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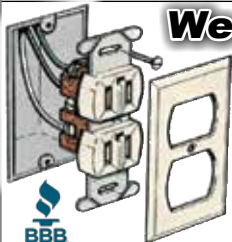
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The Hillcrest MHP Bylaws were placed in the Hilcrest monthly pamphlet without the approval of the Hillcrest HOA Board. The remainder of the Bylaws will not be published. As a further note, the bylaws that were entered into the pamphlet were from 2012 and have been updated to now reflect 2023 information.

## HAPPY HOUR 10/31/23



This is the first Happy Hour of the season and what better way to kick it off than a spookily good time. Dress as your favorite character, no costume? come anyway. We will be trying to have some sort of entertainment during the happy hours. First up is a Trivia contest. The topic is Halloween and there is a sample included here. So get your team of up to 4 together. As with last year bring an appetizer to share (limit the quantity, unless you want to take some home) or bring \$5.00 to cover the cost of some of the appetizers.

We would also like a donation of a non-perishable item for the local food bank. Bring a friend and enjoy a few hours of fellowship.

## HALLOWEEN TRIVIA

1. How many years has Halloween been celebrated in some form?
2. What was recently ranked the best Halloween candy?
3. What was recently ranked as the worst Halloween candy?
4. Which famous magician died on Halloween?
5. What is the name of the large green ghost Ray 1st encounters in Ghostbusters?
6. True or false, You can slow down the rotting process of a carved pumpkin by rubbing it with vegetable oil.
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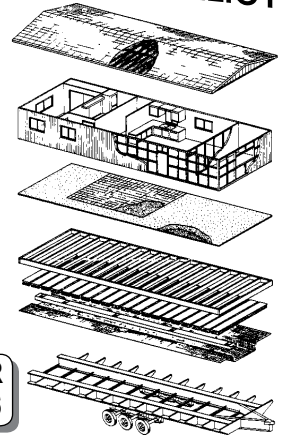
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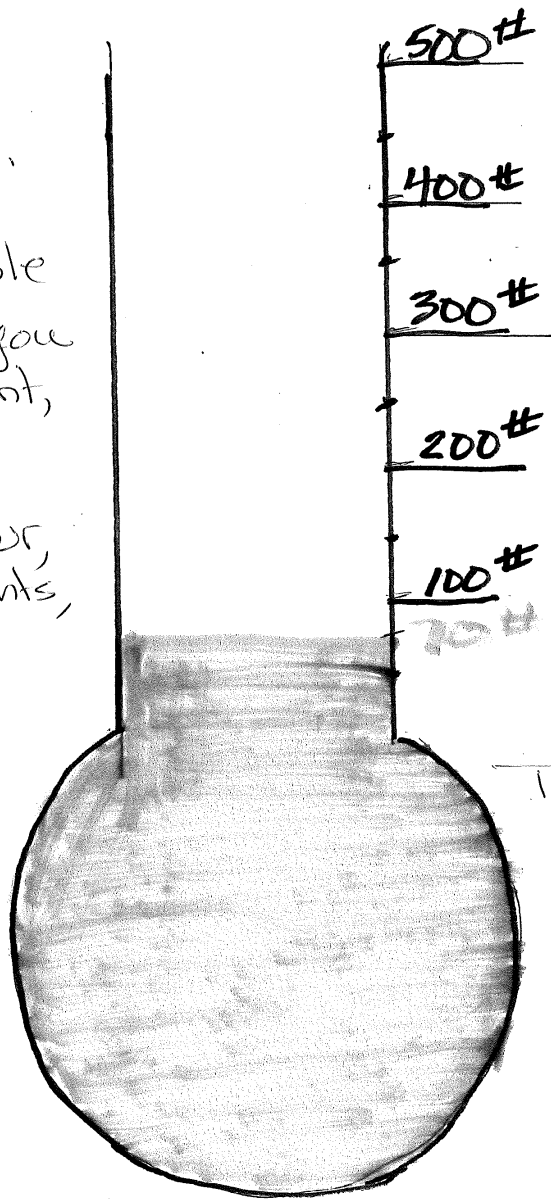
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## Puns to ponder

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- 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

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**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.”

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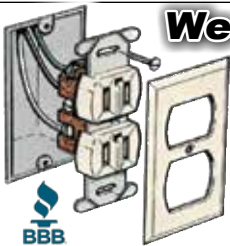
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## A doctor-recommended exercise

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- Raise the corners of your mouth an inch, take a deep breath and hold it for 10 seconds.
- You are smiling. If you have people watching you, they'll probably start smiling too.
- Now release your breath in short exhalations. You're now laughing. Unless those with you are curmudgeons, they'll undoubtedly start laughing, too.

This simple muscular action of inhaling, raising the corners of the mouth, then exhaling in rhythmic, short bursts causes the diaphragm to bounce up and down, pats the liver on the back, and pleasantly vibrates the stomach. The heart, which rests above the diaphragm, begins to pump at a slightly faster rate, sending blood coursing throughout the body.

The effect is a general feeling of well-being. More important than this, however, is the effect on others who observe you going through this exercise. They feel better, too. This triggers happy emotions within you, and the stage is set for any number of pleasant personal and business relationships.

All this from one simple little exercise! — *from IdeaBank*



## The path to attaining what you desire in life

There was once a young man who went to a wise old man and said, “Master, I want to have all the riches in the world. I want no limitations on it—and with that wealth I want to do good things for the world. I want to use it for its healing powers in the universe. Can you please tell me the secret of creating unlimited wealth?”

The old man answered, “There are two goddesses that reside in your heart, that reside in the hearts of all men and women. Every person falls deeply in love with both of these goddesses.”

The old man went on, “Though it is true that you have great love in your heart for both of these supreme beings, you must choose one. You must choose the one who reigns over the kingdom of knowledge. She is Sarasvati. Seduce her. Love her boldly. Pay great attention to her, because she adores attention. The other, Lakshmi, rules over the kingdom of wealth. The secret is to pay more attention to the goddess of knowledge, because then the goddess of wealth will become jealous and pay more attention to you. The more you seek and pursue Sarasvati, the more Lakshmi will pursue you. She will never go away and will be yours for the taking. Then you will always have what you desire—unlimited wealth.

— *adapted from Creating Affluence, by Deepak Chopra*

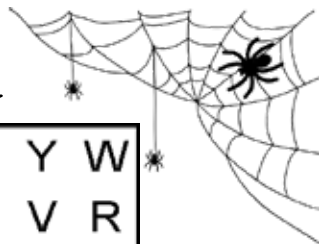
### On wisdom

*Some folks are wise, and some otherwise.*

— *Josh Billings*



# OCTOBER *October* Word Search



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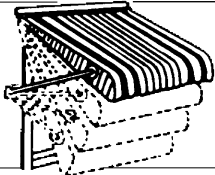
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**A**t age 20, Joe was a mess. He had been rebelling against authority for many years already. He was defined as a failure. He hadn't finished high school, as a matter of fact he had flunked four times. He became a street fighter, and he had 25 scars to prove it. And there was more—by 20 he had lost 30 jobs and been kicked out of the Marines. He was deemed incorrigible.

Nine years later, Joe was the valedictorian of Harvard Law School's 1967 graduation. He then went on to begin a career with the U.S. Department of Justice. He was considered one of the brightest of the young men employed there and seemed to have a great future before him.

Joe had turned his life around. He had pulled himself out of his long pattern of revolting against authority and was living a productive life. Several months after he was booted out of the Marines, Joe signed up for high school classes and he began reading constantly. Two years later he graduated with a 99 average. He went on to go to the University of California at Santa Barbara and was elected his senior class president. He graduated magna cum laude. He contacted the Marines and told officials there that he felt he had a blemish on his life and he wanted to make it right. He was allowed to reenlist and became a platoon leader and was given an honorable discharge after he had served his two years.

Time magazine described Joe's valedictory speech as the "year's most moving graduation address."

When asked about his turnaround, Joe said, "Once I'd made up my mind, it wasn't too tough."

And when asked about the inner change he had certainly gone through, he said, "[I] guess you could call it an inner resolution. I was just sick of being a failure." — *adapted from The Guideposts Pocket Book of Inspiration, edited by Norman Vincent Peale*

## A fishing story

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**A**famous editor returned from an angling expedition in Colorado. One of his friends asked him how the fish were in those parts. The editor answered, "Well, I can't really say for sure. I kept dropping them lines every day—but there was never a reply."

— *adapted from Laughter Incorporated, by Bennett Cerf*

### **On getting old**

*You know you're getting old when the candles cost more than the cake.*

— **Bob Hope**

### **On airplanes**

*Why don't they make the whole plane out of that black box stuff.*

— **Stephen Wright**



## October Calendar



### Monthly

**Adopt-A-Shelter-Dog Month. Oct. 1–31.** To promote the adoption of dogs from local shelters, the ASPCA sponsors the observance. For more information, browse [www.asPCA.org](http://www.asPCA.org).

**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](http://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](http://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](http://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](http://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](http://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](http://www.firepreventionweek.org) or [www.sparky.org](http://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](http://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](http://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](http://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](http://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](http://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](http://www.makeadifferenceday.com).

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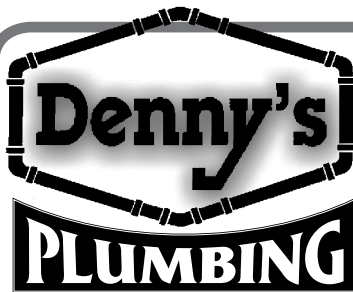
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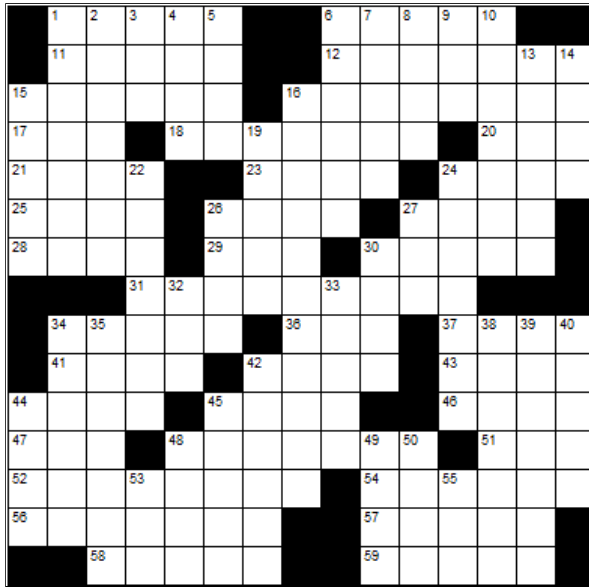
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**ACROSS**

1. Without delay
6. Days in a week
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



**DOWN**

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



October  
Crossword





## Get into the flow

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Here is a principle about money to keep in mind. Money must flow. It must be like the blood that circulates in your body. To keep it, to hang on to it, stops the flow. If you want your money to grow, you must keep it moving. You must spend it and use it in the service of the world and of others. Otherwise, it will coagulate and become clotted. The flow will stop, and instead of being a healing power it will merely cause damage in the world.

Money represents life energy. A service that we provide to the universe and the universe then returns to us. To keep money coming in, you must keep it moving. It must circulate.

—adapted from *Creating Affluence*, by Deepak Chopra



## Don't let panic and worry cut you off from abundance

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To get on the path of perpetual abundance, there is one rule of thumb that you must follow: Don't panic. Panic will only bring you worry, and worry almost never helps solve your problems. If you panic when it comes to money worries, your head will fill with fear, and you won't have room in your mind for solutions to come forth.

Benjamin Franklin once said, "Some terrible things happened in my life-time—a few of which actually happened."

Panic brings out the worst in you, and the worst in others who are exposed to it. People can fall into panic over almost everything—missed deadlines, fear of what others are thinking or saying about them, fear of making a mistake and fear over losing money. When people panic over money issues, it is because of fear.

But fear and panic, rather than help the situation, usually only cause miscommunication, and that interferes with a person's ability to create success and abundance in his or her life.

In order to have abundance, you have to make a commitment to stop panicking. Once you make the commitment, you'll notice some wonderful things happening. For instance, you'll be able to step back and see that the things that you used to worry about so much almost never happen anyway. You'll stop wasting your time and energy on anxiety and worry that don't do any good, and you'll be able to focus on getting your bearings. Once you get your bearings your innate wisdom will have a chance to kick in and fruitful answers will begin to appear in your life.

So make a commitment to stop panicking today. You'll be glad you did. — adapted from *Don't Worry, Make Money*, by Richard Carlson



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## What are the four most familiar lines in English?

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**D**o 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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**H**ave you ever wondered how the practice of turning pumpkins into scary jack o’lanterns was born? The origin is quite fascinating.

O’lantern sounds Irish, and it is. The flickering, carved pumpkin faces that animate the American Halloween derive from an old Irish custom of creating rustic lanterns from vegetables. The Irish child’s typical Halloween flashlight was a hollowed-out turnip or potato with a candle inside, and when the Irish landed in America in the nineteenth century, they were quick to spot the possibilities in the pumpkin. — *from IdeaBank*

## In good company

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**D**o 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.

— *adapted from Thereby Hangs a Tale, by Charles Earl Funk*

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