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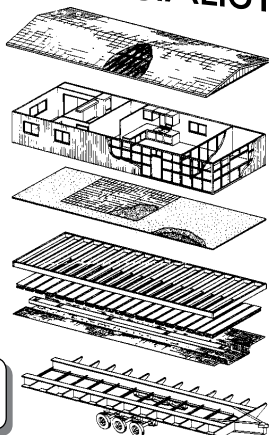
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	6		8					7
2		5				6		
	5	2					7	
		6	1					
		1	5			8		9
		8				3	4	
	7						1	
			9	6				



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



## February

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**American Heart Month.** American Heart Month is about motivating Americans to adopt healthy lifestyles to prevent heart disease. Research shows that we're more successful at meeting personal health goals when we join forces with others. This American Heart Month, inspire and motivate yourself and those you love to make heart health a regular part of your self-care routine.

**Black History Month.** Black History Month is an annual celebration of achievements by Black people and a time for recognizing the central role of Black people in U.S. history. Begun as a way of remembering important people and events in the history of the African diaspora, it is celebrated in February in the United States and Canada, while in Ireland, the Netherlands, and the United Kingdom it is observed in October.

**Dog Training Education Month.** Every day of the month, plan to perform one training activity with your dog—jumping, herding, obedience, pulling, fetching, paw control, etc. By the end of the month, you'll notice an improvement in your dog's temperament, as well as in the closeness of the bond you share.

**National Time Management Month.** Use this month to rethink your time management and make changes that improve productivity and satisfaction. You can work on identifying time wasters, creating goals, scheduling your day, prioritizing tasks, boosting your concentration, saying no, delegation, and more.

## Daily

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**G**roundhog Day, Feb. 2. Will there be six more weeks of winter? Wait and see!



**Feed the Birds Day, Feb. 3.** This is an important day for the health and survival of your wild backyard birds. If this is the first time you feed backyard birds, you will quickly discover the fun of birdwatching.

**Valentine's Day, Feb. 14.** Share your feelings with your loved ones.

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## Short ones

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**P**olice officer: “Your tail light is broken, your tires need be changed and your bumper is hanging halfway down. That will be \$300.”

**Driver:** “All right, go ahead. They’ll charge me twice as much at the garage.”



**Wife:** “The weather outside is lovely today. Shall we go out for a quick jog?”

**Husband:** “Ha! I love the way you pronounce ‘Shall we go out and have cake?’”

**Doctor:** “Why did you send my bill back unopened?”

**Patient:** “You told me to avoid any upsets and stress!”

**Police officer:** “Your car is too heavily overloaded. I simply cannot let you continue driving like that. I’m going to have to take away your driver’s license.”

**Driver:** “You’re kidding me, right? The license can only weigh one ounce tops!”

## Into the lake

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**A** golfer was playing a round of golf with his buddies. On the sixth hole, shooting over water, he managed to flub nine shots, sending all his balls into the lake. Frustrated, he hurled his golf bag into the water and began to walk off the course.

Then he turned around and leaped into the lake. His buddies thought he was going to retrieve his clubs and his balls and start playing again.

When he came out of the water without his clubs, he again started to walk off the course.

One of his buddies asked, “Why did you jump into the lake?”

He said, “I left my car keys in the bag.”



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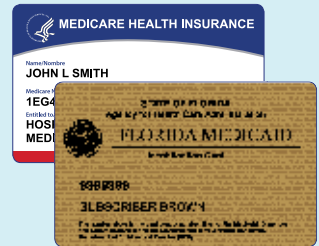
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## Ancient Neanderthals buried their dead, discovery finds

New evidence suggests that Neanderthals buried their dead, the Science News website reports. Many Neanderthal skeletons unearthed in Eurasia in the early 20th century led to speculation that these ancient humans deliberately buried their deceased in the ground, but some scientists were skeptical, given that they weren't excavated using modern archeological methods.



However, a recent multidisciplinary analysis of the remains of a two-year-old child some 41,000 years old, discovered in a site in France, lends support to the burial theory. Six other skeletons had been found at the site in the early 20th century, but a seventh—the child—was discovered in the early 1970s. Researchers discovered that the bones had been buried in a sedimentary layer oriented toward the west, although other layers of the site inclined to the northeast. The bones were unscattered and arranged in their anatomical position. They were better preserved than the remains of other animals found in the same layer, indicating that they were buried quickly after death. All of this leads scientists to conclude that the child was purposefully buried long ago.

More research will have to be conducted into the chronology and geographical extension of Neanderthal burial practices.

## Dogs process speech like young children

Dogs understand words at the level of a 14-month-old child, a recent study has found. According to the Science Focus website, scientists in Budapest studied brain activity in dogs using electroencephalography, playing recordings of words the dogs knew, along with similar-sounding words and nonsense words that sounded completely different.



The brain readings showed that the dogs could distinguish between words they knew and the nonsense words, but their brains didn't differentiate between familiar words and similar-sounding words—"sit" and "sut," for example. Dogs, like very young humans, don't pay attention to all the sounds of a word. In children, this short attention span disappears as they learn to process different words and expand their vocabulary, at 14–20 months of age. Dogs, however, never progress beyond this point, and learn only about 165 words during their lifetimes.

*Everything is theoretically impossible, until it is done.*  
— **Robert A. Heinlein**



## ACROSS

1. Phony
6. Information
10. Skid row
14. Not together
15. Mining finds
16. Cry of pain
17. Relative magnitudes
18. Envelop
19. Short sleeps
20. Type of harmless snake
22. 1 1 1 1

23. Acquire deservedly
24. A moderate yellow

26. Young girl
30. Band booking
31. Attempt
32. Savvy about
33. Senile

35. Suffuse
39. Ill-advised

41. Demise
43. Snouted animal

44. Misprint
46. Pearly-shelled mussel
47. To make a fool of (archaic)

49. Anagram of "Ail"
50. Collections
51. Mysterious
54. Tuft

56. Equipment
57. Bandoneon

63. Against
64. Diva's solo

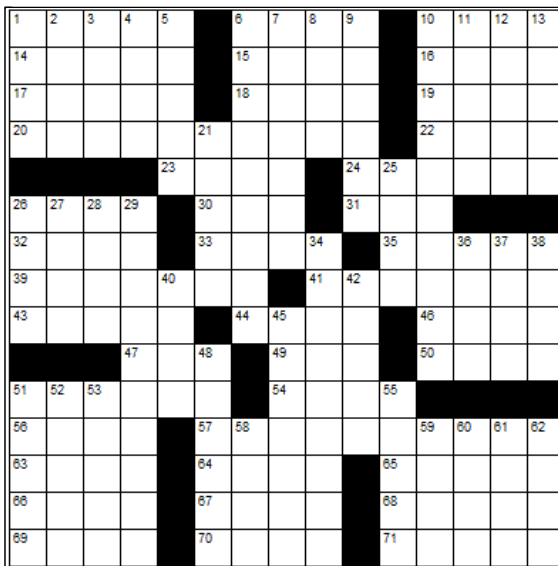
65. Proprietor
66. Encounter

67. Gave temporarily
68. Cuts into cubes

69. Askew

70. Balcony section

71. Ancient Greek unit of length



## DOWN

1. Stinging remark
2. Iridescent gem
3. Nurse shark
4. Relating to urine

5. Feed a fire
6. Absolute
7. Settle
8. Heavy, durable furniture wood
9. View
10. Similar in meaning
11. Tropical vine
12. Not lower

13. Untidy
21. Heroic tales

25. Dry
26. Garret
27. Dwarf buffalo

28. Cease
29. Unity
34. Copy

36. Common hop
37. Module

38. Prima donna problems
40. Weightlifters pump this

42. Clamor

45. Gaping sleepily
48. Summon to return
51. Small terrestrial lizard

52. Regenerate
53. Provide food for
55. Goads

58. Chocolate cookie
59. Blockhead

60. Ancient Peruvian
61. Require

62. Backside



# February Crossword



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## The two brothers

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Once upon a time two brothers were venturing from town to town. Along the way they saw an old man with white beard carrying a heavy sack over his shoulder.

The old man stopped and asked the boys where they were headed. When he found out, he told them, “I want to help you.” He put a hand in his pocket and pulled out a handful of golden coins. “Which one of you wants these?” he asked.

“I want them,” replied the big brother immediately. The old man put a hand in his other pocket and pulled out a precious gem, shining like the sun, and asked again, “Which one of you wants to have this gem?”

“I want it,” the big brother answered hastily. The old man gave him the gem.

Then the old man put down his sack and said, “Now who is going to help me carry this sack to the village?”

The big brother said nothing. But the little brother pulled up his sleeves and bended down to help him.

The old man smiled and said, “Take it with you, my boy, along with everything that is inside.”

“No,” said the boy. “It’s not mine.”

“Take it, take it,” said the old man. “It’s my gift to you.”

The little brother opened the sack. And what did he see? The bag was filled with gold coins and precious gemstones. He stood up to thank the old man, but he was nowhere to be found.

## Peace of mind

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Once Buddha was walking from one town to another town with a few of his followers. While they were travelling, they happened to pass a lake. They stopped there and Buddha told one of his disciples, “I am thirsty. Please bring me some water from that lake there.”

The disciple walked over to the lake. When he reached it, he noticed that some people were washing clothes in the water. Right at the same moment, a cart pulled by an ox started crossing the lake. As a result, the water became very muddy.

The disciple thought, “How can I give this muddy water to Buddha to drink?” So he came back and told Buddha, “The water in there is very muddy. I don’t think it is fit to drink.”

After half an hour, Buddha asked the same disciple to go back to the lake and get him some water to drink. The disciple obediently walked back. This time he found that, with everybody else gone, the lake had absolutely clear water in it. The mud had settled down and the water above it looked fit to drink. So he collected some water in a pot and brought it to Buddha.

Buddha looked at the water, then looked up at the disciple and said, “See what you did to make the water clean? You let it be, and the mud settled down on its own and you got clear water.

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## Who's driving?

Two elderly gentlemen were out driving in a large car. As they were cruising along, they came to an intersection. The stoplight was red, but they just went on through.

The man in the passenger seat thought to himself, "I must be losing it — I could have sworn we just went through a red light."

After a few more minutes they came to another intersection. The light was red again, and again they went right through.

This time the man in the passenger seat was almost sure that the light had been red, and was really concerned that he was losing it. Nervous, he decided to pay very close attention to the road.

At the next intersection, sure enough, the light was definitely red and they went right through. He turned to the driver and said, "Marvin, we just ran through three red lights in a row! You could have killed us!"

Marvin turned and said, "Oops! Am I driving?"



## Amazing

Three racehorses were in the stable waiting for a big race.

Trying to psych each other out, they began bragging.

The first horse said, "I've been in 38 races and have only lost twice."

The second horse said, "Well, I've been in 47 races and never lost."

The third horse said, "I never lost either, and I won the Triple Crown last year."

Just then, they heard a chuckle by the stable door. A greyhound dog walked up.

The greyhound said, "That's nothing. I've been in over 200 races and have won every one by at least 3 lengths."

The first horse said, "Wow! That's amazing!"

"Yeah," the second horse said. "A talking dog!"



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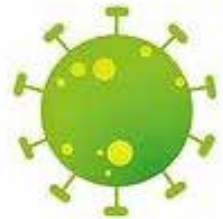




## Q&A about the coronavirus vaccine

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**M**edical professionals have begun vaccinating people against the COVID-19 virus, but many people have questions about its safety. The BBC addresses some of them:



- **How are trials conducted?** Scientists test vaccines on large numbers of people—40,000 for the Pfizer/BioNTech vaccine, for example. Half the volunteers receive the vaccine, and the rest get a placebo. Neither the volunteers nor the scientists administering the test know which group is getting which. Findings are checked and verified independently. Even at the high speed of development, scientists didn't skip any steps.
- **What's in the vaccine?** The Pfizer vaccine uses pieces of genetic code to create an immune response to the virus. The vaccine developed by Oxford AstraZeneca uses a harmless virus that has been altered to resemble the coronavirus. Vaccines in general frequently contain ingredients to stabilize them and make them more effective.
- **Will the vaccine make you sick?** Some people experience muscle aches or a higher temperature in response to the vaccine, but that's not from the virus itself. There is no evidence that the vaccine can make you sick or cause you to get the disease.
- **Should you get the vaccine if you've had COVID?** Yes, because natural immunity from recovery may not provide you with protection from future infections. However, you should wait until you've fully recovered to get the vaccine.

## Check for these warning signs of hearing loss

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**M**en are at greatest risk of noise-induced hearing loss (NIHL), according to a study of more than 5,000 people conducted by the University of California-Irvine Medical Center. The likely cause: greater recreational and occupational exposure to noise, along with higher rates of military service. But men and women suffer equally when their hearing deteriorates.

Pay attention to these symptoms of NIHL so you can seek treatment before too much damage is done:

- Sounds seem muffled to you.
- Ringing in the ears.
- Sensation of pressure in your ears.
- Others complain more frequently that your TV or music is too loud.
- People feel you're not paying attention to them.
- Background noise makes understanding speech difficult.
- You hear better with one ear than the other while speaking on the phone.
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Two-thirds of Canadians reject the premise that immigration levels are too high, and a majority believe Canada needs more immigrants to increase its population—a significant change from sentiments in the 1980s and 1990s. Today, 84% agree that immigration has a positive impact on the Canadian economy, and 35% strongly favor the country encouraging skilled immigrants who are denied entry to the United States to come to Canada instead (along with 36% who somewhat favor it).

## Many retirees just scraping by

Most of us dream of retiring to travel, visit family, and just relax. But the reality is that many retirees struggle to get by. According to the 20th annual Transamerica Retirement Survey of Retirees, reported on the MSN website, retiree households in the U.S. had a median income of only \$29,000 before taxes in 2019. Worse, 27% had an income of less than \$25,000. Here's how it breaks down:



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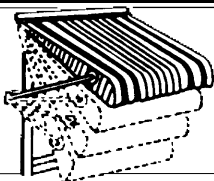
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