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September Calendar

September

Monthly

Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder Month. Sept. 1–30. To educate the public about childhood health issues by educating them about ADHD. For more information, browse www.ppsinc.org.

Baby Safety Month. Sept. 1–30. The Juvenile Products Manufacturer's Association, a national trade organization devoted to helping parents keep babies safe, disseminates information about baby safety. For more information, e-mail jszwalek@ahint.com.

Backpack Safety America Month. Sept. 1–30. Thousands of school-age children are straining in pain under backpacks that are too heavy for their growing bodies. To remind students, parents and teachers about the safe and proper ways to choose, pack, lift and carry a backpack. For more information, browse www.backpacksafe.com.

International Strategic Thinking Month. Sept. 1–30. A monthlong effort to bring awareness of the universal need to improve thinking skills. The International Center for Strategic Planning hosts this month each year to draw attention to the value of seeking to expand individual views of the world and remove thought barriers that prevent professional achievement. For more information, browse www.icfsp.com.

Library Card Sign-up Month. Sept. 1–30. Public and school libraries join forces to try and ensure that every child has a library card. For more information, browse www.ala.org.

Weekly

International Enthusiasm Week. Sept. 1–7. Display genuine enthusiasm to every person, every project, every possibility that comes your way. It will change your week, your month, your year, your life. For more information, browse www.carolynstein.com.

National Childhood Injury Prevention Week. First week of September.

Injuries are the No. 1 killer of children. This week is to promote prevention and intervention of unintentional injuries to children. For more information, browse www.AsSafeAsPossible.org.

National Dog Week. Sept. 20–27. To promote the relationship of dogs to mankind and emphasize the need for the proper care and treatment of dogs. For more information, e-mail mraskin@verizon.net.

Daily

Labor Day. Sept. 4. A national holiday celebrating the people who keep the country going through their hard work.

Sept. 11. Attack on America Anniversary. Sept. 11, 2001. In memory of those who suffered and perished when terrorists hijacked four planes, piloting two of them into the World Trade Center's twin towers in New York City and one into the Pentagon. On the fourth plane, passengers appear to have tried to overcome the terrorists. That plane crashed in western Pennsylvania.

American Business Women's Day. September 22. To recognize the important contributions of more than 57 million American working women. For more information, browse www.abwa.org.

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How a 17 year old started a thriving online business

At the age of 14, Joseph Cohen started his online venture. As a matter of fact, he waited until his parents went out of town for the weekend, but instead of throwing a party a la Risky Business, he called a car service, descended on Manhattan, bought \$3,000 worth of toys and Christmas lights and opened a Yahoo! store. Before his parents got home, he had doubled his money and had orders waiting.



Cohen says he did it while his parents were away because he thought they'd try to talk him out of it, because just a few weeks before he had accepted a credit card for a payment of \$1,000 in his first online venture — and the card turned out to be phony.

Three years later Cohen's business has \$1.9 million in sales — earning him \$425,000 before taxes.

During the first 14 months of his venture, Cohen sold \$270,000 worth of merchandise— but the following summer when he was 15 he went away to travel camp and took his eye off the business. On his Web site he offered a 50-foot rolled, flat hose for \$20. While he was at camp for six weeks thousands of orders came in and were put on backorder. When Cohen returned he rushed the items out to customers only to find out that the hoses were defective. He had to give customers' money back while he waited for a manufacturer's refund. Even worse, the item had been left online all summer and had racked up \$43,000 in ad charges through a per-click charge. He took care of what needed to be done and has gone on with his online business.

His advice for success: "You've got to do what you love."

— adapted from "The Merchant of Bay Ridge," by Phyllis Berman, in *Forbes*

Stephen King gives his Top 10 list to graduates

At a commencement speech this year, Stephen King issued a Top 10 list to graduating seniors urging them to remember to hug and kiss the people who had helped them get to where they already are in life, to be voracious readers, and to give away one-tenth of what they make during their lifetimes.



King, a lifelong resident of Maine, also urged the students to make their careers in his beloved state. As a matter of fact, his last four points on his Top 10 list were: Stay in Maine, stay in Maine, stay in Maine and stay in Maine. King lives near Bangor, Maine. — adapted from www.bostonherald.com

Manifest plainness, embrace simplicity, reduce selfishness, have few desires.
— Lao-Tzu, *Tao Te Ching*

Making gold from your life

Do you have an idea about something you want to do—something you want to start—but you don't really feel like you have the know-how to do it. That seems to be a problem that is cropping up more and more for human beings. We just don't feel like we can do it, whatever it is. Maybe it's because we've gotten so far away from the day when people had to do virtually everything for themselves—needed a blanket to stay warm during the winter, someone in the household had to make it. Needed a fence to keep deer out of the garden—someone had to build it. But as technology takes us further and further from that type of self-sufficiency, it is as if human beings are losing the ability to believe in themselves—in our innate ability to solve problems with the creativity we are all born with.

Remember the words of Nelson Mandela: “Our deepest fear is not that we are inadequate. Our deepest fear is that we are powerful beyond measure. It is our light, not our darkness that most frightens us. We ask ourselves, who am I to be brilliant, gorgeous, talented and fabulous. Actually, who are you not to be?” — adapted from *Waiting for the Mountain to Move*, by Charles Handy



How to run a race well

There was a Special Olympics race and eight children glowed in anticipation of the event. Excitedly the children all took their places and got ready for the start of the race.

A starter gave them the signal and shouted, “Get on your mark, get set—goooo!” And the children sprinted out. Soon one girl clearly took the lead with the other children running to catch up.

However, back in the pack of runners one boy, who had gotten off to a slower start, tripped and fell. He began to cry on the racetrack. He whimpered and tears spilled down his cheeks.

The leader of the race, a girl with Down syndrome heard her opponents anguish—and though she was clearly set to win the race she stopped and ran back to the boy. When she reached him, she gingerly dropped down and gave him a kiss on the knee and then she wiped away his tears.

When the other runners saw what was going on they also turned around and ran back. Together they pulled the boy up—then they set off to finish the race they had begun.

As the children approached the finish line it was hard to find a dry eye among the spectators. The runners came down the final stretch toward the finish line—with their arms linked. And each one of them was absolutely delighted to be together. —adapted from *Relationships of Grace*, by Chris Karcher



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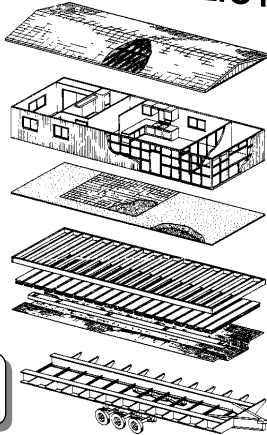
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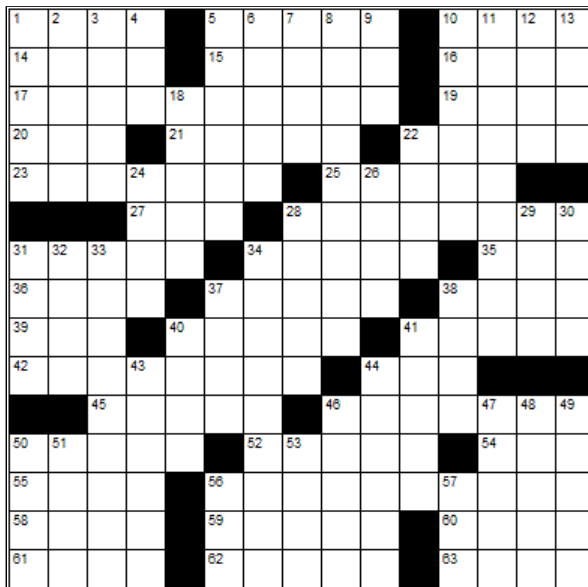
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ACROSS

- 1. Fearless
- 5. Prefer
- 10. Anagram of "Sale"
- 14. African sheep
- 15. Tequila source
- 16. Female horse
- 17. Arranged in random order
- 19. Ear-related
- 20. Estimated time of arrival
- 21. Protective covering
- 22. Hush
- 23. Individual meal portion
- 25. A frequently visited place
- 27. Night before
- 28. Reticent
- 31. Landslide detritus
- 34. Mock
- 35. Twosome
- 36. A rigid circular band
- 37. Fine thread
- 38. List of choices
- 39. Large flightless bird
- 40. Parental sisters
- 41. Charges
- 42. Collection of information
- 44. Sticky stuff
- 45. Intestinal section
- 46. Mother of a parent
- 50. Committee
- 52. Style of building columns
- 54. Be bedridden
- 55. Utiliser
- 56. Shriveling up
- 58. Fish sperm
- 59. Motif
- 60. Environs
- 61. Compensates
- 62. S S S
- 63. Combustible pile



DOWN

- 1. Reveals
- 2. Give a speech
- 3. Associated with the moon
- 4. Accomplished
- 5. An acute insufficiency
- 6. Growing old
- 7. Flower holder
- 8. Modernizes
- 9. Scarlet
- 10. Sum
- 11. Map parallels
- 12. A Great Lake
- 13. Religious offshoot
- 18. Martini garnish
- 22. Resign
- 24. Vice President (slang)
- 26. Skin disease
- 28. Flavor
- 29. Litter member
- 30. French for "We"
- 31. Outbuilding
- 32. Deep sleep
- 33. Commonly
- 34. Metalworkers
- 37. Outdoor party
- 38. Natural satellite
- 40. Cain's brother
- 41. Manager
- 43. Alarms
- 44. Complains
- 46. Munchkin
- 47. Kind of farm
- 48. Mineral excavator
- 49. Seaweed
- 50. Flow intermittently
- 51. Largest continent
- 53. Minerals
- 56. Consumed
- 57. Jabber



September
Crossword





Health



Experts warn that Southern style diets can cause strokes, heart problems

Southern-style diets worry health experts because while the types of food in a typical Southern diet are not a concern themselves, the way they are prepared adds lots of unnecessary fat and calories and could be the reason that residents of Southern regions suffer more strokes and heart problems.

Concern for the way some Southern communities eat started in 1962, when a study showed that people living in North Carolina, South Carolina and Georgia were suffering disproportionately from high stroke death rates. Now the area of highest concern has shifted to the Mississippi Delta region.

Health officials from the Centers for Disease Control and other agencies have spent thousands of dollars on grants to promote healthy eating, even sending nutritionists in to educate the public in the South. These experts teach locals how to prepare Southern-style foods in healthier ways, such as reducing the amount of frying and fat used. But traditional Southern cooks often complain that changing the way the food is cooked also reduces flavor. Frying has long been a favorite Southern way of preparing food, the region seems to have latched on to frying long ago because it was a quick, inexpensive and flavorful way to cook food. Frying didn't heat up homes as much because it was such a fast way of cooking. But today's health conscious experts are striving to help find alternative preparation methods that will improve the health of the people who love to eat Southern regional cooking. — adapted from the Aetna IntelliHealth Web site

Plant-based diets lower 'bad' cholesterol more effectively

If you want to lower your LDL, your "bad" cholesterol, and you're on a low-fat diet, the type of diet you choose to follow can make a big difference in results. A recent study by the Stanford University School of Medicine confirmed that a low-fat diet rich in fruits, vegetables and whole grains is more effective in lowering LDL than low fat diets that do not focus on these foods.



What exactly does this mean? It means that when you eat spinach salad, egg and oatmeal-carrot cookies, it's healthier for you—heartwise—than eating lean beef, asparagus and low-fat chocolate chip cookies. That holds true even when both meals are equal in amounts of saturated fats and cholesterol. The findings are from a study that compared results from a conventional low-fat diet and one that was heavily plant based. The conventional diet lowered LDL by 4.6 percent; the plant-based diet lowered LDL by 9.4 percent. —adapted from the Nutrition Horizon Web site

The world breaks everyone, and afterward, some are strong at the broken places.
— Ernest Hemingway

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The hitchhiker



A hitchhiker caught a ride. As soon as the hitchhiker sat down in the front seat the driver floored the gas pedal and drove right through a red light.

Frightened, the hitchhiker said, “You oughtn’t do that—it’s dangerous.”

The driver looked over at the new passenger and said earnestly, “Why, that’s the way my brother always drives.”

They continued on and when they came to the next traffic light, it was red, and the driver didn’t as much as pretend to slow down. He barreled right through the intersection. Other cars slammed on their brakes to keep from hitting the red-light-running car.

By this time the hitchhiker was starting to lose his temper, “What are you trying to do—kill us? You’re driving like a maniac.”

Again, the driver answered in a sincere fashion and said, “My brother always drives exactly like this.”

They continued down the road, and as they approached the next traffic light, it turned green just as they were about to go through it. Suddenly, the driver slammed on the brakes and stopped the car immediately.

Beside himself, the hitchhiker said, “Why on earth are you driving like this. Why are you running all the red lights and stopping on green?”

The driver looked at the hitchhiker and said: “My brother might be coming through.” — adapted from *“Bad driver;” as told by Ivan Amburgey, in Laughter in Appalachia, by Loyal Jones and Billy Edd Wheeler*

The sawmill



There was once a sawmill worker who bent down, got too close to the saw and cut his ear off. The ear fell down into the pile of sawdust and disappeared.

The worker got down into the sawdust pit and started scratching around looking for his ear.

I walked by and saw my worker in the pit and I asked, “What you looking for?”

The worker said, “I cut my ear off and I’m down here looking for it.”

“Well, hang on,” I said. “I’ll come down and help you.” I got down into the pit and started feeling around in the sawdust and I found the ear. “I got it,” I called out. “Here it is.”

The worker took hold of the ear and looked at it closely, then he threw it back down in the sawdust. “Better keep on looking,” he said. “Mine had a pencil behind it.” — adapted from *“Wrong ear;” as told by Glen Baker, in Laughter in Appalachia, by Loyal Jones and Billy Edd Wheeler*

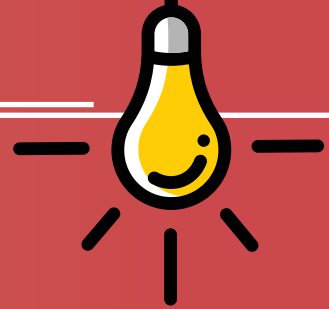
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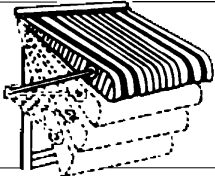
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“But it says ‘All you can drink’ on your sign for 55 cents,” the woman protested.

“That’s right,” the boy said. “It’s all you can drink.” — adapted from the Clean Funny Web site

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Here is how some top wine pros pick their wine shops in Chicago:

- Stay away from hot shops. If you walk into a wine store in the summer and it's not air conditioned, experts suggest you walk out. The heat "cooks" the wine and ruins it.
- Be wary of wine bottles displayed in an upright position. Wines should be laid on their sides to keep corks moistened. A dry cork allows air into the bottle, which ruins the wine.
- Look for deals. Look for wide ranges in price. Wine pros think stores should offer as many price choices as varieties.
- Don't get hung up on scores from Wine Spectator and other publications. Ask the shop staff what wines they prefer. Talking to someone who has actually tasted the wine rather than just read about it is the rule to follow here.
- Choose wine stores with knowledgeable staff. If workers don't know what they're selling, go somewhere else.
- Buy from a wine shop that makes you excited to try what they recommend. Also, make sure your wine shop has people who know how to couple wine with food.
- Go to a wine shop that asks you the right questions. If staff asks you questions that are too general, like "What do you want this wine for?" and neglect asking you "Is this wine for a dinner at home or a dinner party?" "What will the menu be?" "Is this a gift?" or "How long until this wine will be drunk?" go some-where else.
- If the wine store you frequent is dusty, consider choosing another place to shop. Wine cellars can be dusty, but modern American wine shops need to show they care—and dust usually means neglect.

— adapted from "10 tips for finding the right wine shop," by Bill Daley in the *Chicago Tribune*

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Kitchen tips

- You don't want to clog your drain. So don't pour fats and cooking oils down it. Instead, take a paper towel and wipe out congealed fat and throw it in the trash can.
- When you use your garbage disposal, run cold water for 30 seconds before and after use. This helps get rid of remaining residue in the drain. Things to avoid putting into the garbage disposal: carrots, banana peels, celery (or any "stringy" foods).
- Run your dishwasher and washing machine at night, that way you won't lose water pressure during the day.

Bathroom tips

- Allow 15 minutes between showers to keep an optimal amount of hot water. Or consider installing a bigger water heater if spacing out showers is not realistic for your family.
 - If your shower pressure seems weak, soak your shower head in vinegar to loosen mineral deposits that may be clogging it.
 - Throw only toilet paper in the toilet. Facial tissue is stronger and can cling to pipes and clog drains. Don't use your toilet for a garbage can. And don't store small items on the back of the toilet as they can fall or get knocked off and cause clogging.
- adapted from *Your HomeXpert: John Baethke & Son Plumbing*

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 - If you get a pet, purchase food in bulk and comparison shop before you buy.
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