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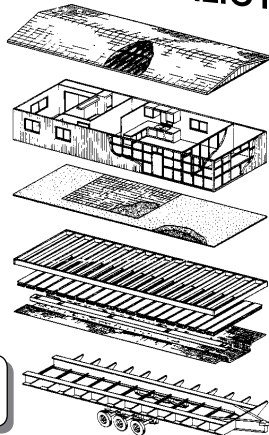
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## Responding to adversity

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Once upon a time, a daughter complained to her father that her life was miserable. She was tired of fighting and struggling all the time. It seemed that just as one problem was solved, another soon followed.

Her father, a chef, took her to the kitchen. He filled three pots with water and placed each on a high fire. Once the three pots began to boil, he placed a potato in one pot, an egg in the second pot, and some ground coffee beans in the third pot.

After 20 minutes he turned off the burners. He took the potato out of the pot and placed it in a bowl. He pulled the boiled egg out and placed it in a second bowl. Then he ladled the coffee out and placed it in a cup.

“What do you see?” he asked.

“A potato, an egg, and some coffee,” she replied.

“Look closer,” he said, “and touch the potato.” She did and noted that it was very soft. He then asked her to take the egg and break it. After pulling off the shell, she observed the hard-boiled egg. Finally, he asked her to sip the coffee. Its rich aroma brought a smile to her face.

“But what does this mean?” she asked.

“The potato, the egg, and the coffee beans all faced the same adversity—boiling water,” her father explained. “But each one reacted differently. The potato went in strong and hard, but in the boiling water, it became soft and weak. The egg was fragile, with its thin outer shell protecting its interior. In the boiling water, the inside of the egg became hard.

“However, the ground coffee beans were unique. After they were exposed to the boiling water, they changed the water and created something new.

“Which are you?” he asked his daughter. “When adversity knocks on your door, how do you respond? Are you a potato, an egg, or a coffee bean?”

In life, things happen to us, but the only thing that truly matters is what happens within us.

## Search for Earthlike worlds takes a step forward

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Scientists searching for Earthlike worlds beyond the solar system have a new tool: NEAR (Near Earths in the Alpha Cen Region), which began operating in May, will scan the Alpha Centauri system for habitable planets.

NEAR is a thermal coronagraph installed in a telescope in Chile that can block the light of stars and look for heat radiating from worlds in orbit. Alpha Centauri is a three-star system located 4.3 light-years away, the closest system to our world. Astronomers have already discovered planets in the system—an Earth-size planet dubbed Proxima b, orbiting the red dwarf star Proxima Centauri, and a planet candidate circling the same star.

NEAR will look at Alpha Centauri AB, a binary star system, using an upgrade to an existing instrument to block out the glare of the two stars and also compensate for the blur of Earth’s own atmosphere. It’s capable of spotting planets twice the size of Earth or larger.

## Bait and switch

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A little girl walked into her Sunday school class half an hour late. When the teacher asked why she was so tardy, the young girl replied, “I wanted to go fishing with my daddy, but he said I had to come to Sunday school.”

Pleased with the father’s spiritual dedication, the teacher asked, “And did he tell you why he wanted you to come here?”

“He said he didn’t have enough bait for the two of us.”

## How to tell you’re not in college anymore

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You’re not a kid anymore. Here’s the proof:

- Your refrigerator has more food than beer in it.
- 6 a.m. is when you get up, not when you go to bed.
- You hear your favorite song—on the elevator.
- You make plans to watch the Weather Channel.
- A clean sweater and jeans are no longer considered “dressing up.”
- You have no idea how late the pizza place delivers.
- Your older relatives feel comfortable telling dirty jokes around you.
- You feed your dog Science Diet instead of cold pizza.
- A \$7 bottle of wine is no longer “the good stuff.”



## Where did you start?

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A child and his father were helping out an elderly neighbor. They raked the neighbor’s leaves, organized his garage, put the trash out, and did other small jobs around the neighbor’s house.

When they finished their work, the child and his father went up to the front door. The old man thanked them for their help, and then the child impulsively asked, “How old are you?”

The embarrassed father apologized for his son’s question, but the neighbor laughed. “That’s OK. He’s just curious. Young man, I’m 92 years old.”

The child stared at him. “Did you start at number one?”

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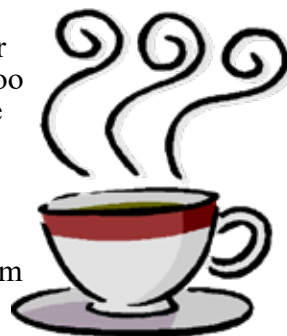
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## How much coffee can you safely drink? A lot

Coffee lovers can be understandably confused by the mixed messages they're getting about the health risks/ benefits of their favorite beverage. Some studies have suggested that drinking too much coffee can cause stiffening of the arteries, increasing the chance of suffering a heart attack or stroke. On the other hand ...

A new study from the British Heart Association, reported on the CNN website, suggests that drinking three cups of coffee or more a day is no worse for arteries than drinking a single cup. Researchers studied more than 8,000 people in the United Kingdom, some of whom drank one coffee or less a day, others who drank one to three cups, and a third group who reported consuming up to 25 cups of coffee a day. All participants were given MRI heart scans and infrared pulse wave tests, and scientists corrected the data for such factors as age, weight, diet, tobacco and alcohol use, and other factors.

The findings appear to show that drinking three cups or more a day doesn't significantly increase artery stiffness compared with consuming just one cup. No one is recommending binging on 20 cups or more per day, but you can rest easier knowing your arteries apparently aren't in danger.



## Cold or the flu? How to tell

You're coughing, sniffing, feeling achy. Is it a cold—or the flu? It can be hard to tell, but the NPR website offers this advice for telling the difference so you can be prepared when flu season takes hold:

- The flu strikes fast. If you suddenly feel flattened, chances are it's the flu. A cold will usually take several days to build up.
- Take your temperature. Colds generally cause a mild fever of 99–100 degrees Fahrenheit. The flu's fever is typically higher—101 degrees or more—and accompanied by chills and body aches.
- Listen to your cough. You'll be congested with a cold, and postnasal drip can make you cough. Flu's coughing is more severe, and can lead to trouble breathing.

In most cases, people can ride out the cold or the flu with the help of antiviral medications. However, many health factors can increase the danger—pregnancy, asthma, heart disease, and other conditions. Contact your doctor to determine whether more aggressive treatment is called for.

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## Surprising discoveries around the solar system

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The solar system is full of surprises. Here are three startling new discoveries about other worlds orbiting the sun:

- **The moon.** A mass of metal beneath the surface of the moon's south pole has been discovered by scientists, The New York Times reports. It's under a huge, 4-billion-year-old impact crater, and it's five times bigger than Hawaii. Scientists at Baylor University speculate that it's composed of the remains of an ancient meteor that created what's known as the South Pole-Aitken—near where the Chinese Chang'e 4 lunar rover landed in January.

- **Mars.** Scientists have discovered a huge reservoir of water underneath the Martian north pole, the Gizmodo website reports. The water was detected inside a deposit of multiple layers of water ice mixed with sand, and it formed over hundreds of millions of years. It's about 1.2 miles beneath the north pole, and contains enough water to submerge the entire planet.

- **Europa.** This moon of Jupiter has long been known to have an ocean beneath its surface layer of ice—an ocean with more water than all of Earth's oceans combined. Now the Hubble Space Telescope has detected what appears to be sodium chloride—NaCl—in the seas, the Fox News website reports. Sodium chloride, which makes up ordinary table salt, is also a major ingredient in Earth's salt-water oceans—meaning that Europa may be more Earthlike than previously thought.



## The boulder in the road

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A king had a boulder placed on a roadway, then hid and watched to see if anyone would move the boulder out of the way.

Some of the kingdom's wealthiest merchants and courtiers came by and simply walked around it. Many of them loudly blamed the king for not keeping the roads clear.

Then a peasant then came along pushing a cart of vegetables. Upon approaching the boulder, the peasant set his cart aside and tried to push the stone out of the road. After much pushing and straining, he finally succeeded.

Then he noticed a purse lying in the road where the boulder had been.

The purse contained many gold coins and a note from the king, explaining that the gold was for the person who removed the boulder from the roadway.

Moral: Every obstacle we come across in life gives us an opportunity to improve our circumstances.



## Grammar goodies

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- A bar was walked into by the passive voice.
- An oxymoron walked into a bar, and the silence was deafening.
- A malapropism walked into a bar, looking for all intensive purposes like a wolf in cheap clothing, muttering epitaphs and casting dispersions on his magnificent other, who took him for granite.
- A mixed metaphor walked into a bar, seeing the handwriting on the wall and hoping to nip it in the bud.
- A comma splice walked into a bar, it had a drink and then left.
- At the end of the day, a cliché walked into a bar, fresh as a daisy, cute as a button, and sharp as a tack.
- A run-on sentence walked into a bar it starts flirting. With a cute little sentence fragment.
- A figure of speech literally walked into a bar and ended up getting figuratively hammered.
- A misplaced modifier walked into a bar owned by a man with a glass eye named Ralph.
- The past, present, and future walked into a bar. They were tense.

## Pets in heaven

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A German shepherd, a Doberman, and a Siamese cat had just arrived in heaven. God asked them all what they believed in.

The German shepherd said, "I believe in discipline, training, and loyalty to my master."

"Very good," said God. "You may sit at my right side."

The Doberman said, "I believe in the love, care, and protection of my master."

"Good," said God. "You may sit at my left side."

Then God looked at the cat. "And what do you believe?"

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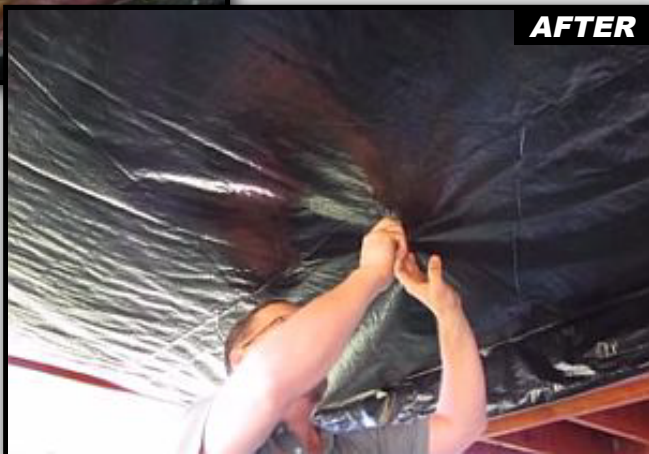
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## Too much honesty

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A guy goes in for a job interview and sits down with the boss.  
“What do you think is your worst quality?” the boss asks.  
“I’m probably too honest.”  
“That’s not a bad thing,” the boss says. “I think being honest is a good quality.”  
The man replies, “I don’t care what you think!”

## The truth is out there

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As a student, Isaac Asimov had a professor who once lectured on the limitations of knowledge. As Asimov writes in his book, *The Relativity of Wrong*, this prof said that in every century people thought they’d discovered how the universe worked, and they’d always been proven wrong. Thus, he argued, anything we say now about the nature of the universe must also be wrong.

Asimov’s response? “When people thought the Earth was flat, they were wrong,” he told the professor. “When people thought the Earth was spherical they were wrong. [Earth actually bulges at the equator.] But if you think that thinking the Earth is spherical is just as wrong as thinking the Earth is flat, then your view is wronger than both of them put together.”

Humans make mistakes, but that doesn’t mean the truth is always beyond our reach.

## Even your spell-checker could stumble on these

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If you still remember the word you won the sixth- grade spelling bee with, you’ll probably be intrigued and challenged by this list of words that have won the National Spelling Bee throughout the years:

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**National Bourbon Heritage Month.** This is an observance in the United States that calls for celebration of bourbon as America's "Native Spirit," celebrating the family heritage, tradition, and deep-rooted legacy that the bourbon industry contributes to the United States. Please enjoy your bourbon responsibly.



**National Campus Safety Month.** As students start or return to college, Clery Center emphasizes campus safety by partnering with institutions of higher education to develop programs and resources that promote campus safety, working with college and university officials to spread awareness, inform institutional policy, and effect change. For more information, go to the Clery Center website at <https://clerycenter.org>.

**World Alzheimer's Month.** Dementia is often hidden away, not spoken about, or ignored at a time when the person living with dementia and their family caregivers are most in need of support within their families, friendship groups, and communities. World Alzheimer's Month is an international campaign every September to raise awareness and challenge the stigma that surrounds dementia.

## Weekly

**National Waffle Week, Sept. 1–8.** How do we love waffles? Here's a short list: 1) with butter; 2) with syrup; 3) with fruit; 4) with bacon; 5) all of the above. National Waffle Week is the time when we all get to celebrate our love for this awesome breakfast/dessert treat.



**National Suicide Prevention Week, Sept. 8–14.** All month, mental health advocates, prevention organizations, survivors, allies, and community members unite to promote suicide prevention awareness.

**National Truck Driver Appreciation Week, Sept. 8–14.** Sponsored by the American Trucking Associations, which are committed to developing and advocating innovative, research-based policies that promote highway safety, security, environmental sustainability, and profitability.

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## Top 10 states for having fun

Where's the most fun place to live in the United States? The WalletHub website analyzed all 50 states using factors that included the cost of movies, accessibility to national parks, and casinos per capita. Here's where the fun is:

1. California
2. Florida
3. New York
4. Washington
5. Colorado
6. Nevada
7. Minnesota
8. Pennsylvania
9. Oregon
10. Texas

The least fun state? West Virginia.



## Germ's like these hiding places

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- **Dish cloths.** These have everything that's necessary for bacteria to thrive: warmth, moisture, and organic material from food. Wash them often on a hot cycle and tumble-dry them in a dryer.
- **Smartphones.** You take them everywhere, including the bathroom, and you usually don't wash your hands every time you pick yours up. Clean your phone with a cloth soaked in a solution of 60% water and 40% rubbing alcohol. Wring the cloth out well so that the moisture doesn't damage your phone.

- **Keyboards.** Computer keyboards can be covered with 20,500 more bacteria than the average toilet seat. Clean your keyboard with a cotton swab dipped in rubbing alcohol while it's unplugged. Use compressed air to get rid of dirt around the keys.

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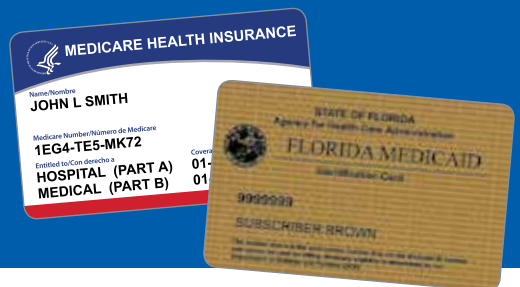


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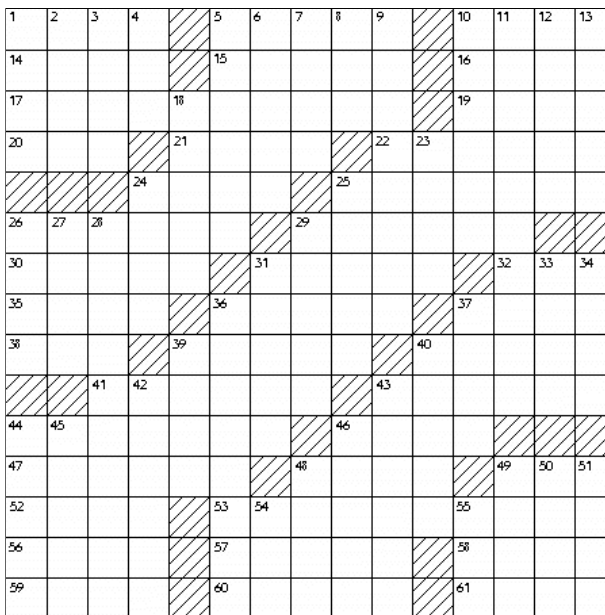


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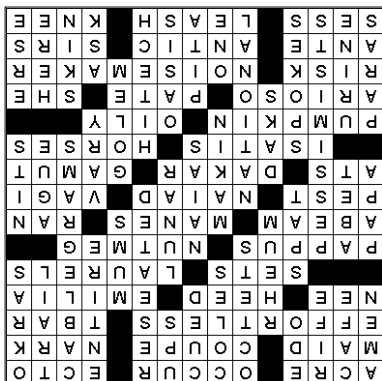
## ACROSS

1. Unit of area
5. Come to pass
10. Prefix indicating "Outer"
14. A female domestic
15. Two-door car
16. Police informant
17. Without difficulty
19. Ski tow
20. Born
21. Pay particular notice
22. Genus of the tassel flower
24. Puts
25. Accolades
26. Thistledown
29. Ground aromatic seed used as a spice
30. At right angles to a ship or plane
31. Hair on horses
32. Hurried away on foot
35. A persistently annoying person
36. Water nymph (Greek mythology)
37. Pneumogastric nerves
38. Laotian monetary units
39. City in Senegal
40. A complete extent
41. Genus of woad (herbs)
43. Steeds
44. Orange-yellow squash-like fruit
46. Greasy
47. A short recitative (musical term)
48. Liver paste
49. Third person singular female
52. Danger
53. Celebratory horn
56. Initial wager
57. Prank
58. Term of address for men
59. Soap-frame bar
60. A chain used to restrain an animal
61. Leg joint



## DOWN

1. Ends a prayer
2. Coffee shop
3. Overabundant
4. Another name for Tokyo
5. Groups of 8
6. Coarse curly-leaved cabbages
7. Signalled
8. Increases
9. Sat down again
10. The whole thing
11. Telegrams
12. Path
13. Gumbos
18. Catarrh
23. Mothers
24. Petty quarrel
25. Pertaining to the moon
26. Father
27. Assist
28. Skeptics
29. Anagram of "Asian"
31. A Marine assault in the Gilbert Islands in WW2
33. Shivering fit
34. Insect eggs
36. Pertaining to a country
37. Differ
39. East Indian trees that produces a yellow dye
40. Artificially created human (Jewish folklore)
42. They run from the hub to the rim
43. Advanced (2 words)
44. Minor currency units of Yugoslavia
45. Mammalian liquid waste
46. Fertile area of a desert
48. Pocket bread
49. Natural outer covering
50. Not there
51. Celtic
54. A single thing
55. Request



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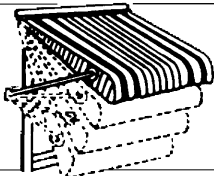
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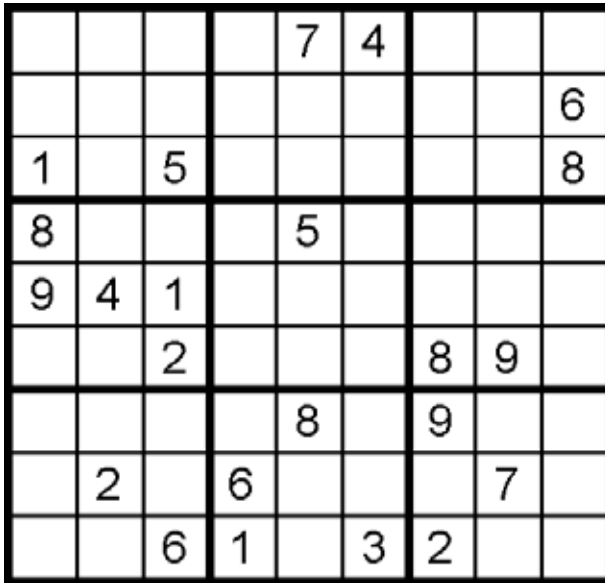
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