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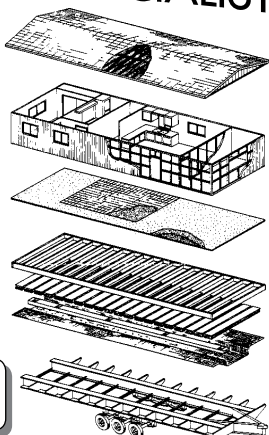
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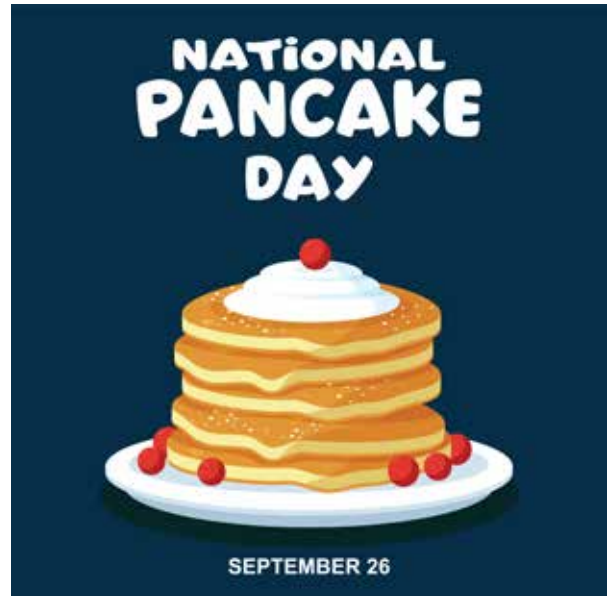
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**Talk Like a Pirate Day. Sept. 19.** If you need a nudge to have fun at home or at work, this is the day for it. Get tips and history at [www.talklikeapirate.com](http://www.talklikeapirate.com).

**National Punctuation Day. Sept. 24.** "A celebration of the lowly comma, correctly used quotes, and other proper uses of periods, semicolons, and the ever-mysterious ellipsis." Go to [www.nationalpunctuationday.com](http://www.nationalpunctuationday.com) for observance ideas, serious tips, and the recipe for the Official Meatloaf of National Punctuation Day.

## Weekly

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**B**alance Awareness Week. Sept. 15 – 24. The Vestibular Disorders Association established this event to develop public awareness of balance disorders, which are difficult to diagnose and often misunderstood because of their "invisibility." For further information, go to [www.vestibular.org](http://www.vestibular.org).

**New York Fashion Week (NYFW)** for September 2024 is scheduled to take place from **September 6th to September 11th**

**National Suicide Prevention Week (September 8–14)** focuses on mental health awareness and suicide prevention efforts.

**National Assisted Living Week (September 8–14)** recognizes the contributions of assisted living communities and their residents.

**National Arts in Education Week** celebrates the importance of arts education in schools.

**National Historically Black Colleges and Universities Week (September 15–19)** honors the legacy and impact of HBCUs.

**National Farm Animals Awareness Week (September 15–21)** promotes understanding and compassion for farm animals.

## Monthly

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**B**lood Cancer Awareness Month: A time to raise awareness about blood cancers such as leukemia, lymphoma, and myeloma.

**Library Card Sign-up Month:** Encourages people to get library cards and explore the world of books and knowledge.

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## Making it up as she goes along



As a child, Ve Neill loved to scare herself by watching an old movie about a severed, murderous hand. She also loved to use makeup to transform her friends into horrible, terrifying creatures. Neill’s next-door neighbor was a makeup artist for some local television shows and used to help Neill with her Halloween costumes. She would declare passionately, “Oh, Mr. Lotito, I want to do what you do when I grow up.” Mr. Lotito, though, had little hope for her. He knew that makeup was a “man’s field” that women rarely had the opportunity to break in to.

Neill’s first professional job was working for a strange band that dressed like aliens. She dyed and styled their hair, and created their makeup and costumes. Neill found that she was great at painting faces—and incredibly patient with detail. For inspiration she attended a sci-fi convention where she ran into the man responsible for the look of the original Star Trek series. He gave her the big break she’d been waiting for—a job on a major motion picture.

Neill went on to create some of the most memorable movie characters in recent film history: Michael Keaton as Beetlejuice, Johnny Depp as Edward Scissorhands, and Robin Williams as Mrs. Doubtfire. Over her 30+-year career, Neill has won numerous international awards for her work, three Academy awards, and was recently nominated again for the Pirates of the Caribbean series.

You might say she spent a lifetime preparing for her success. A “man’s field,” indeed.

## No excuses: The power of using what’s on hand

When Spanish artist Bartolomé Esteban Murillo was asked to create a series of paintings for a church in Seville, he formed a friendship with the monk who served as the cook in the refectory. The cook waited on Murillo hand and foot while the artist worked on the commission. When the artist’s work was accomplished, the cook begged Murillo for a memento—a painting just for him.



Murillo said he’d be happy to create something for his friend, but he’d exhausted every scrap of his canvas already. He had nothing to paint on.

The cook told the artist, “Never mind, sir, just take this napkin,” then offered him the linen the artist had just used at dinner. Without a second thought, Murillo took the napkin and converted it into a portrait of the Madonna and Child that glowed with life and color. The work—Virgin of the Napkin—is now thought to be one of the artist’s most beautiful and resides in the Museum of Seville in Spain.



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# Pinellas County Events

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Monthly on the first Friday

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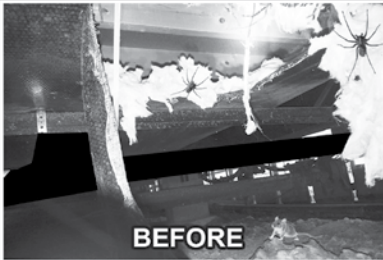
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## The price of adding value

There was once a poor shoemaker whose shop was next to a fine restaurant. Every day the shoemaker would take his lunch of rice and beans out to the back of his shop, where he took great pleasure in the exquisite aromas emanating from the restaurant kitchen next door.



One day the shoemaker received an invoice from the restaurant for his lunches, and he went to speak to the manager about it.

The manager said, “You are enjoying my food while you eat, so you should pay for it!”

The shoemaker refused to pay and the restaurant sued him. The judge asked the restaurant manager for his side of the story at the hearing.

The manager said, “Every day, this shoemaker sits near our kitchen and smells our food while he eats his lunch. We are adding value to his simple meal, and we should be paid for it.”

The judge then asked the shoemaker for his side of the story.

The shoemaker said nothing, but stuck his hand in his pocket and rattled around the change he had inside.

“What is the meaning of that?” asked the judge.

The shoemaker answered, “I’m paying for the smell of his food with the sound of my money.”

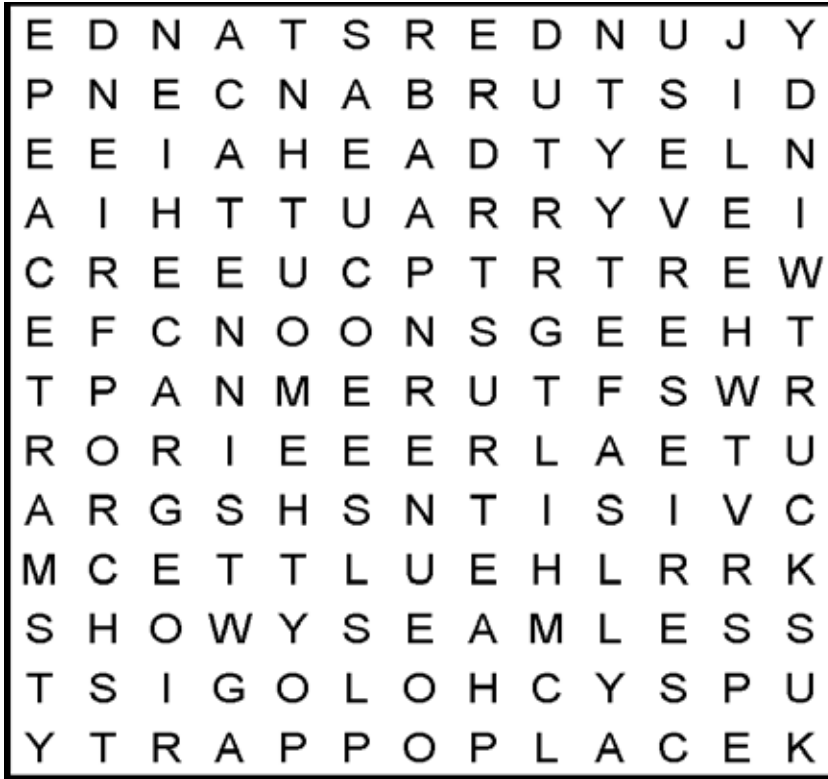
### ***Revisionist***

*“A clear conscience is often the sign of a bad memory.”*

**— Author Unknown**



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## Sad people eat more comfort foods



People who feel sad eat more unhealthy comfort foods than people who feel happy, a food-marketing expert has found. Brian Wansink, currently serving as the Executive Director of the USDA's Center for Nutrition Policy and Promotion and professor of marketing at Cornell, coauthored the study. For one segment of the research, administrative assistants were recruited to watch either a fun, upbeat movie (Sweet Home Alabama), or a sad, depressing one (Love Story). During the movies the participants were offered both salty popcorn and seedless grapes.

The researchers found that those who had watched Love Story had eaten 36 percent more popcorn than those who had watched Sweet Home Alabama. Wansink believes that people who are feeling sad will more often reach for an indulgent snack to jolt themselves out of the dumps. They're looking for a "bump of euphoria," he says.

## Hook a man with his nose

According to Alan Hirsch of The Smell & Taste Treatment and Research Foundation, men find the following 10 aromas and aroma combinations sexually enticing:

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2. Doughnut and black licorice
3. Pumpkin pie and doughnut
4. Orange
5. Lavender and doughnut
6. Black licorice and cola
7. Black licorice
8. Doughnut and cola
9. Lily of the valley
10. Buttered popcorn



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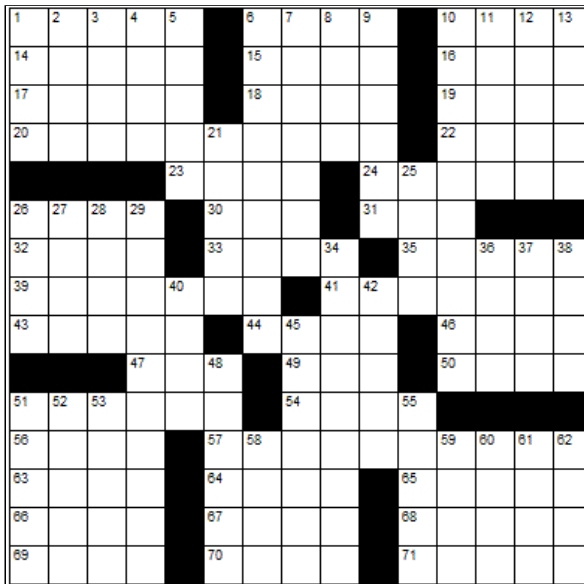
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1. Stairs
6. Golfer's cry
10. A heavy open wagon
14. Path around a star
15. Nights before
16. Notion
17. Sorceress
18. Uncluttered
19. Oodles
20. Kingfisher
22. Gorillas
23. Small casks
24. Tortoise
26. Completed
30. Form of "to be"
31. Before, in poetry
32. Anger
33. Hoard
35. Inventory
39. Last car of a train
41. Applause
43. Ready for anything
44. Flightless bird
46. Prefix meaning "Within"
47. Band booking
49. Mesh
50. Misrepresent
51. Whitener
54. "Darn!"
56. Amount leant
57. Enthusiasm
63. Against
64. Story
65. Fine-tune
66. In Europe, they're "Zeds"
67. Yanks
68. Depart
69. Sea eagle
70. Lyric poems
71. Made a mistake



## DOWN

1. Punch
2. Threesome
3. River in Spain
4. Choose
5. Hearty entree
6. Greek clover
7. Supervise
8. Backside
9. Property
10. Slangily called "cancer sticks"
11. Embrace
12. Insurrectionist
13. Thigh armor
21. Birds' bills
25. Celestial bear
26. Whale
27. Medicine bottle
28. River to the North Sea
29. Regroup (Br. sp.)
34. Impotent
36. Pig sound
37. Cypher
38. Comprehend
40. Ear-related
42. Critical
45. Coddle
48. Depressed urban area
51. Fire
52. Hermit
53. Consumed
55. What a book is called
58. Data transfer unit
59. Pitcher
60. Close
61. A hollow in a mountain
62. Managed with difficulty



# September Crossword



## When a little back talk is just the thing

Here's a little pearl of wisdom from creativity coach Jill Badonsky (www.themuseisin.com): "Whenever you have a doubting inner voice in your head: one that says 'You're not good enough,' 'It's already been done,' 'You're too old,' 'You're too unfocused,' 'Your idea will be a waste of time,' 'There's not enough time,' or anything like that . . . reply back by saying, 'SO WHAT, I'LL DO IT ANYWAY!'"



## Rub-a-dub-dub . . .

William Howard Taft, the 27th president of the United States, was a big man—weighing in at more than 300 pounds. According to the White House Museum, he often had trouble getting in and out of the bathtub. After getting stuck in a normal-sized tub, Taft had it replaced with a huge tub that could hold four average-sized men.



Later, after leaving the presidency, Taft made a visit to Cape May, N.J., as the guest of the Pennsylvania Bankers' Association. His room had been chosen for him particularly because it contained a sizable bathtub. Upon arrival, Taft was tired and decided a bath was in order. Meanwhile, the bankers waited patiently for Taft to arrive in the dining room.

However, the portly president underestimated the size of the tub and when he got in, he displaced a considerable amount of water—so much so that the water overflowed and began trickling down onto the guests' heads in the dining room. But Taft was oblivious to the deluge on his bathroom floor.

"Big Bill," as Taft was known, kept a big sense of humor throughout the incident, laughing it off, as did the bankers. When boarding a train to leave town, he looked out over the ocean and said, "I'll get a piece of that fenced in some day, and then when I venture in there won't be any overflow."

### ***Parental paradox***

*"Because of their size, parents may be difficult to discipline properly."*

**— P. J. O'Rourke**

### ***Price of procrastination***

*"Only put off until tomorrow what you are willing to die having left undone."*

**— Pablo Picasso**



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## A grandmother's prerogative

An elderly retired woman in Florida was sitting by the pool going on and on to anyone who would listen about her two very remarkable grandchildren and all their achievements. Finally, a fellow sunbather wearied of this woman's prattle. He politely attempted to keep her quiet for a minute by asking, "Tell me, how old are your grandchildren?"

"The doctor is four and the lawyer is six."

## Doozy definitions from student exams

- An *optimist* is a doctor who treats your eyes.
- An *epistle* is the wife of an apostle.
- Baboons live in an *apiary*.
- A *myth* is a female moth.
- *Momentum* is what you give someone when they are going away.
- *Trigonometry* is having three wives at one time.
- An *executive* is the man who puts murderers to death.
- An *antidote* is a funny story.
- A *monastery* is where monsters live.



## Taxi!

Humorist Robert Benchley was once out with his son for lunch in Hollywood. Afterward when the two were ready to go home, the elder Benchley reportedly approached a uniformed man at the door and said, "Would you get us a taxi, please?"



The man stared at him and said in an icy voice, "I'm very sorry. I happen to be a Rear Admiral in the United States Navy."

"All right, then," said Benchley. "So get us a battleship."

### *Considering Cubism*

*"I was going to have cosmetic surgery until I noticed that the doctor's office was full of portraits by Picasso."*

— Rita Rudner



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