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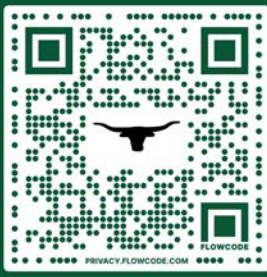
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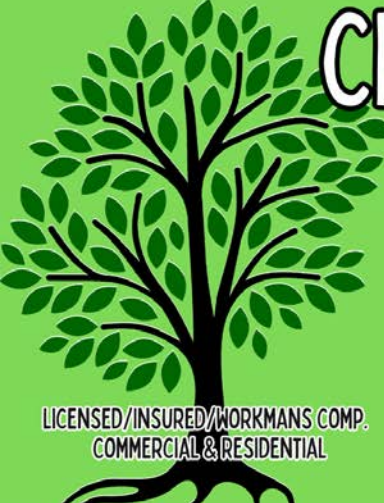
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August in Florida: Where the Devil Goes on Vacation and Forgets to Leave

Well, friends, I've been around the block a few times, and I can tell you with the solemn authority of a man who once tried to cool off in a cow pond that August in Florida ain't a month. It's a full-blown character witness against the notion that God don't have a sense of humor.

You wake up in the morning and the airs already got that thick, wet feeling like somebody left the shower running since June. By 9 a.m. your shirt is stuck to you like a bad ex-wife's alimony demand. By noon you're seriously considering whether that nice man at the revival tent was right about the End Times, because surely this is what the Bible meant by "weeping and gnashing of teeth." But, instead of gnashing, you're just sweating in places you didn't know you had places. The old-timers around here and by old-timers, I mean anybody who's survived more than three Augusts without selling their soul to a real estate developer. They have a saying: "If you can't take the heat, get out of Florida... but first, check your bank account, because the air-conditioning repairman already owns half of it.

I saw a fella the other day trying to walk his dog down by the Tsala Apopka Chain of Lakes and that poor hound looked like he was melting into a puddle of pure regret. The man was carrying a spray bottle like it was holy water, misting the both of them every three steps. I hollered over, "Brother, you're not hydrating that dog, you're basting him!" He just looked at me with the dead eyes of a man who knows his barbecue is going to be ready before supper.

And don't even get me started on the mosquitoes. In August, they don't just bite you. They file a change of address and move in. I slapped one on my arm the other night that was so big it left a dent. I swear it had a little Florida driver's license in its wallet. These ain't bugs a-tall. They're low-flying vampires with better union benefits than the teachers.

Then there's the hurricanes. August is when the National Weather Service starts naming storms like they're introducing characters in a soap opera. "Hurricane Darlene is currently flirting with the Bahamas and looking to make some bad decisions near the Panhandle." Meanwhile, every Walmart in three counties is sold out of bottled water, bread, and those little battery fans that quit working right when you need them most.

The tourists are a whole other chapter. You can spot 'em easy as they're the ones wearing socks with sandals, turning the color of a boiled crawfish, and asking directions to "the beach" like there's only one. Bless their Yankee hearts. They come down here chasing that postcard dream and end up learning that Florida in August is God's way of teaching humility through heat rash.

But you know what? For all the complaining and Lord knows we Florida natives have turned griping into an Olympic sport. There's something about an August evening when the sun finally decides to quit showing off. The sky turns that deep orange pink only the Good Lord and a decent sunset can manage. The lightning bugs start their show, the neighbor's grill smells like heaven, and for a minute you forget you're standing in what feels like Satan's armpit.

You sit on the porch with a cold sweet tea, listen to the cicadas raising Cain, and think: This is why we stay. Not because it's easy. Because it's ours. Heat, bugs, tourists, and all. Besides, September's coming. And around here, that's just August with better marketing.

Stay cool, y'all. Or at least stay funny. It's the only air conditioning that don't cost an arm and a leg.

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Leland Shipp is the beloved "Voice of Southern Charm" at The Peddler's Post, where his monthly articles inspire unity, humor, and community pride across Citrus, Hernando, Pasco, and Sumter counties. His warm, relatable voice and insightful commentary have made him a cherished fixture in local journalism, championing the values that make his region truly special.

An accomplished author of psychological thrillers and horror, Leland's storytelling prowess is rooted in his deep understanding of human behavior and societal dynamics. With a Bachelor of Science in Criminal Justice and a Minor in Political Science, he skillfully weaves complex plots filled with suspense, mystery, and unexpected twists that keep readers on the edge of their seats. His debut novel, *Impulsivity*, explores themes of decision-making, responsibility, and the profound impact of reckless love—reflecting his keen eye for the darker aspects of the human psyche. *Shadows of Helix* by Leland Shipp. A psychological thriller that gnaws at the edge of perception. Quiet, relentless, utterly unputdownable. Step into the night where every shadow could be the threat you never saw coming.

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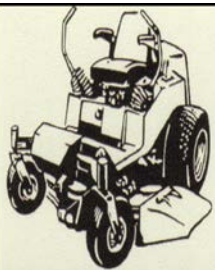


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1st & 2nd

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6th

Back to School Bash- Inverness from 5:30-7pm located at 300 N Apopka Ave, Inverness.

The City of Inverness is excited to welcome the return of our Back to School Bash! Join us for a fun-filled evening as we celebrate the start of the school year! The event is free and open to all ages, offering plenty of activities for children and families, including games, giveaways, and valuable resources to help students and parents prepare for the school year ahead. This is a wonderful opportunity to come together as a community and get ready for the exciting year to come. We look forward to seeing you there! For more information, please call (352) 726-3913 or email parks@inverness.gov.

8th

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Coconut Flour Waffles And Coconut Milk With Blueberries (Makes 4 servings)

For the waffles:

4 large eggs

1 tablespoon maple syrup or coconut sugar

1 pinch salt

2 tablespoons coconut oil, melted

1/2 cup coconut milk

1 teaspoon pure vanilla extract

1/2 cup coconut flour

1/4 teaspoon baking powder

1/4 cup fresh blueberries, lightly crushed

Cooking spray

To serve: 1/4 cup fresh blueberries



1. For the waffles: Preheat a waffle iron according to manufacturer's instructions.

2. Combine the eggs, sweetener, salt, coconut oil, coconut milk, and vanilla in a large mixing bowl, whisking until thoroughly combined.

3. Add the coconut flour, baking powder, and crushed blueberries, beating well until no longer lumpy. Let stand for 10 minutes.

4. Spray waffle iron with cooking spray. Ladle batter into the iron and close. Cook for 2 to 3 minutes or until golden and crisp.

5. Remove from iron and keep warm to one side, covered loosely with aluminum foil. Cook remaining waffles in the same fashion.

6. To serve: Stack waffles on plates and top with blueberries.

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Solve the code to discover words related to fairs.

Each number corresponds to a letter.

(Hint: $15 = R$)

A. 10 3 14 15

Clue: Fun outdoor gathering

B. 5 3 15 23 14 22 3 8

Clue: Event with rides and attractions

C. 15 14 17 7

Clue: Amusement

D. 22 7 23 17 1 15

Clue: Sells something

Answers: A. fair B. carnival C. ride D. vendor

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1. Microgram
4. Fixed charge
7. Each
8. Feeling of humiliation
10. Coat with sticky substance
12. Powerful "Severance" family
13. Japanese city
14. "Pulp Fiction" actress hurman
16. Hat
17. Place where rockers work
19. Psyche
20. Snakelike fishes
21. Where people live
25. Body part

26. Old towel
27. One's essential being
29. Japanese alcoholic beverage
30. Boxing's GOAT
31. Wet muddy ground
32. Christian Laettner is one
39. A place to store lawn tools
41. Large tub for liquid
42. Old World lizard
43. One-time European member group
44. Healing student
45. Nuclear weapon
46. "Kiss of the Spider Woman" actress Sonia
48. Silk garment
49. About some Norse poems
50. Woman religious community member
51. Congressman (abbr.)
52. Two-year-old sheep
8. Ocean
9. Terminates
11. Low-pitched sound from a bell
14. Exclamation: yuck!
15. A place to attach a boat
18. Exclamation of surprise
19. Make a mistake
20. Border line
22. Have religious faith
23. Klutz
24. Large tree
27. House of -- rulers
28. Red deer
29. Small coin (French)
31. Popular sandwich
32. 10-year period
33. Not good
34. Government lawyer
35. Egypt's intelligence agency
36. Without an occupant or incumbent
37. Stain with one's hands
38. Crippling
39. One point east of southeast
40. Large, united groups
44. -- and cheese
47. Alcoholic beverage

CLUES DOWN

1. An insane person
2. "Homeland" actress Danes
3. Buttock muscles
4. US federal agency
5. Birds of prey
6. Electronic communication

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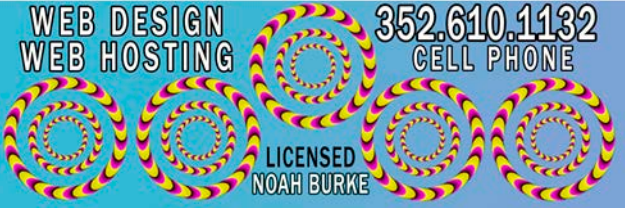
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AUGUST DAYS PAST

- August 1st 1774 English chemist Joseph Priestley discovers oxygen by isolating it in its gaseous state
- August 2nd 1865 Lewis Carroll publishes the children's novel "Alice's Adventures in Wonderland"
- August 3rd 1996 "Macarena" by Los Del Rio starts a 14-week run at No. 1 on the US singles chart: sales of 11 million copies worldwide lead to its ranking as the No. 1 Greatest One-Hit Wonder of All Time by VH1 in 2002
- August 4th 1993 Rwandan Hutus and Tutsis sign a peace treaty in Arusha, Tanzania
- August 5th 1914 First electric traffic light installed in the US at the intersection of East 105th Street and Euclid Avenue in Cleveland, Ohio
- August 6th 1945 An atomic bomb is dropped on the Japanese city of Hiroshima by the US B-29 Superfortress "Enola Gay"
- August 7th 2009 Single "Tik Tok" is released by Kesha (Billboard Song of the Year 2010)
- August 8th 1786 US Congress unanimously chooses the dollar as the monetary unit for the United States of America
- August 9th 1945 US drops second atomic bomb "Fat Man" on Nagasaki, Japan, destroying part of the city
- August 10th 1846 US Act of Congress passes establishment of the Smithsonian Institution, now the world's largest museum and research complex
- August 11th 1919 Green Bay Packers football club is founded by George Calhoun and Curly Lambeau and is named after sponsor Indian Packing Company
- August 12th 1851 American inventor Isaac Singer patents his famous sewing machine
- August 13th 1942 The Manhattan Project commences under the direction of US General Leslie Groves with the aim of developing an atomic bomb
- August 14th 1945 V-J Day, the Empire of Japan surrenders unconditionally to the Allies, ending World War II
- August 15th 1939 The Wizard of Oz, an American musical fantasy film adaptation of L. Frank Baum's book, premieres at Grauman's Chinese Theatre in Hollywood
- August 16th 1955 Fiat Motors orders the first private atomic reactor
- August 17th 1859 First airmail in a balloon takes off from Lafayette, Indiana
- August 18th 1612 Pendle Witch Trial begins with 10 people accused of witchcraft in Lancaster, England: the key witness is a nine-year-old boy
- August 19th 1950 ABC begins broadcasting Saturday morning kids' shows (Animal Clinic and Acrobat Ranch)
- August 20th 1991 "Sailor Moon" by Naoko Takeuchi, one of the most popular manga of all time, is first published in Japan
- August 21st 1831 Former slave Nat Turner leads uprising against slavery
- August 22nd 1865 William Sheppard is issued the first US patent for liquid soap
- August 23rd 1924 Mars makes its closest approach to Earth since the 10th century
- August 24th 1456 The printing of the Gutenberg Bible is completed
- August 25th 1932 American Amelia Earhart completes a transcontinental non-stop flight, the first by a woman, landing in Newark, New Jersey
- August 26th 1981 Voyager 2 takes photos of Saturn's moon Titan
- August 27th 1955 Guinness Book of World Records is first published
- August 28th 1965 First Subway sandwich shop opens in Bridgeport, Connecticut
- August 29th 1831 Michael Faraday demonstrates the first electric transformer
- August 30th 1968 The Beatles release the single "Hey Jude," their first record on their Apple label in the UK
- August 31st 1997 Diana, Princess of Wales, dies in a car crash in a road tunnel in Paris



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Factors that can affect hurricane season include the weather patterns El Niño and La Niña. According to the National Ocean Service, these weather patterns occur in the Pacific Ocean. During normal conditions, trade winds blow west along the equator, taking warm water from South America towards Asia. Replacing that warm water, cold water rises from the depths of the ocean in a process called upswelling.

El Niño and La Niña are opposing climate patterns that change the normal conditions. Scientists refer to these patterns as the El Niño-Southern Oscillation (ENSO) cycle. The World Meteorological Organization says ENSO involves fluctuating ocean temperatures in the central and eastern equatorial Pacific, coupled with changes in the overlying atmosphere. The warm phase is known as El Niño and the cold phase is known as La Niña. El Niño can typically last up to 18 months and La Niña up to three years.

El Niño- El Niño is characterized by weakened trade winds that allow warm surface water to move eastward toward South America. When this occurs, it can result in wetter, stormier weather in the Gulf Coast and southeast and dryer, warmer conditions in the northern United States and Canada.



La Niña- La Niña is the opposite of El Niño. During La Niña events, trade winds are even stronger than usual, pushing more warm water toward Asia. As a result, upswelling increases, bringing cold, nutrient-rich water to the surface of the ocean. The National Ocean Service says when this happens during a La Niña year, conditions across the southern U.S. will typically be dryer. The North and Pacific Northwest often experience colder, wetter and snowier conditions, while the Midwest and Ohio Valley can see an active storm track.

Hurricane season impact-These weather patterns can affect hurricane seasons. The National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration says El Niño favors stronger hurricane activity in the central and eastern Pacific basins and suppresses it in the Atlantic basin. Conversely, La Niña suppresses hurricane activity in the central and eastern Pacific basins and enhances it in the Atlantic basin.

In mid-June 2026, the NOAA issued an El Niño Advisory. This means El Niño conditions are observed and expected to continue. Its latest forecast anticipates the development of a strong El Niño in the fall, with a 63 percent chance of a very strong El Niño between November 2026 and January 2027. This can exacerbate drought and heavy rainfall and increase the risk of heat waves both on land and in the ocean. This may translate to more Pacific hurricanes but below average activity in the Atlantic.

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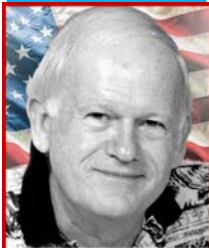
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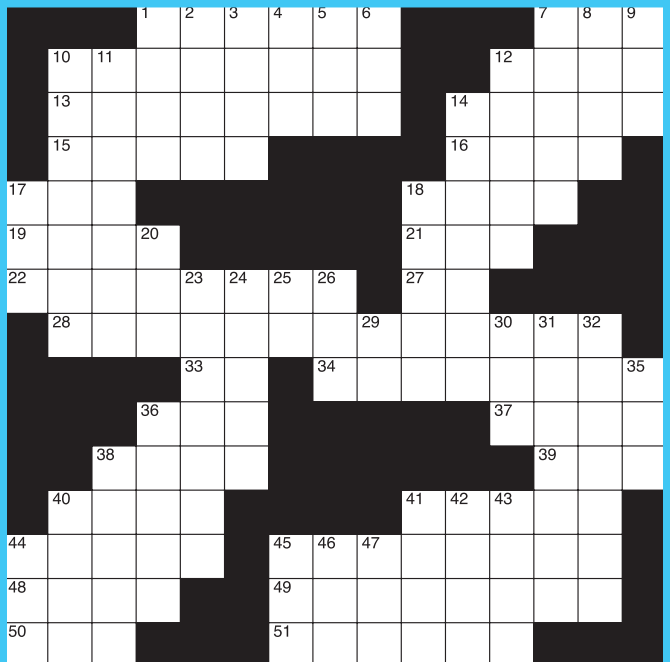
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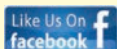
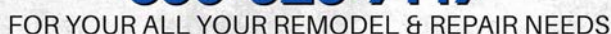
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How communities can help to grow local businesses

A community is comprised of various resources that coalesce to make it unique. Businesses are important components of that formula, and successful enterprises increase the chances a community will thrive. According to the business development experts at WSB, businesses help support and diversify a community property tax base, provide goods and services for existing and future residents, and contribute to a strong, local economy. There's much to gain from a thriving local business sector, and communities can help them thrive and grow in various ways.

- Prioritize shopping at local businesses. Before making purchases online or at big-box retailers, shoppers can explore the offerings closer to home. Local businesses often have high-quality items that cannot be found elsewhere.
- Choose local restaurants. When searching for places to enjoy a meal, community members can select local restaurants instead of chains. They also can purchase gift cards to local restaurants when gifting others.
- Encourage and support small business partnerships. According to research by Faire, an online wholesale marketplace, a majority of retailers are focused on establishing partnerships with other local businesses to set them apart from larger competitors. Shared loyalty programs, co-hosted events and joint promotions are popular ways that businesses can benefit from partnerships. Community chambers of commerce can promote such efforts and residents can support them by patronizing these companies.
- Influence local sourcing. While patronizing local businesses, consumers can suggest options to influence businesses' own purchasing decisions and encourage them to prioritize local suppliers and products.
- Be informed about local policies. Community members should advocate for policies that are favorable to local businesses and entrepreneurs. This can create a diverse and robust local economy.

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After a few months of fun in the sun, it can be difficult to admit that summer will soon be over. Lazy, hazy days likely filled the calendar, with time spent poolside or at a beach.

Just because summer is winding down doesn't mean that all the relaxing fun must cease. Families can extend the fun a little longer with these ideas that can help everyone ride the last of the summertime wave.

The fair is in town ~ The end of summer tends to be fair season. Fairs and carnivals offer an assortment of entertainment all under one roof (or tent). In fact, many people live a short drive away from a fairgrounds, and residents can check the schedule posted on a municipal website. Fairs also are commonly advertised in newspapers and on signage.

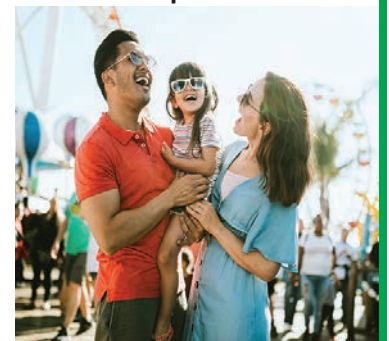
Fairs have rides, carnival games, livestock shows and contests, food on a stick, and musical performances. They can be ideal ways for families to find something fun everyone can enjoy.

Late-season vacation ~ When most families are gearing up to return to school and shopping for supplies and wardrobes, others may want to maximize the end of summer with a vacation. July tends to be a peak month for summer vacations. While August also is popular, prices and crowds tend to drop by late August, meaning families may be able to score good deals the longer they wait.

Local summer ~ In many beach towns, the crowds thin considerably after the Labor Day holiday. And beach entry fees may be waived after Labor Day. Families needn't say goodbye to seaside adventures just because the calendar flips from August to September. There are plenty of warm days still in store. In fact, waiting until the crowds dissipate can make local beach towns and amenities more enjoyable.

Camping out ~ A movie under the stars followed by an evening of camping out in the backyard or a nearby campsite can be an ideal way to close out summer. Everyone can listen to those late-summer crickets singing their tunes while fireflies light up the sky. While sitting around a campfire or firepit, everyone can take turns sharing what they loved most about the summer and what they're looking forward to doing in the weeks to come.

Summer may be singing a swan song, but there's still plenty of fun to be had in the waning weeks of this popular and fun season.





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Certain foods have inspired a devotion that other dishes simply cannot match. Oysters certainly fit that mold. To oyster lovers, there's simply no better way to start a meal than to order a plate of these wildly popular delicacies.

Of course, oysters also can be enjoyed at home. Whether you procure your own oysters or find them at your local fishery, this recipe for "Oysters With Spinach and Gruyere" from Lines+Angles is a simple and tasty way to enjoy this popular delicacy once you arrive home.

Oysters With Spinach and Gruyere

Makes 4 servings

24 oysters (in the shell), scrubbed

1/2 cup butter, melted

6 ounces fresh spinach, cooked and drained

6 tablespoons Worcestershire sauce

4 ounces Gruyere cheese, grated

1 lemon, cut into wedges, for garnish



1. Shuck oysters using an oyster knife. Scrub the inside of the deeper shell.
2. Brush the inside of each shell with a generous amount of melted butter. Spread a layer of cooked spinach on each shell. Dip each oyster in Worcestershire sauce and place on top of spinach. Sprinkle each oyster with remaining melted butter and top with grated Gruyere cheese.
3. Place oysters in a shallow pan or on a cookie sheet. Broil quickly or until the edges of the oyster curl and the cheese is bubbly and golden brown.
4. Serve on a bed of sea salt with lemon wedges.



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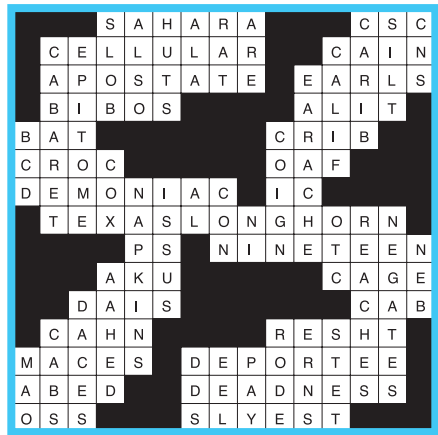
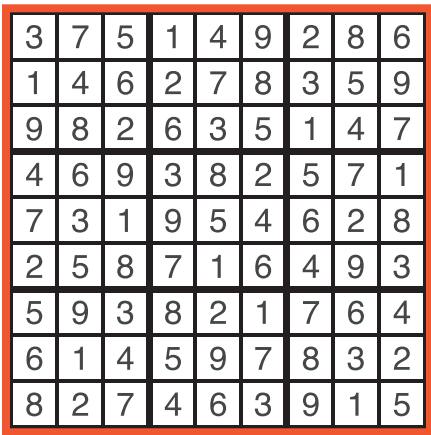
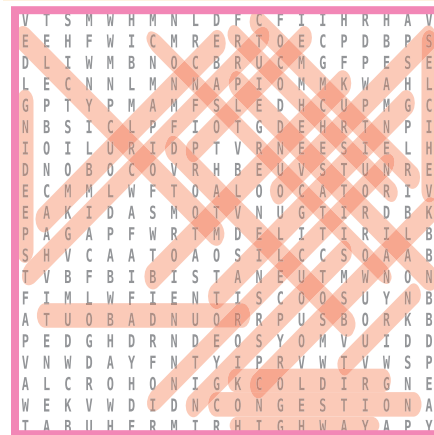
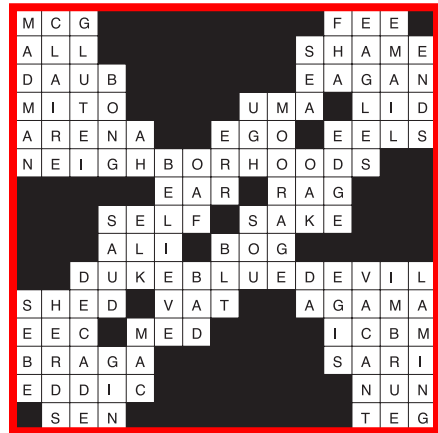
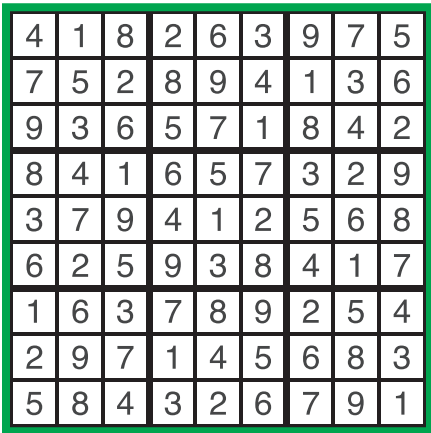



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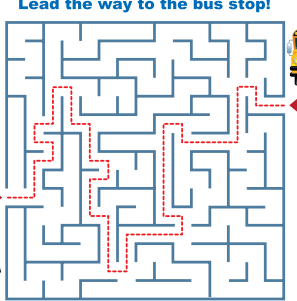
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The benefits of professional dog grooming

Companion animals' needs are high up on the priority lists of pet owners. Dog owners want to ensure their pets are healthy and happy, which requires attending to the dog's hygiene.

Dog grooming is a key component of keeping a dog neat and trim. Although grooming a dog can be a do-it-yourself endeavor, there are some notable advantages to trusting this important task to a professional groomer.

The American Kennel Club says grooming a dog requires a lot of patience and care, particularly when handling a young dog or a pet with behavioral issues. A professional groomer can save pet owners time and money. The following are several reasons why dog owners may want to leave dog grooming to a professional.

- There is no need to purchase supplies. Professional groomers have the tools to get the job done right and have a dog looking its best. From clippers to rounded scissors to a table to make it easier to secure and access the pet, groomers are equipped with all the tools. Groomers also have an array of shampoos and treatments to handle various coat or skin conditions.
- Groomers can gingerly remove mats and tangles. Groomers have the skills to navigate mats and tangles safely. These coat conditions can pull on the skin and cause discomfort. Professional techniques focus on removing mats and tangles gently and efficiently, something that a non-professional may not be able to do easily.
- Groomers may spot ailments. Groomers will be looking at the pet's skin and coat closely so they are more likely to notice unusual spots, bumps, irritations, or even pests like fleas and ticks.
- Groomers will handle "icky" tasks. A groomer can tackle the tasks that may be off-putting to pet owners, such as cleaning anal glands or washing a skunk-sprayed dog. They also can remove ticks and fleas.
- Groomers can safely trim nails. Trimming the nails of dogs, especially pets that are skittish, can be challenging. Veterinary Healthcare Associates says dog nails contain a quick, which will appear as a small, pink center of a dog's nail. This area is very sensitive and contains blood vessels. It's essential to avoid hitting the quick when trimming nails; otherwise, the dog can experience pain and bleeding. Professional groomers know how to do this, particularly when nails are dark and it's hard to see the quick.

The frequency of professional grooming will depend on a number of variables, including breed, coat length, and how dirty the dog gets. Some touch-up brushing and grooming at home also can extend the intervals between visits. Ultimately pet owners can find the right balance to ensure a dog is comfortable and clean and looks dapper.





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