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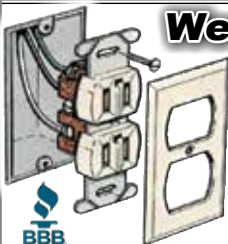
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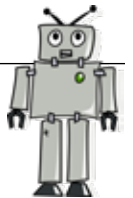
**Jazz Appreciation Month.** A music festival held every April in recognition of the significant contribution that jazz music has made to society. The aim of this annual event is to pay tribute to jazz for its historic and cultural significance by encouraging schools, governments, and organizations to participate in free jazz concerts and educational programs.



**National Garden Month.** Nothing says springtime more than the sprouts and shoots of a garden. Remember that gardens are not just for the enjoyment of people. They are important habitats for pollinators like bees, bats, birds, beetles, butterflies, and other animals.

## WEEKLY

**National Robotics Week, April 3–11.** “RoboWeek” is a series of grassroots events and activities aimed at increasing public awareness of the strength and importance of the U.S. robotics industry and the tremendous social and cultural impact that robotics will have on the future.



**National Dental Hygienists Week, April 4–10.** Focusing on the importance of maintaining good oral health practices and helping people understand the role and importance of the dental hygiene profession, this year’s theme, "Oral Health for Total Health" reminds all of us that taking care of our mouth, teeth, and gums has a positive impact on other aspects of our lives.

**National Park Week, April 17–25.** National Park Week is a special time to celebrate national parks and programs across the country, and to encourage everyone to discover the nation's diverse natural and cultural heritage.

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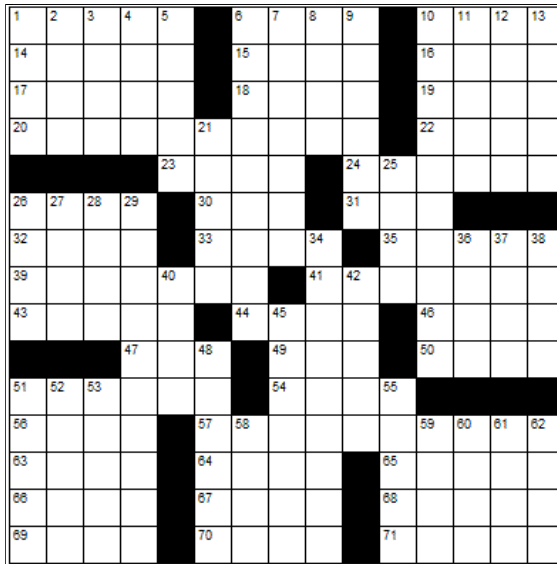
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## ACROSS

1. Splotches
6. Tussock
10. Vipers
14. 67 in Roman numerals
15. Dwarf buffalo
16. A D-Day beach
17. Stave off
18. Blend
19. Roman robe
20. A language of India
22. Egg-shaped
23. Verse
24. Agitate
26. At the peak of
30. Beer
31. To and \_\_\_\_\_
32. A temple (archaic)
33. Start over
35. Assists
39. She plays roles
41. Enrapture
43. Spacious
44. Not barefoot
46. 53 in Roman numerals
47. Bother
49. French for "Friend"
50. Being
51. A dwarfed ornamental tree
54. Blend
56. God of love
57. A society of women
63. Medium-sized tubular pasta
64. Bit of dust
65. A tea-like beverage
66. River of Spain
67. Pitcher
68. Cambered
69. Mortgage
70. Sailors
71. Low heavy horse carts



## DOWN

1. Ho-hum
2. 66 in Roman numerals
3. Baking appliance
4. Fowl
5. A stomach exercise
6. Trashy
7. Wild
8. Thrust with a knife
9. A government tax
10. Car
11. Kitchen appliance
12. Heathen
13. Second person singular of shall
21. Rise rapidly
25. By mouth
26. Distant
27. Meal in a shell
28. Savvy about
29. Approval
34. Mileage meters
36. Auspices
37. Not that
38. Anagram of "Ties"
40. Tropical American wildcat
42. Ancient Roman magistrate
45. A type of rodent
48. Fate
51. Edge on a cutting tool
52. Small African antelope
53. French for "Our"
55. Wood nymph
58. Hawkeye State
59. German for "Mister"
60. Killer whale
61. Comply with
62. Fathers



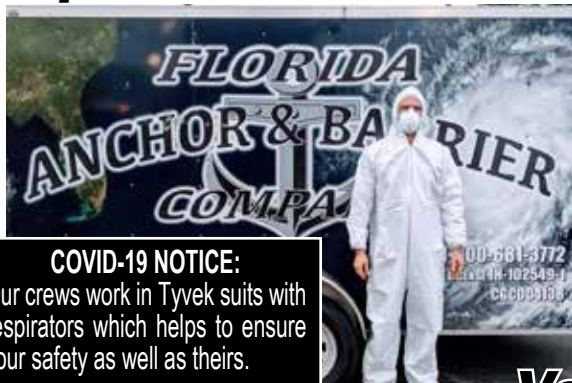
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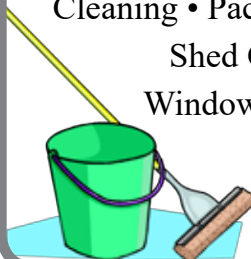
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## Legend of the touchstone

When the library of Alexandria burned centuries ago, only one insignificant book was saved. A poor man who could read a little bought it for a few coppers. The book wasn't very interesting, but between its pages he found something very interesting indeed—a thin strip of parchment on which was written the secret of the touchstone.

The touchstone, according to the document, was a small pebble that could turn any common metal into pure gold. The writing explained that it was lying among thousands and thousands of other pebbles on a beach. The real stone would feel warm to the touch, while ordinary pebbles are cold.



The man sold his few belongings, went to the seashore described on the parchment, and began testing pebbles. Figuring that if he picked up ordinary pebbles and threw them down again because they were cold, he might pick up the same pebble hundreds of times. So, when he felt one that was cold, he threw

it into the sea.

He spent days at his search, picking up a pebble—cold—then throwing it into the sea. Picking up another and throwing it into the sea.

One day, after weeks and months, the man picked up a pebble and threw it into the sea. Then he realized that the pebble had been warm—the touchstone! But he had formed such a strong habit of throwing each pebble into the sea that when the one he wanted came along he still threw it away.

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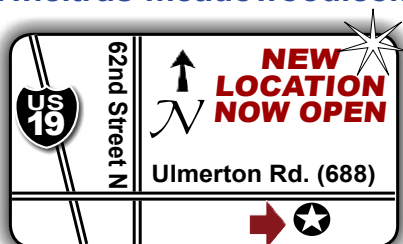
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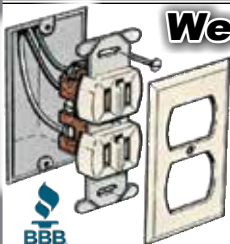
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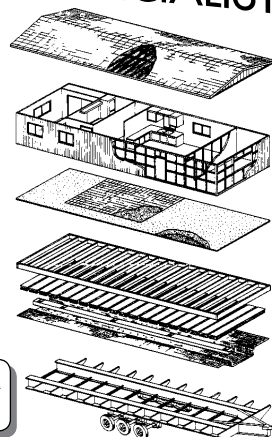
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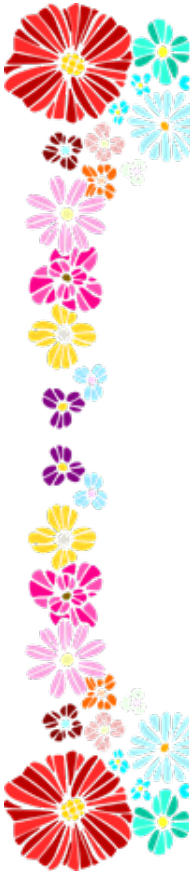
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### How to talk to a sick friend

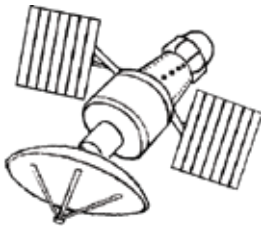
Whether your friend is suffering from the coronavirus, cancer, or just a bad cold, you want to be there for him or her. But what should you say to offer real comfort? The Healthline website offers this advice for sharing just the right words:

- **Talk to the person, not the disease.** Your friend or loved one is already dealing with sickness day in and day out. They may need a break. It's OK to ask how they're feeling and what they're doing to take care of themselves, but don't dwell on the illness exclusively. Talk about other subjects.
- **Be sensitive.** Don't pry or press for details. If you're a caretaker, pay attention to the person's moods and preferences. You may have to press for information that the person is reluctant to share for fear of taking up your time, or other reasons, but be respectful of their boundaries.
- **Be patient.** Your friend may not have time to talk right away, or may need a few minutes—or hours—to sort through his or her feelings before answering a question or responding to a text. Don't expect an instant response. Give them space to process their emotions on their own terms.



## This space object is really far out

The most distant object in our solar system is far out—literally. The Science Daily website reports that an object about 450 miles across has been dubbed Farfarout by the International Astronomical Union.



Astronomers first noticed Farfarout in 2018, but couldn't determine its distance from the sun. Observations over several years showed that it currently is 132 astronomical units (AU) from the sun. (The Earth is one AU from the sun.) For comparison, Pluto's orbit is only 29 AU from the sun on average. Farfarout's thousand-year orbit around the sun takes it as far as 175 AU away at its most distant, and 27 AU when it's closest, drifting inside the orbit of Neptune.

Farfarout replaces the previous long-distance record holder, aptly named Farout, which is 124 AU from the sun.

It's up to you today to start making healthy choices. Not choices that are just healthy for your body, but healthy for your mind.

—Steve Maraboli

# Happy April Fools' Day!



The April Fools' Day tradition has been around since at least the 15th century (with a possible reference to it appearing in Geoffrey Chaucer's *The Canterbury Tales*), and the question of how it began has been asked almost as long: A letter to the British magazine *Apollo* in 1807 wondered, "Whence proceeds the custom of making April Fools?"

The usual explanation involves the calendar. The Julian calendar began the New Year on March 25, and festivals celebrating it were typically held on April 1. When the world began changing over to the Gregorian calendar, which places New Year's Day on Jan. 1, pranksters sometimes tried to fool their friends and neighbors into thinking that April 1 was still the first day of the year.

In the 18th century, some believed that April Fools' Day dated back to the days of Noah and the flood. A newspaper article published in 1789 suggested that Noah sent the first birds off to look for land too soon, and that he launched them on the first day of the Hebrew month corresponding with April.

Coincidentally, in 1933 a newspaper in Cologne ran a story about the discovery of Noah's Ark by an expedition sponsored by the "Royal Yalevard University" in Massachusetts, led by "Professor Mud" and "Professor Stoneass." The story appeared on April 1; on April 8, the paper admitted the joke, but other publications printed the story as if it was genuine.

## From hare to eternity: origins of the Easter Bunny

Next to Santa Claus, the Easter Bunny is probably the most beloved bringer of gifts to small children. This famous symbol of spring was originally associated with Eostre, a German goddess of fertility who was often depicted with a rabbit companion.

Both rabbits and eggs, not surprisingly, are considered symbolic of fertility.

The bunny as a symbol of Easter was first mentioned in German writings during the 16th century, and edible bunnies made of pastry and sugar were made in Germany during the 19th century. The Easter Bunny was introduced to American children by German settlers in the Pennsylvania Dutch region in the 1700s.

Children were encouraged to build colorful nests and hide them in their homes. If the children had been good, the Osterhase would leave brightly colored eggs in the nests.



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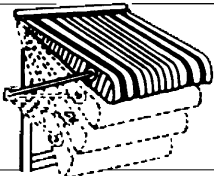
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## THE CHALLENGES OF WORKING FROM HOME

**T**he pandemic pushed many people out of the office to start working from home. It's been a tricky transition for some, but relatively smooth for most of us. The Pew Research Center looked at some of the challenges of working from home and how well employees have coped:

- **Technology.** Having the technology and equipment necessary to do their jobs was very or somewhat difficult to 13% of workers, but very/somewhat easy for 67%.
- **Deadlines.** Getting work completed on time was very/somewhat difficult for 19%, but very/somewhat easy for 80%.
- **Workspace.** Having enough room to work was at least somewhat of a challenge for 23% of workers, but relatively easy for 77%.
- **Interruptions.** Coping with interruptions was tricky for 32%, but not much of a problem for 68%.
- **Motivation.** Did you feel sufficiently motivated to get your work done? For 36%, that was something of a problem, but 64% had little or no difficulty.



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