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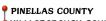
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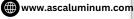




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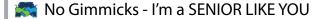
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ecent warnings from Pinellas County re constant flow of water and abnormal high usage of our Potable Water, has caused us to spend a lot of effort in the past couple of weeks trying to determine the cause. During this time the Maintenance staff with the aid of a leak detection company USA Leak Detection, established a procedure whereby we could isolate various sections on the property, install a pressure valve and pressurize each section, testing for any leakages.



After that effort was completed the maintenance staff expanded that procedure so as to be able to pressurize the sections and test each individual unit that may be causing drops in

pressure. Each unit was tested 3 times so as to be sure testing was accurate.

The following units 90,105,113,114,130,150,154,156 all had pressure drops of various levels, indicating that during normal occupation by the owners there is probably excessive water usage. Units 17 and 119 had complete pressure drop hopefully indication a tap left open.

To these owners and all residents please check for leaking pipes, running toilets etc.

This effort was time consuming and required a lot volunteer help for the Maintenance staff. I would like on behalf of the BOD thank Peter Palmieri unit 36, Dennis Adamski unit 65 and David Jensen unit 6 for stepping up to help.

I would also mention the great work that Gurrin Gillingham and Wayne Smith did last year in replacing all the old shut off valves and producing a new set of drawings of the parks potable water system. It greatly helped in this effort.

Of course, I have to thank Bill and James for their continued dedication and hard work for all of us.

Regards Bob Hopkins, President

#### **Park's Summer Activities**

Terry Benham from our SAC reports that she and Dave, Unit 129, hosted a big chicken dinner on May 31st with the help of Jack and Myra Sonneborn, Sandy Sanders, Melinda Hartseil and Richard Bradish. It was a huge success; 43 people attended. We also welcomed 6 new residents with their Colonial Village mugs. We had dinner and karaoke.



On **June 13th Terry** and Dave hosted the second summer event; a pizza, salad and desserts. Jack and Myra entertained residents with music, dancing and karaoke. Watch for the July 4th cook event details on the Bulletin Board and upcoming email.. Thank you, Terry and Dave. .





















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#### **July Residents' Birthdays**

- 2 Josephine Palmieri, Unit # 34
- 4 Leo McKenna, Unit #7
- 7 Chuck Pinkston, Unit #56
- 9 Debby Williams, Unit #45
- 10 Terry Benham, Unit 129
- 17 Evelyn Fudge, Unit #28 18 Judy Epstein, Unit #9
- 22 Ilah Meddles, Unit #46
- 23 Sandy Sanders, Unit #151
- 30 Harold Burton, Unit #122





Chuck sucking up the rays

#### **July Residents' Anniversaries**

- 6 Dolores and Leo McKenna, Unit #7
- 13 Mary Jane and Charles Preble, Unit #159.
- 16 Brenda and Duncan Lewis, Unit #2
- 23 Ginette Carmel and Andre Gosselin, Unit #105



#### **Welcome New Residents**

Tammy and Terry Parman, Unit 90 Barbara and Stanley Signs, Unit 137 Bob and Julie Gall, Unit 161



#### **Condolences**

o Vickie Hilgert, Unit 55, and her family. Don's family was at his side when he passed at the respite center. Vickie was his at-home care provider for years while he fought cancer.



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#### **6 Foods That Never Expire**

Source: Interestingfacts.com/foods



The "Best Used' date printed on foods produces suggests how long food is shelf-safe.

- 1. <u>Vinegar</u> is a fermented product. Apple Cider Vinegar has a long self-life too.
- 2. White Rice is good for long-term storage. It starts as brown rice but is milled to remove its exterior husk, bran and germ. Store away from moisture and pets.
- 3. Sugar- granulated sugar (along with some syrups like corn syrup, are inhospitable for bacteria. Store away from moisture and condensation. Best consumed within 2 years.
- 4. Salt –used to preserved food especially meats.
- 5. <u>Vanilla Extract</u> pure/real vanilla extract doesn't spoil thanks to is high alcohol content. Over time it can develop a deeper flavor. Imitation vanilla extract has a shorter life – 6 to 12 months.
- 6. Honey. Beyond its use in cooking, the substance has also been used for healing wounds and even as a natural preservative. Honey's indefinite shelf-life is thanks to its sugardense concentration. It must be stored in a sealed container safe from humid conditions. USDA suggests honey is at its best when consumed within a year.

#### Food Product Dating - "Best Buy" and "Sell By"

Source: www.fsis.usda.gov/food-safety/

est if Used By" is a type of date you might find on a meat, poultry or egg product label. Two types of product dating may be shown on a product label. "Open Date" is a calendar date applied to a food product by the manufacturer or retailer, tells consumers how long the product will be at its best quality. It also helps the store decide how long to show the product for sale. "Closed Date" is a code that consists of a series of letters and/or numbers applied by manufacturers to identify the date and time of productions.

Except for infant formula, products dating is not required by federal regulations. For meat, poultry and egg products under the jurisdiction of the Food Safety and Inspection Service, date may be voluntarily applied provided they are labeled in a manner that is truthful, not misleading and in compliance with FSIS regulations. To comply, a calendar date must express both the month and day of the month. In the case of shelf-stable and frozen products, the year must also be displayed. Additionally, immediately adjacent to the date must be a phase explaining the meaning date such as "Best If Used By". Except for infant formula, dates are not an indicator of the product's safety and are not required by Federal law.

Open dating is found on most food including meat, poultry, egg and dairy products. "Closed or coded dates" are a series of letters and/or number and typically appear on shelfstable products such as cans and boxes of food.

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#### **Identity Theft**

#### Warning signs of identity theft

- · Bills for items you did not buy
- · Debt collection calls for accounts you did not open
- Information on your credit report for accounts you did not open
- · Denials of loan applications
- · Mail stops coming to, or is missing from, your mailbox

#### How to report identity theft

To report identity theft, contact:

- The Federal Trade Commission (FTC) online at IdentityTheft.gov or call 1-877-438-4338
- The three major credit reporting agencies. Ask them to place fraud alerts and a credit freeze on your accounts.
- The fraud department at your credit card issuers, bank, and other places where you have accounts

#### How to protect yourself from identity theft

- Do not answer phone calls, texts, social media messages, or email from numbers or people you do not know.
- Do not share personal information like your bank account number, Social Security number, or date of birth.
- Collect your mail every day and place a hold on your mail when you will be on vacation or away from your home.
- Review credit card and bank account statements. Watch for and report unauthorized or suspicious transactions.
- Understand how ATM skimming works and how to protect yourself
- · Learn when it is safe to use a public Wi-Fi network
- Store personal information, including your Social Security card, in a safe place. Do not carry it in your wallet.

#### **Imposter Scam**

#### The top types of imposter scams:

An imposter scammer may call, text, or email to convince you they are **someone** in **authority**. They may even use caller ID to make it look like they are calling from an official government or business' number. To commit identity theft, they try to get you to send money or a gift card or share personal information.

- Government imposter scams Unless you contact them first, government agencies typically initiate communication with you by letter. Unexpected contact or demands through any other method may be a scam.
- IRS imposter scams scammers pretend you owe the IRS money for taxes and may threaten legal action
- Social Security imposter scams scammers claim there is a problem with your Social Security account or promise to increase your benefits
- Charity scams scammers pretend to be from a real or fake charity and try to get you to contribute
- Grandparent scams scammers pretend to be a grandchild or other relative who needs emergency financial help
- Tech support scams scammers tell you your computer's security is at risk and try to remotely access your device and steal personal information or ask for payment
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- "Best if Used By/Before" date indicates when a product will be of best flavor or quality. It is not a purchase or safety date.
- "Sell-By" dates tells the store how long to display the product for sale for inventory management. It is not a safety date.
- "Use-By" is the last date recommended for the use of the product while at peak quality. It is not a safety date except when used on infant formula.
- "Freeze-By" date indicates when a product should be frozen to maintain peak quality. It is not a purchase of safety date.

USDA estimates that 30 percent of the food supply is lost or wasted at the retail and consumer levels. To reduce consumer confusion and wasted food, FSIS recommends that food manufacturers and retailers that apply product dating use a "Best if Used By" date. Foods not exhibiting signs of spoilage should be wholesome and may be sold, purchased, donated and consumed beyond the labeled "Best if Used By" date.

With an exception of infant formula, if the date passes during home storage, a product should still be safe and wholesome of handled properly until the time spoilage is evident. Spoiled foods will develop an off odor, flavor or texture due to naturally occurring spoilage bacteria, and should not be eaten.

<u>Dates on Egg Cartons</u> — Use of either a "Sell-By" or "Expiration" date is not a federal regulation, but may be required, as defined by the egg laws in the state where the eggs are marketed. Some state egg laws do not allow the use of "sell-by" date. Egg cartons with the USDA grade shield must display the "pack date," the day eggs were washed, graded and placed in the carton. This number is a three-digit code that represents the consecutive day of the year starting with January 1 as 001 and ending with December 31 as 365. When a "sell-by" date appears on a carton bearing the USDA grade shield, the code date may not exceed 30 days from the date of pack. After purchasing eggs, it is recommended to refrigerate them in their original carton. Eggs should be place in the coldest part of the refrigerator and not on the door.

Milk – can be good for about a week after the sell-by date if refrigerated properly: not on the door.

<u>Eggs</u> – can be kept for 3-5 weeks after the sell-by date if refrigerated property: not on the door.

<u>Fresh Chicken, Turkey and Ground Meats</u> – should be cooked or frozen within 1-2 days after sell-by date.

<u>Fresh Beef, Pork and Lamb</u> – should be cooked or frozen within 3-5 days after the sell-by date.

<u>Refrigerate Storage</u> – Store perishable items at 40 F degrees or below to slow spoilage.

<u>Freeze Storage</u> – can extend its shelf life, but it's best to cook or freeze items soon after the sell-by date for optimal quality.



## **Carrots Weren't Originally Orange** Source hello@interestingfacrs.com by Darren Orf

Today carrots are practically synonymous with the color orange, but their auburn hue is a relatively recent development. When the carrot was first cultivated 5,000 years ago in Central Asia, it was often a bright purple. Soon, two different groups emerged: Asiatic carrots and Western carrots. Eventually, yellow carrots in this Western group (which may have developed as mutants of the purple variety) developed into their recognizable orange color around the 16th century, helped along by the master agricultural traders of the time — the Dutch.

A common myth says the Dutch grew these carrots to honor William of Orange, the founding father of the Dutch Republic, but there's no evidence of this. What's more likely is that the Dutch took to the vegetable because it thrived in the country's mild, wet climate. (Although the orange color may have first appeared naturally, Dutch farmers made it the predominant hue by selectively growing orange roots — scholars say these carrots likely performed more reliably, tasted better, and were less likely to stain than the purple versions.) The modern orange carrot evolved from this period of Dutch cultivation, and soon spread throughout Europe before making its way to the New World. Today, there are more than 40 varieties of carrots of various shapes, sizes, and colors — including several hues of purple.

Facts:

The Greek name for wild carrot was "philtron" which means "loving".

Eating too many carrots can turn your skin orange. Carrots contain a red-orange pigment called beta-carotene. Carotenemia occurs when eating too many beta-carotene-rich foods turns human skin a yellowish orange. If you were to eat 10 carrots a day for weeks, you could develop it — but doctors don't recommend trying it.

Go to healthline.com. by Lauren Panoff. July 23, 2024.

Other health benefits of carrots include: Support digestive health, may reduce cancer risk, stabilize blood sugar, good for the heart, protect your skin, and may support weight loss-low in calories and high in fiber.

Eating carrots may support eye health and many other health benefits, but will not improve your vision nor your night vision. Carrots are a rice source of beta-carotene (which converts into vitamin A) and lutein which are antioxidants what can help prevent eye damage caused by free radicals. When free-radicals are too high it can lead to cellular damage, aging and chronic illnesses including eye diseases.

The body absorbs and utilizes beta-carotene more efficiently when you eat cooked carrots rather than raw ones. Beta-carotene is found in Sweet Potatoes, Spinach, Kale, Broccoli, and other leafy greens. Yellow carrots contain the most lutein, which may help prevent age-related macular degeneration (AMD), a condition in which vision gradually blurs or disappears. Diets rich in lutein may be especially protective against AMD.



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Facts

3.4 billion tons of carrots were grown in the U.S. in 2020 for fresh markets.

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There are 32,115 number of genes in a carrot, 20% more than humans.

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#### **Carrot Recipes**

Carrot Hummus Special Equipment

A spice mill or mortar and pestle

**Ingredients** 

1 TB caraway seeds

1 TB coriander seeds

1 TB cumin seeds

6 TB olive oil, divided, plus ore for drizzling

½ lb carrots, chopped

Kosher salt, freshly ground pepper, to taste

1 (15 oz) can chickpeas, drained

2 garlic cloves, finely grated

Directions

½ C carrot juice or water

1/4 C natural smooth peanut butter

2 TB fresh lemon juice

<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub> C unsalted, roasted peanuts

1 TB honey

2 canned chipotle chiles in adobo, plus

2 TB adobo sauce

Toast caraway and coriander seeds in a small skillet over medium heat, swirling pan often and adding cumin seeds during the last 30 seconds of cooking, until fragrant, about 2 minutes. Let cool, then grind finely in spice mill or with mortar and pestle.

Heat 2 TB pill in a medium saucepan over medium heat. Add carrots, season with salt and pepper, and cook, stirring occasionally, until carrots are tender, 6-8 minutes. Add chickpeas and one-third of the spice mixture, cook, stirring occasionally until carrots are completely tender, about 5 minutes. Let cool slightly.

Toast peanuts in a small skillet over medium heat, tossing occasionally, until lightly browned, about 2 minutes. Add honey and half of the remaining spice mixture; cook, stirring, until honey is caramelized and darker in color and pan is mostly dry, 5-8 minutes. Transfer peanut mixture to a parchment-lined rimmed baking sheet, spread in a single layer, and let cool. Coarsely chop.

Meanwhile, blend chiles and adobo with remaining spice mixture in a blender until smooth, adding water as necessary to thin. Serve hummus with adobo harissa dolloped in the center; sprinkle with peanuts. Drizzle with oil.

Do Ahead: Hummus can be made 3 days ahead. Cover and Chill. Bring to room temperature before serving.



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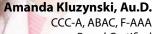
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Ingredients

1 cucumber, sliced 1 tsp chili powder

1 (8oz) package of baby carrots \quad \frac{1}{4} \tsp \text{ salt}

1 lime, juiced 1 pinch cayenne pepper, or more to taste

Directions

Combine the cucumber, baby carrots, lime juice, chili powder, salt and cayenne pepper in a bowl; toss to combine evenly.

Serves 4. Per serving" 34 calories. 0 fat. Maybe refrigerated overnight. Or eat right away.

#### **Classic Carrot Raisin Salad**

Ingredients

1 lb carrots (shredded), 4 C

(or use pre-shredded carrots, but they tend to be dry) 1 TB lemon juice

½ C raisins (dark or light) 1 TB maple syrup

½ C pineapple chunks or tidbits (drained). Dash of salt to taste

Options: chopped apples, diced oranges, or pomegranate arils

<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub> C mayo (or Greek yogurt, sour cream, vegan mayo by using dairy-free mayo)

Directions

Start by peeling and rating fresh carrots. Use a box grater or a food processor.

In a mixing bowl, whisk together mayonnaise, maple syrup, lemon juice, and salt until you have a smooth and creamy dressing.

Add the grated carrots and raisins to the dressing. Gently fold them in until they are well coated with the dressing.

Cover the salad bowl and let it chill in the refrigerator for at least an hour to allow the flavors to meld. When ready to serve, give the salad a toss. It is recommended to make and chill a day ahead of serving time.

For many interesting carrot recipes, search for carrot desserts, roasted, grilled, pickled, pilaf, gelatin salads, stove-top recipes like candied carrots, tarts, with thyme/cream/curry, with pesto, with pecan crumble and vinaigrette, candied and soups.

#### **Famous Quotes**

Love — "True friendship withstands time, distance and silence". Isabel Allende Happiness — "Happiness is when what you think, what you say, and what you do are in harmony". Mahatma Gandhi

"You can't add days to your life, but you can add life to your days." unknown



#### Let's Eat Flowers and Vegetables

here are six parts of a flowering plant: roots, stems, leaves, flowers, fruits, and seeds. Each of these parts serves a unique and fascinating purpose in the lives of plants.



#### Some of Your Favorite Vegetables Are Actually Flower Buds

We often think of vegetables as the roots, stems, and leaves of their plants — and in many cases, this is true. Carrots and beets are roots, for example, while celery is a stem. However, a few vegetables are in fact flowers. Broccoli and cauliflower florets are actually made up of dozens of tightly packed, tiny flower buds that are harvested before they can bloom. If left to nature, these would bloom into clusters of white or yellow flowers. Similarly, artichokes grow brilliant purple flowers (which look much like thistle) if not harvested before bloom.

Did you know that some of your favorite vegetables are really <u>flowers</u>? Broccoli florets, cauliflower florets, artichokes, and capers are all flower buds.

Flowers aren't just pretty to look at—they're also the reproductive parts of plants. They produce pollen, make seeds, and develop into fruit.

Capers, while not technically a vegetable, are a popular seasoning and garnish that also come from flower buds. These are the unopened buds of *Capparis spinosa*, a prickly bush native to the Mediterranean and Asia. Once harvested, the buds are dried and cured in salt or pickled in brine, giving them their unique, tangy flavor.

If we didn't harvest broccoli, the small green buds would open to reveal bright yellow flowers that attract bees and other pollinators. (When its flowers open, the flavor of the broccoli becomes bitter.)

Unharvested artichokes grow into feathery purple flowers that resemble giant purple paintbrushes. And unharvested cilantro eventually produces aromatic seeds known as coriander, a popular spice.

Carrots, parsnips, rutabaga, turnips, and beets are all **roots**. Before they were harvested and landed on your plate, they were doing what roots do: storing energy, absorbing water and nutrients from the soil, and anchoring the plant.

Here's where it gets a little weird: Not all underground parts of the plant are true roots. Many of the edible plants we consider roots are actually stems.

**Stems and leaves** provide structure, conduct water and nutrients, and make food for plants (and for us) by capturing the sun's energy through photosynthesis.

Celery, kohlrabi, asparagus, and rhubarb are examples of **stems**. Some stems grow underground, like onions (which are bulbs) and potatoes (which are tubers). These modified underground stems are used to store food reserves.

Lettuce, spinach, cabbage, collard greens, and bok choy are all **leaves**. Some common kitchen herbs are also leaves, such as rosemary, parsley, basil, sage, and dill.

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Lots of **seeds** make nutritious snacks, including pumpkin seeds, sunflower seeds, flax seeds, and chia seeds. Meanwhile, many foods that we think of as vegetables are technically fruits, including peppers, cucumbers, eggplant, peapods, pumpkin, zucchini, avocado, olives, snap peas, and tomatoes.

Sometimes we eat fully opened **vegetable blossoms** like squash, cucumber, garlic, broccoli, bean, and arugula. There are many edible **flowers blossoms** like borage, violets, pansies, bachelor's buttons, alyssum, begonia, chocolate dill, dahlia, dianthus, and rose petals. There are many edible **herb blossoms** like mint, garlic, fennel, dill, ginger, cilantro, basil and carnation chive. Many popular drinks are made from flowers: Sorrel is made with hibiscus flowers, and chamomile tea is made from chamomile flowers. To find others, **google edible flowers blossoms**.

#### Pink lemonade was invented at the circus.

he circus brought death-defying performers and exotic animals across the American landscape in the 1800s, but it also introduced something a little sweeter: pink lemonade. There are two origin stories for the rose-tinted drink, both involving the big top. One version, revealed in a 1912 obituary, credits the invention to Chicago saloonkeeper, theatrical promoter, gambler, and circus vendor Henry E. Allott. After running off to join the circus at age 15, Allott accidentally dropped some red cinnamon candies into a tub of traditional lemonade, only to find that the new mixture was a hit with concession-stand customers.

The alternate and more colorful version of the drink's dawn comes courtesy of an innovative clown named Pete Conklin circa 1857. Fed up with his wages, Conklin renounced the bells and sequins, and instead followed the circus as a lemonade vendor while his former co-workers wound their way through Texas. During one hot day, Conklin was dismayed to find he had run out of water as his parched customers demanded something to drink. Scouring the lot for replenishment, he dashed into the changing tent of bareback horse rider Fannie Jamieson, who was washing her red tights in a bin of water. Conklin grabbed the bin, its contents colored pink by the garment's aniline dye, and after dumping in the usual sugar and soggy lemon, he unveiled his new "strawberry lemonade" to an appreciative crowd. This story was later confirmed by Conklin's lion-tamer brother George, and while it may be a tall tale regardless, it's the type that goes down well

George, and while it may be a tall tale regardless, it's the type that goes down well when accompanied by a tall glass of our favorite pink beverage.

Facts:

There are 2-3 Tablespoons of juice by one medium-size lemon.

There are 100 calories in 8 oz of Tropicana Pink Lemonade.

The average salary of a U.S. circus clown in 2023 was \$55,632.

In 2014 the band "Closure" released their album "Pink Lemonade".



#### 7 of the World's Most Bizarre Jobs

hese seven occupations represent some of the most bizarre yet legitimate ways to earn a livelihood across the globe, from people paid to attend funerals to taste testers who sample dog food.

#### **Professional Mourner**

The job of paid mourner is an ancient one. The profession is believed to have begun in China and the Middle East, and was known to exist in classical Egypt, Greece, and Rome. It's also mentioned on more than one occasion in the Bible.

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And this peculiar profession has not died out. In China, professional mourners are celebrated for their *kusang* — which means "crying and shouting" — for which they can earn significant fees. And in Taiwan, career mourners such as Liu Jun-Lin have become famous for ostentatious emotional outpourings at funerals, where they sing, cry, and wail in equal measure.

The profession isn't limited to Asia. In Greece, professional mourners, known as moirologists, are paid to stand at gravesides, wailing and pulling their hair. Such services are also found in the U.K., where companies such as Rent A Mourner offer professional grievers for about \$68 for two hours of crying.

#### **Snake Milker**

Professional snake milkers are paid to extract venom from venomous snakes for use in medical research, antivenom production, and pharmaceutical development. But how, you may be thinking, do you milk a snake? Well, it's not something you should try at home. Highly trained snake milkers draw out the toxic secretion by carefully grasping the snake behind its head, then encouraging it to bite down onto a collection vessel to inject its venom. They then collect the venom as it drips from the serpents' fangs.

The liquid can be processed into a freeze-dried powder to be sold to research laboratories that develop drugs to treat everything from blood clots to heart attacks and high blood pressure — and, of course, to make antivenom to save people who are bitten by venomous snakes.

#### **Professional Line Stander**

People tend to hate standing in line, especially when the queue is likely to last for hours. Perhaps inevitably, some entrepreneurial individuals have realized that they can make a living standing in line for other people. Whether it's for a popular restaurant, concert tickets, or the release of the latest iPhone, professional line standers (also known as line sitters) are willing to wait — for a fee.

In the U.S., the trend started mainly on Craigslist and TaskRabbit, where individuals began offering their line-standing services. It grew from there, and now fully fledged line-standing companies have sprung up, such as Same Ole Line Dudes — calling itself "New York's premier team of professional line sitters" — which charges a \$50 minimum for two hours of waiting.

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ball diver. These underwater collectors agree on terms with golf course managers, with the course charging the diver a fee to plunder the ponds, lakes, and water traps scattered around the green. The divers then clean, refurbish, repackage, and resell the balls.

In the United States, at least 200 million golf balls are lost each year, many of which end up in the water, meaning hardworking golf ball divers can earn a pretty penny. On average, golf ball divers are reported to make between \$50,000 to \$100,000 a year. In 2015, one golf ball diver, Glenn Berger, claimed to have earned \$15 million over 14 years of retrieving lost balls from golf courses all around Florida.

#### **Watching Paint Dry**

We've all heard the expression "like watching paint dry" to describe something particularly boring or tedious. But for some people, watching paint dry is a fundamental part of their daily workplace activities. Take, for example, English research scientist Thomas Curwen, who works for the international paint company Dulux. His full-time job involves observing the changing colors and particles of paint as it dries, both on walls as well as under a microscope, at times magnified by as much as 25,000, revealing a whole new — and far more stimulating — side to drying paint.

Then there's research and design technician Matthew Risbridger, who spends his workday watching paint dry at AquaTec Coatings in Wrexham, Wales. He looks for cracks, bubbles, or any other defects to ensure ideal outcomes for the paint, which is also subjected to infrared heaters, wind tunnels, and ovens to see how it reacts under different conditions.

#### **Professional Sleeper**

Being paid to sleep sounds like a dream job — both figuratively and literally. Professional sleepers do just that, to support a range of research areas. Clients may include hotels, bed and mattress manufacturers, sleep research facilities, and pharmaceutical companies. NASA and the European Space Agency have also put out calls for professional sleepers, offering \$19,000 to anyone willing to stay in bed for at least two months, to research how the body changes in weightlessness. (Those participants had to endure muscle atrophy and other physical challenges, making the job not quite as pleasant as it sounds.)

#### **Pet Food Taster**

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#### Quiz – Pizza

- 1. In what state was the first American pizzeria? New York, New Jersey, California, Pennsylvania
- 2. Where was the 'deep dish' pizza famously invented? Austin TX, Indianapolis IN, St. Louis Mo, Chicago, IL
- 3. What is a pizza without tomato sauce called? Cheese Pie, White Pizza, Garlic Pizza, Naked Pizza
- 4. Who was pizza originally created for in Italy? Royalty, Children, Soldiers, The Working Class
- 5. The founder of Atari also founded which pizza restaurant? Dominos, Little Caesars, Chuck E Cheese, Pizza Hut
- 6. In 2001 Pizza Hut delivered a pie to what distant location?

  Deck of a Cruise Ship, Peak of Mt Everest, Surface of the Moon, International Space Station
- 7. Which famous pizza entrepreneur pioneered frozen pizza? John Schratter, Rose Totino, Tom Monaghan, Ike Sewell
- 8. What U.S. city is home to a regional style pizza known as "apizza"? Portland OR, Tulsa OK, New Haven CT, Knoxville TN
- 9. Where was Hawaiian pizza invented? Hawaii, Italy, Australia, Canada
- 10. What makes a California –style pizza?

  Non-traditional toppings, Sea Salt in the dough, Gluten-free crust, Served in a taco shell
- 11. New York based Patsy's advertises itself as the first pizzeria to do what? Flip it dough, use brick ovens, sell by the slice, deliver
- 12. In which country are you likely to find pizza topped with green peas? Iceland, Mexico, Australia, Brazil
- 13. Banana and curry are popular toppings in combo in what country? China, Sweden, Canada, Morocco





#### Pizza Quiz Answers

- 1. New York. Lombardi's in lower Manhattan
- 2. Chicago. Northside. 1943 Pizzerio Uno
- 3. White Pizza
- 4. The Working Class
- 5. Chuck E Cheese
- 6. International Space Station. 2001 aboard a Russian rocket
- 7. Rose Totino and husband Jim in Minneapolis in the 1950s
- 8. New Haven CT
- 9. Canada
- 10. Non-traditional toppings
- 11. Sell by the slice
- 12. Brazil
- 13. Sweden

#### **Quiz Frozen Foods**

- 1. What is the leading frozen pizza brand in the U.S.?
  DiGiorno, Red Baron, California Pizza Kitchen, Tombstone
- 2. What company was the first to market frozen food by the "TV Dinner"? Campbell's, Swanson, Oscar Mayer, Betty Crocker
- 3. What does Marie Callender specialize in? Pie, Chicken Nuggets, Lasagna, Turkey Dinners
- 4. What was the first frozen meal brand for children? Kids Cuisine, PopTarts, Lunchable, Chef Boyardee
- 5. What is Totino's best known for?
  Chicken Pot Pie, Pizza Rolls, Salisbury Steak, Dumplings
- 6. What flavors are traditional Bagel Bites?
  - Pizza, Cinnamon, Lox, Bacon
- 7. What frozen product did Ore-Ida invest in 1953? Tater Tots, Pepperoni Rolls, Garlic Knots, Corn Dogs
- 8. In 1981, Stoffer's launched what low-calorie brand? Mrs. Smith, Leon Cuisine, Dr. Praeger's, Hungry Man
- 9. What is the name of the sleeve that Hot Pockets cook in? Aglet, Susceptor, Ferrule, Zarf
- 10. Where was Steak-Ums invented?
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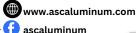




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- 12. What was the original name of Kellegg's Eggo Waffles? Kangaroo Cakes, Wedgies, Uncrushable, Froffles
- 13. What was NOT one of the original flavors of Toaster Strudel? Strawberry, Cinnamon, Blueberry, Vanilla
- 14. "Tastywich" was the original name of what frozen food brand? Hot Rockets, Hungry Man, Tyson Foods, Stouffer's
- 15. What food pioneer invested flash freezing in 1924? Sara Lee Lubin, Florence Birdseye, Marie Calender, Jimmy Dean



#### **Answers - Frozen Foods**

1 DiGiorno	6 Pizza	11 Fish Sticks
2 Swanson	7 Tater Tots	12 Froffles
3 Pie	8 Leon Cuisine	13 Vanilla
4 Kid Cuisine	9 Susceptor	14 Hot Pockets
5 Pizza Rolls	10 Philadelphia PA	15 Florence Birdseye

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Poker	Mon. Wed. Fri	1:30PM	Dave Denny#139
"65"	Mon. and Thurs	6:30PM	Jan Tremblay#26
Dining Out	Wednesday	4:00PM	Ernie Bowman#46
			Ilah Meddles#46
Flea Market	Each February		Social Activities Committee
Memorials			Evelyn VanDuyne#57
			Barbara Roos#58
			Scott Oke#148
Shuffleboard	Tues. and Thurs	10:00AM	Bill Andrews#145
Spring Fling	Each March		Social Activities Committee
			Marie Clement#58
Website			Lois Jensen and Barbara Roos
Wellness	Thursday	10:00AM	Grace Hiscock#54

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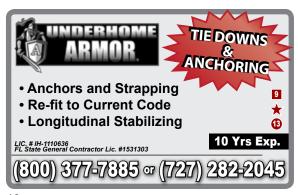
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