at the Church of Jesus Christ of the Latter-Day Saints, 3474 W. Southern St, Lecanto. There will be NO Zoom. The speaker will be Peggy Lauritzen who will be talking about "Home-spun and Calico: Researching the Lives of our Foremothers." Half of the names of your pedigree chart belong to women. This lecture will give the genealogist some frequently overlooked sources concerning the women in our ancestry. Guest are welcome. Mary Ann Machonkin

14th

The West Citrus Lady Elks welcomes the public to their Arts and Craft Show from 8:30 am to 3 pm at the Homosassa Lodge, 7890 W. Grover Cleveland Blvd. This annual event draws numerous artists and crafters along with a crowd of visitors from all over the country. The show is held entirely inside. A real must see show! Talented area crafters and vendors will be displaying and selling their items at this admission-free event. You'll find décor items, art works, needlework's, apparel accessories and jewelry, holiday items and outdoor decorations, hand made items galore. There will be tickets for raffle baskets and vendor related door prizes. There will also be food items for you to purchase and enjoy. For more information call Kathy at 352-586-8886 Proceeds from this event go to both local and Elk's Charities supported by the Ladies.

NOVEMBER

4th

10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Citrus Springs Memorial Library (a Non-Profit Library) will be hosting a FLORIDA AUTHOR EVENT. Browse and purchase books written by 30 FLORIDA WRITERS of various genres. Talk to the authors about their writing journey. The Event is FREE to the public. For continuous information about the event: www.flauthorsevent.blogspot.com Facebook: Citrus Springs Library Citrus Springs Memorial Library, 1826 W. Country Club Blvd, Citrus Springs, FL 34434, 352-489-2313

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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 and you are charging a fee, then please see page 4 for our advertising rates.

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The 1st & 3rd Tuesdays of each month The Citrus Library Coping Connection offers Online demintia support groups hosted by Certified Dementia
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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
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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

ALZHEIMER'S CAREGIVERS COMMUNITY SUPPORT The Floral City Alzheimer's/Dementia Caregivers Support Group meets on the third Friday of
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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
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FloralCityGardenClub.com

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
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Call Marie @ 845-667-290

The Homosassa River Garden Club is taking the summer off from their monthly meetings but will resume on October 16th.
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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.

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.
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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!

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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2804 W. Marc Knighton Ct, Lecanto. Meetings are held on the third Thursday of the month at 1 pm (starting SEPT 21) with guest speakers and
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What men should know about prostate cancer

The digital age has dominated twenty-first century life and transformed how people live. Access to information pertaining to just about any topic is now never more than a quick smartphone search away. That's made information more readily available, but it's also led some to believe there's simply too much data to process at times.

It's undeniable that many things are now around to compete for individuals' attention, and it's no small task to determine what does and doesn't merit consideration. Health-conscious adults recognize the importance of staying on top of health-related issues, and that may involve educating oneself about certain diseases with the hope of understanding and reducing individual risk.

For men, recognition of some important facts about prostate cancer can help them better understand a disease that the World Cancer Research Fund International reports is the second most commonly occurring cancer in men.

~ The Prostate Cancer Foundation and the Canadian Cancer Foundation report that one in eight men in the United States and Canada will be diagnosed with prostate cancer in his lifetime.

~ Men are more likely to develop prostate cancer than they are melanoma and cancers of the colon, kidney and stomach combined.

~ The PCF estimates that more than three million men in the U.S. are currently living with prostate cancer.

~ The CCS estimates that 67 Canadian men will be diagnosed with prostate cancer every day.

~ The risk for prostate cancer increases considerably as men age. According to the PCF, roughly 60 percent of prostate cancer cases are found in men over the age of 65.

~ Men who have a father, brother or son who has been diagnosed with prostate cancer could be twice as likely to develop the disease as those without such a connection.

~ The CCS reports the five-year survival rate for prostate cancer among men in Canada was 91 percent in 2022. By contrast, the five-year survival rate for all cancers in the same year was 62 percent. The American Cancer Society reports that the five-year survival rate for prostate cancer in the U.S. was 97 percent between 2012 and 2018.

~ The PCF notes that prostate cancer often produces no symptoms, which underscores the significance of prostate cancer examinations. The ACS reports that the prostate-specific antigen (PSA) blood test is used mainly to screen for prostate cancer in men without symptoms. Men are urged to speak with their physicians about testing for the disease, even if they are symptom-free. The ACS indicates such a discussion for men who are at average risk for the disease should occur at age 50, while the MD Anderson Cancer recommends men open a dialogue with their physicians beginning at age 40.

Prostate cancer is a common yet treatable disease. Men are urged to educate themselves about prostate cancer and discuss prevention with their physicians.



Prostate Cancer
Awareness Month



Math Blocks

Fill in the missing blocks with numbers between 0-10.
The numbers in each row add up to the totals on the right.
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Solution

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- 1620: THE PILGRIMS SAIL FROM PLYMOUTH, ENGLAND, ON THE MAYFLOWER, HOPING TO SETTLE IN NORTH AMERICA.
- 1939: SOUTH AFRICA DECLARES WAR ON GERMANY DURING WORLD WAR II.
- 1997: THE FUNERAL OF DIANA, PRINCESS OF WALES, TAKES PLACE IN LONDON.



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ANSWER: TRUE

Get Scrambled

Unscramble the words to determine the phrase.

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ANSWER: Dog Collar



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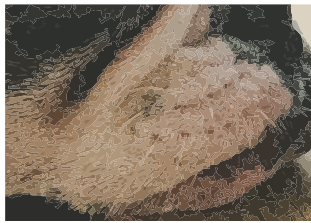
the projecting nose and mouth of an animal

How they SAY that in...

- ENGLISH: Tail
- SPANISH: Rabo
- ITALIAN: Coda
- FRENCH: Queue
- GERMAN: Schwanz

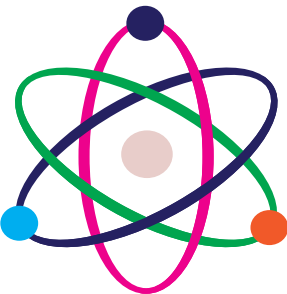


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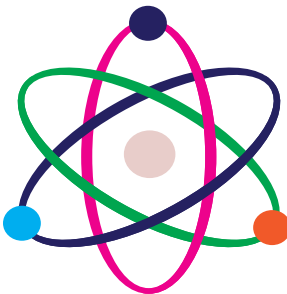


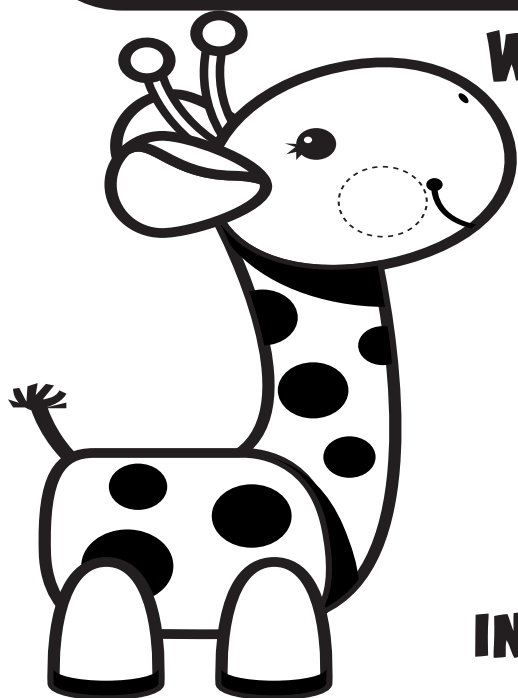
Can you guess what the bigger picture is?

ANSWER: DOG'S SNOUT



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September 2nd 1969 The first automatic teller machine in the United States is installed in Rockville Center, New York

September 3rd 1783 Treaty of Paris signed in Paris ends the American Revolutionary War between Great Britain and United States of America



September 4th 1781 Los Angeles is founded by 44 Spanish speaking mestizos in the Bahia de las Fumas (Bay of Smokes)

September 5th 1774 With the meeting of the Continental Congress, Philadelphia becomes the 1st capital of the United States

September 6th 1666 After St Paul's Cathedral and much of the city had been burned down over four days, The Great Fire of London is finally extinguished

September 7th 1996 Rap artist Tupac Shakur shot multiple times in a drive by shooting in Las Vegas, dies 6 days later

September 8th 1504 Michelangelo's Statue of David is unveiled in Florence

September 9th 2015 Queen Elizabeth II becomes Great Britain's longest-reigning monarch at 63 years and seven months, beating the previous record set by her great-great-grandmother, Queen Victoria



September 10th 1991 Rock band Nirvana release their single "Smells like Teen Spirit", often dubbed the anthem of Generation X

September 11th 2001 Attempt by passengers and crew of United Airlines Flight 93 to retake control of their hijacked plane from terrorists causes plane to crash in Pennsylvania field killing all 64 people on board

September 12th 1981 "The Smurfs" animated cartoon series by Hanna-Barbera first broadcasts in North America

September 13th 1501 Michelangelo begins work on his Statue of David, a masterpiece of Renaissance sculpture

September 14th 1936 1st prefrontal lobotomy in America performed by Walter Freeman and James W. Watts at George Washington University Hospital in Washington D.C.



September 15th 1997 Google.com is registered as a domain name

September 16th 1620 The Mayflower departs Plymouth, England, with 102 Pilgrims and about 30 crew for the New World [O.S. Sep 6]

September 17th 1778 1st treaty between the US & Indian tribes signed (Fort Pitt)

September 18th 1947 The Central Intelligence Agency officially comes into existence after being established by President Truman in July

September 19th 1893 New Zealand becomes the first country to grant all women the right to vote

September 20th 1519 Spanish expedition led by Portuguese navigator Ferdinand Magellan sets off on the 1st successful circumnavigation of the globe (Magellan killed on route)

September 21st 1915 Cecil Chubb buys English prehistoric monument Stonehenge for £6,600

September 22nd 1692 Last people hanged for witchcraft (8) in the US, 19 hanged overall, with six other deaths during Salem Witch Trials



September 23rd 1884 American Herman Hollerith patents his mechanical tabulating machine, the beginning of data processing

September 24th 1950 Operation Magic Carpet concludes after having transported 45,000 Yemenite Jews to Israel

September 25th 1975 Pink Floyd's concept album "Wish You Were Here" reaches No. 1 in the US, goes on to sell 13 million copies

September 26th 1890 US stops minting \$1 & \$3 gold coin & 3 cent piece

September 27th 1822 French scholar Jean-François Champollion announces he has deciphered Egyptian hieroglyphics using the Rosetta Stone



September 28th 1904 Woman arrested for smoking a cigarette in a car on 5th Avenue, NYC

September 29th 1920 Yankees slugger Babe Ruth sets the MLB home run season record at 54 with a 9th inning shot off Dave Keefe in New York's 7-3 win at the Philadelphia A's

September 30th 1946 Twenty-two Nazi leaders, including Joachim von Ribbentrop and Hermann Goering, are found guilty of war crimes and sentenced to death or prison at the Nuremberg war trials

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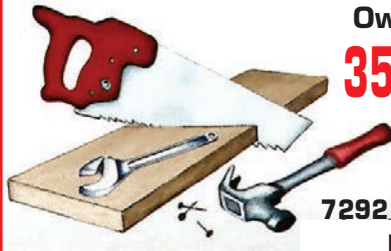
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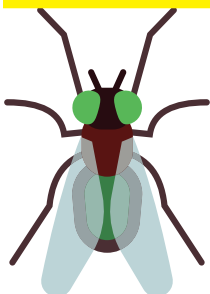
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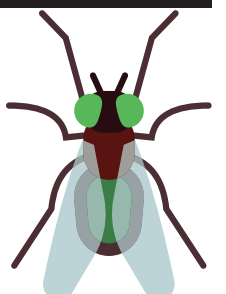
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5 advantages local business have over the competition

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1. Passionate owners and operators

Walk into a big box store or other business and you may find a handful of dedicated employees, but not quite at the level of small businesses. Small business owners prioritize the customer experience because they know they need to work hard to retain customers. This translates into knowing the products well, and sharing as much knowledge as possible with customers. Big box businesses vulnerable to heavy staff turnover often do not have a vested interest in the brand.

2. Work the local niche

What makes big box retailers so familiar to shoppers is one can stop in a store in the middle of Nebraska and likely find the same items as a store in Hawaii, with only a few subtle differences between the locations. Big box companies work with the same suppliers and ship the same products all over the world. Customers seeking personalized items and services for their particular regions are better off utilizing local small businesses that can bring in regional vendors more readily.

3. Better shopping experience

Big box stores draw customers during peak times when they're home from school or off from work. That often translates to long lines both at checkout and at customer service or return counters. By contrast, there may be no apparent rhyme or reason to when shoppers visit small businesses, meaning there likely will not be crowds. It's much more pleasant to browse wares without having to contend with shopping cart traffic and people blocking aisles.

4. Advanced technology

Big box companies have invested millions of dollars into their point-of-service systems and other technologies, which means it can be a very slow transition to new options as times change. Small businesses generally can shift to newer, better technology more readily because they do not have to do so on the same scale as their larger competitors.

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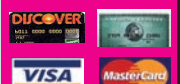
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What Money CAN and CANNOT Buy

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"Mental Age" Eye Test

The following was developed as a mental age assessment by the School of Psychiatry at Harvard University. Take your time and see if you can read each line aloud without a mistake. The average person over 60 years of age cannot do it!

1. This is this cat.
2. This is is cat.
3. This is how cat.
4. This is to cat.
5. This is keep cat.
6. This is an cat.
7. This is old cat.
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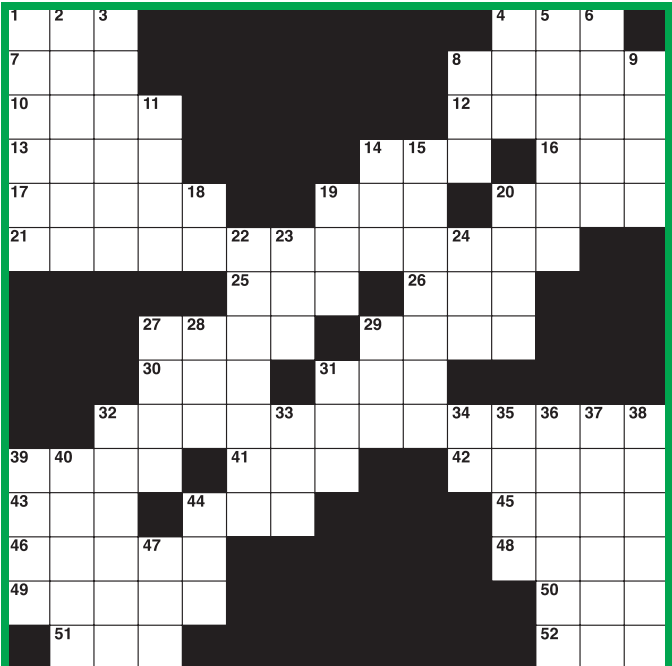
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- When you hope to arrive
- Sign up (Brit. Eng.)
- Sun up in New York
- Employee stock ownership plan
- Where people live
- Method to record an electrogram
- Angry
- No longer living
- Simple
- Swiss river
- Portion of a play
- It's under the tree
- Wood sorrels
- No (Scottish)
- Dialect of English
- Former Steelers' QB
- Popular beer
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- Your consciousness of your own identity
- "Ghetto Superstar" singer
- Piece of turf

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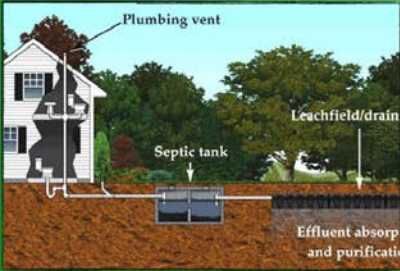
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- Containing salt
- Reasoning or knowledge: a ---
- Car mechanics group
- Leave a place
- Southern Colombian capital
- Old English letter
- Tide
- Walk heavily
- Chemical compound (abbr.)
- Artificial openings
- Luteinizing hormone
- Unit of energy
- Circular movement of water
- A way of holding
- Popular book of words (abbr.)
- States' group
- Dashes
- Body part
- Electronic countermeasures
- Consumed
- Small bird
- Unhappy
- Football's big game (abbr.)
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The health benefits of being in nature

Nature enthusiasts are known to say that spending time in the great outdoors has a positive effect on their mental and physical well-being. Such an outlook is more than mere speculation, as it turns out spending time in nature provides a host of health benefits that might surprise even the most devoted outdoors enthusiasts.

Nature and cognitive health

A 2010 study published in the American Journal of Alzheimer's Disease & Other Dementias found that engaged persons with dementia in horticultural therapy-based (HT-based) programming solicited higher rates of participation than traditional activities (TA) programming. In addition, a separate 2013 study in the journal Dementia found that exposure to a therapeutic garden had a positive impact on quality of life for people with dementia. And it's not just dementia patients who can experience the cognitive benefits of time spent in nature, as the Hagley Museum and Library reports that numerous studies have found exposure to nature improves cognitive function.

Nature and vitamin D

The potential health benefits of vitamin D are increasingly drawing the attention of medical researchers, and for good reason. According to the Harvard Medical School, recent research has suggested that vitamin D may offer added protection against conditions such as osteoporosis, cancer, heart attack, stroke, and depression. Exposure to sunshine can help the body generate vitamin D, thus providing further reason to spend time in nature.

Nature and overall well-being

Given the aforementioned health benefits related to spending time in nature, it's easy for even non-scientists to conclude that being outdoors has a profound impact on overall well-being. But non-scientists can rest assured that recent research has confirmed such conclusions. A 2019 study published in the journal Scientific Reports found that individuals who spent at least 120 minutes a week in nature were significantly more likely to report good health and psychological well-being than those who spent less time outdoors. Though the authors of the study cautioned that the exposure-response relationship was under-researched, and therefore likely needed to be studied more extensively, in the meantime individuals, after a consultation with their physicians and confirmation that it's safe to get out more often, can aspire to spend at least 120 minutes in nature each week. The results may speak for themselves.

Nature has a lot to offer, and the benefits of spending more time outdoors may be even more significant than people recognize.



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**WINNER
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WINNER**



Meet Cheri Hecker our August Citrus County Winner. Cheri is a Florida Native born in Tampa, Florida at MacDill Air Force Base . She has lived all over Florida but settled in Citrus County in 1981. Cheri's favorite thing to do in Citrus County is fishing. Her favorite spot is off the Withlacoochee River which happens to be in her back yard.

Cheri picks up her Peddler's Post at the Chicken King in Hernando, FL. Her favorite part of the Peddler's Post is the games, and she really likes Soduko. Cheri shared that her granddaughter helped her play the game but was as school today and could not accept it with her. Cheri shared that her granddaughter will be using the new "Penny, The Paper Peddler" umbrella as a beach umbrella. If you see Penny at the beach, it may just be Cheri's granddaughter who enjoys the wholesome fun of the Peddler's Post with her grandma!

Meet Austin Webster (and his lovely lady Gabriella) our August Hernando County Winner! Austin has been a resident of Hernando County for 12 years and just happens to be the owner of the Hernando County Hawks amateur football team! His favorite thing to do in Hernando County is community outreach and coaching!

Austin says his favorite part of the Peddler's Post is all the activities we include in the book and how active we are in the communities we serve! Thanks for playing! We hope y'all enjoy your new umbrella!

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SHE WENT OVER TO THE MACHINE AND PUT HER NICKEL IN AND OUT CAME A CARD THAT SAID, "YOU'RE A NUN. YOU WEIGH 128 LBS., AND YOU ARE GOING TO CHICAGO, ILLINOIS."

SHE SAT BACK DOWN AND THOUGHT ABOUT IT. SHE TOLD HERSELF IT PROBABLY TELLS EVERYONE THE SAME THING, BUT DECIDED TO TRY IT AGAIN. SHE PUT HER NICKEL IN, AND OUT CAME A CARD THAT READ, "YOU'RE A NUN. YOU WEIGH 128 LBS. YOU'RE GOING TO CHICAGO, ILLINOIS, AND YOU ARE GOING TO PLAY A FIDDLE."

THE NUN SAID TO HERSELF, "I KNOW THAT'S WRONG. I HAVE NEVER PLAYED A MUSICAL INSTRUMENT A DAY IN MY LIFE." SHE SAT BACK DOWN. FROM OUT OF NOWHERE, A COWBOY CAME OVER AND SET HIS FIDDLE CASE DOWN NEXT TO HER. THE NUN PICKED UP THE FIDDLE AND STARTED PLAYING BEAUTIFUL MUSIC.

STARTLED, SHE LOOKED BACK AT THE MACHINE AND SAID, "THIS IS INCREDIBLE! I'VE GOT TO TRY IT AGAIN!"

BACK TO THE MACHINE SHE WENT, PUT HER NICKEL IN, AND ANOTHER CARD CAME OUT. IT SAID, "YOU'RE A NUN, YOU WEIGH 128 LBS., YOU'RE GOING TO CHICAGO, ILLINOIS, AND YOU'RE GOING TO BREAK WIND."

NOW, THE NUN KNEW THE MACHINE WAS WRONG. "I'VE NEVER BROKEN WIND IN PUBLIC IN MY WHOLE LIFE!" JUST THEN, SHE TRIPPED, FELL OFF THE SCALES AND BROKE WIND. STUNNED, SHE SAT BACK DOWN AND LOOKED AT THE MACHINE.

SHE SAID TO HERSELF, "THIS IS TRULY UNBELIEVABLE! I'VE GOT TO TRY IT ONE MORE TIME." SHE WENT BACK TO THE MACHINE, PUT HER NICKEL IN AND COLLECTED THE CARD. IT SAID, "YOU'RE A NUN, YOU WEIGH 128 LBS., YOU HAVE FIDDLER AND FARTED AROUND AND MISSED YOUR FLIGHT TO CHICAGO!!!

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This whimsical fall treat ideal for special gatherings

Pumpkin spice may be all the rage in October and November, but it's all about apples in the early weeks of fall. Visiting a local orchard to hand-pick apples is an entertaining way to spend an afternoon with young or old, and it's a great opportunity to gather ingredients for apple pie.

For fall birthdays or other special occasions, skip the celebratory cake for something even more eye-catching: an elaborately decorated pie! Not too many people can resist the tart flavor of fresh apples and the buttery, flaky appeal of a delicious pie crust. Turn a store-bought or homemade pie into an artistic masterpiece with these directions for "Flying Unicorn Pie" from 'Pies are Awesome: The Definitive Pie Art Book' (Quarto) by Jessica Leigh Clark-Bojin.

Flying Unicorn Pie-Makes 1 pie

Ingredients:

Egg wash (or almond milk if making a vegan pie)

Brown gel food color

Vanilla extract

Assortment of sanding sugar, sprinkles, and small Sixlets or drag'es

Gold and pearl luster dust

Vodka or any clear alcohol or extract to mix with the luster dust

Supplies:

The pie pan of your choice

Baking sheet

Parchment paper

Food-safe precision knife

Pastry brush

Food-safe artist brushes

Ramekins or small containers to mix color and hold egg wash

Fondant sculpting tool (or toothpick)



1. Roll out the dough of your choice onto parchment and cut out all the Flying Unicorn template pieces with a sharp knife. Cut out as many "rays" as you like. Don't worry if they look long; they'll shrink in the oven! (Purchase the cookbook for the template or use clip art to create your own template.)

2. Coat all the pieces in the egg wash using a pastry brush.

3. Paste the pieces together using the egg wash as "glue." Smooth out the joints with the back of your fingernail or a fondant sculpting tool. If you have any trouble lifting the pieces, just pop your work in the freezer for 2 minutes, then use a spatula to lift the bits. Score some feather lines in the wings with a fondant sculpting tool.

4. You can either paint the unicorn now with gel colors, or just give it a quick vanilla wash. Make sure you choose colors that will stand out from your background. Bake the pieces at 400 F (200 C) for about 8 minutes, or until golden brown. Every oven is slightly different so keep an eye on it. Set the baked pieces aside to cool while you make the base pie. If you are making your base pie, add a decorative crimped edge of some sort to fancy it up.

5. Once the base pie has baked, place your cooled "ray" pieces evenly around the top of the base pie with a spatula. Let the pie fully cool and then add the edible bling of your choice (this is the fun part!).

6. For the final step, place a dab of jam, chocolate, sugar glue, or leftover filling in the center as glue, and place your unicorn with a spatula. You can add some luster dust mixed with a bit of vodka now if you feel like it needs a bit more fabulousness.

Tip: Since you are going to be coating the top of this pie in sanding sugars, select a filling that is not overly sweet; maybe even something tart, and don't put any sugar in the crust. You can use any flavor of filling you like and the dough of your choice. You can also use a store-bought pie.

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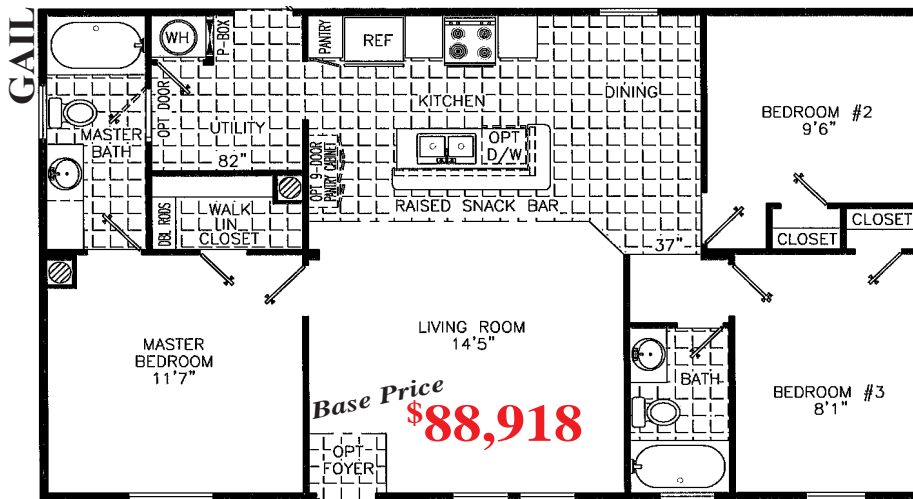
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Solve the code to discover words related to mold awareness.
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(Hint: 25 = E)

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Clue: Structure fungi can form

B. 4 6 7 16 25 1

Clue: White type of mold

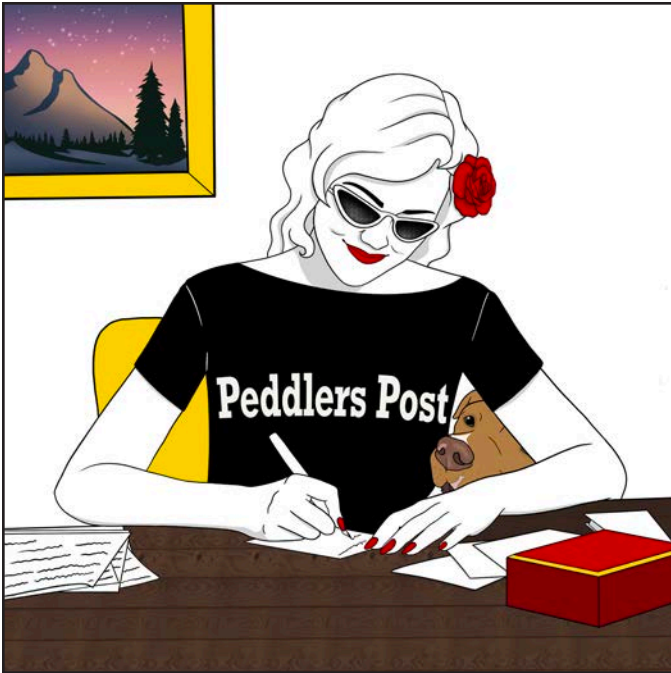
C. 4 18 6 17 5 20 21 25

Clue: Dampness

D. 10 21 25 13 5 8 25

Clue: Inhale/exhale

Answers: A. mold B. mildew C. moisture D. breathe



Peddler's Post has partnered with Citrus Writers of Florida to bring some local literary talent to the pages of the Peddlers Post. Meet Mary Lu Scholl a local novelist!



Citrus Writers of Florida

I have lived in Citrus County twice! I moved here from Arizona with the Postal Service in the early 80s, and then spent twenty years in Colorado. I moved back in 2018. It has grown, but most of what I loved is here, family. I love gardening, writing and public speaking. I no longer even pretend to fish. I have a pedal boat, but it's in dry dock...

My favorite destination is a Home Depot and I eat at Cody's or the Loft regularly. Citrus County Parks and Rec puts up with me as a casual laborer -- great people there.

I define myself now as a novelist. I have two cozy mystery series (short, fun, no profanity or gore) and love to help, and learn from, other authors of Citrus Writers of Florida.

More Rowing than Fishing

First let me explain, I was a city kid.

I moved to the Nature Coast in the 80's and wanted a boat. Not like my husband's boat -- intimidating and efficient. I only wanted a small boat, one with oars because I don't do well with motors. I suggested a canoe and my husband laughed at me. Finally he found me a little Jon Boat with an anchor on a six foot rope (that's important later). His only admonition was "Stay out of the Gulf."

My daughter wanted to go fishing. She was in grade school, and less squeamish than I. She, for example would pluck oysters right off a rock and eat them (her dad's influence). My husband was busy that day, so we loaded up and took off for the nearest river. Neither of us were accomplished fisherman, had any idea what we were fishing for, and only a vague idea what to do with one if we caught it. The trip was the principle of the thing. Nevertheless, after seeing all the wildlife in our immediate area, and catching nothing, we were bored -- and determined to prove to my husband we could do this.

I rowed, and rowed. Soon the water around us opened up into a wider expanse. I suspected we were at the mouth of the river. We dutifully stopped -- ever obedient -- and cast our lines again. There was a little island just a little further out just begging us to try our luck out there. Just past it was another one; fish follow channels between islands, right? What was the difference if we just went a little further?

The river was a distant memory. Sharon was looking over her end of the boat into the water and said, "Uh-oh."

You've undoubtedly heard the expression 'hook, line and sinker.' I looked into the water on my side and whatever it was, was longer than our boat. It grabbed Sharon's line and suddenly it was dangling with that stressed little crookedness that indicates the complete disdain the creature had of our efforts. I calmly told her I thought we had fished enough for the day and looked around to get our bearings. I had rowed that far out, rowing that far in shouldn't be a problem. The tide was going out. I hadn't factored in the disparity of my efforts to that of the tide. I rowed. I rowed. We went nowhere. When I quit rowing we went the wrong direction.

Not a problem! I threw out my anchor. Apparently, the water was deeper than six feet. THAT was a problem.

I rowed harder.

"What's wrong, Mom?"

"Nothing, Honey. Everything's fine. See that pier over there? Wave at the people on it."

She waved, they waved back -- sitting in their lawn chairs and enjoying the afternoon safely on a wooden deck with less than six feet of water under it. I decide maybe I should head obliquely and try to get to shallower water even if it was farther from my target. A desperate effort got us a little closer to shore where it wasn't quite as deep. I was exhausted. I tossed the anchor over and breathed heavily for a minute. Sharon looked at me with concern. "Where are we?"

"The good news is we are getting closer to the river."

"Where were we?"

"Kind of in the Gulf." My daughter -- much better behaved than I am -- was horrified.

I ignored her and looked around. I couldn't row with the anchor down because it wasn't long enough to let me get anywhere. When I picked it up, I went the wrong direction. Did I mention the tide? I pulled the anchor in. It didn't take long. Did I mention six feet? I tossed it toward a nearby rock under the water. It caught and I pulled us up to the rock. My next target was a stand of some kind of water vegetation. It caught and I repeated the maneuver. In this manner, we continued moving incrementally closer to the mouth of the river. We had attracted attention from the pier. They were now standing and leaning on the railing. I'm not sure if they were catcalling or offering encouragement -- I was too tired to care. Sharon waved and they waved back.

Moving closer to the shore, I kept it up. It was getting late. There was a spectacular sunset. The people on the pier ignored it. We were far more interesting. It requires different muscles to throw an anchor and pull the boat along the rope than it does to row. I

Finally switched back and found the pull (shove) of the tide had lessened. As we reentered the relative safety of the river, a cheer broke out from our audience. "Yay! Good job!"

I ignored them with the remnants of my dignity floating along in the water behind us. I only hoped we wouldn't be in the Chronicle the next day. Sharon jumped out when we were close to shore where we put in. One more thrust of the oars beached us and I crawled out. I resisted kissing the ground because I didn't want Sharon to know just how close we came to dying. We loaded up and went home.

My knees were still weak and my arms and shoulders hurt while I fixed dinner. My husband came home and we sat down to eat. He asked what we had done all day. I mentioned that we had gone fishing and hadn't caught anything.

"Where did you go?"

"We were in the Gulf, Daddy."

The next day, my boat was missing from the carport...

If you enjoyed this little story from Mary Lu Scholl, you should check out her other titles which include her wildly successful series "Trailer Park Travails", "Hazardous Duty", "The Lecanto Leprechaun," and more on Amazon at the following link.

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"Oh, I want to travel around the world with my darling husband" said the wife. The fairy waved her magic wand and -- poof! -- two tickets for the Queen Mary II luxury liner appeared in her hands. Then it was the husband's turn. He thought for a moment and said: "Well, this is all very romantic, but an opportunity like this will never come again. I'm sorry my love, but my wish is to have a wife 30 years younger than me."

The wife, and the fairy, were deeply disappointed, but a wish is a wish...So the fairy waved her magic wand and -- poof! -- the husband became 92 years old.

The moral of the story: Men who are ungrateful husbands should remember fairies are female.





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Labor Day weekend travel tips

Labor Day is celebrated on the same day in the United States and Canada each year. An annual holiday to celebrate the achievements of workers, Labor Day (known as Labour Day in Canada), occurs on the first Monday of September each year.

Though its status as the end of summer is not technically accurate, Labor Day marks the unofficial end to the season of fun in the sun for millions of people across both the U.S. and Canada. That makes the weekend preceding Labor Day one of the most popular times to travel. Indeed, data from the Transportation Security Administration indicates that the Friday before Labor Day 2022 was the second busiest travel day at U.S. airports that summer. Travel was equally popular on Labour Day weekend 2022 in Canada, where the online booking platform Kayak reports searches for international flights had increased by 104 percent compared to the year prior.

Labor Day weekend travel figures to be just as popular this year, so travelers can keep these tips in mind as they plan one last summer getaway.

- ~ Book as early as possible. With so many people interested in traveling on Labor Day weekend, it behooves all travelers to plan ahead. Competition for hotel rooms and other lodging might be steep, and individuals who plan to fly might have trouble finding seats on flights that leave during peak travel hours the longer they delay.
 - ~ Consider traveling by car. Air travel aficionados had some good news and bad news as the summer travel season began in 2023. Data from FlightAware indicated that flight cancellations were down in 2023 compared to 2022. However, FlightAware data also indicated there were an average of 7,000 to 9,000 flight delays per day in the U.S. in the first half of 2023. No one wants to send off the last weekend of summer with a lengthy flight delay, so travelers who want to spend as much time as possible celebrating may want to drive rather than fly to their destinations.
 - ~ Drive during off-peak hours. Air travelers must cede some control over when to depart, but drivers can pick their own time to hit the road. Starting a trip during off-peak hours, such as early in the morning or even after rush hour on Thursday night, may enable drivers to avoid traffic.
 - ~ Travel light. Warm weather tends to linger into Labor Day weekend, so there's no need to pack heavy. That's especially noteworthy for air travelers. The lighter travelers can pack for a flight, the less likely they will need to check a bag. That decreases the likelihood bags will be lost if a flight is delayed or canceled, and it also allows travelers to deplane and leave the airport without having to wait around to claim their bags.
 - ~ Extend the trip. An extra day at the end of the trip can help travelers avoid the crowds on the way home. Parents may need to travel on Labor Day if school is already in session or starting on Tuesday. But travelers who have no reason to rush home can get an extra day of fun in the sun and travel home on a day that tends to be less hectic.
- Labor Day weekend marks the unofficial end of summer. Travelers can keep various strategies in mind to get the most out of summer's swan song.



Rice is the star of this Korean comfort food

Rice is a staple food in many different cultures. Rice often is a popular side dish or even featured prominently as part of an entre. Tteok is found in sweet and savory Korean dishes. Tteok are rice cakes made from rice that is steamed and pounded to form a product that is distinctively chewy. Most tteok are rolled into cylinders and cut into pieces, or sliced thinly on a diagonal. The rice cakes are available at retailers both fresh and frozen, and can be eaten out of hand or added to stir-frys or even fried to a crispy texture. This recipe for "Royal Tteokbokki" from "Judy Joo's Korean Soul Food" (White Lion) is a stir-fry comfort food that hails from the royal court of the Chosun dynasty.

Royal Tteokbokki (Serves 4)

- 1 pound beef rib eye, trimmed and thinly sliced
- 1 small firm but ripe pear, grated
- 3 tablespoons brown sugar
- 3 tablespoons soy sauce
- 2 tablespoons roasted sesame oil
- 1 tablespoon vegetable oil, plus a drizzle for the stir-fry
- 5 garlic cloves, grated
- 2 tablespoons roasted sesame seeds, crushed
- 1/4 teaspoon ginger, peeled and grated
- 1/2 teaspoon black pepper

Stir fry

- 10 ounces tteok (thin rice cake batons)
- 2 ounces baby onions, peeled and quartered
- 3 3/4 ounces mixed wild mushrooms
- 1 rainbow carrot, peeled and julienned
- 3 1/2 ounces baby leeks, trimmed and cut lengthways into quarters
- 3 ounces baby corn, cut length-wise into quarters

To serve

- 1 sprig onion
- 1 quail egg, soft boiled
- Pinch of black sesame seeds



In a shallow dish, combine the beef, pear and brown sugar and massage with your hands to thoroughly combine. Leave to marinate for about 30 minutes at room temperature. Meanwhile, in a large bowl, stir together the soy sauce, sesame oil, vegetable oil, garlic, crushed sesame seeds, ginger, and black pepper. Set aside.

When the beef is ready, use your hands to shake off and squeeze out any excess sugary liquid, then add the beef to the soy sauce marinade. Toss to coat, cover and marinate for about 30 minutes at room temperature, or overnight in the fridge.

Meanwhile, cut the spring onion length-wise into thin strips and soak in iced water until curled, then drain.

About 30 minutes before cooking, place the tteok in a large bowl with enough water to cover them. Leave them to rehydrate.

Once the tteok are rehydrated, remove from the water, retaining 4 tablespoons of liquid. Heat a drizzle of vegetable oil in a large frying pan over medium heat. Add the baby onions and cook for 6 to 8 minutes until softened. Add the mushrooms, carrot, baby leeks and baby corn, and cook for a further 5 minutes until slightly softened.

Increase the heat to medium-high, add the beef, marinade rehydrated tteok, and the retained water. Cook for 2 to 3 minutes, stirring occasionally, until the meat is medium rare, and slightly pink in the center. Transfer to a serving plate, and arrange the spring onion and quail egg on top. Finish with a sprinkle of black sesame seeds.

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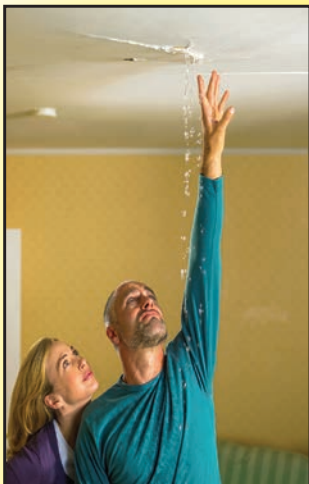
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No one wants to receive a cancer diagnosis, and learning that a child has cancer can be especially challenging for kids, their parents and extended families. The American Childhood Cancer Organization estimates that 15,780 children between the ages of birth and 19 years of age are diagnosed with cancer each year in the United States. That amounts to roughly 1 in 285 children being diagnosed before age 20. The Government of Canada reports that each year roughly 880 children under the age of 15 are diagnosed with cancer in Canada. Among Canadian and American children, leukemia is the most commonly diagnosed cancer, followed by brain and nervous system cancers. The good news is 85 percent of children with cancer now survive five years or more, according to the American Cancer Society. That marks a significant increase from the five-year survival rate of 58 percent in the mid-1970s.



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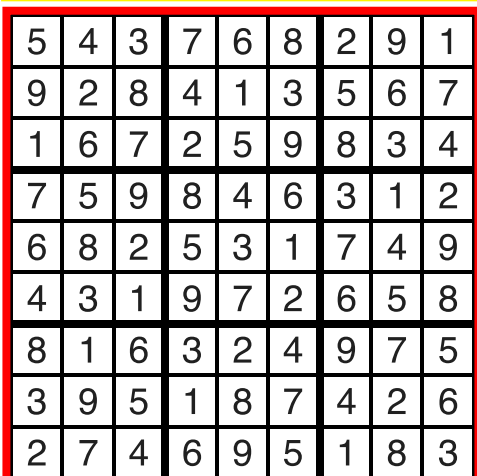
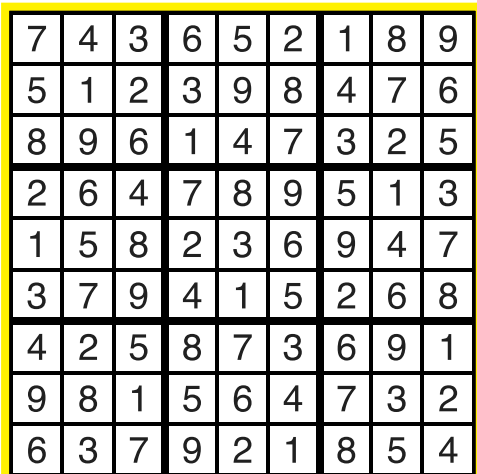
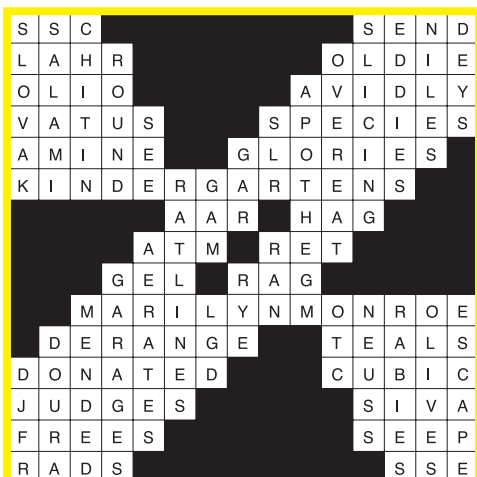
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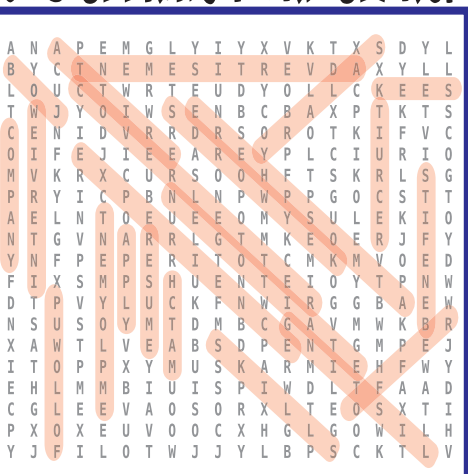


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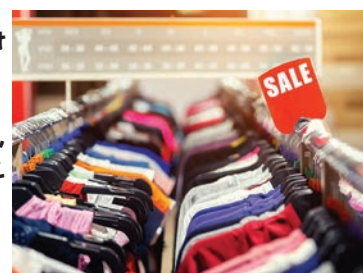
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Easy ways to support small businesses

It's easy to overlook how integral small businesses are to local, national and even global economies. The Small Business Administration and the U.S. Census Bureau indicate small businesses account for 99.7 percent of all American businesses, employing 56.8 million people. Similarly, according to Statistics Canada, local businesses classified as micro or small businesses made up 98.1 percent of all the employers in Canada in 2021.

Since small businesses are the economic engine of many neighborhoods and communities, it's in everyone's best interest to pitch in and ensure such firms' success. Thankfully, it's easy for anyone to support the small businesses that make their communities unique.

- ~ Shop locally and online from small businesses as much as possible. If you cannot shop right away, consider purchasing gift cards to the retailer or service provider and share them as gifts to others.
 - ~ Before you immediately go with a well-known chain or e-commerce giant, find out if a local retailer offers the same items you need and shop there.
 - ~ Actively discover new brands, check them out, and then spread the word about your findings to others.
 - ~ Share posts from small businesses on social media. It's good exposure for them and can help to widen their customer base.
 - ~ Attend special events or promotions hosted by local businesses. Well-attended events may spark others' curiosity.
 - ~ Share a quick photo of something you bought at a small business or of a service they provided. For example, if a local landscaping company did a wonderful job putting in a new patio or pavers, share the before and after with those you know.
- Communities can embrace various strategies to support the small businesses that make Main Street unique.
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- A photograph of a clothing store rack filled with various colored shirts. A red sign with the word 'SALE' in white capital letters is attached to the rack. The background is slightly blurred, showing more of the store's interior.





7 signs a pet could be in pain

Pets and even wild animals can convey sentiments in various ways. It's human nature to want to assume that the passing glances of a puppy are looks of deep love; and they very well may be. Animals may convey various emotions through their behavior, but when it comes to being in pain, they may not show it readily. In the wild, animals hide pain as a survival instinct. Pain can give the perception that an animal is weaker and therefore an easier target for predators. Since pets can conceal pain well, pet owners should familiarize themselves with reading the subtle indicators that suggest something is amiss. PetMD, Sears Veterinary Hospital and VetsNow note the following are seven signs pets could be in pain.

1. **Grumpy temperament:** Does your typically amiable pet suddenly want nothing to do with you? Is he or she more aggressive or shying away from your touch? Pain can turn a happy-go-lucky pet into one that is much more moody and resistant to human interaction.
2. **Excessive behaviors:** A pet in pain may lick or scratch a specific area. Cats may howl or meow frequently.
3. **Accidents:** Pets who are in pain could forget some of their hovertraining. Cats may urinate outside of the litter box, while dogs may have accidents indoors.
4. **Reduced appetite:** Being in pain or ill may reduce the desire to eat or drink in some pets. Pets who have dental issues may be even more reluctant to eat because chewing triggers the pain.
5. **Difficulties lying down or standing up:** Pain that originates from injuries or arthritis can make it challenging for pets to sit, stand or lie down easily. Limping or having trouble walking are some additional indicators of injury or arthritis.
6. **Changes in body posture:** Most pet owners have a good idea of what their animals look like when they are relaxed and in good health. A pet who is hunched or especially rigid, or one hanging his or her head, could be masking pain.
7. **Agitation or restlessness:** Some pets cannot get settled when they're in pain. They may pace the house or not lie down long enough to get adequate rest.

Pet owners who spend enough time with their pets should be able to recognize a few signs that something is amiss and potentially indicative of an animal in pain. When such indicators present, schedule a visit with a veterinarian promptly to get to the root of the problem.



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Hey Guys,

Gus here. Today I wanted to chat with you about something that is not too fun, skin allergies. I am one of those Pitbull's that has extremely sensitive skin. There are many external environmental factors that will cause me to break out in hives. Two of my big triggers are fresh cut grass and cedar trees. When I am exposed to these triggers, I must get a bath and it is like a double-edged sword because too many baths can further irritate my already irritated skin and cause it to be dry and flaky.

We were at an event last summer in Spring Hill, FL and our neighbor was the Cajun Queen Soap Lady. The Cajun Queen Soap lady got to talking with my mom about my allergies and one thing led to another and I ended up coming home with a bar of "Le Bain de Chien." Now this is my go-to soap bar. It is lightly scented with dog-approved essential oils to help me smell good after a bath; but more importantly, it is made with natural ingredients that help soothe my sensitive irritated skin no matter how many baths I take in a month. While this bath bar may not work for every pup, it sure has helped me a lot. I just wanted to share my own story in case your fur baby also suffers from allergies, and you want to try something new.



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