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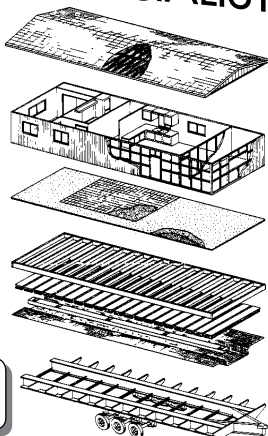
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National Cell Phone Courtesy Month. For the next 31 days, exercise common sense when it comes to cell phone use. Keep your phone turned off when you're having dinner, taking a yoga class, or at the theater. If you are in a workplace or public setting, move to a more private location if you need to take a call.

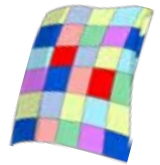


National Recreation and Parks Month. There are 417 parks in the National Park System, as well as a multitude of historic landmarks and places, rivers, trails, and heritage areas. Go to NPS.org and find one for camping, hiking, and exploration.

Social Wellness Month. Now is the time to take stock of your quality of life. Develop daily practices that support your health and well-being. Commit to having loving and supportive relationship with family, friends, and colleagues. Make your home a clean, organized, and peaceful environment.

Everybody Deserves a Massage Week, July 15-21. The third week of July has been designated to promote the benefits of therapeutic massage and bodywork. Find a licensed professional, and book your next appointment.

Quilt Odyssey Week (Pennsylvania), July 19-22. Quilters from across the country will gather to learn techniques from the pros, network, and show off their creations.



International Plastic Bag Free Day, July 3. Only 1 percent of the 100 billion plastic bags Americans consume are recycled during the year. The rest add to the pollution of our planet and threaten all sorts of ecosystems. Let today be the day you become part of the solution to ending the waste.

National Fried Chicken Day, July 6. We will never agree on which fast-food joint does it right, but one thing is certain: Anyone who loves fried chicken will tell you that "momma" makes the best. If you're lucky, she's in the kitchen right now and the cast iron skillet is on the stove.

Simplicity Day, July 12. Celebrated on the birthday of Henry David Thoreau, this day is observed to raise awareness regarding the need for sustainable living. Find ways to live in harmony with your environment and reduce your ecological footprint.



Reduce arthritis pain without surgery

Arthritis is the leading cause of disability among U.S. adults over 55, in many cases requiring surgery to replace troubled joints. You don't have to resort to joint replacement all at once, though. These simple steps from Dr. Victor Romano, an orthopedist and author of *Finding The Source: Maximizing Your Results—With and Without Orthopaedic Surgery*, can help you deal with arthritis before surgery becomes necessary:

- Wear good shoes with arch supports. Over time, the arches in feet tend to fail. Arch supports can help with the alignment of your feet and improve the alignment of your knees, letting your feet better serve as shock absorbers for the knees.
- Exercise daily. Try at least a 20-minute program that includes stretching, aerobic activity, strength training, and balance.
- Wear a hinged knee brace for better support. You don't have to wear it all the time, but it can help during sports or other strenuous activity.
- Watch your weight. Lower weight decreases the stress on your joints and helps with mobility. Eat nutritious foods and cut your intake of sugar, which can cause inflammation of your arteries and joints.
- Take care of your bones. Calcium, vitamin D, and weight-bearing exercises can reduce arthritis pain and build up your bone density. Should you need replacement surgery, greater bone density will help your artificial joint last longer.

Staying up late may damage your health

Benjamin Franklin's advice, "Early to bed and early to rise makes a man healthy, wealthy, and wise," turns out to be true—at least the "healthy" part. A British study of genes and health that analyzed surveys of more than 400,000 people found that night owls have a 10 percent higher risk of death over a 6½-year period than early risers, according to an article on the NBC News website.

The negative impact of burning the midnight oil doesn't depend on how much sleep you actually get—both night owls and early risers reported getting the same amount—but on the fact that it throws the body's natural rhythms off track. Also, the study found that people who stay up late tend to eat fattier foods, drink more alcohol, and use recreational drugs. In addition, staying up late at night has been shown to increase depression and mood disorders, especially among people 50 and older.





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Consumers nervous about online data

If you're worried about how well businesses are protecting the data they collect from you, you're far from alone. A survey from IBM found that 77 percent of consumers say that an organization's ability to keep their personal data secure is a factor in their buying decisions—and only 20 percent say they “completely trust” businesses to ensure their privacy.

The survey also found that 75 percent of buyers refuse to purchase from organizations they don't trust, regardless of the quality of their products. Another finding: Almost three-fourths of consumers believe that sellers are more concerned about profits than about privacy and data protection.

Retirement: Golden years or a fading dream?

Americans these days are worried about their retirement—and whether they'll even be able to retire.

A Willis Towers Watson survey of approximately 5,000 U.S. workers found that 37 percent expect to keep working to age 70 or longer, up from 30 percent two years ago. Only 26 percent believe they'll be able to retire before they're 65, a drop from 29 percent in 2015.

Minimum wage: What should it be?

Debates about the minimum wage have been heating up for years. To find out what Americans think it should be, CreditLoan surveyed 2,669 people across the country. The results? People in every state said it should be higher than the current federal level of \$7.25 an hour. On average, Americans support a minimum wage of \$11.56 an hour, allowing employees working 40 hours a week 52 weeks a year to earn \$24,044 for the year.

Most Americans, though, don't even know what the minimum wage is. Just 35.5 percent identified the actual amount correctly. The average estimate was \$8.09 an hour.



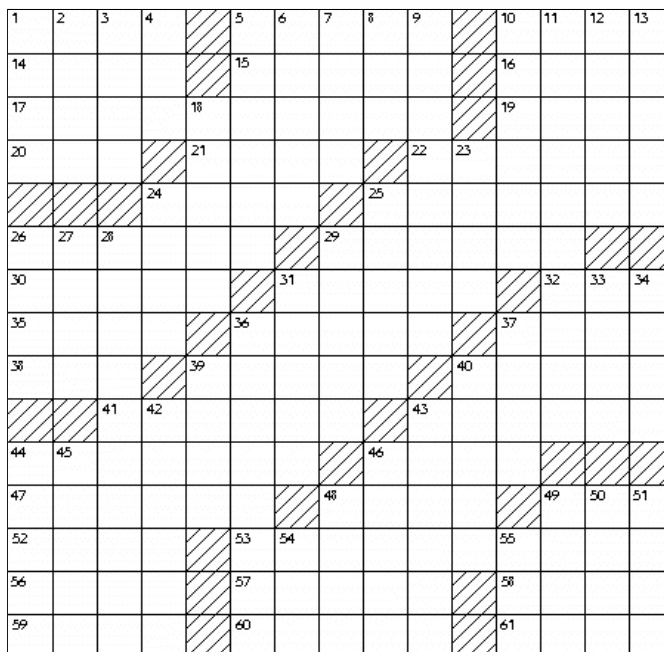
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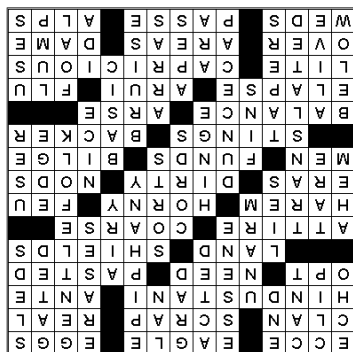
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1. Latin for "Behold!"
5. American bird
10. Produced by hens
14. Tribe
15. Discarded pieces
16. Not fake
17. A language spoken in India
19. Initial wager
20. Choose
21. Require
22. Glued
24. Territory
25. Portable protective barriers
26. Clothes
29. Rough in texture
30. Place for concubines and wives
31. Sexually aroused (slang)
32. French for "Fire"
35. Historical periods
36. Filthy
37. Gestures of assent
38. Husbands and fathers, for example
39. Liquid assets
40. A lower level of a ship
41. Sharp pains
43. Supporter
44. Equilibrium
46. Backside
47. Pass by
48. Wild African sheep
49. Influenza
52. Low-calorie
53. Impulsive or whimsical
56. Concluded
57. Regions
58. A woman of refinement
59. Marries
60. Outmoded
61. Mountains in Europe



DOWN

1. Reflected sound
2. Used on ties, money or paper
3. Cannot (contraction)
4. Finish
5. A member of an ascetic Jewish sect
6. Portrayed
7. Alumnus
8. Local Area Network
9. A divine manifestation
10. Expunges
11. Persons of good family and breeding
12. Confined
13. Sleighs
18. Render harmless
23. Ethereal
24. Untruths
25. Classes by kinds
26. Uttered to attract attention
27. Weedy annual grass
28. Converted from one language to another
29. Units of cut wood
31. Door joint
33. Boundary
34. Exploiter
36. Cone-shaped paper hat
37. Pleasant
39. Appendages of fish
40. An easy-to-learn computer language
42. Diminishes gradually
43. Contusion
44. Under
45. Not dead
46. A tapestry
48. Gorillas or chimpanzees
49. Young horse
50. A compact mass
51. Purposes
54. Genus of macaws
55. Anagram of "Aid"



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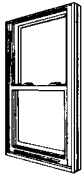
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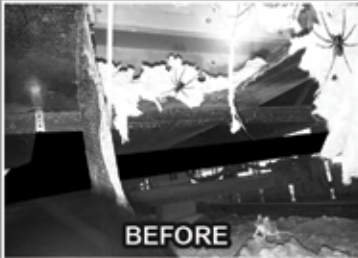
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Fun factoids for a festive Fourth

Do you know your U.S. history? Here are some Fourth of July facts to ponder and share:



- Three presidents died on July 4: Thomas Jefferson and John Adams in 1826, and James Monroe, in 1831. Calvin Coolidge was the only president born on July 4, in 1872.
- The Massachusetts General Court was the first state legislature to recognize July 4 as a state celebration, in 1781.
- The first recorded use of the name “Independence Day” occurred in 1791.
- The U.S. Congress established Independence Day as an unpaid holiday for federal employees in 1870. They changed it to a federal paid holiday in 1931.
- The Declaration of Independence was approved in a closed session of the Second Continental Congress on July 2, 1776, but most of the delegates didn’t sign it until Aug. 2. Although John Adams expected Americans would celebrate July 2, the date on the publicized copies of the document was July 4, which became the day Americans have commonly observed.

True colors

Most of us imagine that successful people have all the confidence in the world. Often, though, being successful is about having the courage to take your shot even when you doubt your own abilities. Here some highly successful individuals express their inner doubts:

- **Jack Paar, entertainer and early host of The Tonight Show:** “Looking back, my life seems like one long obstacle race, with me as its chief obstacle.”
- **Julie Andrews, Oscar-winning actress:** “Sometimes I’m so sweet even I can’t stand it.”
- **Berkeley Breathed, Bloom County cartoonist:** “I know my limitations. I could never make it as a writer, and I could never make it as a fine artist.”
- **Harlan Ellison, award-winning science-fiction writer:** “I don’t remember anyone who could stand being in my company for more than five hours without running into the street.”
- **Bob Dylan, singer/songwriter:** “I feel like I fall short in just about everything.”



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When Dr. Geezer opened his medical clinic across from one of the area's leading hospitals, he put a sign in his window that read: "I'll cure you for \$500 and pay you \$1,000 if I can't."

Dr. Young passed by the clinic on the way to the hospital. Upon reading the sign, he decided to go in, expose Dr. Geezer as a fraud, and earn a bit of pocket change for himself. "What seems to be the problem?" Dr. Geezer asked upon greeting Dr. Young in the exam room. "I've lost my sense of taste," replied Dr. Young. "Nurse," shouted Dr. Geezer. "Bring formula 12 and put three drops on the patient's tongue." No sooner had the nurse administered the first drop of the mystery potion did Dr. Young begin to spit it out.



"That's gasoline!" Dr. Young screamed. "Remarkable! Your sense of taste has returned," said Dr. Geezer. "That will be \$500."

Dr. Young payed Dr. Geezer, but returned a few days later with a plan to get his money back. "Back so soon? What's bothering you this time?" Dr. Geezer asked.

"This time?" Dr. Young raised the question. "Have I been here before today? I wouldn't know. I'm having trouble with my memory." Memory problems?" Dr. Geezer said as he consulted a little black book.

"Nurse," he shouted, "give patient Young three drops of formula 12 by mouth." "Formula 12! Oh no," Dr. Young shouted. "That's gasoline. I don't want that."

"Seems like your memory is intact," said Dr. Geezer. "That will be \$500." Dr. Young paid his bill and stormed off. A week later he visited the clinic, determined to recoup the money he'd paid out.

"So what seems to be the problem now?" Dr. Geezer asked. "I can't see," replied Dr. Young. "I'm blind, and it's probably from your nurse giving me gasoline. You have to cure me." "Hmm. I don't have a formula for failing eyesight," replied Dr. Geezer.

"Well then, you me \$1,000," said Dr. Young. "Pay up and I will be on my way." Dr. Geezer shouted for his nurse to open the safe and bring patient Young the envelope marked: "\$1,000."

"I just have a single bill; I hope that's OK with you?" said Dr. Geezer as the nurse handed Dr. Young the envelope. Dr. Young opened the envelope and found a \$10 bill from inside. "Hey, this is only \$10." "Looks like your blindness has been cured," said Dr. Geezer. "That will be \$500."

The moral of this story: Don't think you can outsmart an old geezer.

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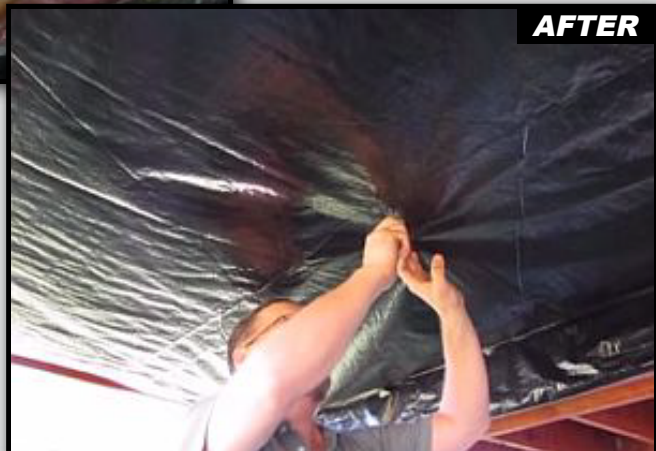
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A story about loss and luck

There once lived a farmer who took pride in only two things in life: his son and his horse.

One day his horse kicked out the stall door of the stable and ran off. When the neighbors heard of what happened they said to the man, “What a loss,” and, “What bad luck.”

The man contemplated these words and asked the question, “How do we know this is a loss or bad luck?”

Most people were confused by this response until a few days later. The horse returned, at that time, trailed by a dozen wild stallions. The man now had 13 magnificent horses.

“What good luck you have,” the neighbors remarked.

To which the man said, “How do we know this is good luck?”

No sooner had the neighbors began to mutter about this strange remark when the man’s son was trampled while attempting to corral one of the wild stallions. His injuries were severe, but not fatal. The young man would need surgery and a long recovery. In time he could resume his life.

“How horrible,” the neighbors said. “Such bad luck.”

“How do we know it’s bad luck?” asked the man.

By now the neighbors were beginning to grumble. The son was the star player football team at the local university. He was expected to go pro after graduation. Now he’d have to create a new future for himself.

Though the man never thought of his son’s injuries in terms of loss or luck, the prevailing opinion was otherwise.

Until ...

There was a horrible accident on the interstate involving the bus carrying the members of the university football team. No one on board survived. It was a tragedy mourned by the entire town.

The man sat at his son’s bedside. The young man grew stronger with each new day while his father felt grateful for the mysteries of life and also its blessings.





Does practice make perfect?

There's a theory that it takes 10,000 hours of practice in any given subject to develop one's expertise in that area, regardless of familiarity with it.

The theory intrigued Dan McLaughlin, so he decided to put it to the test. In April 2010, at age 30, McLaughlin quit his job and devoted his time to learning how to play golf—a sport for which he had no interest or aptitude.

He practiced for hours each day and soon realized time was just one of many factors that would aide in his development. The quality of the time spent in practice was equally important, as was his strategy for learning the fundamentals of the sport.

This prompted his correspondence with some of the leading researchers in the field of cognitive psychology and neuroscience. Their advice guided him to fine-tune his practice methods. It turns out that the most effective manner of learning requires you to work with material in a certain way and also challenge yourself with it.



After seven years and 6,003 hours of high-quality practice, McLaughlin achieved a handicap of 2.6. According the United States Golf Association, fewer than 6 percent of golfers have attained this level of mastery in the sport. Not bad, considering that the guys who win the green jackets and tour the pro circuit are part of an exclusive group that accounts for an even smaller percentage of players, albeit ones who have been playing the game a lot longer.

Unfortunately, we will never know if McLaughlin could've developed the skills to be a pro golfer. Beseet by back injuries, he abandoned his experiment. Still, the progress he made is encouraging. It is proof that a certain level of success is possible if you commit wholeheartedly to an objective, develop a solid plan, and put in the work.

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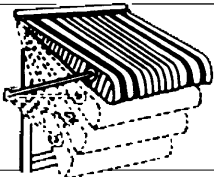
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The second man climbed out of the truck and took refuge under the shade of a large tree. "I'm going to hang out here until someone comes along who can tow us out," he said.



The third man retrieved an ax and a saw and found a felled tree. He cut pieces to wedge under the tires so the truck could drive out of the mud.

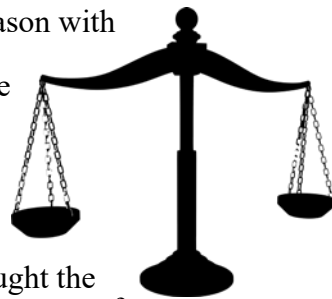
We all get "stuck in the mud" at times while we are traveling down life's road. Will you melt down, walk away, and do nothing? Or will you embark on a course of action for getting unstuck?

Lincoln settles a problem

Abraham Lincoln ran a legal practice, but he never encouraged litigation that was unnecessary. One day, as Lincoln was working at his practice, a man entered the establishment in an impassioned state. He pleaded with Lincoln to bring suit against a man who was impoverished and in debt.

The man wanted to sue the debtor for \$2.50. Lincoln tried to reason with the man, but he was set on getting his revenge. When Lincoln saw that he could not talk the man out of bringing the lawsuit against the debtor, he slyly asked for \$10 in legal fees to head up the lawsuit. The man paid the money to Lincoln.

Lincoln then hunted down the debtor and gave him half of the legal fee. The debtor used part of the money to pay off the man who brought the lawsuit against him. In this way, the man who brought the suit was completely satisfied that justice had been done, the debtor got out of debt, and Lincoln probably had a good laugh about it all.



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Life on Venus? Don't write it off yet

Venus seems an inhospitable spot for life to develop, with its superhot surface and an atmospheric pressure 90 times stronger than Earth at sea level. Yet, a Fox News website article suggests, ruling out the possibility of life on the second planet from the Sun may be premature.

Venus had a more temperate environment billions of years ago, covered by seas for eons, and thus may have been habitable for some organisms for much of its history. Today, its upper atmosphere is much less forbidding and comparable to the pressure and temperature of Earth's surface. Some scientists speculate that ancient life could have risen and migrated to higher altitudes after the dramatic climate change that turned Venus' surface into the barren landscape it is today. Others suggest that microbial life could have arrived on Venus from Earth, borne on rocks hurled into space by meteorite impacts over the last 4.5 billion years.

The opposite could also be true—meaning that Earth could have been “invaded” by Venusian life in the distant past.

Sharpen your powers of persuasion

You need other people's help if you want to succeed. Try these two tips to get them on your side:

- Give to get what you want. It's the code of reciprocity—people are more likely to go along with your ideas if you give them something first. For example, leaders at the Disabled American Veterans discovered that when they mailed fund-raising letters without a perk, about 18 percent of their appeals were successful. When they included free personalized address labels, they had a success rate of 35 percent.

- Call people to nobler conduct. If you are seeking agreement on an issue, allow people the chance to contribute. For example, a Chicago restaurant cut its reservation no-show rate from 30 percent to 10 percent by asking people to call if their plans changed rather than telling them to call. In pausing after the question, “Will you please call if you have to change your plans?” restaurant staff found customers more willing to commit to an answer.

If you are working on something that you really care about, you don't have to be pushed. The vision pulls you.

—Steve Jobs



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Domesticated dog remains are oldest in the Americas

Dogs may have been man's best friend for longer than we thought. The remains of three dogs uncovered at two sites in Illinois have recently been radiocarbon dated to show that they were buried 10,000 years ago, making them 1,500 years older than previously thought. That makes them older than dogs found at a Texas site, which had been killed and eaten 9,300 years ago, according to an article on the Science News website.



The findings at the Illinois sites suggest that the dogs were domesticated—there's no evidence of their having been killed, suggesting they died of natural causes and were buried after death. They're believed to be the oldest known domesticated dogs in the Americas. (A dog buried at a German site 14,000 years ago was included in a grave with two people).

Scientists studying the remains found that the lower jaw and teeth of two of the dogs share similarities to modern-day wolves. Another dog showed traits found in present-day coyotes, suggesting some ancient interbreeding.

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