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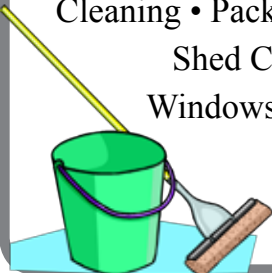
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Immunization Awareness Month. This is a topic sure to bring about spirited debates. No matter what side of the issue you are on, take the time to get information from credible sources and speak with your physician regarding any concerns you might have.

National Read a Romance Month. Since 2013, freelance writer and book reviewer Bobbi Dumas has been celebrating the romance genre. She believes that as the summer nears its end, August is the best time to try a light read. Add a romance novel to your reading list this month, or select one to read with your book club.



National Win with Civility Month. Take the high road this month in your dispute resolutions, mediations, and negotiations anytime you are faced with conflict.

Weekly

National Farmers’ Market Week, Aug. 4–10. Buy and eat local. Support the farmers in your area and the tireless efforts of the folks selling all sorts of good stuff this season.



U.S. Amateur Golf Week, Aug. 12–18. The Pinehurst Resort and Country Club in North Carolina will host the week’s events on two of its legendary courses. Let’s hope for good weather.

Little League World Series, Aug. 15–25. There are no underdogs, upsets, or losers—just kids with a lot of heart, playing their favorite sport. Let’s root for all of them.



World Water Week, Aug. 25–30. In an effort to develop a water-wise world, individuals and organizations from around the globe meet in Sweden annually to brainstorm sustainability issues and preserve access to our planet’s most valuable natural resource. This year’s theme is “Water for society—including all.” Learn more at <http://www.worldwaterweek.org/>

Growing like a weed

It's drought-resistant and thrives in poor soil conditions. Though it is considered ground-cover, it has been known to overtake trees, utility poles, and buildings, and it grows at a rate of a foot a day. What is it? Kudzu.

This non-native plant species first arrived in the U.S. in the 1870s from subtropical regions of Asia. At the time, it was believed that the plant could help farmers prevent soil erosion. People also began growing it on garden structures and even their homes to provide shade and ornamentation. By the 1940s, government subsidies helped farmers plant about 3 million acres of kudzu.

During the years that followed, people began to realize the impact to the ecosystem this transplant caused. Without native insects and other flora and fauna around, kudzu became impossible to contain. In 1970 the USDA declared Kudzu a weed. Today, it is estimated more than 7 million acres of kudzu are spread across the U.S.

Next year that figure will be higher—but there is hope. Kudzu is edible. Not the vine, but the roots, flowers, and leaves are packed with nutrients. Some folks swear you can use the leaves in a salad or cook them like collard greens. As long as the plant hasn't been exposed to any chemicals or herbicides, you might want to give it a try.



I spy an empty coffee pot

Before Facebook Live videos, Skype, and videoconferencing, there was sometimes an empty coffee pot outside a computer lab at Cambridge University. Because necessity is the mother of invention, that empty pot led to the creation of what we know as the webcam.

In 1991, computer scientists at Cambridge found a way to connect a camera to a computer and transmit images across their lab's network. They decided to focus the camera on the coffee pot in the break area, because most of them had felt the sting of disappointment that occurs each time you enter a break room only to find the pot empty.

The camera was dismantled in August 2001. By then we were already sharing images and video online. We're guessing there was also a strong coffee culture in place at Cambridge, and that coffee pots were never left empty for long.

Unless commitment is made, there are only promises and hopes, but no plans.
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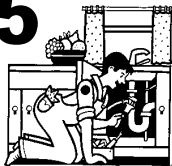
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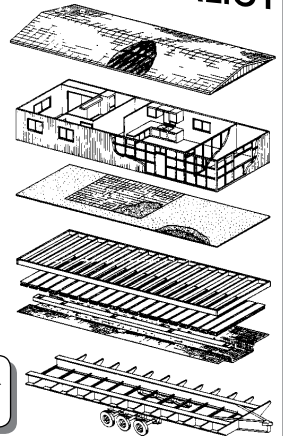
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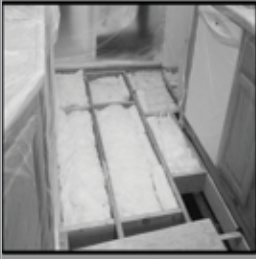
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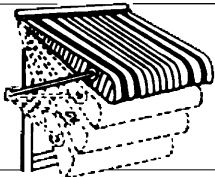
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The kite cloth

A Zen master once gave his student a piece of silk fabric that had been twisted and tied into many knots. Yet he told the student it was a beautiful kite that he should fly in the garden.

The student took hold of the mess he'd been handed, not sure of what to make of it. Then he carefully began to undo each knot and twist. With the fabric smoothed out he attached frame and tether. He released the kite and the wind carried it high into the air.

The student admired the ease with which the kite sailed through the air. At that moment he understood that for his life to be as light and free as the kite, he would need to undo the problems that kept his heart knotted up and tangled into a hard lump.



Curse of knowledge

When people don't understand what you're trying to share with them, they might get frustrated. You may wonder why they aren't getting something so simple. This is called the curse of knowledge, as is spelled out in this story:

Elizabeth Newton was studying at Stanford University in 1990 when she set up a simple experiment.

She divided students up into two different groups—tappers and listeners. Tappers were asked to tap out a simple song that everyone would know, and listeners had to guess the song.

She asked tappers to guess how many people would get the song right. They expected about half to get it right. When they tapped it out, though, only 2.5% got it right.

Listeners were only hearing tappity tap, but tappers (internally) were hearing the whole song.

The point is when we have any type of information that we're conveying to someone else, the tapper always knows more than the listener and has the bigger picture.

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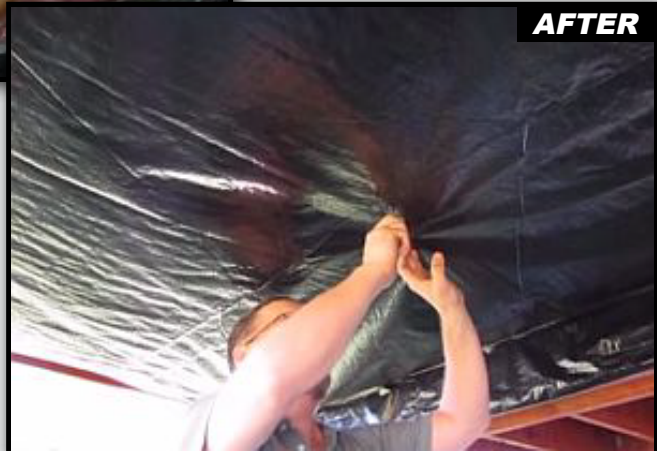
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“Is it the governor?”

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“Oh, no,” the chief said. “You didn’t stop the president, did you?”

“No,” the cop replied. “This is someone bigger than that.”

“Bigger than the president? Who did you pull over?” the chief asked.

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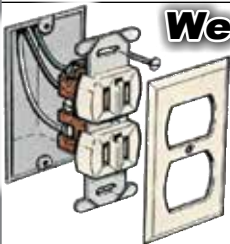
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Is your diet healthy or not? Here are some foods to watch for

Most of us strive to maintain a healthy diet, but all the fads and trends that come and go can make it tricky. Here's some advice from the Newsmax website for staying on the right path:

- **Fat.** Saturated fats can be unhealthy, but unsaturated fats, like those found in avocados, almonds, and fish, are good for you in moderation.
- **Eggs.** Egg yolks were once thought to contribute to dietary cholesterol, but that's been proven false. Again, enjoy in moderation.
- **“Healthy” food.** Processed foods touted as “healthy” may have high levels of sugar and salt to enhance flavor, along with preservatives. Make sure you're eating foods that haven't replaced fat with some other unhealthy ingredient.
- **Gluten.** Some people are allergic to gluten, so avoiding it makes sense. If you're not, however there's no need to stay away from healthy foods containing wheat, rye, and barley.
- **Sports drinks.** Most sports drinks contain high levels of carbohydrates, sugars, and calories. Unless you're training for a marathon or some other extreme activity, don't consume them regularly.
- **Raw food.** A diet of raw food isn't particularly healthy, and it can be difficult to maintain outside of your own home. Cooked vegetables are easier to digest, and most foods are safer to eat when cooked.



Explorer dives to deepest depths yet

How low can you go? A Texas explorer has gone lower than anyone ever before, taking a submersible to a depth of 35,853 feet in the Mariana Trench, according to an article on the UPI website. It's a new record, beating the previous by 52 feet.

The team behind the dive believes it has found at least three new aquatic species living under the sea, one of them an amphipod with long appendages.



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Hey, bartender

A duck walks into a bar and asks, “Got any grapes?”

The bartender says no, and the duck thanks him and leaves.

The next day the duck returns to the bar and asks, “Hey, got any grapes?”

The bartender says, “No. We don’t serve grapes here.”

The duck thanks him and leaves, only to return the next day. The bartender sees him walking through the door and says, “Look buddy, I’m not sure why you keep coming in here. We don’t have any grapes, never did, and never will, and if you ask me about grapes one more time, I’m going to nail your beak to the bar.”

The duck is quiet for a few moments, and then asks, “You got any nails?”

“No,” the bartender replies.

“OK,” the duck says. “Got any grapes?”



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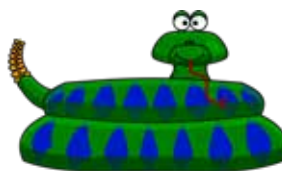
A guide took a group of people for a hike in the woods. They soon encountered a snake on their path. One of the hikers said to the guide, “Look there’s a snake. Do you think it’s poisonous?”

The guide looked over at the snake and replied, “No. That snake isn’t poisonous.”

Upon hearing this, the hiker walked closer to the snake to take a picture of it. The snake bit the hiker and slithered away. The hiker fell to the ground and began to moan in pain as the others in the group came to his aid.

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Skepticism about electric cars

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As the Green Car Reports website reports, 50% of survey participants said they expect most cars will drive themselves by 2029, but only 40% thought most vehicles will be electric by that year.

AAA explains the lower figure for electric cars by citing other survey results indicating that 59% of drivers aren't sure that their range on the highway and in the city is as good or better than that of gas-powered vehicles, although Green Car Reports says that EVs are more efficient and have more range in the city. Consumers said gasoline would have to reach \$5 gallon before they'd consider buying an electric car.

Parents risk retirement to help kids

Most parents want to help their children financially when they're just starting out, but the costs can be substantial: A Bankrate survey found that many U.S. parents are risking their retirement savings to support their children as they begin their careers.

Asked, "Would you say you have sacrificed/are sacrificing your own retirement savings in order to help your adult children?" 17% of respondents answered, "Yes, a lot," and 34% answered, "Yes, somewhat." On the other hand, 41 percent responded, "No, not at all." (For 9%, the questions didn't apply because they hadn't started or aren't saving money for retirement.)

At what age should parents stop footing their kids' bills? Here's what they said:

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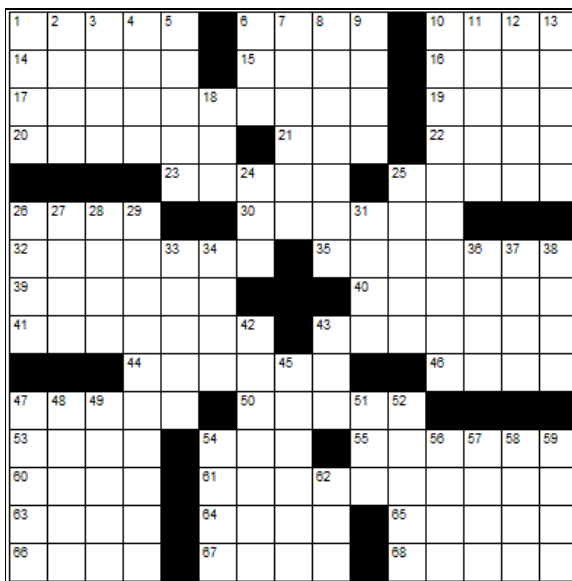
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- 37. Objective
- 38. Sea eagle
- 42. Not analog
- 43. Goblin
- 45. Jot
- 47. Houses
- 48. Not together
- 49. Light wood
- 51. Estimated time of arrival
- 52. Religious splinter groups
- 54. Nabs
- 56. French for "State"
- 57. An indefinite period
- 58. Not odd
- 59. Start over
- 62. Uncooked



August
Crossword



Know the two types of creative thought

Creativity comes in two types of thinking—divergent and convergent. You’ll get more out of your brain by recognizing the two so you can deploy them appropriately. Here’s how the London Business School website defines both:

Divergent thinking

Imagining
Creating
Challenging
Dreaming

Convergent thinking

Testing
Judging
Deciding
Evaluating



Use divergent thinking for generating ideas; practice convergent thinking to implement them.

Get back into the creative habit

All of us are born with creative minds, but some of us lose the habit. The Entrepreneur magazine website offers these tips for getting your creative mojo back:

- **Practice mindful observation.** You look, but do you really see? Make a practice of observing and appreciating the details of your surroundings. You may see, hear, smell, or feel things you never noticed before, which can give you new ideas and insights.
- **Rev up your curiosity.** Make a point of asking questions about everything you see and do, even if you think you already know the answers. Exploring situations more deeply can yield fresh insights into everyday problems.
- **Free your mind.** Forget limitations. When you brainstorm, think beyond boundaries and the conventional wisdom. Don’t accept the tried and true—instead, teach yourself to look at what seems impossible. You could find a way to make the impossible come true.
- **Practice being creative.** Don’t wait until a problem erupts to flex your creative muscles. Your mind will be in better shape if you look for opportunities to be creative every day. Set yourself a small problem, and spend a few minutes thinking of new and different ways to solve it. You’ll be ready when you really need a spark of inspiration.



A creative man is motivated by the desire to achieve, not by the desire to beat others.
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