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# NOVEMBER

November 1: All Saints' Day, National Author's Day, World Vegan Day  
November 2: All Souls' Day, International Stress Awareness Day  
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  
November 20-26: Better Conversations Week, National Game & Puzzle Week



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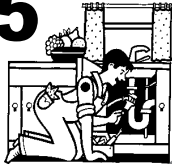
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## The first eureka moment



Archimedes, the Greek mathematician (born in Syracuse in 287 B.C.) was a genius in the application of geometry to mechanical devices. Indeed, according to *Thereby Hangs a Tale*, by Charles E. Funk, he was the Thomas Edison of his day.

In fact, Funk says, that more than 2,000 years after his death we are still making great use out of his discoveries and inventions, and have merely been able to improve upon them.

Once, Archimedes had before him the task of determining the amount of silver a dishonest goldsmith had used in the making of a crown, which had been ordered in pure gold, for the king.

Archimedes worried over the problem to no avail until one day when he stepped into his bath. The bath had been filled to the brim and when he stepped into it, it overflowed. Archimedes noticed that the bath was full and that a certain amount of water had overflowed. This gave him his first inkling of the law of hydrostatics, which says that a body surrounded by a fluid is buoyed up by a force equal to the weight of the fluid it displaces.

Now Archimedes knew that by weighing out an equal amount of gold to the weight of the crown, and then by putting them separately into basins of water, that the difference in the amount of overflow would give him the answer to the problem of the crown, because the weight of the overflow would denote the amount of alloy.

Poor Archimedes was so excited by his discovery and the chance to test it that he jumped out of the bath, and without his clothes he ran home, astonishing passersby, while shouting “Eureka, eureka!” which means “I have found it, I have found it!”

## Bar waitress cards patron, is handed own ID

A 22-year-old waitress lost her wallet in an Ohio bar, and weeks later recovered her driver’s license when a woman tried to use it to enter a bar.

Weeks after her wallet had been lost, and when she was working at the Moosehead Saloon in Westlake, Ohio, a patron handed the waitress her own license in an attempt to prove that she was 21 in order to enter the bar. The woman fled when the waitress disappeared and did not return right away, but her companion gave police her name. Maria Bergan, 23, of Lakewood, was charged with identity theft and receiving stolen property, according to an ABCNews story. The waitress’s credit card had also been stolen and used to make \$1,000 in purchases.



### *On optimism*

*An optimist is a person who starts a new diet on Thanksgiving Day.*

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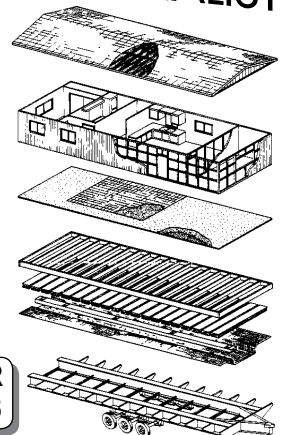
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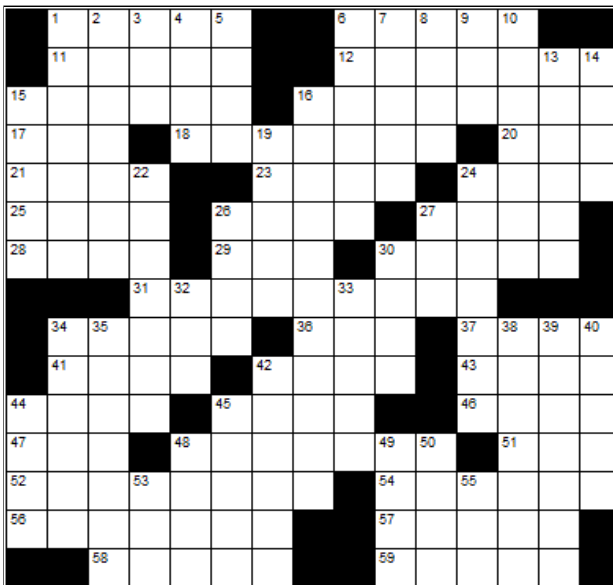
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1. Confer happiness on
6. Regular
11. A long narrow passage
12. Dry, as a tree
15. Hereditary
16. Barren
17. Beer
18. Large tuna
20. Darjeeling or oolong
21. Frog
23. Render senseless
24. Fraud
25. Enormous
26. Rind
27. Interruption
28. Flower stalk
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



## DOWN

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
50. Conceal
53. American Medical Association
55. Wetland



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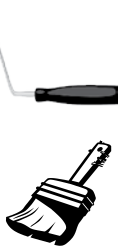


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## Some oxymoronic fun...

An oxymoron is a combination of words that seem contradictory or incongruous, cruel kindness, for example. Here is a list of some more modern oxy-morons as they appeared in The Giant Book of Jokes, edited by Dave Phillips.

- Postal service
- Act naturally
- Microsoft Works
- Holy war
- Military intelligence
- Minor disaster
- Auto pilot
- Near miss
- New classic
- Fun run
- Living dead
- Civil war
- 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
- Singles club
- Student teacher



## A new pet



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.

The seller answered: "Don't let his looks deceive you. He's working undercover." As retold from The Giant Book of Jokes, edited by Dave Phillips

## How snakes can see in the dark



With the popularity of the movie *Snakes on a Plane*, starring Samuel L. Jackson, people may be asking themselves—can snakes really keep a watch on people in the dark? Well, if they’re of the pit viper and boa varieties, the experts say yes.

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.

Just something you might want to know if you ever get on a plane filled with snakes.

## The origin of the names of our days

According to the Morris Dictionary of Word and Phrase Origins, the days of the week were taken from the following Anglo-Saxon terms:

- Sunnan daeg - day of the sun.
- Monan daeg - day of the moon.
- Tiwes daeg - day of Tiw, god of war.
- Wodnes daeg - day of Woden, chief diety.
- Thorsdagr - day of Thor (this actually comes from Old Norse).
- Frigedaeg - day of the goddess Frig, wife of Woden.
- Saeterdaeg - day of Saturn, Roman god of agriculture.



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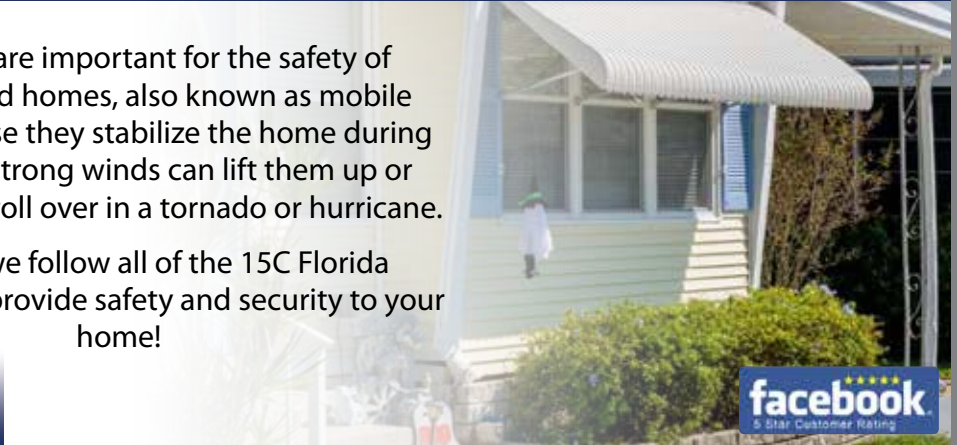
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Romance scams occur when a criminal adopts a fake online identity to gain a victim's affection and trust. The scammer then uses the illusion of a romantic or close relationship to manipulate and/or steal from the victim.

The scammer's intention is to establish a relationship as quickly as possible, endear himself to the victim, and gain trust. Scammers may propose marriage and make plans to meet in person, but that will never happen. Eventually, they will ask for money.

If someone you meet online needs your bank account information to deposit money, they are most likely using your account to carry out other theft and fraud schemes.

### Tips for Avoiding Romance Scams:

- **Be careful what you post** and make public online. Scammers can use details shared on social media and dating sites to better understand and target you.
- **Research the person's photo and profile** using online searches to see if the **image, name, or details have been used elsewhere.**
- Go slowly and ask lots of questions.
- Beware if the individual **seems too perfect** or quickly asks you to leave a dating service or social media site to communicate directly.
- Beware if the individual attempts to isolate you from friends and family or requests inappropriate photos or financial information that could later be used to extort you.
- Beware if the individual **promises to meet in person** but then **always comes up with an excuse why he or she can't.** If you haven't met the person after a few months, for whatever reason, you have good reason to be suspicious.
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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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2. Check on your turkey: If you're cooking a turkey, stay home and check on it frequently <sup>1</sup>.
3. Keep children away from the stove: Ensure kids stay at least three feet away from the stove and hot surfaces <sup>1</sup>.
4. Avoid loose clothing: Wear short or tight-fitting sleeves to prevent clothes from catching fire <sup>2</sup>.
5. Use timers: Set timers to remind yourself that the stove or oven is on <sup>2</sup>.
6. Keep flammable items away: Move items like dishtowels, bags, and paper away from the stove <sup>3</sup>.
7. Have a fire extinguisher handy: Keep a fire extinguisher in the kitchen and know how to use it <sup>2</sup>.
8. Test smoke alarms: Make sure your smoke alarms are working by testing them before you start cooking <sup>1</sup>.
9. Practice food safety: Thaw your turkey in the fridge, avoid cross-contamination, and refrigerate leftovers promptly <sup>2</sup>.
10. Be cautious with turkey fryers: If using a turkey fryer, follow all safety instructions, or consider buying a pre-cooked fried turkey <sup>1</sup>.  
Have a wonderful and safe Thanksgiving! 🦃🍂

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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**



## A riddle about something that can make or break you

**A**s a 24, year old, John Di Lemme, was a stutterer. He worked in his family's art gallery and dreamed of becoming a world-renowned motivational speaker. Di Lemma remained committed to his dream and over a seven-year period full of many hardships, overcame 24 years of stuttering, finally amassed a marketing team of more than 25,000 representatives in 10 countries and made his dream come true.

In his article titled "I am a habit," on GetMotivation.com, Di Lemma says habits can make you or break you in the world. Here's a definition of a habit Di Lemma says one of his good friends sent to him one day:

I am your constant companion.  
I am your greatest helper or your heaviest burden.  
I will push you onward or drag you down to failure.  
I am completely at your command.  
Half the things you do, you might just as well turn over to me,  
And I will be able to do them quickly and correctly.  
I am easily managed; you must merely be firm with me.  
Show me exactly how you want something done, and after a few lessons I will do it automatically.



I am the servant of all great men.  
And, alas, of all failures as well.  
Those who are great, I have made great.  
Those who are failures, I have made failures.  
I am not a machine, though I work with all the precision of a machine.  
Plus, the intelligence of man.  
You may run me for profit, or run me for ruin; it makes no difference to me.  
Take me, train me, be firm with me and I will put the world at your feet.  
Be easy with me, and I will destroy you.  
Who am I?



I am a **HABIT!**



*Let us be thankful for the fools. But for them the rest of us could not succeed.*  
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Annual Craft Fair - Paradise Island - Saturday November 2nd 9-3 pm. Clubhouse, 1001 Starkey Rd. Largo. 80 plus Tables, Handmade items & Bake Sale	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	Palm Hill Christmas Bazaar. Saturday December 7th, 8-1. North Clubhouse, use 8th Ave entrance.
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