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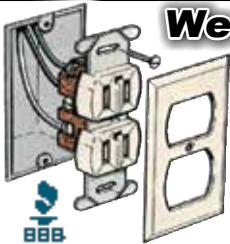


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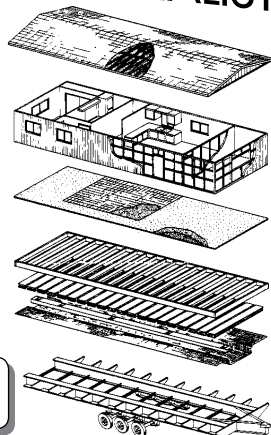


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Friendship Club Submitted by Pat J.



All ladies of Hillcrest Mobile home Park are cordially invited to the first meeting of the 2024 - 2025 season. This meeting will be held on Tuesday November 12th at 1pm in the clubhouse. This is an opportunity to meet new friends, munch on some goodies and maybe win a door prize. At this first meeting we would like to have everyone introduce themselves and tell us something about yourself. This might be your home state, previous employment, number of children, or anything you wish to share.

At this meeting you will receive an outline of upcoming meetings and planned activities. This first meeting we will be making table wreaths for table centerpieces for December. The social club will be purchasing battery operated candles for the wreaths.

There is a sign up sheet on the Friendship bulletin board in the clubhouse, so please sign up before November 9th so we are sure to have enough supplies on hand. There is a \$2.00 charge to cover the refreshment costs.





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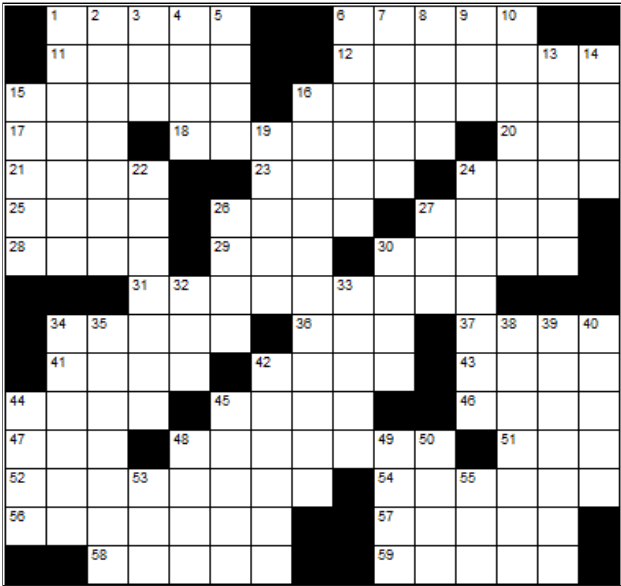


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- 1. Confer happiness on
- 6. Regular
- 11. A long narrow passage
- 12. Dry, as a tree
- 15. Hereditary
- 16. Barren
- 17. Beer
- 18. Large tuna
- 20. Darjeeling or oolong
- 21. Frog
- 23. Render senseless
- 24. Fraud
- 25. Enormous
- 26. Rind
- 27. Interruption
- 28. Flower stalk
- 29. Arrange (abbrev.)
- 30. Suns
- 31. Handcapper
- 34. Satisfies
- 36. Anger
- 37. Role
- 41. Leg joint
- 42. Frozen precipitation
- 43. Arab ruler
- 44. Pleads
- 45. Leveling wedge
- 46. Pleasant
- 47. Female sheep
- 48. Popeye's favorite food
- 51. "Eureka!"
- 52. Connecting
- 54. Poked fun at
- 56. Pained look
- 57. Graven images
- 58. Pens
- 59. Father



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- 1. Financial rescue
 - 2. Blood line
 - 3. East southeast
 - 4. Thick slice
 - 5. Peddle
 - 6. Utilitarian
 - 7. Antelope of India
 - 8. On top of
 - 9. Ever last one
 - 10. Animal skin
 - 13. Water vapors
 - 14. Crease
- 15. Wood strips
 - 16. Ascertaining
 - 19. Utilizers
 - 22. Relegates
 - 24. Hone
 - 26. Flat masses of soft material
 - 27. Consumed
 - 30. Misrepresent
 - 32. D
 - 33. Fragrance
 - 34. Kabob stick
- 35. Cherubic
 - 38. Friendly
 - 39. Most wealthy
 - 40. Step
 - 42. Gleams
 - 44. Large mass of floating ice
 - 45. A food flavoring
 - 48. Male deer
 - 49. Baby's bed
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November 6: National Nachos Day, National Saxophone Day
November 7: National Hug a Bear Day, International Merlot Day
November 8: National Cappuccino Day, National Parents as Teachers Day
November 9: World Freedom Day, Go to an Art Museum Day
November 10: U.S. Marine Corps Birthday, National Vanilla Cupcake Day
November 11: Veterans Day, National Sundae Day
November 12: National French Dip Day, Chicken Soup for the Soul Day
November 13: World Kindness Day, International Tongue Twister Day
November 14: National Pickle Day, National Spicy Guacamole Day
November 15: National Recycling Day, National Philanthropy Day
November 16: National Fast Food Day, National Button Day
November 17: National Homemade Bread Day, National Hiking Day
November 18: Mickey Mouse Day, National Princess Day
November 19: National Adoption Day, Family Volunteer Day
November 20: National Peanut Butter Fudge Day, Universal Children's Day
November 21: World Hello Day, National Gingerbread Cookie Day
November 22: National Cranberry Relish Day, Go for a Ride Day
November 23: National Espresso Day, National Cashew Day
November 24: Thanksgiving, Celebrate Your Unique Talent Day
November 25: Black Friday, Native American Heritage Day
November 26: Small Business Saturday, National Cake Day
November 27: First Sunday of Advent, U.S. Turtle Adoption Day
November 28: Cyber Monday, National French Toast Day
November 29: Giving Tuesday, National Lemon Cream Pie Day
November 30: National Mason Jar Day, National Mousse Day

Weekly Observances

November 1-7: World Communication Week
November 6-12: National Animal Shelter Appreciation Week, Polar Bear Week
November 6-13: Drowsy Driving Prevention Week
November 7-13: National Recycling Week
November 13-19: National Split Pea Soup Week
November 14-18: Anti-Bullying Week, American Education Week,
National Young Readers Week
November 18-24: World Antimicrobial Awareness Week
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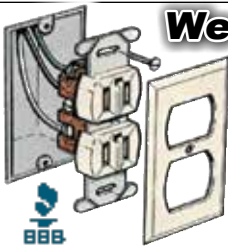
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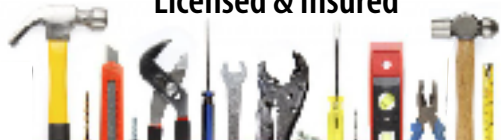
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Americans and their snacking habit



According to The Gourmet Retailer Web site, Americans love snacks, and define the ideal snack as “healthy, tastes sinful, and is convenient in all aspects” (The International Dairy, Deli & Bakery Association). Here are some other facts gleaned from the article, “The New Snack is Healthy,” by Michelle Moran.

- An estimated 90 percent of Americans indulge in a snack on any given day.
- 74 percent of Americans snack in the evening.
- 75 percent of Americans eat breakfast.
- 88 percent of Americans eat lunch.
- It is estimated that sales of snack foods will rise from the 2003 \$47.1 billion to \$57.3 billion in 2008.
- 33.5 percent of Americans decreased their snacking in the past two years; 30.8 percent increased their snacking.
- Twenty-five percent of adults prefer foods that are easy to prepare; 10 percent don’t have time to prepare healthy snacks or meals; 5 percent often eat store-made, precooked meals.

Want to reduce pain - try meditation

In a recent study, 12 healthy, long-term meditators, who had been practicing meditation for 30 years, showed 40 percent to 50 percent lower brain response to pain when compared to 12 healthy adults who did not meditate. The study was published in a recent article in the journal *NeuroReport*. Also of note, the study found that when the 12 controls in the study learned and practiced meditation for five months, their responses to pain also decreased by the same 40 percent to 50 percent.



Researchers believe that meditation can reduce pain by producing a physical state that modifies the pain level. That is why meditation has been found to reduce anxiety, improve reactions to stress and decrease acute pain.

It is estimated that 50 million people in the world suffer from chronic pain, and it appears that meditation can reduce that pain by half in many people.

David Orme-Johnson, lead author of the study, says “Prior research indicates that transcendental meditation creates a more balanced outlook on life and a greater equanimity in reacting to stress. This study suggests that this is not just an attitudinal change, but a fundamental change in how the brain functions.”

On thankfulness

In everyone’s life, at some time, our inner fire goes out. It is then burst into flame by an encounter with another human being. We should all be thankful for those people who rekindle the inner spirit.

— Albert Schweitzer



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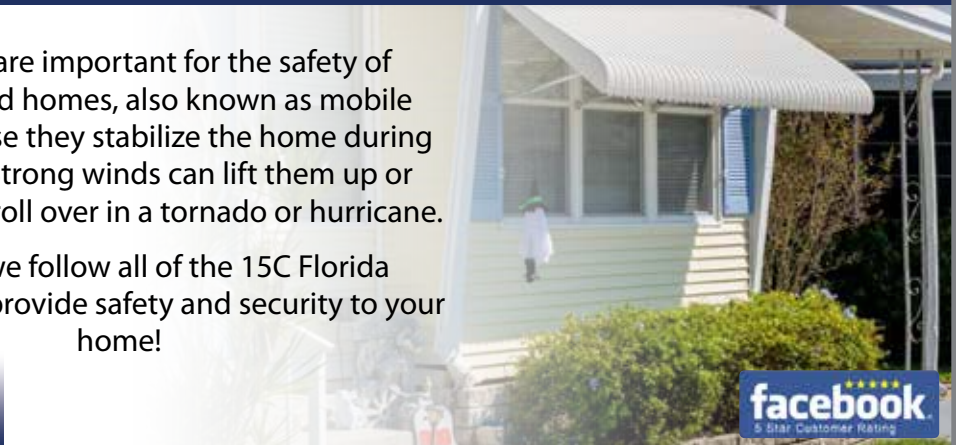
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- Postal service
- Act naturally
- Microsoft Works
- Holy war
- Military intelligence
- Minor disaster
- Auto pilot
- Near miss
- New classic
- Fun run
- Living dead
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- Genuine imitation
- Athletic scholarship
- Death benefits
- Pretty ugly
- Government organization
- Peace force
- Sweet sorrow
- Alone together
- Tight slacks
- Healthy tan
- Head butt
- Bankrupt millionaire
- Airline food
- Tax return
- Virtual reality
- Beginning Finnish
- American beer
- Art student
- Soft rock
- Original copies
- Deafening silence
- Great Depression
- Good grief
- Hot chili
- Free trade
- Crash landing
- Now then
- Old news
- Working holiday
- Exact estimate
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A man wanted to get a pet because he was lonely and was perusing the classified ads in the newspaper when he read this: Purebred Police Dog For Sale: \$50. The man thought this price was a bargain and he figured the dog would be intelligent and good looking since it was a purebred. So he picked up the phone and told the seller he wanted to buy the dog. The seller offered to deliver the man's new pet to his home. The man was delighted.

When the police dog arrived however, the man was taken aback by the way it looked. It was definitely not the good-looking dog he had pictured in his mind. Instead, the dog looked like nothing more than a mangy mongrel.

"How in the world can you get away with calling that dog a purebred police dog?" the man asked.

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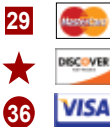
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According to snake expert Michael Grace, in an ABCNews article titled “How Snakes see two ways?” snakes can use their eyes to see, just like humans do. But they can also use infrared sensors to conjure images based on heat emitted by objects in the environment. Grace says snakes have the ability to switch back and forth in using these two ways of seeing and can also use them simultaneously.

Andreas B. Sichert, Paul Friedel and Leo van Hemmen, in an article in the *Physical Review*, say that snakes have small cavities near their snouts—and these cavities are known as pit organs. Snakes can localize heat sources by using their pit organs, which are sensitive to infrared radiation emitted by prey, such as rats and rabbits—and Samuel L. Jackson, the scientists say. However, they also say that because the pit organs are not very deep and the pit apertures are wide, that the snakes could not use them to track prey very well. But when it comes to the close confines of a plane, the snakes could use this ability to track prey in the dark.

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- Wodnes daeg - day of Woden, chief diety.
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FALL BAZAAR Ranchero Village 7100 Ulmerton Road Hacienda Clubhouse. Sunday 11/10/24 from 11am-3pm. Crafts, baked goods, raffle baskets & more. Vendors: Rent a table for \$20. Contact: Donna Dahmm 309-263-2640 or RDDahmm@gmail.com

Craft Fair 11/16/24, 9 AM - 1 PM at Clearwater Cascade. Contact Jane Boucher 903-426-3636, janeboucher29@gmail.com

13TH ANNUAL ARTS AND CRAFTS SALE – Sat. Nov. 16, 2024, 9AM-1PM Lake Haven MHP, Paradise Island Clubhouse, 1415 Main St. (SR580 & Lake Haven Rd.) Dunedin, FL. Hand crafted projects including bottle art, greeting cards, crocheted and knitted items, and decorative crafts for home or gifts.

EVENTS & PROGRAMS

Serendipity Mobile Home Park Community Yard Sale. Saturday, November 16, 2024, 8AM-2PM. 29081 US Highway 19N, Clearwater. Drive around the park and check driveways for sales.

Palm Hill 2nd Annual Craft Fair. November 16th, 8-1. North Club House. Use North 8th Ave entrance. Outside crafters welcome. call John at 507-259-6934 after October 10th

Bay Ranch MHP November 16th 8am- 1pm Flea Market/Craft Show. Refreshments! Tables \$10. 7349 Ulmerton Rd. Largo, 33771. Paige: 727-543-9871

Art/Craft Fair- Saturday, November 23, 9am-1pm. Lake Highlander MHP, 1500 County Road 1, Dunedin. Great Holiday Shopping!

EVENTS & PROGRAMS

CRAFT FAIR! Regency Heights, 2550 State Road 580, Clearwater. Hand made crafts. December 1st, 10am-6pm

Palm Hill Christmas Bazaar. Saturday December 7th, 8-1. North Clubhouse, use 8th Ave entrance.

Annual Holiday Market at Pointe West Clubhouse. Hand crafted & artisan items, Concessions & Bake Sale too. 12/7, 9am-2pm, 12651 Seminole Blvd, Largo

Annual Craft Fair. Handmade items and bake sale. December 7th, 8am-2pm. East Bay Oaks Clubhouse. 601 Starkey Road, Largo

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Fun with palindromes...

According to Bill Bryson, in *The Mother Tongue: English and How It Got That Way*, the palindrome is the most difficult form of wordplay in English. The word palindrome itself was first used in 1629 by Ben Johnson and is defined as a sentence that can be read the same backward as forward. This form of wordplay is at least 2,000 years old and was used by the Romans and Greeks.

Of course, Bryson says, most palindromes don't really make sensible sentences, but people tend to let that go to a point, because coming up with a palindrome is such hard work. Here is a list of some English palindromes:

- A man, a plan, a canal, Panama!
- Norma is as selfless as I am, Ron.
- To far, Edna, we wander afoot.
- Madam, I'm Adam.
- Sex at noon taxes.
- Are we not drawn onward, we few, drawn onward to a new era?
- Able was I ere I saw Elba.
- Sums are not set as a test on Erasmus.
- Satan, oscillate my metallic sonatas.



How the cocktail got its name

According to Ethlie Ann Vare and Greg Ptacek in *Mothers of Invention: From the Bra to the Bomb, Forgotten Women and Their Unforgettable Ideas*, the story of how the cocktail got its name has so few variations that there's little doubt that the story is true. It goes like this:

During the American Revolutionary War, Betsy Flanagan was a tavern-keeper somewhere in New England. Her inn was frequented by rebel officers and soldiers, and they often sat around complaining about a local Tory who prospered greatly while they suffered.

One night, as a special treat, Betsy concocted a drink for her regular customers. In the drink she mixed rum and fruit juice — and she decorated each glass with a feather that had been plucked from the enemy Tory's rooster.

The crowd went wild, and history, as they say, was made. The drinking and joking all mixed together until one young French officer called out in his enthusiasm: "Vive le coq's tail!"



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