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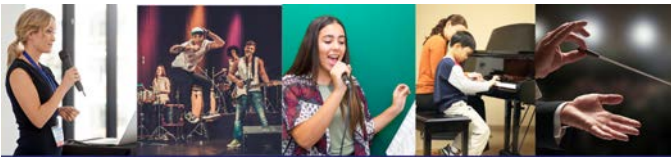
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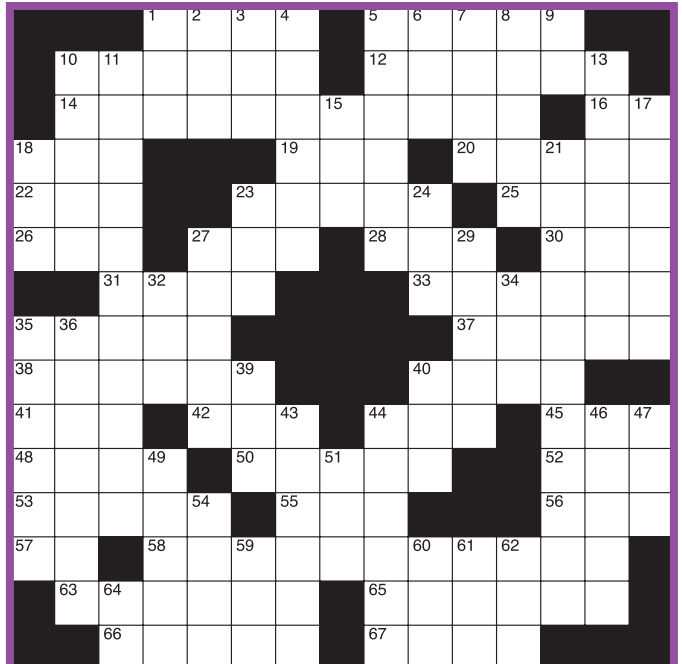
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CLUES ACROSS

1. Wrest
5. Russian river
10. Grupo Montparnasse founder
12. One who quits prematurely
14. Related to the nature of being
16. Early multimedia
18. Indigenous Tibetan religion
19. Tease
20. J.M. ____, Irish dramatist
22. Pounds per square inch
23. Surrendered
25. Notable Dallas Cowboy Leon
26. Dash
27. Man who behaves dishonorably
28. British Air Aces
30. Data executive
31. Spiritual leader
33. Flower cluster
35. Of the cheek
37. Tears down
38. Uncoordinated
40. Touches lightly
41. Soak
42. Founder of Babism
44. Not good
45. Inches per minute (abbr.)
48. Type of casino game
50. Skills assessments for adults
52. Check
53. Gives a job
55. Fifth note of a major scale
56. Small, faint constellation
57. Thou
58. Reduce
63. Another recording
65. Removes for good
66. Jill and Catherine are two
67. Cruise

CLUES DOWN

1. Greenwich Time
2. Metropolis
3. Complete
4. Scheduled
5. One who obeys
6. Resinlike substance secreted by certain lac insects
7. Days (Spanish)
8. Unsaturated hydrocarbon radical
9. Region of the U.S. (abbr.)
10. Tributary of the Alabama River
11. One who eliminates
13. Ballroom music
15. Officer in the Book of Mormon
17. Denies
18. Barrels per day (abbr.)
21. Make vital
23. Former NFLer Newton
24. Kashmiri tribe
27. Indigenous S. American person
29. Capacitance unit
32. MLB great Scherzer
34. Taxi
35. Buggy
36. Artist's workroom
39. Feline
40. Prosecutors
43. Freshwater perches
44. Young ladies
46. Whittles
47. Licensed for Wall Street
49. Type of gene
51. Express displeasure
54. Fly high
59. Norwegian krone
60. Investment account
61. Chinese surname
62. Language
64. By the way (abbr.)



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4. Board says "Homework" on right

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7th, 14th, 21st, & 28th

Cert Training Classes: Do you know how to take care of yourself, your family, and your neighborhood in the event of an emergency? If the answer is no, please consider taking the Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) class this fall. In these classes you will learn basic first aid, search and rescue, fire suppression and cribbing the lifting of heavy objects with ordinary items and much more. The classes are given at the Emergency Operations Center located at 3549 Saunders Way Lecanto. There is no cost for taking these classes. You must attend all four classes. After taking the classes and filling out a Sheriff's Volunteer Application you can join CERT and continue your education and help your community in the event of a disaster. The classes will be held on Sept. 07 from 8 to 5, Sept. 14 from 8 to 5, Sept. 21 from 8 to 5, and Sept 28 from 8 to 12. If you would like to register for the classes, please contact Chris Evan at 352-249-2700 or you can email at certcitrus@gmail.com

7th

SALE-LA-PALOOZA Ultimate Yard Sale to Benefit CASA- This will be the most spectacular sale that you will not want to miss out on! This will all be held on Saturday, Sept 7th from 8am-12pm at the City of Inverness government building parking lot located at 212 W Main St. All proceeds from the items sold at the CASA designated area will directly be used to purchase items for our survivors' needs in shelter, for our outreach participants, as well as to support all of our outreach programs and services. Vendor space will also be sold to those wishing to bring and sell their own items. The \$20 cost of this space will also directly go to benefit CASA.

7th

"The Historic Duval-Metz House, oldest in Citrus County, will be open for Touring from 10 am to 2 pm on Saturday, 7 September with the Ft. Cooper Chapter of the DAR serving as docents. At the corner of Orange Avenue and Old Floral City Road, the Tour is FREE, but donations keep us moving forward."

10th

The Citrus County Genealogical Society meets at 10-00 a.m. September 10 at the Church of Jesus Christ of the Latter-day Saints, 3474 W. Southern St., Lecanto. The speaker will be Judy Nimer Muhn talking about "Using Ancestry.com: Tips and Tricks." Guests are welcome. For info contact Mary Ann Machonkin 352-382-5515.

OCT

4th, 5th, 6th

We've got one hell of a lineup for this year's Cooter Music Festival on October 4th, 5th, and 6th! Three days of music, featuring multiple genres, makes for an experience everyone can enjoy!

Friday, Oct 4th - Jesslee ~ Saturday, Oct 5th - First Wave, Subliminal Doubt ~ Sunday, Oct 6th - the 13th Army Band
Free event, Family-Friendly. Food trucks will be available

8th

The Citrus County Genealogical Society will meet October 8 at 10-00 a.m. at the Church of Jesus Christ of the Latter-day Saints, 3474 W Southern St, Lecanto. The speaker will be Larry W Thomas talking about "The Tax Man Cometh." Nothing is as certain as death and taxes. Up until the early 1900s, people were taxed on their land and other possessions and these can help in the research of your ancestors. Guests are welcome to attend. For help contact Mary Ann Machonkin (352) 382-5515

11th

SPOOKY STORYTIME: October 11th, 2024 at 7pm The Depot at Liberty Park

This kids' night out is a unique, immersive experience that has never been seen in Citrus County before! Join us as our Halloween friends read some spooky stories aloud, but there's an unexpected twist -- the storybooks come to life and take over! This event is free to the public. Costumes are encouraged (please ensure costumes are child-appropriate and leave any costume-weapons at home) and snack food trucks will be available.

13th

Cooter Carnival: Back by popular demand, the Cooter Carnival returns on October 13th! Join us for a day of family-friendly carnival fun! Featuring strolling acrobats, free face painting, food trucks, a pumpkin design competition, and tons of carnival games provided by local Citrus County businesses, this event embodies Inverness's motto of "Small Town Done Right." Cooter Carnival is presented by The City of Inverness and Twistid Arts Initiative and will be a free, family-friendly event.

19th

October is Domestic Violence Awareness Month. Join us as we unite to step up and speak out against domestic violence in our community. This family-friendly event is open to the public. We will meet at the City of Inverness building and walk through downtown ending at the Historic Courthouse. Children and pets are welcome! Please use the link below to register you and any children that will be walking with you. Deadline to ensure you get a t-shirt is October 3rd!

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To have your free community event or event where the proceeds go to a local not for profit mentioned on the Community Board there is no cost. If you are a private business and your event is to promote you business please see page 4 for our advertising rates. All submissions need to be received no later than the 18th of the month for a chance to be published in the next edition. The Community Board in the Paper is limited and offered on a First Come First Serve Basis. We do have to keep the mention to a 4-6 line maximum (approx-imately 90 words) to ensure we have room to list everyone's events. If your event mention does not meet these size requirements, then it will be edited. If your event is to support your private business and you are charging a fee you are welcome to use our online calendar for no charge.

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ONGOING

Citrus Sertoma-meets every 1st and 3rd Wednesday at the Inverness Moose Lodge 2112 on 221 S Haid Terrace, Lecanto. Dinner at 5:30 - Meeting at 6:30pm Visitors and New Members are welcome.

LEARN TO SQUARE DANCE Every Monday 6PM till 9PM WHISPERING PINES PARK 1700 Forest Dr, Inverness Cost \$5 p/p Western Wear Optional Springs Masonic Lodge No. 378 Meets the 3rd Tuesday of each month at 7:30 pm at Springs Masonic Lodge located at 5030 S. Memorial Dr., Homosassa, Fl. All Masons are welcome to join us for dinner at 6:30 pm. Snowbirds are always welcome.

The 1st & 3rd Tues of each month The Citrus Library Coping Connection offers Online demintia support groups hosted by Certified Dementia Practitioner Debbie Selsavage. The meeting is conducted through on-line, real-time video communication The connection hub will be located at the Central Ridge Library at 425 W. Roosevelt Blvd in Beverly Hills. Participants will need to arrive at the Central Ridge Library by 12:50 p.m. on the day of the meeting which is from 1 pm to 3 pm. The program is free and available to anyone. For more information, call 352-746-6622 or 352-422-3663.

Celebrate Recovery at Hills Church , 2 Civic Circle, Beverly Hills, FL. Every Monday Night at 6:00 For more information please call 410-353-7857
ALZHEIMER'S CAREGIVERS COMMUNITY SUPPORT The Floral City Alzheimer's/Dementia Caregivers Support Group meets on the third Friday of every month in the Floral City Methodist Church on Marvin St. Meeting starts at 10:30am. There is no charge and all caregivers are welcome to attend with no pressure to speak. For more info. contact Helen Ciampi 352-341-2867 or Marcia Beasley at 352-726-7740
Hands on Woodturners meet on 3rd Wed. of each month at 7pm at Beverly Hills Lion Club 72 Civic Circle Beverly Hills Blvd Visitors are welcome, members are all levels of turnings A woodturner demonstration given by experienced craftsman contact email: Howturners.com or call Denis Cap 352-489-4374

Floral City Heritage Museum located at 8394 E Orange Ave. in Historic Downtown Floral city is open to the public Friday and Saturdays from 10 AM until 2 PM. Come taste a piece of "OLD FLORIDA" history and shop at our country store. Hope to see you there!

Citrus coin club meeting has moved to crystal river national guard armory 8551 w Venable st crystal river. Meetings are first Thursday of the month at 7pm. All are welcome. Talk, shop, buy or sell coins.

The Woman's Club of Beverly Hills invites you to join them. Located at the Central Citrus Community Center, 2804 W. Marc Knighton Ct, Lecanto. Meetings are held on the 3rd Thurs. of the month at 1 pm with guest speakers and light refreshments. Our Lunch Bunch continues each month, different dates, times and locations. We hope you will be a part of our non-profit, community service organization. Need more information? all us at 203-915-7407. Ladies, hope to see you!

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AMERICAN VETERANS (amvets) Post 89 meets the third Monday of each Month 6:30 pm at 1 Civic Circle, Beverly Hills, FL. NATIONAL ORG est 1947. Membership open to veterans with DD214 honorable discharge and active duty military. Phone Commander Lou Ann Braglin 352-464-0931

Do you or someone you know have Diabetes? Join our free monthly diabetes support group that is open to all! Led by Certified Diabetes Educators from the Citrus County Department of Health. Each Group focuses on a different topic with the opportunity to learn, share, get questions answered, and receive giveaways. There will also be small recipe tastings and guest speakers. The group meets the third Tuesday of every month from 9am to 10am at the IFAS Conference Room at 3650 W. Sovereign Path, Lecanto. For more information, please email Kathryn.defranco@flhealth.gov.

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The Floral City American Legion (Hubert Suber) Post 225 is located at 6535 S Withlapopka Dr, Floral City, FL 34436. We meet the 3rd (third) Thursday each month at 1:00 PM. All veterans are welcome and invited to attend. For further info call: Commander Fred Daniels @ 352-422-2449.

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"Floral City Garden Club welcomes all to the second Friday monthly meetings at 12:00 in the Floral City Community House. www.floralcitygardenclub.com. (954)557-5982"

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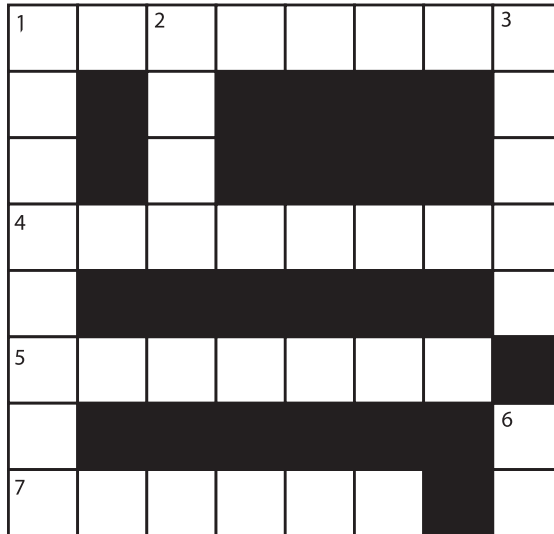
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- NOTCH
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- TACK
- TENSION

Find the words hidden vertically, horizontally, diagonally, and backwards.



Crossword Puzzle



ACROSS

1. A thing a person does
4. Connective tissue
5. Grabs and stops a person
7. Competitive activities

DOWN

1. Sports participants
2. Aggressive person
3. Someone who is young
6. Extra time in a game (abbr.)

Answer:
Across
1. Activity 4. Ligament 5. Tackles 7. Sports
Down
1. Athletes 2. Thug 3. Youth 6. OT

THIS DAY IN HISTORY

SEPTEMBER
21

1933: Salvador Lutteroth establishes Mexican professional wrestling.

1964: Malta gains independence from the United Kingdom.

2001: "America, A Tribute to Heroes" is broadcast by more than 35 television channels, raising more than \$200 million for 9-11 attack victims.

SPORTS FACT:



This sport is the leading cause of eye injuries in children.

Answer: Basketball

NEW WORD

PENALTY

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How they say that in...

- English:** Run
- Spanish:** Correr
- Italian:** Correre
- French:** Courir
- German:** Laufen

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Answer: Safety goggles

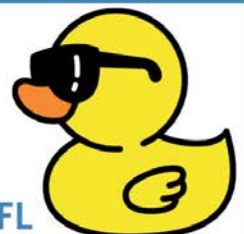


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September 2nd 1666 Great Fire of London begins at 2am in Pudding Lane, 80% of London is destroyed

September 3rd 1944 Holocaust diarist Anne Frank sent to Auschwitz concentration camp

September 4th 1957 Governor of Arkansas, Orval Faubus, calls out National Guard to prevent 9 black students from entering a Little Rock's Central High School

September 5th 1958 1st color video recording on magnetic tape presented, Charlotte, North Carolina

September 6th 1666 After St Paul's Cathedral and much of the city had been burned down over four days, the Great Fire of London is finally extinguished.



September 7th 1940 Beginning of the Blitz as the German Luftwaffe bomb London for the 1st of 57 consecutive nights losing 41 bombers as the Nazis prepare to invade Britain

September 8th 1565 1st permanent European settlement in the US founded at St. Augustine, Florida

September 9th 1543 Mary Stuart, at nine months old, is crowned "Queen of Scots" in the central Scottish town of Stirling

September 10th 1977 Hamida Djandoubi, convicted of torture and murder, is the last person to be executed by Guillotine in France

September 11th 1229 Ögedei, son of Genghis Khan, is elected the Mongolian Khan, succeeding

Genghis after his father's death

September 12th 1940 Four teens, following their dog down a hole near Lascaux, France and discover 17,000 year old drawings now known as the Lascaux Cave Paintings

September 13th 1969 "Scooby-Doo Where are You" by Hanna-Barbera debuts on CBS in the US

September 14th 1936 1st prefrontal lobotomy in America performed by Walter Freeman and James W. Watts at George Washington University Hospital in Washington D.C.

September 15th 1616 First non-aristocratic, free public school in Europe is opened in Frascati, Italy



September 16th 1620 The Mayflower departs Plymouth, England, with 102 Pilgrims and about 30 crew for the New World



September 17th 1683 Dutch scientist Antonie van Leeuwenhoek is the first to report the existence of bacteria

September 18th 1947 The Central Intelligence Agency officially comes into existence after being established by President Truman in July

September 19th 1893 New Zealand becomes the first country to grant all women the right to vote

September 20th 1519 Spanish expedition led by Portuguese navigator Ferdinand Magellan sets off on the 1st successful circumnavigation of the globe (Magellan killed on route)

September 21st 1937 J. R. R. Tolkien's "The Hobbit" is published by George Allen and Unwin in London

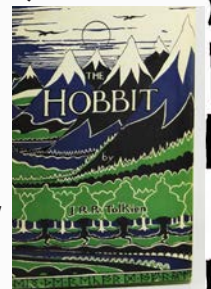
September 22nd 1692 Last people hanged for witchcraft (8) in the US, 19 hanged overall, with six other deaths during Salem witch trials

September 23rd 1962 ABC's 1st color TV series "The Jetsons" premieres, created by Hanna-Barbera and Joseph Barbera

September 24th 1957 "Jailhouse Rock" single released by Elvis Presley (Billboard Song of the Year 1957)

September 25th 1926 Henry Ford announces an 8 hour, 5-day work week for workers at the Ford Motor Company

September 26th 1687 Acropolis in Athens attacked by Venetian army trying to eject Turks, damaging the Parthenon



September 27th 1822 French scholar Jean-François Champollion announces he has deciphered Egyptian hieroglyphics using the Rosetta Stone

September 28th 1781 9,000 American and 7,000 French troops begin the siege of Yorktown

September 29th 1916 American oil tycoon John D. Rockefeller becomes the world's first billionaire

September 30th 1846 Anesthetic ether is used for the 1st time, by American dentist Dr William Morton who extracts a tooth

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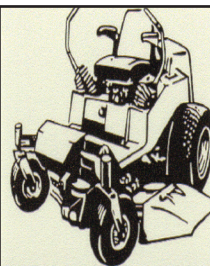
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Kentucky 'Nanner Foster Waffles (Serves 4 to 6)

	Nonstick cooking spray	Topping:	
2	cups all-purpose flour	1/4	cup butter
1/4	cup white sugar	1/4	cup brown sugar, packed
1	tablespoon baking powder	1/4	teaspoon ground cinnamon
1	teaspoon salt	1/4	teaspoon ground nutmeg
2	eggs	2	bananas, sliced thick
1 1/2	cups milk, any variety	3	teaspoons bourbon
1/2	cup butter, melted and cooled		Favorite vanilla ice cream
2	teaspoons vanilla		
1/2	teaspoon ground cinnamon		



Preheat a waffle iron, and spray with nonstick cooking spray. Preheat oven to 170 F.

In a large bowl, whisk together the flour, sugar, baking powder, and salt.

In a small bowl, whisk the eggs and milk. Add the butter, vanilla, and cinnamon, and whisk.

Add the wet mixture to the dry, and whisk until there are no lumps.

Scoop 1/2 cup batter onto the waffle iron, close the lid, and let cook until golden brown and crispy. Repeat until all the batter is gone.

Put the waffles on a sheet pan and place in preheated oven.

To make the topping, melt the butter in a medium skillet over medium heat. Add the brown sugar, cinnamon, and nutmeg, stir to combine, and cook for about 1 minute.

Add the sliced bananas and cook for a few seconds. Add the bourbon (or apple juice, instead), and cook 2 to 3 minutes, stirring often with a light hand so the bananas do not break up.

Meanwhile, place 1 to 2 waffles on a plate and top with a scoop of ice cream. Once banana sauce has thickened, spoon over ice cream and waffles. Repeat with remaining waffles.

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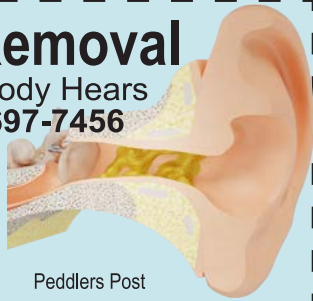
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Even though the skin is susceptible to aging just like every other part of the body, there are steps everyone can take to maintain healthy skin throughout their lifetimes. Dermatologists, including those from the American Academy of Dermatology, share tips on how to care for and protect the skin so it looks beautiful and functions properly.

- ~ Use sun protection. One of the key ways to care for the skin is to protect it from the sun. Over time, sun exposure can cause age spots, wrinkles and elevate the risk for skin cancer. Always use a broad-spectrum sunscreen with an SPF of 15 or higher. Apply generously and be sure to reapply every two hours or more if you will be swimming or perspiring.
- ~ Stay away from tanning beds. People mistakenly think that using tanning beds is safer than sitting out in the sun. However, tanning beds emit harmful UV radiation that can cause skin cancer just like the sun. The AAD says one indoor tanning session can increase the risk of developing melanoma by 20 percent. Use self-tanning products instead for a golden glow.
- ~ Quit smoking or never begin. Smoking makes the skin look older and contributes to wrinkles. Smoking narrows the tiny blood vessels in the outermost layers of the skin, decreasing blood flow to the skin and making the skin more pale, says the Mayo Clinic. Smoking also depletes oxygen in the skin and can damage collagen and elastin, the fibers that give skin its elasticity and strength.
- ~ Avoid an overload of products. Many dermatologists suggest their patients stick to the basics daily, which includes a mild cleanser, moisturizer and sunscreen. Drinking plenty of water also helps the skin. Exfoliating the skin once a week can help remove dead skin cells, but don't overdo it, which can lead to excess oil production and breakouts.
- ~ Select the right products for your skin type. Choose products that pertain to your skin type, which may be sensitive, normal, dry, oily, or a combination thereof.
- ~ Don't forget the lips. Many people treat their entire faces but then do not address the skin on their lips. Skin cancer can form on the lips, so use a lip balm that has an SPF of 30 or higher. Petroleum jelly can add moisture to the lips if they feel dry.
- ~ Visit a dermatologist. A dermatologist is an expert in many conditions of the skin, hair and nails. He or she can perform an annual examination to look at the entire body and determine the health of skin, and identify any moles or spots that may be of concern.
- ~ Check your own skin. People are advised to pay attention to their skin and look regularly for new spots; spots that are different from other spots on the body; moles that itch, bleed or change color; and any other things that seem not quite right.

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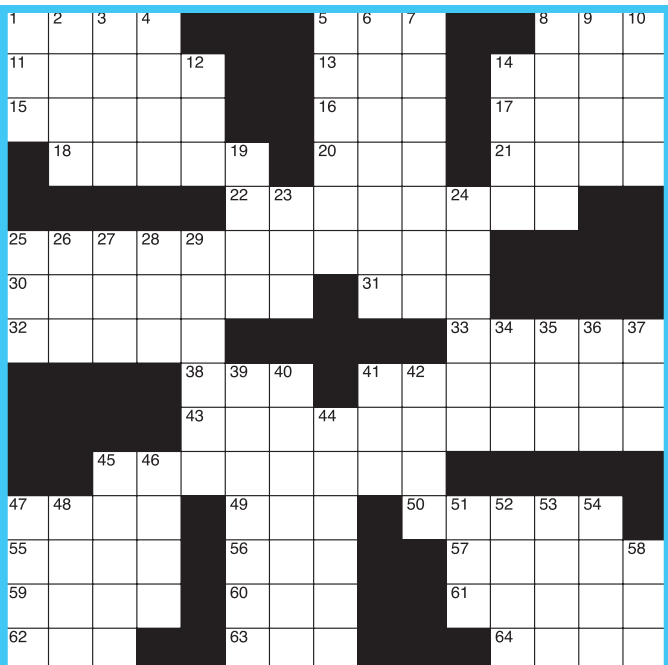
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According to the American Express Business Economic Impact Study, more than two-thirds of every dollar spent with a local business stays in the community. Indeed, shopping local benefits consumer and community alike. The following are some of the many perks to shopping locally throughout the holiday season.

- ~ Personalized attention: Small businesses are known for their personalized customer service and owners and staff are often lauded for taking the time to interact and learn about their customers, a dynamic that is impossible at larger retailers.
- ~ Meet and interact with people: Shopping in-person at local stores, you'll see faces from your community and become better known in the local area.
- ~ Shorter lines: Local stores are bound to have smaller crowds and thus shorter lines. That translates to less stress and hassle when it comes to getting in and out with holiday gifts.
- ~ Smaller carbon footprint: Pollution, traffic congestion, habitat loss, and resource depletion may not occur on the same levels when shopping locally compared to patronizing big box stores. That's because local retailers tend to create or source their products locally, whereas many big box stores secure their goods overseas.
- ~ Easier parking: This goes hand-in-hand with smaller crowds, as shopping locally does not typically require driving up and down endless aisles at malls or standalone retail stores in an effort to find a parking spot. Local retailers in town may have on-street parking or closed lots that are convenient to shoppers.
- ~ Small batch shopping experience: Consumers can secure items in small businesses that are not carbon copies of those found across the country at major retail chains. When seeking a unique, thoughtful gift, shopping locally is the way to go.

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Clue: Sound a cat makes

B. 6 22 19 19

Clue: Cat's vibration

C. 12 26 23 2 11 14 19 2

Clue: Sensory hairs

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For at least thirty years I have been an admirer and student of the beliefs and practices of the ancient Maya of Central America. I have traveled to, climbed, and entered many of their pyramids in Mexico, Guatemala, and Belize. Their knowledge of the number of days in a year was only milliseconds different from the atomic clocks of today--365.242 days. Amazing! They were one of the first cultures in the world to establish the meaning and value of the numeral "0." Yet with all this advanced knowledge and wisdom, they never grasped the benefit and the use of the wheel. And though secluded from much of the world and hidden deep in the rainforest, the ancient Mayan Empire flourished long before the coming of Christ halfway around the world. Their astronomical and mathematical knowledge equaled, and in many instances, surpassed that of any civilization on the planet. Religion guided their way of life, and they worshipped many different gods. They had gods for the sun, the moon, the rain, and even gods of evil and the underworld below. It has been said that man created God because he needed him. In times of hardship or famine, it's easy to see why . . . During an extended drought, it's easy to see why such primitive people would pray to their god of rain. Superstition clouded the minds of good and evil people alike, giving rise to violence, rumors and rituals passed down from father to son through many generations.

What if there is a God? What if the Devil does exist?

Are we mortals just pawns in some cosmic chess game? Are we merely some form of amusement for beings far greater than ourselves? I once dreamed God watched us on some heavenly TV set, sitting on his throne eating bread and drinking wine, while the evil one planned his next diabolical move. A religious scholar I am not, but I have been given a gift. Not a gift of talent or great abilities, but more a gift of curiosity, passion, and desire. In many ways nothing more than a sincere desire to know the how and why of how people think and how things work. You wouldn't be reading this right now unless you had some similar curiosity.

I imagine the Maya of yesterday weren't much different. They, like the Egyptians and many Native American and other cultures around the world believed their ancestors came from the stars. Specifically, the stars in the Orion constellation. Their priests and astronomers turned their gaze to the three stars in Orion's belt. The Mayan, the Aztec and the pyramids of Giza in Egypt are said to be aligned with these same three stars. They kept a constant eye on the sky. And when an object that looked like one of their deities--"Kukulkan" (feathered serpent)--was spotted, it was easy to see how that object would be revered and worshipped.

Would a winged object that flies, like . . . let's say an airplane or a spacecraft fit that description?

I would have to say, "yes."

There have been many civilizations throughout history that have testified and recorded witnessing strange flying objects they couldn't explain or identify. Even today many credible sources have claimed to have seen objects that defy what we know or believe. They could be nothing more than secret experimental crafts built and designed right here on Earth . . . but couldn't they also be from somewhere else altogether?

All this leads me to tell you about the ancient eye-witness accounts and recent discoveries made right here in our backyard along Crystal River on the Nature Coast of Florida.

July 14, 1519

The ship passed through a dense bank of clouds and adjusted its path toward a distant shore. Beyond the miles of dark blue ocean, a shimmering turquoise sea flooded the view of a fast-approaching lush green shoreline. The commander looked down at a control panel, touched a few icons on the screen and gazed back at the panoramic view of paradise . . . long ago Florida. His hard features softened as a smile crossed his face. "Increase magnetic drive polarity." The ship slowed. It was barely gliding now.

The second-in-command evaluated the information on his screen. "Commander, the best place to bring her down with the most essentials for survival is in that river, sir."

"Do it, and get the crew prepared to transport." His tall frame exuded a confident aura that his crew respected. His jet-black hair and bright violet eyes were different from that of most men. However, he considered his looks to be average at best. "Be sure to leave some transport orbs and the sacred G-force element onboard. Make sure they stay on the ship after we transport." He stared directly into the man's eyes. "Is that clear?"

"Yes, Commander. Perfectly clear, sir." He looked down at a screen. "One minute to impact, sir. Outer hull at acceptable temperature levels."

The ship sizzled as it traveled east barely ten feet above the sea.

Nakita walked along the banks of Crystal River watching a cloud of large seafaring birds dive to the surface of the river to feed on a school of fish only visible from the air. He cast his baited shell fragment out toward the scattering birds and watched his line go taught as he jerked his bamboo pole sharply upward. His face lit up with a smile as he pulled the struggling fish out of the water. It was the fifth one he hooked today. He baited the shell for the next cast when a sizzling sound grabbed his attention.

Approaching from the west, a very large shining bird-like creature with a color that reminded him of the inside of a clam shell headed directly toward him. Its wings did not move. His mouth shot open, and his eyes widened like the moon. He dropped his pole and tried to run but could not. He froze and uttered a scream as the enormous bird skimmed the surface of the water not far enough away. It glided closer, dipped below the surface, and seconds later rose to the surface again where it finally came to rest along the shore just steps away from Nakita.

Steam rose from the motionless creature that glowed like the face of the sun.

The dark tanned Mayan boy swept his long dark hair from his forehead back behind his ears and moved in closer to the monstrous creature. It was huge and like nothing he'd ever seen before. As he walked close enough to touch the bird thing, the heat it emitted forced him to step back. He was shaking and scared. A faint sound came from the bird and grew steadily louder resembling the sound of a flute . . . yet different and coarse. It made strange sounds that pierced his ears and irritated him. They were not the pleasant melodic tones those in his village produced with their flutes. These were discordant harsh sounds that increased in volume and intensity and grew closer and closer together until they morphed into a shrill siren-like scream.

He started trembling. His teeth chattered and his heart pounded like a drum. He tried to be brave and move in closer, but his feet would not allow it. Finally, his body responded as he turned from the creature and ran back toward his village on Manatee Island.

His people hadn't been here long. They had escaped Cortez and Spanish invaders from their homeland. Many were slaughtered. A few sailed away. And after battling storms at sea were blown ashore here on the banks of Crystal River far from home. They thanked their gods for the good fortune to have landed here where the climate was favorable and resources plentiful. It was all of paradise and more.

Nakita rushed through brush and thickets and met three adults at the site of a campfire. His body was bruised and scratched with streaks of crimson. He was panting and out of breath. "Oakia," he gasped for air, "giant . . . giant bird . . . fell!" He licked his parched lips. "Hurry, come see! Come see!" He shrugged and waved his arms pointing toward the beast. "It's smoking. Never seen bird smoke. Never . . . and shiny!"

The men turned from the campfire to face the boy. A measured look of fright played with the contours of their faces and their eyes widened to the size of planets. They followed the boy to a shallow lagoon where the giant creature rested. The men circled the giant bird examining its features. As they moved, they shrugged and rolled their heads from side to side in an expression of disbelief. The tallest of the men, one with long black hair and a jaguar tattoo on his chest eyed the other men. "This no bird . . . This...."

Nakita and the elders stood speechless. Not just because of the strange thing or creature lying half in the water and half onshore. The most mysterious part of the scene playing out right before their eyes was the life that was attracted to it and the life rising from the sand and water surrounding it. Schools of fish and manatees were coming toward it. Birds were closing in like a magnet and plants were popping up through the sand and sea. The men soon realized that their aches and pains were fading away. The oldest man bowed before the object and gave thanks realizing he was feeling younger and stronger.

A beneficial life-giving God-Force seeped out from the interior of the craft . . . then its power decreased but still lingered. The birds and fish scattered. The plants, though still alive, no longer appeared to be growing as fast.

Men and women from the village gathered but only a few witnessed the miraculous. Nakita and the three men approached the group and relayed the story. Nakita did most of the talking. As he spoke the scrapes and bruises on his body began to vanish. Together as a group they bowed their heads and thanked the gods.

After many heated discussions the villagers agreed to hide and protect the sacred gift. A gift from the gods that fell from the sky. There were other hostile tribes in the area. The Maya were the strangers to Crystal River. They were the invaders. The indigenous people here didn't take too kindly to the new arrivals hunting their animals, fish, and waterfowl. This gift was special . . . sacred and needed to be protected and kept secret.

The passing of days brought the villagers back to the lagoon to carry out their plan to bury the sacred object. In time the entire ship was covered in sand and shells. The Mayan villagers labored day and night for more than a year entombing the craft with a stepped pyramid like the ones in Guatemala, Mexico, and Belize.

In recent years explorers and archaeologists discovered the pyramid and cleared the overgrown forest blanketing it and the buried craft for centuries. Pottery identified to be of Mayan origin along with other artifacts were discovered there as well.

Today, very few even know of its existence. It still hides buried deep in the woods surrounded by a dense canopy of trees; however, the name of the island has changed. It is no longer known as Manatee Island. That is why it continues to be the best kept secret of the Nature Coast....

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Lobster Grill (Makes 4 servings)

4 live lobsters, 1 1/4 to 2 pounds each

Marinade

3/4 cup olive oil
 1/3 cup fresh lime juice
 2 1/2 tablespoons garlic, mashed
 1/2 cup chopped cilantro
 Salt and freshly ground pepper, to taste
 Lemon wedges (optional)
 Clarified butter (optional)



Split lobsters through head and almost through tail, enough to open wide. Wash out chest cavity and crack claws.

To make the marinade: In a bowl, combine the oil, lime juice, garlic, cilantro, salt, and pepper. Set aside.

Rub marinade over lobster, allowing excess to drain off, and let sit 10 minutes.

Prepare grill or barbecue. Grill, shell side down, for about 3 to 5 minutes. Turn over and cook another 2 minutes, or until done.

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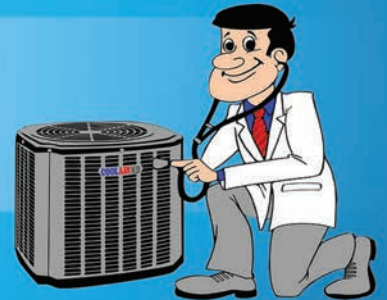
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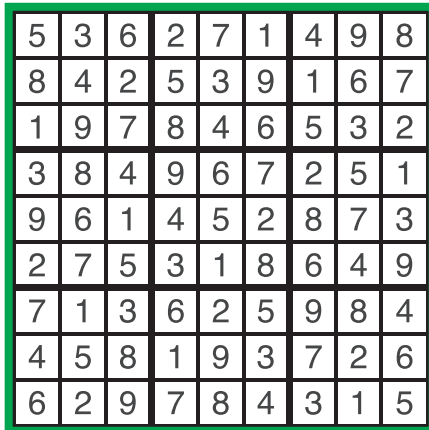
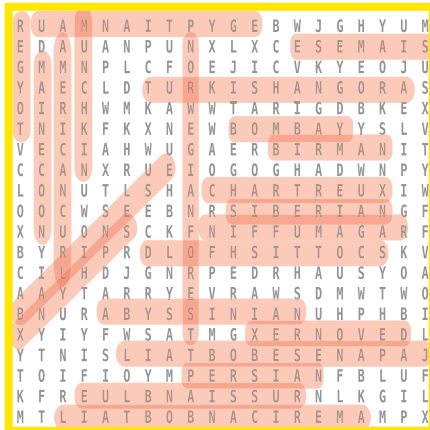
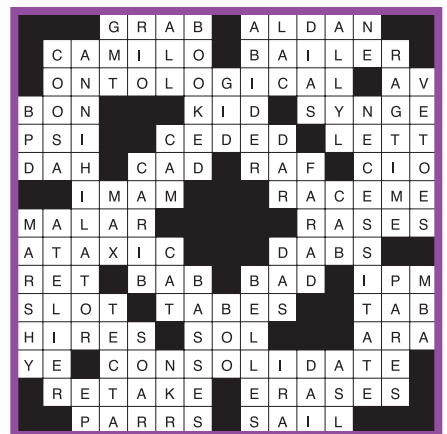
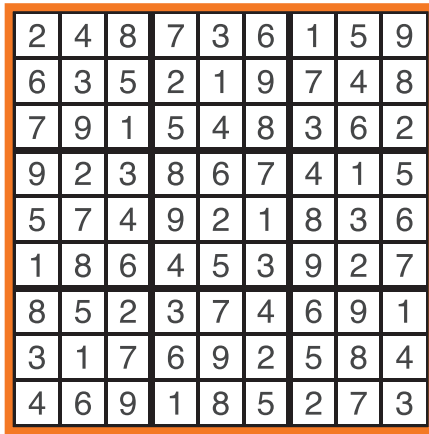
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Help us congratulate Sommer one of our August Scavenger hunt winners! Sommer picks up her copy of the Peddler's Post at the The Hen House Cafe in downtown Inverness. Her favorite part of the Peddler's Post is the advertisements from some of the best small to medium sized businesses in Central Florida.

Sommer had been a resident of Citrus County for over 20 years and in her free time she likes to show Livestock, like cattle, goats, and horses. We appreciate your support, Sommer! We hope you enjoy your new tote!

Our other winners were Theresa John and Sharyl Carroll. Unfortunately we were unable to connect with them to take a picture and give them a Peddler's Post Item before we went to print!

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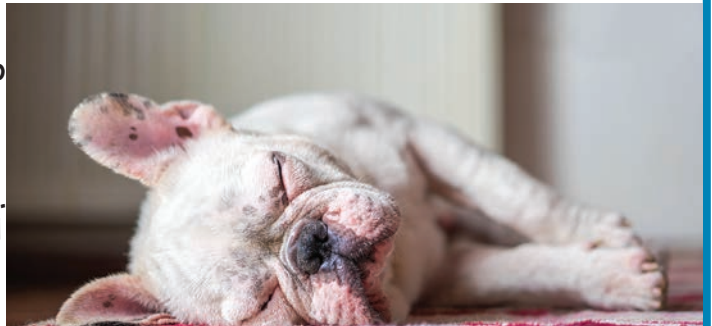
Guest: You actually let your dog on the furniture?
Me: I'd let the dog borrow my truck if he needed to.

Common conditions that affect dogs

Taking care of man's best friend is a priority for all dog owners. That's evident in the amount people invest in their dogs over the course of their furry friends' lifetimes. A 2023 study from MarketWatch Guides found that the lifetime cost to own a labrador retriever in the United States is \$28,801, which shows the lengths dog owners will go to in an effort to ensure their pets' health and happiness.

Preventive care is one way dog owners can protect their pets' long-term health. Ensuring dogs stay up with their vaccinations and scheduling routine well visits are part of preventive care. Recognition of common conditions that affect dogs is another component of preventive care. Such knowledge increases the chances dog owners can spot issues before they escalate into something that can pose a threat to dogs' long-term health. With that in mind, the ASPCA notes the following are common illnesses that affect dogs.

- ~ **Diabetes:** The American Veterinary Medical Association reports that diabetes occurs in female dogs twice as often as male dogs. In addition, the AVMA notes that certain breeds may be predisposed to the condition. Dog owners can speak to their veterinarian to see if their dog is predisposed. The ASPCA notes signs of diabetes in dogs include changes in appetite, excessive thirst/increase in water consumption, weight loss, lethargy, and cataract formation or blindness.
- ~ **Cancer:** The AVMA estimates that nearly half of all dogs over the age of 10 will develop cancer. The ASPCA notes that hereditary and environmental factors can contribute to the development of cancer in dogs, so it's important for dog owners to keep an eye out for symptoms of the disease. Such signs may include lumps, swelling, persistent sores, abnormal discharge from any part of the body, bad breath, and rapid, often unexplained weight loss. Sudden lameness, lethargy, stools that are black and tarry, loss of appetite, and difficulty breathing, urinating or defecating are some additional symptoms of cancer in dogs.
- ~ **Canine parovirus:** The College of Veterinary Medicine at Cornell University notes that canine parovirus (CPV) is a highly contagious viral disease. Unlike other conditions affecting dogs that tend to strike when dogs are older, CPV typically affects dogs between six and 20 weeks old, though it can affect mature dogs as well. Symptoms of CPV include lethargy, depression and loss or lack of appetite. The CVM notes that sudden onset of high fever, vomiting and diarrhea also are indicative of CPV infection. The ASPCA notes that CPV can be transmitted to people, animals or objects that come in contact with an infected dog's feces.
- ~ **Ringworm:** Ringworm is caused by a fungus that can infect the skin, hair and nails of a dog. The ASPCA indicates ringworm is highly contagious and can be passed from dogs to humans. Skin lesions on the head, ears, paws, and forelimbs are some signs of ringworm in dogs. Patchy, crusted, circular bald spots that appear red in the center is another sign of ringworm, which will not necessarily produce any symptoms in dogs. Preventive care for dogs includes studying up on common medical issues that can affect man's best friend. More information about these and other conditions is available at aspc.org.



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