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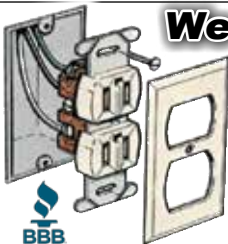


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Submitted by Nancy Luallen

All of us here in Silk Oak MH Community are very grateful that Idalia came and went without significant damage to our homes. It seemed that the timing of our Labor Day Celebration was appropriate. Our HOA provided delicious barbeque from Sonny's BBQ, and our residents brought side dishes, laughter and comradery for a great day.

Delicious food and lots of fun! All the games came down to the wire with a couple of surprising upsets. Congrats to the Gift Card winners **Brent McCowan** for Poker, **Becky Zinser** for LCR, and **John Friedman** for the Pool Tournament. Many thanks to **Marcel Lewis, Becky Zinser** and **Charlie Albanese** for organizing the games, **Christopher Harper** for the music, and **Brent McCowan** for taking charge of the Sonny's BBQ which was very Delicious! Photos by **Gaby Brown**





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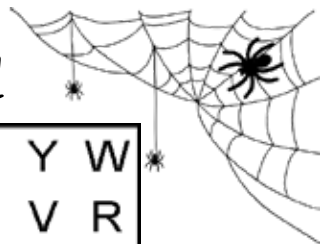
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Halloween Safety Month. Oct. 1–31. There are steps you can take to make it a safe Halloween for children and teens. For more information, browse www.preventblindness.org.

National Book Month. Oct. 1–31. To invite everyone in America to take time out to treat themselves to a unique pleasure: reading a good book. Literary events are held throughout the month. For more information, browse www.nationalbook.org.

National Breast Cancer Awareness Month. Oct. 1–31. To raise awareness of breast cancer and to provide access to screening services. For more information, browse www.nbcam.org.

National Crime Prevention Month. Oct. 1–31. To drive violence and drugs from our families, neighborhoods and communities. For more information, browse www.ncpc.org.

Weekly

National Work from Home Week. Oct. 8–14. A week to celebrate the trends, technology and tactics that allow millions of Americans to work from home as entrepreneurs and corporate teleworkers. For more information, browse www.chiefhomeofficer.com.

Fire Prevention Week. Oct. 7–13. To increase awareness of the dangers of fire and to educate the public on how to stay safe from fire.

For more information, browse www.firepreventionweek.org or www.sparky.org.

Freedom from Bullies Week. Oct. 15–21. A time for courage, support, inspiration and peace for people suffering health-endangering bullying and for others who witness the mistreatment. For more information, browse www.bullyinginstitute.com.

Give Wildlife a Brake Week. Oct. 22–28. A reminder to scan the road as you drive, watching the edges for wildlife about to cross.

For more information, browse www.hsus.org/wildlife.

Daily

International Frugal Fun Day. Oct. 7. A day to celebrate that having fun doesn't have to be costly. Do at least one fun thing for yourself and/or your family that is free of cost or under \$5 per person. For more information, browse www.frugalfun.com/frugalfundayideas.html.

Columbus Day. Oct. 9. To commemorate the landing of Columbus in the New World, Oct. 12, 1492.

Evaluate Your Life Day. Oct. 19. To encourage everyone to check and see if they're really headed where they want to be. For more information, browse www.wellcat.com.

National Mammography Day. Oct. 20. On this day, or throughout the month of October, radiologists provide discounted or free screenings. For more information, browse www.nbcam.org.

Make a Difference Day. Oct. 28. A national day of community service sponsored by USA Weekend magazine. For more information, browse www.makeadifferenceday.com.

Halloween or All Hallows' Eve. Oct. 31. An ancient celebration combining Druid autumn and Christian customs.



Want to enjoy life? Then optimism is the best policy



How you look at life can drastically affect how much you enjoy your life. If you have a positive attitude, then you will be considered an optimistic person. If you have a negative attitude, then you will be considered a pessimistic person. Optimists expect the best out of life. If you were not lucky enough to be raised with this attitude as a child, don't fret, it can be learned.

Here are the tenets that optimism is based on:

- Bad things do happen in life, but they are temporary.
- Bad things in life are limited in scope. (They're small or insignificant.)
- People have control over their environments. Here are the tenets that pessimism are based on:
 - Good things in life are temporary.
 - Good things in life are limited in scope. (They're small or insignificant.)
 - People have no control over their environments.

According to conventional wisdom, optimists and pessimists are both right about the same number of times, but optimists get to enjoy their lives more.

Optimists help create some of the good they come to expect, so they are probably right more than not—and they don't waste time worrying about what they're not right about.

Think of the benefits of being an optimist. Optimism relaxes people. When we're relaxed, there is better blood flow to the brain, which results in more energy and creativity in your life.

In *Learned Optimism*, Martin Seligman lists many studies that report that optimists are:

- healthier
- less likely to give up
- more successful in school, on the job and on the playing field
- have more successful relationships
- are depressed less often, and for shorter periods of time.

—adapted from *Taking Care of Me: The Habits of Happiness*, by Mary Kay Mueller

On eating your words



A vacuum salesman wound his way into a remote valley. Once there he found a little house and went up and knocked on the door.

“This machine is wonderful,” he crowed to the woman who answered. “Just look at this.” He then took a bag full of dirt and poured it on the carpet in the living room. “Watch,” he said. “If this machine doesn't pick up every last piece of dirt. I'll lick it up personally for you.”

The woman smiled and said, “Would you like some ketchup to go with that. We don't have any electricity out in these parts.” — adapted from *The Giant Book of Jokes*, edited by Dave Phillips

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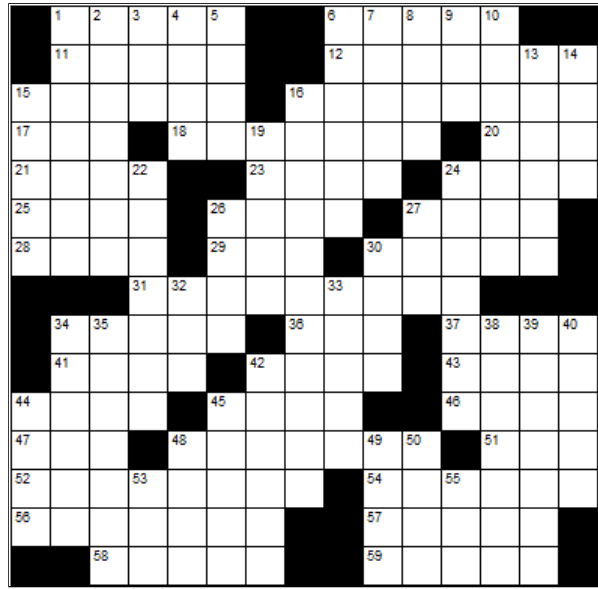
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- 11. Nigerian money
- 12. Cut in thirds
- 15. Affectionate
- 16. Break
- 17. American Medical Association
- 18. Surround completely
- 20. Golf ball support
- 21. Scottish lake
- 23. Codlike fish
- 24. Streetcar
- 25. Leg joint
- 26. Anger
- 27. Unit of paper
- 28. Burn the surface of
- 29. Before, in poetry
- 30. Gelatin
- 31. Overburdens
- 34. Most important
- 36. Chemist's workplace
- 37. Chits
- 41. Be suspended from above
- 42. Young woman
- 43. Anagram of "Care"
- 44. Mark down
- 45. Not early
- 46. Marsh plant
- 47. Petroleum
- 48. Think likely
- 51. Label
- 52. Large masses of ice
- 54. Annul
- 56. Clear up
- 57. Fatuous
- 58. Primitive weapon
- 59. Daisylike bloom

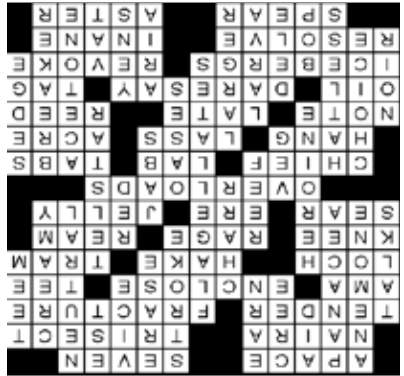


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- 1. Windflower
- 2. Greek goddess of healing
- 3. Assist
- 4. Algonquian Indian
- 5. Deserve
- 6. Golf shot
- 7. Delete
- 8. Moral weakness
- 9. Estimated (abbrev.)
- 10. Indifferent
- 13. Smooth
- 14. Abound
- 15. Speaks
- 16. Scourges
- 19. Small trout-like fish
- 22. Female protagonist
- 24. Early communications satellite
- 26. Coral formation
- 27. Crimson
- 30. Quick short straight punches
- 32. Chill (out)
- 33. Desert watering holes
- 34. Pick
- 35. Bareheaded
- 38. Common solvent
- 39. Wave
- 40. Marsh plant
- 42. Bigger
- 44. French for "Black"
- 45. Stage between egg and pupa
- 48. Expunge
- 49. Diva's solo
- 50. Cravings
- 53. Clobber
- 55. Tank



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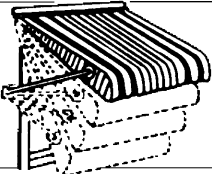
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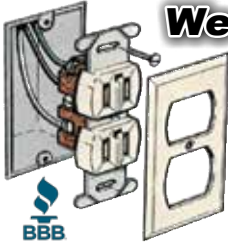
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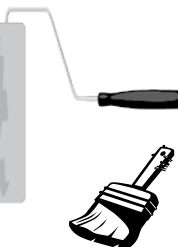


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Puns to ponder



- Two vultures board an airplane, each carrying two dead raccoons. The stewardess looks at them and says, “I’m sorry, gentlemen, only one car- rion allowed per passenger.”
- Did you hear that NASA recently put a bunch of Holsteins into low earth orbit? They called it the herd shot ’round the world.
- Two boll weevils grew up in South Carolina. One went to Hollywood and became a famous actor. The other stayed behind and never amounted to much. The second one, naturally, became known as the lesser of two weevils.
- A three-legged dog walks into a saloon in the Old West. He slides up to the bar and announces: “I’m looking for the man who shot my paw.”
- Did you hear about the Buddhist who refused Novocain during a root canal? He wanted to transcend dental medication.
- A group of chess enthusiasts checked into a hotel and were standing in the lobby discussing their recent tournament victories. After about an hour, the manager came out of the office and asked them to disperse. “But why?” they asked, as they moved off. “Be- cause,” he said, “I can’t stand chess nuts boasting in an open foyer.”
- A woman has twins, and gives them up for adoption. One of them goes to a family in Egypt and is named “Amal.” The other goes to a family in Spain; they name him “Juan.” Years later, Juan sends a picture of himself to his birth mother. Upon receiving the picture, she tells her husband that she wishes she also had a picture of Amal. Her husband responds, “They’re twins! If you’ve seen Juan, you’ve seen Amal.”
- These friars were behind on their belfry payments, so they opened up a small florist shop to raise funds. Since everyone liked to buy flowers from the men of God, a rival florist across town thought the competition was unfair. He asked the good fathers to close down, but they would not. He went back and begged the friars to close. They ignored him. So, the rival florist hired Hugh MacTaggart, the roughest and most vicious thug in town to “persuade” them to close. Hugh beat up the friars and trashed their store, saying he’d be back if they didn’t close up shop. Terrified, they did so, thereby proving that: Hugh, and only Hugh, can prevent florist friars.
- And finally, there was a person (guess who?) who sent 10 different puns to friends, in the hope that at least one of the puns would make them laugh. Unfortunately, no pun in ten did.
— *from the Today’s Senior Web site*

On being in the know

A man plummeted out of a ninth story window. He was lying on the ground when a crowd started to gather round him. Then a uniformed police officer came on the scene and looked at the man with astonishment.

“What happened?” the police officer asked.

“I don’t know,” the stunned and confused man answered. “I just got here myself.”

— *adapted from The Giant Book of Jokes, edited by Dave Phillips*



Quotable Humor



On exercise

When I feel like exercising I just lie down until the feeling goes away.
— **Chancey Depew**

The word aerobics comes from two Greek words: Aero, meaning “ability to,” and bics, meaning “withstand tremendous boredom.”
— **Dave Barry**

The only reason I would take up jogging is to hear heavy breathing again.
— **Erma Bombeck**

On procrastination

Never put off till tomorrow what you can do the day after tomorrow.
— **Mark Twain**

On willingness

The world is full of willing people. Some willing to work, the rest willing to let them.
— **Robert Frost**

On getting things done

I made up my mind a long time ago that life was too short to do anything for myself that I could pay others to do for me.
— **W. Somerset Maugham**

On committees

A committee is a cul-de-sac down which ideas are lured and then quietly strangled.
— **Sir Thomas George Barnett Cocks**

On silence

Silence was the best substitute for brains ever invented.
— **Henry Fountain Ashurst**



On cooking

In a recipe: “If they like it, it serves four; otherwise, six.”
— **Elsie Zussman**

On the written word

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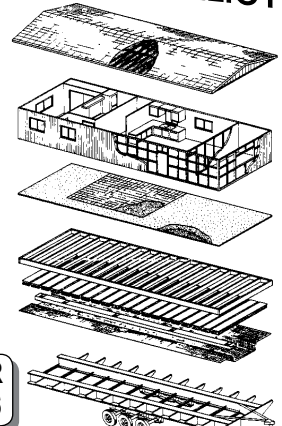
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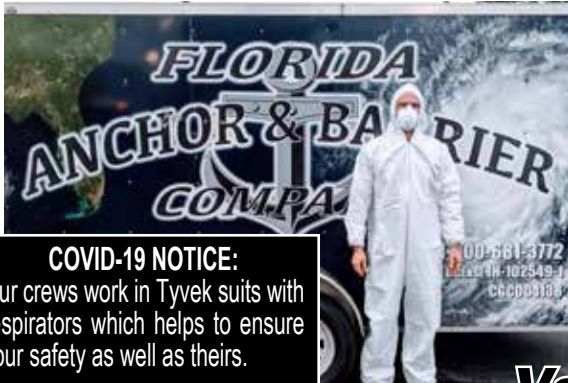
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— *adapted from Creating Affluence, by Deepak Chopra*

On wisdom

Some folks are wise, and some otherwise.

— *Josh Billings*



What are the four most familiar lines in English?



Do you know who wrote *Mary Had a Little Lamb*? Her name was Sarah Josepha Hale, born in 1788, and she was a feminist. Hale was a self-educated woman and she eventually became a teacher—she also wrote short stories and verse in her spare time. After her husband died, she wrote a novel to critical acclaim and became an editor of a magazine. She also became the editor of a children’s magazine called *Juvenile Miscellany*, and in 1830 her poem, originally titled *Mary’s Lamb*, first appeared.

Here it is: Mary had a little lamb
Its fleece as white as snow
And every where that Mary went,
The lamb was sure to go.

Hale began to travel in esteemed social circles, with the likes of Oliver Wendell Holmes and other well-thought-of people of her day. She also petitioned several presidents to get Thanksgiving recognized as a legal holiday—Abraham Lincoln finally approved the measure. She kicked off the movement to have Mount Vernon recognized as a historic landmark. Thomas Edison used her little poem for the first-ever sound recording on his invention—the phonograph.

Hale wrote many brilliant pieces during her lifetime, but is remembered for what are probably the best-known four lines in the English language. — *adapted from the mental_floss Web site*

On the origins of the jack o’lantern



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Do you know the derivation of the word *company*? Most people probably don’t think of a group of people sitting down and eating bread together when they hear the word *company*, but that is exactly what the word meant in its original sense. The word comes from the Latin *con*, which means together, and *panis*, which means bread. Thus, *company* originally encompassed the idea of people being such good friends that you share your bread with them.

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HOW IT WORKS:

1. Patronize the advertisers in this month's newsletter
2. Ask the business for your Monthly Mania ticket, OR a copy of your receipt and clip this ad
3. Mail it back to us at: **Monthly Media | 220 Bahama St. Venice, FL 34285**
4. Every month we draw new tickets for **CASH PRIZES** and mail winners a check! **Every month is a new chance to win!**



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• Limit of one ticket per visit • Advertiser may have up to 5 winners per month • Advertiser must have bill paid current to qualify • Allow 8-12 weeks for mailing of check • No purchase necessary • Contest void where prohibited by law • Tickets available at participating Monthly Media advertisers •



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COMMUNITY MANAGER AND NEW HOME SALES

Cindy Stackpole Office phone: (727) 796-1356
Office FAX: (727) 712-3526
Email: cynthia_stackpole@equitylifestyle.com

SERVICE DEPARTMENT - ALLEN PAYNE

OFFICE HOURS FOR COMMUNITY AND NEW HOME SALES INFO

Monday through Friday - 9 am to Noon and 2 - 4 pm

SERVICE HOURS

Monday through Friday - 8 am to 4:30 pm Closed Saturday and Sunday

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CLUBHOUSE WIFI

Network ID: [silk_oak_club_house](#) Password: clubhouse

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