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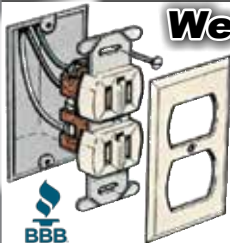
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				7	3	9		4
	6	9			8			
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4	1	5	7	9	2	6	8	3
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1	5	8	2	7	3	9	6	4
9	2	7	6	4	5	1	3	8
6	4	3	8	1	9	2	7	5

National Days in January 2023



Day	Holiday	Date
1	National Spaghetti Day	Jan 4th
2	National Bird Day	Jan 5th
3	National Milk Day	Jan 11th
4	National Pharmacist Day	Jan 12th
5	National Youth Day	Jan 12th
6	Kiss a Ginger Day	Jan 12th
7	National Bagel Day	Jan 15th
8	National Hat Day	Jan 15th
9	Martin Luthur King Jr. Day	Jan 17th
10	Winnie The Pooh Day	Jan 18th
11	National Popcorn Day	Jan 19th
12	National Penguin Day	Jan 20th
13	Squirrel Appreciation Day	Jan 21st
14	National Hugging Day	Jan 21st
15	National Pie Day	Jan 23rd
16	National Compliment Day	Jan 24th
17	National Opposite Day	Jan 25th
18	National Spouse Day	Jan 26th
19	National Chocolate Cake Day	Jan 27th
20	National Puzzle Day	Jan 29th
21	National Croissant Day	Jan 30th



Holidays

Holiday date	Holiday Name
Sat, January 1	New Year
Thu, January 6	Epiphany
Mon, January 17	Blue Monday
Mon, January 17	Martin Luther King Jr. Day

Immortality

I don't want to achieve immortality through my work, I want to achieve it through not dying.
— **Woody Allen**

The technology race

Programming today is a race between software engineers striving to build bigger and better idiot-proof programs, and the Universe trying to produce bigger and better idiots. So far, the Universe is winning.
— **Rich Cook**

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An experiment with apricots

There was once a young psychology student who was serving in the army and decided to test a theory he had. He drew KP duty and was assigned the duty of passing out apricots at the end of the chow line.

To the first few soldiers who came through the line he asked, “You don’t want any apricots, do you? Ninety percent of the soldiers said “no.”

Next, he tried a more positive approach, “You do want apricots, don’t you. This time about 50 percent said yes, they wanted the apricots and took them.

Finally, he tried an approach based on a selling technique known as “either/or.” This time he asked his question this way: “One dish of apricots, or two?” In spite of the fact that the soldiers obviously did not like Army apricots, 40 percent of the soldiers took two dishes, and 50 percent took one.



Do what you can for those you can

A Zen monk was seen by his disciple by the sea, where the tide had washed ashore hundreds of starfish. It was clear that they would soon die from exposure. The monk was tossing the starfish, one at a time, back into the sea, in a slow and meditative manner.

“Why are you bothering?” the disciple asked the monk. The young disciple looked at the large number of starfish that were succumbing. “It won’t make any difference.”

The monk stopped for a moment, and looked down at the starfish in his hand. “It will to this one,” he replied.



Great irony

Human beings who are almost unique in having the ability to learn from the experience of others, are also remarkable for their apparent disinclination to do so.

— ***Douglas Adams***

On airports

It can hardly be a coincidence that no language on Earth has ever produced the phrase, “as pretty as an airport.” Airports are ugly. Some are very ugly. Some attain a degree of ugliness that can only be the result of a special effort.

— ***Douglas Adams***

On perspective

The fact that we live at the bottom of a deep gravity well, on the surface of a gas covered planet going around a nuclear fireball 90 million miles away and think this is normal is obviously some indication of how skewed our perspectives tend to be.

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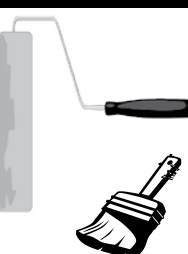


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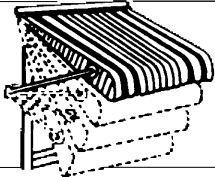
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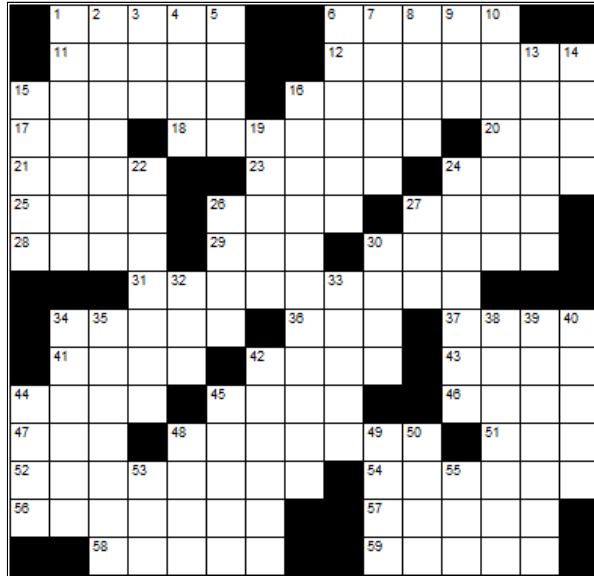
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- 6. Select by voting
- 11. Depart
- 12. Illness
- 15. Victor
- 16. Differs in opinion
- 17. American Medical Association
- 18. Noteworthy
- 20. Martini ingredient
- 21. Infinitesimal amount
- 23. Regulation
- 24. Heredity unit
- 25. Pretentious person
- 26. Musical phrase
- 27. Blow a car horn
- 28. Apprentice
- 29. Play a role
- 30. Parental sisters
- 31. Lovelorn
- 34. They connect points
- 36. Before, in poetry



DOWN

- 37. Chooses
- 41. Prefix meaning "Within"
- 42. Russian emperor
- 43. Entice
- 44. Rodents
- 45. A gathering or event
- 46. Winglike
- 47. Big fuss
- 48. Museum wing
- 51. 54 in Roman numerals
- 52. Related to unskilled tasks
- 54. First-aid item
- 56. Exact
- 57. Pilotless plane
- 58. Discourage
- 59. Durable fabric
- 15. Midsection
- 16. Fearlessly
- 19. Ceasefire
- 22. Teems
- 24. Venetian boat
- 26. Chits
- 27. Color
- 30. Affirm
- 32. Modern
- 33. Give a speech
- 34. A person who rules
- 35. Chanted
- 38. Tugging
- 39. Rookie
- 40. Wait on
- 42. Bank employee
- 44. Wheelchair access
- 45. Untrue
- 48. Person's manner of walking
- 49. Disposes
- 50. Bygone era
- 53. Frozen water
- 55. Dung beetle



January
Crossword



Go ahead, be an optimist



M.J. Ryan, life coach and author of *The Happiness Makeover*, says that it's possible for just about anyone to revamp their thinking. "Training your brain is like training a puppy," she says. "It wanders everywhere, but you need to keep bringing it back to the upside."

So the next time things don't go your way, try not to fall into your usual way of thinking. If you get steamed over small things, like waiting in a long line, the next time it happens tell yourself that this is a great opportunity to stand still and close your eyes while you wait. Or keep a magazine with you and read about something you are interested in so that you don't feel like you are wasting your time.

It might surprise you how little changes can make you feel better in a big way.

A few packing dos and don'ts for the frequent traveler

If you're required to travel for your work, you might want to remember this: The root word of "luggage" is "lug." So it's a good idea to buy the right size suitcase and pack lightly.

The largest bag that is allowed as a carry on is a 22 - inch tall suitcase. If you don't have to check any bags, you'll save time and hassle at your destination. You'll want to look for one that has a retractable handle and wheels for convenience as well. Recessed wheels are also a good feature, because they're less likely to cause a problem when you check your bag or try to fit it through security devices.

When you're packing it's good to keep in mind that most people usually overestimate the amount of clothing and products they will need on a trip. Try to cut back on what you take. Doing so will cut back on the chaos and discomfort of traveling. For instance, you might want to buy a travel-size bottle of combined shampoo/conditioner. Take small amounts so you won't have to deal with unwieldy and potentially leaky bottles. It's also a good idea to pack anything that could possibly leak in heavy-duty zip-lock bags. Additionally, you should try to pack these bagged items away from any clothes that could come into contact with them. You might also want to purchase a plastic-lined cosmetics bag that can easily be taken to the bathroom with you when you travel.

Savvy travelers also know that buying and packing items of clothing that have the intentional wrinkled look can save time and hassle and keep you looking great while you are on your trip. When you actually put your clothes into your suitcase here's a good regimen to follow. Put your underclothes in first. Lay flat items on the bottom and line the edges of the suitcase with items like rolled socks or bras. Layer your daily wear on top of these items, and last pack in your finery like ties and scarves, etc.





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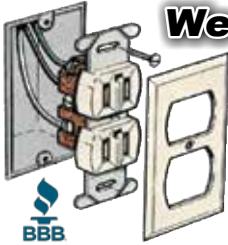
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If you want to have a little fun and get to know yourself, you might want to try the pendulum ideomotor mind game. This game is based on auto questions and is used by some hypno-therapists, but it can be used as a way to get to know some things about yourself in a fun and safe way. This type of ideomotor questioning should be done in solitude—to prevent the chance of revealing something about yourself that is buried in your subconscious to others (and to keep from looking crazy). One form of ideomotor questioning is the Ouija Board. Another, less popularly known method is the Chevreul pendulum.



Anton Chevreul discovered in the 18th century how to use a pendulum to magnify ideomotor movements. The pendulum picks up on slight movements (ideomotor) of the body that are a result of a person's thoughts, and can therefore reveal things that are hidden in the subconscious.

A pendulum can be used to get at subconscious information through yes-no questions. A pendulum can be any weighted object suspended by a string or a lightweight chain (8 to 10 inches is about the right length). You will hold the string suspended from your fingers over a drawing. In order to be able to distinguish answers you will need to get a piece of paper and draw a large circle on the page. Next divide the circle into quarters by placing a cross shape in the middle. Next hold the pendulum over your drawing and think "yes." Say the word over and over to yourself — but do not try to purposefully move the pendulum. Eventually your pendulum will start to move in one direction or other—let the movement take place for a few moments to make sure it does not change direction. Once there is a clear direction then any yes-no question you ask will get an affirmative when the pendulum swings in this direction. The other direction will be "no." Now start asking your questions — and remember they need to be questions that can be answered with yes or no.

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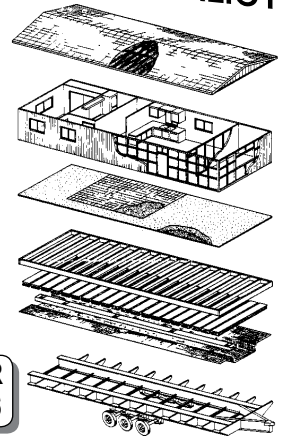
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Every day the woman checked on the sapling and expected to find that it had died. She was surprised to see the little tree clinging to life, despite that it did not have an ideal environment.

Now, the old woman began to bring a little watering pot and a bit of plant food for the tree. She also got a friend of hers to come and remove some of the boards of the floor and build a little frame for the tree so that it would have room to grow. And it began to grow and unfurl in ways that the old woman could not have imagined earlier. It grew so healthily that eventually the old woman had to tie up some of its new branches to help support it until it got bigger.

The little tree grew so beautifully in the light by the picture window in the woman's living room that she brought in a circle of chairs and took to inviting people in so that they could enjoy her tree with her.

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Some people really do look like their pets

According to researchers at the University of California, San Diego, there may be a reason that pets and their owners often look alike — as the old folk wisdom goes. Social Psychologist Nicholas Christenfeld and UCSD colleague Michael Roy conducted a study called “Do Dogs Resemble Their Owners?”

The psychologists found that when people choose a dog, they often seek one that at some level resembles themselves. The researchers found that there was a clear resemblance when people picked purebred dogs, because people were able to get exactly what they wanted, but there was no evidence of resemblance when a person picked a mixed breed.

In the study, 45 dog owners and their dogs were photographed separately, and judges were shown pictures of the owner, the owner’s dog, and one other dog. Twenty-eight of the judges were able to correctly pair the owners with their dogs. Sixteen matches were made of purebreds and their owners, but there was no evidence that mixed breed owners resembled their dogs as well.

The fact that purebreds and their owners often resembled each other, but mixed breeds and their owners did not, ruled out the possibility of convergence — the theory that over time owners and their pets begin to look alike from living together. This leads the researchers to believe that purebred owners often select dogs who resemble themselves. The study concludes that it appears that many people “want a creature like themselves.”



Now that’s chutzpah

Jay Leno is a familiar face to Americans as the host of The Tonight Show. But when Leno was starting out he used a couple of tricks to ensure that he would be on stage and continue to be able to support himself.

In the early days, whenever Leno approached a club and tried to get a booking, he would walk into a club, lay a \$50 bill on the bar and tell the person in charge that he’d like to go on stage, and that if he didn’t do well the person could keep the fifty. This trick worked more often than not for the young comedian — he got a chance to perform and usually got his money back.

Once, according to Leno’s biography *Leading With My Chin* (Harper Collins), he needed a job to support himself, and when a manager of a car dealership refused to hire him, Leno simply showed up and went to work. The manager noticed him a couple of days later, and before he could order him off the premises, Leno’s new co-workers came to his defense. The lot manager liked Leno’s spunk and hired him on the spot.



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Office FAX: (727) 712-3526
Email: silkoaklodge_mgr@equitylifestyle.com

Service Department..... Chris Pecora
Office Hours For Community And New Home Sales Info.....
..... Monday Through Friday - 9 AM To 5 PM
..... Closed Saturday And Sunday

Service Hours..... Monday through Friday 8:00 AM – 4:30 PM
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Emergency Numbers - For Fire/Police - 911
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For Park Emergency during office hours call office phone: (727) 796-1356

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..... Dumpster Trash - Pick-up days - Mon, Wed, Thu, Fri
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..... Do Not dispose of Dog Waste Bags in Dumpsters (use dog stations)
..... Do Not place items next to dumpsters
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