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Hello, is there anyone there. Things are so quiet here I keep going to sleep.

The sun was good and we had sun worshippers, but the water was way to cool to enjoy. Now that it is warming up maybe we can all go back.

We will be looking forward to July4th. If you have any news you would like to share please contact me at 317-501-4243



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A deal is a deal

onald made a deal with his dad that if he improved his grades by the end of the school year, pitched in around the house, attended church on Sunday with the rest of the family, and cut his now shoulder-length hair, he could have access to the car throughout the summer. Ronald began to focus on his schoolwork more, took on responsibility in the home, and was the first person in the house ready for church each Sunday.

"I knew you could do it," his dad said as looked over Ronald's final grades for the school year. "I'm very proud of how responsible and focused you've been these last few months."

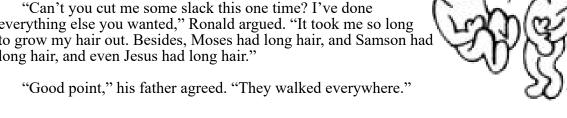
"Hand over those keys, old man," Ronald said to his father with a laugh.

"Not so fast," his father said. "Remember our deal? Grades, church, chores, and hair."

"Do I really have to cut my hair?" Ronald protested.

"That was our deal," his father said.

"Can't you cut me some slack this one time? I've done everything else you wanted," Ronald argued. "It took me so long to grow my hair out. Besides, Moses had long hair, and Samson had long hair, and even Jesus had long hair."



Timeless wisdom

uring the celebration of his 100th birthday, a man was asked about the secret of his longevity.

"I never smoked, drank, or ate fried foods," replied the man. He continued, "and I exercised every day for 30 minutes."

"Well, a lot of people observe those same practices but don't live to be 100," someone in the crowd observed. "Why do you think that is?"

The old man said, "My guess would be they didn't keep at it long enough."

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Ancient humans cared for others

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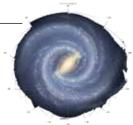
Neanderthals are known to have cared for their injured people, and new findings suggest that they took care of individuals who were suffering regardless of whether their peers could repay them in any way.

For example, the remains of one male Neanderthal 25-40 years old at time of death shows that he had a variety of diseases, including tooth loss, periodontal disease, arthritis, and other long-term health conditions. His care would have required fever management, hygiene maintenance, and helping him stay with the group when it moved its camp. For the last 12 months of his life he would have been unable to contribute much to the group, but he was carefully buried after his death.

The evidence suggests that "organized, knowledgeable, and caring health care is not unique to our species but rather has a long evolutionary history," one scientist states.

A once-in-a billion-year spin

alaxies rotate, just as Earth and other planets do. However, their spin is remarkably consistent, regardless of size. The Discover Magazine website reports that scientists have determine that all galaxies rotate approximately once every billion years, whether they're massive spiral galaxies or small irregular dwarfs.



Researchers measured the velocities of hydrogen in the outer discs of a variety of galaxies differing in size. The measurements allowed them to calculate the rotation period of each galaxy. "Discovering such regularity in galaxies really helps us to better understand the mechanics that make them tick," one scientist says.

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Exercise boosts immunity in older adults

xercise is good at any age, but scientists now think that regular exercise as you get older may help boost your immune system and prevent infections.

An article on the BBC website reports that scientists in the United Kingdom tracked 125 long-distance cyclists, some in their 80s, and discovered they had immune systems comparable to those of 20-year-olds.

The researchers examined the cyclists' blood for T-cells, which aid the immune system in fighting off infections. The long-distance riders had the same level of T-cells as adults in their 20s, but a similar group of older adults who were less active produced fewer T-cells.

The research suggests that increased physical activity can also help older people respond better to vaccines for such infections as the flu.

These foods keep your brain healthy

ome foods help keep your heart in shape. Others help your bones. What keeps your brain and memory healthy? The CNN website offers this list of what to eat to maintain a healthy brain as you grow older:

- Berries. Studies suggest that eating at least a half-cup of blueberries, or one cup of strawberries, on a weekly basis may help stave off cognitive decline. Berries have anthocyanidins, whose antioxidant and anti-inflammatory effects may keep the brain in shape.
- Green leafy vegetables. One study of almost 1,000 adults found that a daily serving of spinach, kale, collard greens, or arugula appeared to maintain cognitive health to the extent that participants were considered to be 11 years younger than people who rarely or never consume such veggies.
 - Eggs. Eggs contain choline, which is an important brain nutrient. In a study of 1,400 people, participants with high intakes of choline scored better of visual and verbal memory tests than those who ate less foods with choline. In addition,
 - people with a high intake of choline over the long term seem to have better MRI brain scans, suggesting that choline may protect people against dementia.





ACROSS

- 1. Rascal
- 5. Wharf
- 9. Travels on a wind-propelled boat
- 14. Adoration
- 15. Singer Fitzgerald
- 16. Strange or spooky
- 17. An Egyptian deity
- 18. Ale
- 19. Sporting venue
- 20. Downpour
- 22. What a model does
- 23. Empower
- 24. Skewered cubes of meat
- 26. Product of human creativity
- 29. Gave a speech
- 33. One who defaults
- 38. Capital of Canada
- 39. Hindu princess
- 40. Pile
- 42. A distinct part
- 43. Land
- 45. Parts of a freight train
- 47. Flunky
- 48. Mexican (abbrev.)
- 49. Church deacon
- 52. Picture
- 57. Strike
- 60. Incites
- 63. Loaded 64. Ancient Biblical kingdom
- 65. Puts on clothing
- 66. State of watchfulness
- 67. A low tide
- 68. Initial wager
- 69. Found in windows
- 70. Spots
- 71. Untidyness

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DOWN

- 1. Make a strident sound
- 2. Ancient empire
- 3. Evade
- 4. An emperor of Japan
- 5. Amount owed
- 6. Margarine
- 7. Salesperson
- 8. Fate
- 9. Harbor
- 10. Pertaining to stunt flying
- 11. Anagram of "Sire"
- 12. Connects 2 points
- 13. Oceans

- 21. Mop
- 25. Bet taker
- 27. Transmit again
- 28. Tit for
- 30. Bye-bye
- 31. Pitcher 32. Weirs
- 33. Squirrel's nest
- 34. Lack of difficulty
- 35. Picnic insects
- 36. Widths of a circle
- 37. Asphalt
- 41. Gear

- 44. Innate skills
- 46. Sixty-four in Roman numerals
- 50. Make improvements to
- 51. Cowbov sport
- 53. Refined woman
- 54. Make amends
- 55. Not ladies
- 56 SSSS
- 57. Dross
- 58. Shopping center
- 59. Concept
- 61. Just right (2-1-1)
- 62. Gremlins





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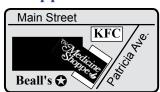
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Millennials leading in home purchases

illennials are buying more homes than Gen Xers, baby boomers, and other age groups, according to the Builder Online website, citing a survey by the National Association of Realtors.

Thirty-four percent of all home purchases in the United States in 2017 were made by millennials, followed by Generation X (28 percent), baby boomers (30 percent), and people born from 1925-1945 (6 percent).

In 2018, the typical millennial home buyer has a higher household income than last year (\$88,200 vs. \$82,000). He or she bought the same size home, 1,800 square feet, for more money at a higher price—\$220,000 versus \$205,000 in 2017.

Millennials in 2018 have higher student debt balances than those in previous years, and more of them say that saving for a down payment is the most difficult task in buying a home.

Rentals up in the U.S.

ore Americans are living in rented homes than at any point since 1965. That's from the Pew Research Center, which says that the total number of U.S. households increased by 7.6 million from 2006-2016. However, the number of households headed by homeowners has remained flat, partially because of the aftereffects of the housing crisis late in the last decade.

On the other hand, the number of rented households rose during the same time frame, from 31.2 percent in 2006 to 36.6 percent in 2016. In 1965, the rate of rented households was 37 percent.



Yoga pants stretch sales

Yoga pants are in—whether you wear them for yoga or not. According to the Quartz website, imports of yoga pants have grown an average of 25.7 percent a year since 2010. At the same time, imports of jeans have declined by close to 4 percent a year.

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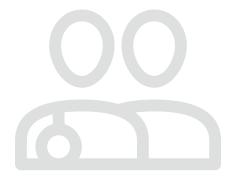
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National Rose Month. With 150 different species of roses and more than 11,000 hybrid varieties, you should be able to find one or two to cultivate and appreciate this time of the year.

National Migraine and Headache Awareness Month. Wear purple this month to show your support for those who suffer from headaches and migraines. To increase your awareness about these conditions, go to www.headaches.org.

Sports America Kids Month. Summer is here, so let's keep our youngsters active, healthy, and outdoors.

Lemonade Days, June 2-10. In 2004, Alexandra Scott lost her battle with cancer at age 8. During the last few years of her life, she raised \$1 million to fund pediatric cancer research with the help of a lemonade stand. This week families and businesses across the United States will set up lemonade stands to raise money for a cure to childhood cancers. To learn more, go to alexslemonade.org.

National Business Etiquette Week, Jun. 3-9. This year's theme is "Toxic Workplaces: How to Resurrect Civility in Business." In case you've been slacking off, strive to conduct yourself with common sense and professionalism in the workplace and everywhere else this week and beyond.

National Week of Making, June 11-17. Individuals and organizations highlight the creativity, innovation, and accomplishments in technology, arts, and design of "makers" of all ages.

Men's Health Week, June 11-17. The days leading up to Father's Day raise awareness of men's health issues and the need for screenings and treatments. Spend time this week encouraging the men in your life to take ownership of their health and well-being.

Lightning Safety Awareness Week, June 17-23. The third full week of the month is devoted to educating the public about the danger of lightning. To learn more, go to www.lightningsafety.noaa.gov.

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Practice food safety during picnics

Picnics are part of the fun of summertime, but thousands of people become ill every year from picnic food that's not safely prepared or stored. Here are some tips for making sure you have a safe picnic in the park:

- Always wash your hands thoroughly—before you prepare food and after you handle raw meats.
 - Clean your food. You don't know where fruits and veggies have been.
 - Wrap all foods. Keep the foods separate so drippings don't contaminate each other.
- Keep food chilled. Don't take cold foods out of the fridge until it's time to go. Pack them in a cooler as soon as you take them out of the fridge.
- Keep coolers under a tree. When you're packing the car, try keeping the cooler inside the car, rather than in a hot trunk.
- Try to plan just the right amount of food to take. Then you won't have to worry about the storage or safety of leftovers.

Work safely in the heat

s the warm days of summer set in, keep these safety tips in mind to avoid overstressing your body as you work outdoors:

- Perform your heaviest tasks during the morning. If you have work that will require you to exert a lot of energy, it's best to do it in the cooler hours of the morning.
- **Build your tolerance.** It usually takes a good two weeks for your body to acclimate itself to working in the heat, so give your body time to adjust to higher temps.
 - Use the buddy system. That way you can keep an eye out and get help if needed.
 - **Drink water.** Health experts say you should drink a small cup every 15 to 20 minutes when you're working in the heat to stay hydrated and cool.
 - Take breaks. Give your body a chance to cool down by heading off to a cool area for a few minutes.
 - Eat lightly. Try not to eat heavy or big meals before you have to work in the heat.

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- Kurt Vonnegut. The author of Slaughterhouse-5 and other novels owned and managed a Saab dealership before a stint in the U.S. Army during World War II.
- J.D. Salinger. The reclusive writer, best known for his novel The Catcher in the Rye, once served as entertainment director aboard a Swedish luxury cruise ship, the H.M.S. Kungsholm.
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