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- Although usually thought of as blue, sapphires come in a rainbow of hues. Sapphires in any color but blue are known as "fancy sapphires" and are called according to their color: yellow sapphire, pink sapphire, purple sapphire.
- Sapphires are made of aluminum and oxygen, which combine to form a mineral called corundum. Most corundum is cloudy with flaws, but rare glass-like pockets of pure gem-quality corundum are the source of sapphires.
- Different mineral impurities cause the variations in the colors of sapphires: blue is caused by titanium and iron; if there's only iron, it's purple; iron plus chromium results in orange; small amounts of chromium give us pink sapphires; and large amounts of chromium create red rubies. If there are no impurities at all, the sapphire is as clear as a diamond.
- Sapphires, rubies, and emeralds generate more revenue and economic activity than all the other gemstones (aside from diamonds) combined.
- The rarest color, and the most valuable sapphire, is a pinkish orange created by chromium and magnesium. This is called a padparadscha sapphire, named for an aquatic salmon-colored lotus blossom found in India. These rare gems are found only in Sri Lanka, Madagascar, and Tanzania.
- Most other gemstones are based on some form of silicon, but sapphires, rubies, and emeralds are all based on corundum and are never found where silicon is present. This makes these three gemstones the most sought-after jewels.
- Minerals are measured on the Mohs hardness scale, named after the German mineralogist who invented it. Talc is the softest mineral measuring 1; diamond is the hardest, measuring 10. A diamond-like crystal called moissanite comes in at 9.5. Sapphires

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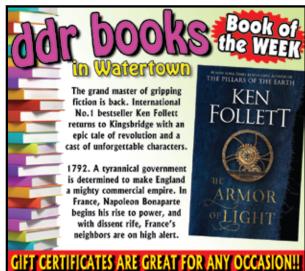
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" Keeping Ron's Memory Olive! "





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and rubies measure 9, making them the third hardest mineral in the world.

• Ancient Greeks believed sapphires would enhance psychic powers; Buddhists thought sapphires would hasten spiritual enlightenment; in the 6th century, Catholic cardinals wore sapphire rings in order to promote chastity. Sapphires were



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thought to ward off evil.

- which may be where the term "royal blue" originated.
- The word "sapphire" has been spelled in dozens of ways over the past seven centuries.

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industrial applications, such as abrasives for grinding and polishing including

sandpaper and emery boards, for cutting

and drilling tools, and even in toothpaste.

found by a 12-year-old boy in the 1930s in Australia. The family used it as a doorstop for years before discovering its value. His father sold it for \$18,000 in 1947 (about a quarter million in today's dollars). Today it's been carved into an oval about the size of an egg and is worth an estimated \$88

• One of the biggest sapphires ever found was uncovered in Madagascar in 1995. In its original state, it weighed nearly 40 lbs (17.97 kg) and was estimated at just under 90,000 carats in size. Dubbed the Millennium Sapphire, it was deemed too precious to split into ordinary gem stones.

extraordinary. Boschi carved 134 different figures into the Hall of Gems and Minerals. sapphire, each depicting a different person or event through history. When he was done, the gem had been whittled down to about 61,000 carats, weighing 27 pounds (12 kg). It's about the size of a football. It's now been designated a them back to their rented room. national treasure of Madagascar.

- The biggest sapphire ever found was dug up in Sri Lanka in 2021. Weighing in at 683 lbs (310 kg), it's estimated to contain 1.5 million carats. The boulder-size gem is named "the Queen of Asia" and is worth an estimated \$100 million. Experts estimate that it's around 400 million years old.
- a price of just under \$17.5 million at Christie's in Geneva,

Switzerland, in November of 2014. Named the Blue Belle • Some cultures allowed only royalty to wear sapphires, of Asia, this 392-carat gem, currently the centerpiece of a diamond-encrusted necklace, is the size of a biscuit.

• One particularly famous sapphire is called the Star of India. This golf-ball size gem is noted for the star-like • The Black Star of Queensland is a 733-carat sapphire pattern embedded in it. The star is actually caused by

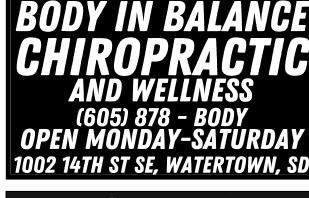
> fibers of mineral imperfections, aligned in a particular pattern that reflects light in a star-like configuration. At 563 carats, the Star of India is the one of the largest blue star sapphires in the world. It was discovered 300 years ago, and has been in museums since it was faceted in 1905.

THE GREAT JEWEL HEIST

• At the time, it was the biggest jewel heist in history. It happened in 1964, at the American Museum of Natural History in Manhattan. Three guys scoped out the place that day and returned that night with tools. Roger Clark stood guard while Allan Kuhn and Jack Murphy jumped a fence,

Instead, world-famous artist Alessio Boschi was hired scrambled up a fire escape, attached a rope to a pillar, and to turn the remarkable stone into something unique and climbed into an open window on the floor that housed the

- They broke into three display cases, gathering 24 priceless gems, including the Star of India. They climbed back out of the with their loot, and nonchalantly hailed cabs to take
- When the theft was discovered, the director admitted that security had been lax. Windows had been left cracked open. Batteries in the burglar alarm were dead. No security guard had been on duty. The gems had not been insured. Detectives found no fingerprints on the scene.
- Cops followed up on a tip: three men renting rooms near • The most expensive sapphire ever sold at auction fetched the museum had been hosting wild expensive parties. A search warrant turned up a map of the museum and books about gems. Just two days after the robbery, the three burglars were taken into custody.
 - Roger Clark squealed, leading investigators to a locker in a bus terminal. Detectives recovered the priceless Star of India and several other stolen gems, but not all. Allan Kuhn, Jack Murphy and Roger Clark were sentenced to three years at New York's Rikers Island Correctional Facility.
 - A few days after the sentencing, the Star of India went back on exhibit, now secured in a thick glass display that pivots out of sight into a black two-ton safe every night. It remains there to this day. Ten of the 24 most valuable gems were back where they belonged; the others were never recovered.





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Here We Go Again!

by Freddy Grove:

I'm not the only one who has opted, once again, to stay home. Both the rec center and the senior center are cutting back on classes and hours because of the lack of participation, again, but mostly because of the sudden increase in cases of Covid, again. Of course this could include the flu and RSV (respiratory syncytial virus), but no one is specifying. It's just clear that more and more people here are getting sick.

At the rec center, the number of exercise classes has been halved, and so has the number of people who can sign up for them. They're going back to spaces outlined in blue painter's tape on the floor, giving a spot to each person to work out. No more walking with pals in a group around the indoor track. Instead, they're going back to single walkers staying a minimum of 10 feet apart.

The senior center has been hit the hardest, I think, because so many of their classes involved sitting around a large table learning a new language, doing painting or fiber art or sharing a meal. The local weekly sightseeing events are stopped because they no longer want to fit 20 seniors into the bus. For some seniors, those social events



were the highlight of their week. Now it looks like they'll be back to Zoom meetings.

The good news is that the food bank is still up and running with no sign (yet) of slowing down what they do. Participants will pull up and stay in their vehicles, while volunteers bring out the bags and boxes.

And bless their hearts, the drivers are still out there, picking up seniors to take them to appointments. Rumor says they vowed, as a group, not to stop what they're

Have we really been doing this for four years?

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ALL dances will be held on Saturday evenings from 7-10 pm in the Masonic Temple, 215 N. Broadway, Watertown, SD. \$10 per person.

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- The average healthy person sneezes four times a day.
- In official doctor language, a sneeze is "a physiological response to the irritation of the respiratory epithelium lining of the nose." The official name for sneezing is "sternutation," from the Latin word meaning "to sneeze."
- Doctors compare a good hearty sneeze to a computer reboot. The force of it gives a tremendous shake to everything in the nasal passages, dislodging mucus and cleaning off the nasal hairs.

diaphragm, and abdomen. It's nearly impossible to sneeze with your eyes open, and it's almost as difficult to refrain from leaning forward during a sneeze.

• A sneeze can travel up to 100 mph (160 kph) launching 40,000 droplets that contain 100,000 germs into the air. Large droplets can travel up to 5 feet (1.5 m), but smaller droplets can go as far as 30 feet (9 m), which is far enough to enter ventilation systems. Those germs can stay aloft for 45 minutes.

• Compare that to a single cough,

which can launch a mere 3,000 germy droplets.

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• Sneezing is triggered by many different things: pollen, • Sneezing is a cooperative effort between the throat, chest, dust, animal dander, pollutants, dust mites, mold spores,

tobacco smoke, perfumes, and of course, viruses. A typical city dweller inhales an estimated 20 billion foreign particles every day.

About one-third of humans are able to trigger a sneeze by looking at a bright light, such as the Sun. This is called a photic sneeze reflex, from the Greek word for light. This does not mean that they constantly sneeze when they are out in the sunlight; it merely means that when they feel a sneeze coming on, they can force it out by

© 2024 King Features Syndicate, Inc. glancing at the Sun.

Americanisms

"One of the hardest things

in life to learn is which

bridges to cross and

which bridges to burn."

—Oprah Winfrey

• Histamine is a chemical that sends signals through the body. Normally, histamine protects the body from invaders such as germs and parasites by sounding the alarm whenever an invader is present. These alarm chemicals cause the nasal passages to become engorged with mucus in order to flush the danger out. But sometimes histamine can respond to substances that are not actually dangerous, including allergens such as pollen. If someone is sneezing because of these false alarms sent out by histamine, an anti-allergen medication

suppressing the histamine response. However, if a person is sneezing because they have a cold, antihistamines won't help at all. • Holding a sneeze in can damage the nasal passages and cause small blood vessels in the eyes and nose to rupture.

containing antihistamines will help calm the symptoms by

There are safe methods to stifle a sneeze. Try pinching your upper lip beneath your nose, or pinching the top of your nose between the eyebrows. Some people tickle the roof of their mouth with their tongue, or press their tongue hard against the top front teeth. Others kill a sneeze by pronouncing some odd word just when they feel it coming on, such as "pumpernickel" or "pickle."

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you are asleep, your nerves are also "asleep." During REM sleep, all muscles are paralyzed. If someone doses you with sneezing powder while you're sleeping, it will wake you up, and then you would sneeze. But if you're snoozing, you're not sneezing.

• It's impossible to sneeze properly without making noise. When air exits the body at 100 mph, the force of the explosion generates a sound. In the U.S., the name of that noise is "achoo." In France they say "atchoum." Italians say "hapsu," Japanese say "hakashhon" and the Swedish say "atjo."







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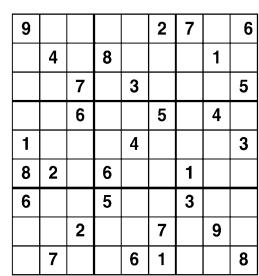
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◆ Moderate ◆◆ Challenging

♦♦♦ HOO BOY!

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Aggressive Dogs Keep Owner Away From the Dog Park

DEAR PAW'S CORNER: I've had to change the time of day that I visit the local dog park, because a new neighbor brings his two huge, aggressive dogs each morning at the same time as I do. They charge other humans, chase and snarl at other dogs, and make it impossible for other dogs to socialize calmly. The neighbor does nothing to control them and tells other owners that it's their fault that his dogs are acting aggressive. To prevent injury to my dog (or myself), I now wait until after work to go. But this is inconvenient for everyone in the neighborhood. How do I address this problem? -- Dog Mom in New York

Kittens Versus Senior Cats

One of my easy-to-accomplish resolutions for 2024 was to adopt a kitten, maybe 2-3 months in age. After consulting the local humane society's website and seeing dozens of tiny cats listed, I paid a visit to the shelter's group kitten room.

Of course they were cute, swinging from the chandeliers, racing, climbing and tumbling. And of course they were completely uninterested in the humans in the room who were smiling and enjoying the chaos.

Giving the kittens time to wind down for naps, I made my way to one of the adult cat group rooms ... wherein I was approached by not one, but two beautiful adult cats. I sat on the floor petting them as they milled around me, bumping me with their foreheads, purring, one of them reaching out with a soft paw to get my attention ... and did I mention the purring? The intention of both was clear: You will get me out of this place and you will take me home.

I consulted the list of cat information posted on the wall. One both unclaimed. And they were both 12 years old.

was a boy, one was a girl. Both had been found on the streets, That was not at all what I had in mind. I came home catless, and a week later I'm still undecided. Main Street, Graceville, MN 320-748-7392 Prices Good The Week of January 8th, 2024 **AVOCADOS GUMDU** 1 cup chopped onion 2 cups peeled and 1. In a medium saucepan sprayed chopped fresh tomatoes with butter-flavored cooking 2 teaspoons chili seasoning spray, saute onion for 5 minutes. 1 tablespoon chopped fresh Stir in tomatoes, chili seasoning, parsley or 1 teaspoon dried parsley flakes and black pepper. parsley flakes In a covered jar, combine tomato 1/8 teaspoon black pepper juice and flour. Shake well to 1 1/2 cups reduced-sodium blend. tomato juice 2. Pour tomato-juice mixture 3 tablespoons all-purpose into tomato mixture. Add shrimp and okra. Mix well to combine. 1 (6-ounce) package frozen Bring mixture to a boil, stirring cleaned shrimp, thawed often. Stir in spaghetti. Lower 1 cup chopped fresh okra or heat and simmer for 6 to 8 frozen cut green beans minutes or until mixture is 1 1/2 cups cooked spaghetti, heated through, stirring often. rinsed and drained Makes 4 (1 cup) servings. **RECIPE BROUGHT TO YOU COURTESY OF** Graceville Market, Graceville, MN

DEAR DOG MOM: You're doing the right thing by changing the time that you bring your dog to the park. It's important to remove a dog from a situation you perceive as potentially dangerous or traumatic for them, and protecting them from

That's only the first step, however. The new dogs are terrorizing other dogs within the park, making life miserable for them and their owners. It's not fair, nor is it right.

Dog parks within a city or town typically have rules of conduct posted at each entrance, but sometimes they're vague. It's up to each owner to properly train and socialize their dogs, and to keep them away from the park if they can't control rough play, aggression or reactivity.

Report the problem to the organization in charge of maintaining the dog park. This may be a community group or

Just Like Cats & Dogs

by Dave T. Phipps



Can I handle the potential expensive vet care for two older cats? And the possible need for pricey specialty cat food as they age even more? While living on Social Security when our annual increase for 2024 is a mere 3.2% and vet care has increased nearly 15%?

Owning a pet brings down our blood pressure, reduces stress and keeps us active. It would seem that a senior human owning a senior pet would be a perfect match -- except when it isn't because of the cost.

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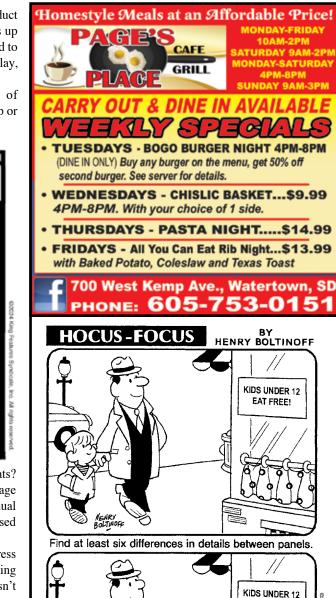
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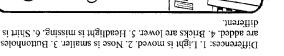
Holidays & Observances This Week

- I'm Not Going to Take it Anymore Day
- 1/8 Show and Tell Day at Work
- 1/9 National Soup Month
- 1/10 Houseplant Appreciation Day
- 1/11 National Clean Off Your Desk Day 1/12 National Hot Tea Day
- - National Rubber Ducky Day

the municipal parks department. Contacting animal control is another option. Write down the dates and times that incidents have occurred. If there is no active community group for the dog park, consider starting one so that owners can air their grievances and work out problems as a group.

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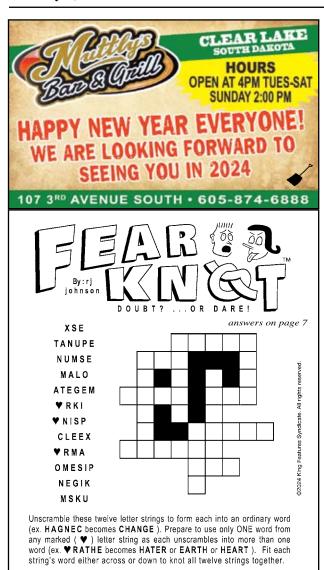


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Strange pro

she rejected him

* Fireflies are the most efficient producers of light in the world.

* Tong Aonan solved 840 Rubik's cubes, then used them to create a portrait of his crush and declare his love for her. Sadly,

* A runaway tortoise in Putnam County, Florida, covered a span of five miles in three and a half years before ending up at Florida's Wildest Animal Rescue, where a staff member was able to determine its identity and reunite it with its owners.

* Snake Venom, the world's strongest beer, has an alcohol level of 67.5%.

- * Breton, a great white shark, created a self-portrait of sorts with its GPS tracker on its travels through the Atlantic Ocean. What made the mapped outline remarkable was its resemblance to a great white shark!
- * Anuptaphobia is the fear of being single forever.
- * Sixteen-year-old Titanic survivor Katherine Gilnagh didn't understand the ship's dire situation until she made it safely to New York, but thought that being put into lifeboats and picked up by the Carpathia was part of the voyage.
 - * Asian hair grows 30% faster than Caucasian hair.
- * The soft drink Mountain Dew was created in Tennessee in the 1940s as a mixer for whiskey, hence its name (a slang term for moonshine).
- * If, like many Americans, you have trouble getting to sleep, you might try the advice of researchers and go low-tech camping for at least a week. The lack of electronics helps reset the body clock and synchronize melatonin hormones with sunrise and sunset.
- * A bookstore in Australia wraps its volumes in paper with short descriptions attached so potential buyers won't "judge a book by its cover."

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"The Hunger Games: The Ballad of Songbirds and Snakes" (PG-13)

— In 2020, author Suzanne Collins released a prequel to her megahit series, "The Hunger Games," and it was quickly adapted to the big screen to join the other four films in the franchise. Starring Tom Blyth in his breakout role as a young Coriolanus Snow and Rachel Zegler ("West Side Story") as Lucy Gray Baird, the prequel is set 64 years before the events of "The Hunger Games." It focuses on Coriolanus' beginnings as an Academy student and how he was chosen to be Lucy Gray's mentor for the 10th Hunger Games. Clever and dangerously ambitious, Coriolanus knows that he can seize this opportunity to gain great power, but first, he needs to ensure that his songbird District 12 mentee gets out of the arena alive. Out now to rent. (Amazon Prime Video)

"ted" (TV-MA) — Based on the feature films created by Seth MacFarlane ("Family Guy"), this prequel series takes viewers back to Massachusetts in 1993 to tell the origin story of the foul-mouthed teddy bear that everyone came to know and love in the first two films. In his early life, Ted lives with the family of his 16-year-old best friend, John (Max Burkholder), previously portrayed by Mark Wahlberg. After being pressured by the family to get an education along with John, Ted enters the terrifying realm of high school and attempts to find hilarity in all the awkward teenage milestones that come with it. The full series, consisting of eight episodes, premieres Jan. 11. (Peacock)

"Self Reliance" (R) — In his directorial debut, Jake Johnson ("New Girl") plays Tommy, a single network manager, who gets approached by Andy Samberg to star in a dark-web reality show with a prize of \$1 million. The premise of the show is simple: For 30 days, Tommy must avoid a group of hunters who will try to kill him. His only saving grace is that the hunters can only attack when he's alone. So, to survive, this lone wolf must find someone to shadow him. After a handful of people find excuses not to shadow him, Tommy finally encounters another player in the reality show, named Maddy (Anna Kendrick), and the two strangers team up to effectively avoid getting murdered. This comedy thriller releases Jan. 12 (Hulu)



Jake Johnson, left, and Anna Kendrick star in "Self Reliance."

"Lift" (PG-13) — A heist group consisting of six key players faces a choice between getting charged for identity fraud, money laundering and more or taking a deal offered by a government agent. This score would be their biggest yet — half a billion in gold — but the catch is that the gold is locked away in a safe on a plane. The only chance to stop the gold from reaching the terrorist who's desperate to get his hands on it is to steal it mid-flight. Kevin Hart leads this action-packed film, which also stars Gugu Mbatha-Raw ("Loki"), Jean Reno ("Leon: The Professional"), Sam Worthington ("Avatar") and more. Don't miss out on its premiere on Jan. 12. (Netflix)

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Thought for the Day

"How wonderful is it that nobody need wait a single moment before starting to improve the world."

— Anne Frank
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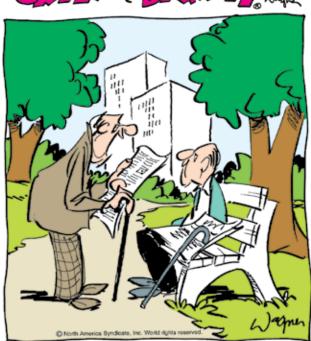


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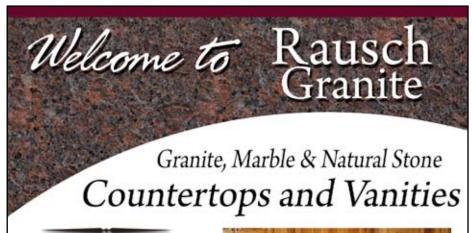
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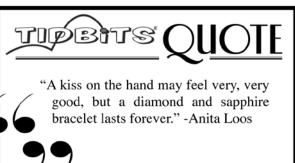
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BIBLE WORD SEARCH

by Elie's Spiritual Treasures

Psalm 30:9-10

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"**What** is **gained** if I am **silenced**, if I go **down** to **the** pit? Will the dust praise you? Will it proclaim your faithfulness? Hear, LORD, and be merciful to me; **LORD**, be my **help**?

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Find the **bolded/underlined** words in the diagram. They run in all directions — forward, backward, up, down and diagonally.

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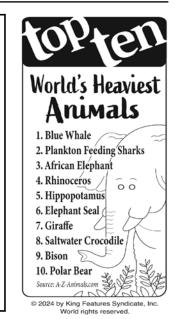
Even Exchange by Donna Pettman

Each numbered row contains two clues and two 6-letter answers. The two answers differ from each other by only one letter, which has already been inserted. For example, if you exchange the A from MASTER for an I, you get MISTER. Do not change the order of the letters.

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8. Wisconsin mammal	D	Grocery store worker	G
9. Hand warmer	V	Circular map	B
10. Spaceship	R	Photo pendant	L

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• If you lose a contact lens, you can try turning off the lights and using a flashlight held perpendicular to the floor. They sort of reflect the light, and as you move the

beam of light across the floor, it will flash. This has helped me many times. I am a little clumsy when I put my contacts in. Thanks! -- R.E. in South Carolina

- Great diet control tip: When serving dinner, portion out the meal, then pack up the leftovers right away. You won't be as tempted to go back and have seconds, nor stuff a few more mouthfuls in when cleaning up later.
- I have a medicine that I take with every meal. Surprisingly, it's difficult to remember whether I took it already when I'm eating on the go or out with friends. I keep small containers in my purse labeled "lunch" and "dinner," each with one pill inside. Before I eat, I look in the container. If a pill is there, it means I forgot to take it. Then I refill the container when I get home and it's ready for next time.



• Last year, I had a large wall calendar at the office. It was a wet-erase calendar with the year on one side and a "planning space" on the back. When the year was over, I needed a new calendar, but the blank side was still usable. I took it home and cut it to fit inside my kitchen cabinets. I have a handy space to jot notes and such. -- R.W. in Colorado

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Find the listed words in the diagram. They run in all directions forward, backward, up, down and diagonally Unlisted clue hint: DAM BUILDER

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3. MOVIES: What's the name of the supervillain character in the animated film "Despicable Me"?

4. LITERATURE: Who is the author of "The Kite Runner"?

5. TELEVISION: What is the name of the motorcycleriding greaser in the sitcom "Happy Days"?

6. U.S. PRESIDENTS: Which musical instrument does former President Bill Clinton play?

7. GAMES: In the game Battleship, how many ships does each player have at the beginning?

8. MUSIC: Which famous rock singer was born with the name Farrokh Bulsara?

9. HISTORY: What was the name of the first U.S. Space Shuttle?

10. U.S. STATES: Which state is home to the Mammoth cave system, believed to be the longest in the world?

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RUNNING HOT AND COLD

- Sebring, Florida, is a mid-sized city smack in the middle of the state. The town was founded by George Sebring in 1912.
- In the summer of 1921, a crew was hired to drill a well in the middle of the industrial district, adjacent to the downtown district. The drill hit water about 60 feet (18 m) down and the drilling crew all celebrated. It was hot that day, and the sweaty workers decided to cool off with some of the water that was flowing out of the freshly drilled hole. Amazingly, however, the water coming up out of the hole was hot. HOT! After the shock wore off, the owner of the drilling company saw dollar signs flashing in front of his eyes.
- Word spread. People flocked. City leaders gaped.
- Everyone knew about the famous Hot Springs Resort in Arkansas that drew visitors from all over the country. What if Sebring, Florida could rival them? The town founders had just recently launched an advertising campaign designed to lure Northerners to the cool and refreshing waters of the lakes surrounding Sebring. What if they could add a mineral hot springs resort to their repertoire of attractions? This was a project that they were certain would put Sebring on the
- Week after week, the well continued to pump out water



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at 40 gallons (118 L) per minute at temperatures hovering around 118°F (48°C) Word began to spread, and city officials sent out press releases that ran in newspapers around the country.

- Investors put their heads together and began to design a world-class health resort. Meanwhile, tents went up all around the new spring to offer shelter. A café sprang up to feed the steady stream of visitors. Certainly that stream of tourists would turn into a river as soon as winter hit the northern climes, bringing the Yankees down to Florida.
- The only problem was that the stream of hot water was located in the industrial district, next to the water plant, near the power plant, and right across the street from the local ice plant. It would be far better if the hot springs resort were located closer to the picturesque downtown district a short distance away.
- In September, a geologist was summoned to help the municipality pinpoint a hot water spring in a better location. A new well was sunk in the desired location. The drill hit water at about 60 feet down. The entire town held its collective breath. Then, water spurted up – but it was cold water. COLD! Another well went down nearby. Cold AGAIN! The local newspaper tried to settle rattled nerves, printing an article confidently declaring that these failed attempts "demonstrated that hot water wells are not



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the winter. - Brenda Wea

common even around Sebring which just goes to show that Sebring really has the genuine article."

- Three months passed, while investors schemed and drillers drilled and city officials plotted and planned. Then, disaster struck: the local ice plant suffered a malfunction. The entire plant was shut down while equipment was repaired. Alarmingly, Sebring's famed hot water spring right across the street immediately ran cold. Citizens gasped. The hot water failed to return until the ice plant started up again some weeks later.
- Alas, the whole thing had been a mistake. The ice plant used quite a lot of water to cool down its machinery. The run-off drained into the ground, flowed under the street, and resurfaced precisely where the well had been sunk.
- That was the end of Sebring's famous failed foray into the health resort industry. Instead, today the town is most wellknown for the world-class Sebring International Raceway.



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*On Jan. 15, 1759, French philosopher Voltaire's satire "Candide" was published anonymously in five editions and five countries. THE HISTORY CHANNEL It was immediately and

widely banned for its religious blasphemy, political sedition and (for the time) obscenity, but went on to become a bestseller and remains one of the most frequently taught works of French literature.

- * On Jan. 16, 1962, filming began on the first James Bond film, "Dr. No," starring Sean Connery as the suave titular spy, in Kingston, Jamaica. While critical reception was mixed, the movie was financially successful and came to be considered one of the series' best installments.
- * On Jan. 17, 2000, all 50 states of America celebrated Martin Luther King Jr. Day. The federal holiday was signed into law in 1983 and took effect three years later, with New Hampshire becoming the last state to name a holiday after the slain civil rights leader in 1999.
- * On Jan. 18, 1986, the song "That's What Friends Are For" by Dionne & Friends, featuring Elton John, Gladys Knight and Stevie Wonder, hit No. 1 on the Billboard Hot 100. Released to help support victims of AIDS and increase awareness about the disease, it helped earn \$3 million for the cause.
- * On Jan. 19, 1977, President Gerald Ford pardoned Tokyo Rose, a Japanese-American woman whose real name was Iva



Toguri, shortly before leaving office. Acting on orders from the Japanese government, Toguri (along with other women) broadcast phony announcements regarding U.S. troop losses in an attempt to undermine the morale of Allied soldiers.

* On Jan. 20, 1863, the four-day Mud March, initiated by Civil War Major General Ambrose Burnside, began. Burnside's aim was to attack Robert E. Lee's army, but winter rains had made the roads nearly impassable and the mission failed.

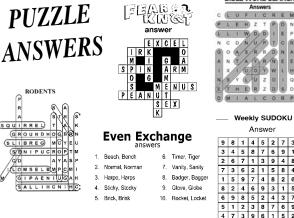
* On Jan. 21, 1997, Newt Gingrich became the first speaker in the history of the U.S. House of Representatives to be given a formal reprimand for ethics violations after the House voted 395--28 in favor of the measure.

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Answers

- 1. Panama and Colombia.
- 2. Epiphany.
- 3. Gru. 4. Khaled Hosseini.
- 5. Fonzie.
- 6. Saxophone.
- 7. Five.
- 8. Freddie Mercury.
- 9. Columbia. 10. Kentucky.

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Antiques & Collecting By Terry and Kim Kovel

The legal definition of an antique is that it is at least 100 years old. This means the art deco era is officially reaching antique



The art deco period began about 100 years ago and has not cabinet with wood veneers is an example of the style.

By Patti Diamond

From Veggie Haters

to Flavor Celebrators:

The Secret to Loving

Vegetables

In the realm of family meals, con-

vincing everyone to enjoy their veg-

gies can be a challenge. We all know

that incorporating a variety of col-

orful vegetables into your diet is

crucial for optimal nutrition, pro-

viding essential vitamins, minerals

and antioxidants that support over-

all health and well-being. They're

the champions in the fight against

chronic diseases and are known to

boost energy levels, making us feel

Even if you think you're not on

speaking terms with veggies, it's

time to make peace. Several factors

can contribute to reluctance, espe-

cially among kids, when it comes to

Texture Aversion: Some indi-

viduals, especially children, may

be sensitive to the textures of cer-

tain vegetables, finding them off-

Bitterness Perception: Children

may have heightened sensitivity to

bitterness, which is common in certain

vegetables like broccoli and Brussels

Familiarity and Exposure: Lack of

exposure and familiarity with a variety

of vegetables can lead to resistance.

Influence of Peer Preferences:

Children can be influenced by the

preferences of their peers, and if their

friends aren't enthusiastic about veg-

gies, it might impact their own attitude.

Familiarity often breeds acceptance.

fabulous from the inside out.

eating vegetables:

putting.

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status. The name "art deco" is believed to come from the Exposition Internationale des Arts Decoratifs et Industriels Modernes (International Exhibition of Modern Decorative and Industrial Arts) in Paris in 1925, but the style already existed by the time of the exhibition.

World War I is generally considlost its appeal. This geometric ered the end of the art nouveau period and the beginning of art deco. People were moving into smaller

homes and wanted inexpensive furniture where form followed function. The new machinery, manufacturing techniques and materials of the time lent themselves to the sleek geometric shapes

that define the era.

This cabinet, made in Italy in 1934, shows characteristics of art deco style. It is constructed from smooth, simple shapes in veneers, acrylic and lacquered wood. Decorations are contained within the cabinet's shape. Instead of ornate carvings, the cabinet has burl veneer, bands and squared spirals of dark wood. The cabinet sold for \$2,322 at a Cowan's auction.

Q: My son was in a book club in the late 1950s-early 1960s. They had the first editions of Dr. Seuss books. The books are in good condition. Are they worth anything?

A: Theodor Seuss Geisel wrote more than 60 children's books under the name Dr. Seuss. Some of his most famous books were written in the 1950s and '60s and continue to be the most popular children's books in the world. Identifying Suess's first edition books is a challenge. The publishers did not explicitly print

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"First Edition" but printed a copyright date. There are experts who can help identify books that may be valuable first editions. Recent high-priced books are "And to Think I Saw it on Mulberry Street," Horton Hears a Who," and "How the Grinch Stole Christmas." They have recently sold from \$300 to \$2,400.

TIP: Brown shoe polish is good to cover scuffs and slight damage on furniture.

Parental Role-Modeling: If parents aren't regularly incorporating vegetables into their meals, children may be less inclined to embrace them.

Negative Associations: If veggies are often presented as a punishment or something unpleasant, it can create negative associations.

Addressing these factors through creative and positive approaches, like introducing veggies in various dishes and involving kids in meal preparation, can contribute to a more veggie-friendly attitude.

But what if there's a hidden reason behind the reluctance? Enter "super tasters," individuals with ultra-sensitive taste buds. Yes, being a super taster is indeed a scientifically recognized phenomenon.



Roasting broccoli caramelizes natural sugars, enhancing sweetness.

Super tasting is associated with having a higher density of taste buds, specifically fungiform papillae on the tongue. These individuals are more sensitive to various tastes, especially bitterness, which can impact their food preferences. Understanding this can be crucial when encouraging super tasters to embrace a wider variety of flavors.

Elevate veggie appeal for super tasters by pairing veggies with bold flavors like garlic, herbs or spices, adding dips and sauces; also, through techniques like blanching, sauteing or grilling, culminating in my favorite method: roasting. Roasting caramelizes natural sugars enhancing sweetness, exemplified in recipes like Charred Broccoli with Almonds and Cranberries.

CHARRED BROCCOLI WITH ALMONDS AND CRANBERRIES

Yield: 5 servings Total Time: 20 minutes

10 cups broccoli florets (about 2

pounds) 5 tablespoons olive oil, divided

3/4 teaspoon kosher salt 1/3 cup skin-on sliced almonds

2 teaspoons minced garlic (or 172 teaspoon granulated garlic)

2/3 cup whole-milk plain yogurt 1/2 cup dried cranberries or raisins

Position an oven rack in second to lowest position; preheat broiler to high.

In a large serving bowl, toss broccoli with 2 tablespoon olive oil and salt. Spread evenly onto a large, rimmed baking sheet. Roast the broccoli until it reaches a delightful tenderness, with a touch of char in spots, for 10 to 20 minutes, adjusting based on your broiler's intensity.

Meanwhile, in a small dry skillet, over medium-low heat, toast the almonds until fragrant. To the same skillet, add the remaining 3 tablespoons of oil and garlic. Stir frequently until the mixture gently browns, approximately 5 minutes.

Transfer this flavorful blend into the serving bowl, and then incorporate the yogurt and cranberries. Add the charred broccoli and stir

to coat with the yogurt dressing. This salad can be served hot, warm or cold, making it a great meal prep recipe.

Here's to cultivating a love for veggies and savoring the journey to a healthier, more fabulous you!

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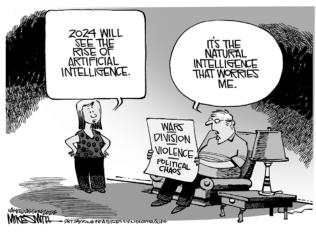
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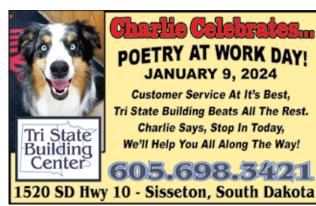
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