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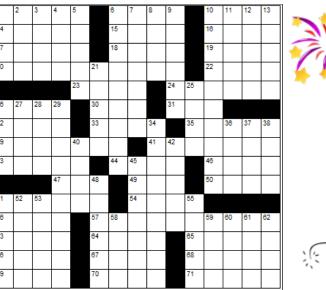


#### **ACROSS**

- 1. Run off to wed
- 6. Train track
- 10. Taxis
- 14. Lawful
- 15. Unit of land
- 16. Curved molding
- 17. Immense
- 18. Frosts, as a cake
- 19. Principal
- 20. Too shocked for words
- 22. Needles
- 23. Ripped
- 24. Citrus
- 26. Decorative case
- 30. Decay
- 31. Neither
- 32. Forsaken
- 33. Back talk
- 35. Plane driver
- 39. Consecrated 41. Breathtaking
- 43. Gladden
- 44. Cummerbund
- 46. Death notice
- 47. Strike
- 49. South southeast
- 50. Memo
- 51. Take for granted
- 54. Empty weight
- 56. Hit hard
- 57. Occupation
- 63. Healthy
- 64. Decant
- 65. Appraise
- 66. Smooth or level
- 67. European volcano
- 68. Consumer of food
- 69. Bird home
- 70. Scarlets
- 71. Get to one's feet





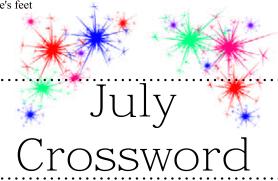


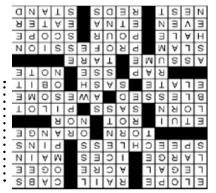
#### **DOWN**

- 1.LLLL
- 2. Jump
- 3. Brute
- 4. Part of a book
- 5. Select by voting
- 6. Train networks
- 7. Highlighting hues
- 8. Ticks off
- 9. Textbook division
- 10. Likening
- 11. Once more
- 12. Existence

- 13. Perception
- 21. Equine
- 25. Lariat
- 26. River to the North
- Sea
- 27. Fee
- 28. Fertilizer component 53. The business of
- 29. Musical device
- 34. Root-bark flavoring
- 36. Timber wolf
- 37. Leave out
- 38. French for "Head"
- 40. Crease

- 42. At which location?
- 45. Astonish
- 48. Goes with salt
- 51. Pale
- 52. Someone who is
- owned
- selling goods
- 55. S S S
- 58. Memorization
- method
- 59. "Go away!"
- 60. Infinitesimal amount
- 61. Not closed
- 62. Geek





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### **JULY CALENDAR**

ye Injury Prevention Month. Of the approximately one million eye injuries in the United States each year, health experts say 90% are preventable. The leading causes of eye injury are sports accidents, fireworks yard and workshop debris, and house



are sports accidents, fireworks, yard and workshop debris, and household chemicals.

**National Hot Dog Month.** The warm summer months are perfect for grilling, and what better food to toss on the grill than a juicy hot dog? National Hot Dog Month was founded by the U.S. Chamber of Commerce about 65 years ago. Since that time, the National Hot Dog and Sausage Council promotes this monthlong celebration each year.

Park and Recreation Month. Since 1985, Americans have celebrated Park and Recreation Month in July to promote the importance of parks and recreation in health and wellness, conservation, and social equity. Parks are the cornerstone of nearly every community, serving millions of people as places anyone can go to be active and healthier, connecting with nature and gathering together.

**World Watercolor Month**. Grab some watercolors and make a watercolor painting each day during the month. Share your work online for others around the world to enjoy. Use the hashtag #WorldWatercolorMonth when posting your art and use it to meet other watercolor artists around the globe.

### Week

ational Therapeutic Recreation Week, July 10–16. Established by the National Therapeutic Recreation Society, this week is intended to raise awareness of therapeutic recreation programs and services that improve the health and well-being of people with physical, mental, and emotional disabilities.

National Cancer Survivor Sibling Week, July 10–16. Celebrated annually the second week in July, National Cancer Survivor Sibling Week raises awareness of the psychological and other challenges faced by siblings of cancer survivors.

National Zoo Keeper Week, July 17–23. National Zoo Keeper Week focuses on the need to protect and preserve our wildlife and vanishing habitats via conservation messages created by their institutions. During the third week of July each year, celebrate National Zoo Keeper Week; both keepers and animals deserve recognition.

National Moth Week, July 23–31. National Moth Week celebrates the beauty, life cycles, and habitats of moths. "Moth-ers" of all ages and abilities are encouraged to learn about, observe, and document moths in their backyards, parks, and neighborhoods.

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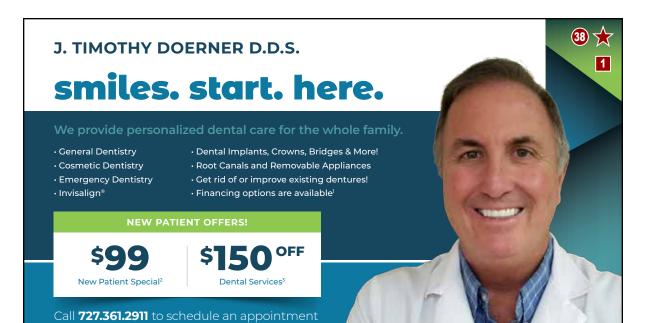


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### **JULY DAYS**

**Independence Day, July 4.** Celebrating the U.S. Declaration of Independence and the founding of the United States of America.

**Simplicity Day, July 12.** Choosing to live a life of simplicity is not about choosing to live in poverty; it's about living in balance.



**Bastille Day, July 14.** The anniversary of the storming of the Bastille on July 14th, 1789, a major event of the French Revolution.

World Snake Day, July 16. There are about 3,400 known species of snakes living in almost every region in the world playing a vital role in maintaining the well-being, sustainability, and biodiversity of various ecosystems.

National Disability Independence Day, July 26. Commemorating the signing of the Americans with Disabilities Act in 1990, assuring Americans with disabilities access to civic and economic opportunities.

### Share these facts about the Declaration of Independence

You know July 4th is for fireworks and parades, but how much do you know about its history? The facts may surprise you. The Automatic Payroll Systems website shares these little-known facts about the nation's founding:

- The Declaration of Independence wasn't signed on July 4. The Second Continental Congress voted on the Declaration on July 2, 1776, and it was finalized on July 4, but it wasn't signed by a majority until Aug. 2. Because of all this, John Adams, the 2nd president of the United States, didn't recognize or celebrate July 4th as Independence Day.
- The vote was not unanimous. Richard Henry Lee proposed a bill declaring independence on June 7, 1776. Twelve of the 13 colonies voted to adopt it; New York abstained. On July 4, only nine of the colonies voted in favor of the declaration; Pennsylvania and South Carolina voted against it, New York abstained again, and Delaware was undecided.
- The declaration had a strategic purpose. The point of the formal declaration was to attract foreign allies in the fight for independence. The signers wanted to present the 13 colonies as a united front, or they felt other countries like France wouldn't take them seriously.

About the signers: Fifty-six people signed the document. Eight were born in Britain; the rest were born colonists (all were still technically British subjects at the time of the signing). One signer recanted after being captured by British forces. The last person to sign was Matthew Thornton, on Nov. 4, 1776.

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### **Struggles and strengths**

man found a cocoon resting on a branch. He sat and watched for several hours as the butterfly inside struggled to push its body through the small hole at the top.

Suddenly the butterfly stopped making any progress. It seemed to be stuck.

The man decided to help the butterfly. He used a knife to snip off the cocoon. The butterfly emerged with a swollen body and small, shriveled wings.

The man sat waiting for the wings to enlarge and support the butterfly. But that didn't happen. The butterfly was unable to fly, and it crawled around with its tiny wings and swollen body until it fell to the ground and died.

The man didn't understand that the butterfly's struggle to get free of the cocoon was nature's way of forcing fluid from its body into its wings to prepare it for flying once it was out of the cocoon.

Moral: Our struggles in life develop our strengths.

### **Serenity**

wo newlyweds lay in bed a few days after their honeymoon. The man leaned over and whispered into his wife's ear, "I love you."

She smiled, and he smiled back. Then she said, "When I'm eighty years old and I'm thinking back on my entire life, I know I will remember this moment."

A few minutes later she drifted off to sleep.

The man lay in bed, listening to the soft sound of his wife's breathing, thinking about everything they had done together—from their first date to their recent wedding. All of their choices had led to this silent moment with each other.

The husband realized that it didn't matter what they had done or where they had gone, or where they were going.

The only thing that mattered was the serenity of that very moment.

### In their nature

monk was praying in the forest. There was a clean pond nearby. After getting up from his prayers, he started drinking from the pond, and he saw a bee flailing in the water, close to drowning.



He tried to lift the bee out, but as soon as his fingers got close, it stung him. Even after being stung many times, the monk kept trying to get it out.

A man standing nearby asked the monk, "Why are you taking her out if it's stinging you over and over?"

The monk replied, "Stinging is the nature of a bee. It's my nature to save a life."

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### Remember the right word

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man out in the country wanted to buy a horse. He finally found one owned by an elderly farmer. After some bargaining, they finally reached a deal, and the buyer eagerly climbed into the



"Now there's one thing you should know," the farmer said. "This horse only goes when you say, 'Thank God.' And it only stops when you say, 'Amen.' Remember that now."

"Sure, sure," the man said. "Thank God!" he commanded, and the horse walked out of the corral.

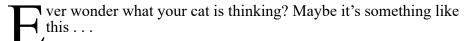
Later, the man wanted to find out how fast his new steed could run. So he said, "Thank God, thank God, thank God!" And the horse took off at a gallop.

Soon the rider noticed that the horse was headed toward the edge of a high cliff. In a panic, he realized that he couldn't remember the word to make it stop. "Whoa! Stop! Cease! Desist!" he shouted desperately. But the horse raced forward.

Just inches from the edge of the cliff, the man finally remembered the word he'd been racking his brain for. "Amen!" he shrieked, and the horse skidded to a stop, overlooking the steep drop into the ravine below.

The man took a breath of relief. "Thank God."

### The secret life of cats





- "I could have sworn I heard a can opener."
- "What's with that irritating noise humans make with their mouths?"
- "Why doesn't the government do something about dogs?"
- "No, really, that's a can opener."
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- "This looks like a good spot for a nap."
- "If there is a God, how can He allow neutering?"
- "Without cats, humans would never have had any reason to invent sofas."
- "I think I'll be finicky this time just to let them know who's boss."

Storytelling is the most powerful way to put ideas into the world.

— Robert McKee



### In the service

ne Sunday morning, a pastor was strolling through his church's foyer between services and noticed a little girl staring up at a plaque next to the door. The plaque held the names of everyone in the community who had given their lives serving in the military, and two small American flags were mounted on the wall beside it.



"Good morning, young lady," the pastor said.

"Pastor, what is this?" the little girl asked.

"Well, it's a memorial to all the brave men and women who have died in the service."

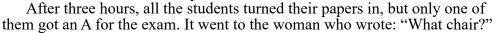
The girl nodded solemnly. Then she asked, "Pastor?"

"Yes, child?"

"Which service was it — the 8:30 or the 11 o'clock?"

### Question the assumption!

or the final exam in philosophy, the professor placed a chair on his desk and told the class: "Now, using everything you've learned over the course of this semester, prove that this chair does not exist."





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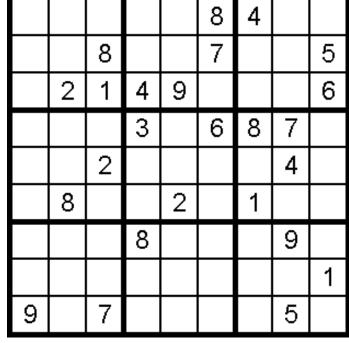
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### Get yer hot dogs! The (sort of) true origin of a treat

mericans love hot dogs. Every year we eat about 7 billion of them between Memorial Day and Labor Day alone. And the typical American eats about 60 a year.

Where do hot dogs come from (aside from ballpark vendors, of course)? Their origins are shrouded in mystery. Some sources say they date back to the 1st century, when the Roman emperor Nero's cook first experimented with stuffing the intestines of pigs with spiced meats. The



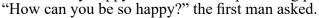
word "frankfurter" comes from Frankfurt, Germany, where pork sausages in buns are said to have been served in the 15th century; "wiener" is from Vienna (Wien), home to pork sausages originally called "wienerwurst" (Vienna sausage) in the 1800s.

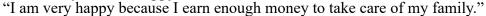
In the United States, a German immigrant named Charles Feltman is credited with selling sausages in rolls around the year 1870, in Coney Island, N.Y. Another German native, Antonoine Feuchtwanger, is said to have sold sausages in St. Louis at around the same time, offering a split bun to hold them at the suggestion of his wife.

And the term "hot dog" itself? That's similarly shrouded in mystery. According to one of the more popular tales, a newspaper cartoonist in 1900 drew a picture of a frankfurter with legs, a tail, and a head, but unable to spell "Dachshund," dubbed it a "hot dog." The story is disputed, however. What's beyond doubt is that hot dogs are the meal of choice for lots of hungry people around the world—whatever condiments they want to load them up with.

### **Happiness**

In a small village, a man was very upset with his life because he had very little money compared to other people. One day in a tea shop he met another man who was very happy with his life despite being poor.

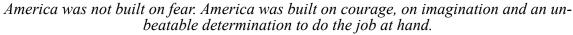




<sup>&</sup>quot;How much money do you make in a day?" asked the first man.

"That's as much as I earn!" the unhappy man cried.

Moral: Happiness isn't based on how much money you make, but what you do with it.



— Harry S. Truman

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