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CHOW MEIN

(w. Fried Noodles & Rice)	Pt.	Qt.
2. Chicken Chow Mein	5.30	7.95
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4. Shrimp Chow Mein	5.60	8.85
5. Beef Chow Mein	5.60	8.85
6. Vegetable Chow Mein	5.00	
7. Lobster Chow Mein	6.60	10.85
0. House Special Chow Mein		9.45

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	(w. Rice)	Pt.	Qt.
31. House Special Ch	op Suey		9.85
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33. Chicken Chop Su	ey	5.30	8.15
34. Shrimp Chop Sue	у	6.00	9.15
35. Beef Chop Suey	-	6.00	9.15
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37. Roast Pork Fried Rice	. 5.00	7.85
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39. Shrimp Fried Rice	. 5.70	9.15
40. Beef Fried Rice	. 5.25	8.85
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42. Lobster Fried Rice	. 6.40	10.35
43. House Special Fried Rice	. 6.00	8.95
44. White Rice	. 2.95	4.40

LO MEIN

(Soft Noodles)	Pt.	Qt.
45. Vegetable Lo Mein	5.25	7.70
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48. Chicken Lo Mein	5.45	8.50
49. Shrimp Lo Mein	5.65	9.00
50. Lobster Lo Mein	6.45	11.00
51. House Special Lo Mein	6.05	9.70

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	(w. Rice)	Pt.	Qt.
52. Roast Pork w	/. Mushrooms	5.90	9.25
53. Roast Pork w	/. Oyster Sauce	5.90	9.25
54. Roast Pork w	. Chinese Vegetable	5.90	9.25
55. Roast Pork w	/. String Bean	5.90	9.25
56. Roast Pork w	. Pepper and Tomato.	5.90	9.25
57. Roast Pork v	/. Broccoli	5.90	9.25

SEAFOOD

(w. Rice)	Pt.	Qt.
58. Shrimp w. Chinese Vegetable	7.10	11.15
59. Scallop w. Chinese Vegetable	7.10	11.15
60. Shrimp w. Lobster Sauce	7.10	11.15
61. Shrimp w. Pepper & Tomato	7.10	11.15
62. Shrimp w. Mushrooms	7.10	11.15
63. Shrimp w. Oyster Sauce	7.10	11.15
64. Shrimp w. Broccoli	7.10	11.15
65. Shrimp w. Mixed Vegetables	7.10	11.15
66. Shrimp w. Cashew Nuts	7.10	11.15
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68. Shrimp w. Curry Sauce	7.10	11.15

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SWEET & SOUR

	(w. Rice)	Pt.	Qt
85.	Sweet & Sour Chicken	6.00	8.95

VEGETABLE

(w. Rice)	Per Order
87. Mixed Chinese Vegetable	
88. Broccoli w. Garlic Sauce	
89. Bean Curd Szechuan Style	8.65
90. Stir Fried String Bean	

COMBINATION PLATTERS

	(served w egg roll & pork fried rice)	
C1.	Roast Pork w. Chinese Vegetable	8.55
C2.	Chicken Chow Mein	8.55
C3.	Moo Goo Gai Pan	
C4.	Orange Chicken 🤰	8.55
C5.	Chicken w. Garlic Sauce 🤰	8.55
C6.	Sesame or General Tso Chicken	8.55
C7.	Bourbon Chicken. 🥏	8.55
C8.	Shrimp Chow Mein	8.55
C9.	Shrimp w. Broccoli	
C10.	Shrimp Chow Mein	8.55
	Shrimp w. Lobster Sauce	
C12.	Beef w. Mushroom	8.55
C13.	Beef w. Broccoli	8.55
C14.	Pepper Steak w. Onion	8.55
C15.	Sweet & Sour Chicken	8.55
C16.	Lo Mein (Roast Pork, Chicken, Shrimp, Be	ef)
		8.55

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	(Served W. Roast Pork Fried Rice)
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L2.	Shrimp or Beef Chow Mein
L3.	Chicken or Roast Pork w. Snow Peas 6.55
L4.	Roast Pork w Chinese Vegetable 6.55
L5.	Roast Pork or Chicken or Veg. Lo Mein 6.55
L6.	Pepper Steak w. Onion 6.55
L7.	Sweet & Sour Chicken 6.55
L8.	Moo Goo Gai Pan 6.55
L9.	Beef or Chicken w. Broccoli 6.55
L10.	Shrimp w. Broccoli 6.55
L11.	Barbecued Spare Ribs
L12.	Shrimp w. Lobster Sauce 6.55
L13.	Kung Pao Chicken
L14.	Chicken or Broccoli w. Garlic Sauce 2 6.55
L15.	Curry Chicken w. Onion 2
L16.	Shrimp w. Garlic Sauce 🥑
L17.	Hot & Spicy Shrimp
L18.	Mixed Chinese Vegetable
L19.	General Tso's Chicken or Sesame Chicken 6.55
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L21.	Chow Chicken Kew 6.55
L22.	Chicken or Shrimp w. Cashew Nuts 6.55
L23.	Vegetable Chow Mein 6.55
L24.	Lo Mein (Roast Pork, Chicken, Shrimp, Beef)
L25.	Beef or Chicken w. Szechuan Sauce 6.55
L26.	Bouborn Chicken
	SIDE ORDER

30.	Soda 1	.85
31.	Sweet Iced Tea 1	.85

Senior News Line

by Matilda Charles Trip to supermarket brings new dangers

It occurred to me the other day that I haven't been eating right. It's been difficult to find food in my stores, and it's been difficult to work up the courage to go out, fearing I might get too close to someone who is sick.

It also occurred to me that not eating right was bad for my immune system, should I need to fight off an illness. I began going out just before my nearest store closed at night, dashing in for one or two items, using the self-checkout, and fleeing out the door with my haul. That's assuming my two items were actually on the shelves.

The store began holding "senior hours" early in the morning. Theoretically that would allow seniors to shop more safely and be able to find items on the freshly stocked shelves. In reality, said the store manager, it was likely more dangerous. He'd watched the security tapes of a few early morning openings and had seen no less than 80 seniors pushing through the doors when they opened, with no sign of social distancing anywhere.

But now, in the nick of time, two stores have restarted pickup service, after having cancelled it for over a month. I place the pickup order online, select a time slot two days in advance, and drive there to have my groceries put in the car. It works, even if there are a lot of substitutions of items and a few items out of stock.

Here's a thought: Do you have a supplemental Medicare policy or Medicare Advantage? Does it cover meal delivery service, perhaps Meals on Wheels? Some do. Coverage might only apply at certain times (if you've just had surgery or have a medical condition), but a lot of rules are changing now. It wouldn't hurt to check your policy.

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Burns are among the most painful and devastating injuries a person can sustain. In the United States, fire burn injuries are the sixth leading cause of unintentional injury death. In New York State in 2006, 175 people died due to this type of injury, and 21,629 more were either hospitalized or treated in an emergency room. The good news is that most burns are preventable.

"When most people think about injuries from burns, they think of house fires or incidents involving fireworks," said Diane Ward, CHN of Herkimer County Public Health.

"We know we should keep children away from matches and no one should play with fireworks. But there are many more measures that can be taken to protect yourself and your loved ones from burns," she said.

Everyone should install and maintain smoke alarms on every floor of their home, including the basement, and especially near sleeping areas. Also, develop a family fire escape plan and practice it every six months. Remind every family member that if caught in a smoky room, they should get as close to the floor as possible.

The New York State Department of Health advises you to:

• Test your smoke alarms every month, replace batteries annually and clean the alarms using a vacuum or hair dryer. • Keep a fire extinguisher in your kitchen. Most house fires start in this room.

Fire burn awareness



• Know your exits and practice escape plans through each of them.

According to the State Health Department, most burn injuries in the home occur in the kitchen. Use caution while using appliances and never leave food unattended on a stove. Also, when young children are present, cook on a back burner and keep all pot handles turned back, away from the stove's edge.

"A smart way to keep children safe in the kitchen is to create an area out of the traffic path where children can play while being supervised," Ward advised.

Install anti-scald devices on your faucets, set your water

heater temperature at 120° and use child-resistant cigarette lighters. Be cautious when using the following items and keep them away from young children: potpourri pots, scented candles, hot steam vaporizers (let the water cool before emptying them), home radiators (hire a professional to repair your radiator; do not remove or release the pressure valves), household cleansers or other chemicals (keep in a locked cabinet away from children), lawn products or fresh cement.

For more information about preventing burns, call Herkimer County Public Health at 315.867.1176 or visit the State Health Department at https:// tinyurl.com/y9xdaa3g.

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Numbers of COVID-19 cases in Herkimer County

Numbers of COVID-19 cases in Herkimer County as of 3 p.m. April 24: Positive COVID-19 test results: 73 Total hospitalized: 1 Total number recovered: 40 COVID deaths: 3

Negative COVID-19 test results: 659 Mandatory quarantine (with public health orders): 54 Released from mandatory quarantine: 6 Precautionary quarantine: 76 Released from precautionary quarantine today: 6

Paw's Corner

by Sam Mazzotta Stretching pet food while in quarantine

Dear Paw's Corner: Because I was possibly exposed to COVID-19 at the grocery store where I work, I have to stay home for 14 days. About three days into my quarantine, I realized that the dog food for my mixed-breed dog Corky is running low. I don't have any family nearby, and I don't want to make my

co-workers nervous by asking them to bring a bag of dog food over. I thought about ordering from that online pet food delivery service, but I think it will take too long. What can I do to tide Corky over? - Sara J., White Plains, NY

Dear Sarah: I feel for ya! My family and I are currently quarantined too, and we're finding online ordering of staples and pet food to be challenging.

Take stock of exactly how much dry

dog food you have left - literally measure it out cup by cup into a container. Divide the total cups by the number of scoops per day that you give your dog.

If the bag has less dry food than you'll need for 11 more days, you can stretch it out and make sure Corky gets enough calories by combining his dry food with fresh food. Unseasoned. cooked rice and oatmeal, veggies like peas and carrots (but not onions, garlic, grapes or

avocado), chicken, beef or salmon (unseasoned) are all safe and healthy options. Replace half to all the kibble per meal with a fresh alternative.

Many communities are also spinning up "helping hand" services. Check the website of your local government, online community pages and even the local library's site to find out if you can contact someone to drop off dog food.

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Comfort Foods Made Fast and Healthy

by Healthy Exchanges **Dillied Tuna-Macaroni** Salad Who said that tuna at lunch-

time has to be served as a sandwich? Surely, not anyone who tastes this! 2 cups cold cooked rotini

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1/4 cup finely chopped onion 1 cup sliced celery 1/2 cup shredded reduced-fat cheddar cheese ¹/₄ cup dill pickle relish

pasta, rinsed and drained

1 (6-oz) can white tuna, packed in water. drained and

flaked

 $\frac{1}{2}$ cup fat-free mayonnaise 1 tsp lemon juice 1 hard-boiled egg, chopped

1. In a large bowl, combine rotini pasta, onion, celery and cheddar cheese. In a small bowl, combine dill pickle relish, tuna, mayonnaise and lemon juice. Add dressing mixture to pasta mixture. Mix well to combine. Fold in chopped egg.

2. Cover and refrigerate for at least 30 minutes. Gently stir again just before serving.

Serves 4 (1 cup each).

* Each serving equals: 257 calories, 5g fat, 20g protein, 33g carb., 686mg sodium, 2g fiber; Diabetic Exchanges: 2 Meat, 1½ Starch, ½ Vegetable. (c) 2020 King Features Syndicate. Inc.



Robert S. Russo Jr., MS, MSPT

Kovels: Antiques and Collecting

by Terry and Kim Kovel Rare bird

Collectibles were sometimes made to fool people. A tiny teddy bear

are the loudspeakers made for early radios that looked like statues of birds or kings, instead of the large horns usually

radios, music machines and other technical collectibles, for \$906.

G: My mother gave me the metal dentist chair

with a round enameled metal seat, rectangular slotted metal back and spindles for the headrest, legs and mechanical parts. There are no arms. It looks small and very uncomfortable. Is it worth anything? How was it used? How old is it?

A: The 17th-century dentist held the patient on the floor to pull a tooth. By the early 18th century, a Windsor chair with a piece of wood added as a headrest was used. Then inventors made improvements to metal, mechanical and upholstered chairs. Your chair was made in about 1910, a time when enameled metal furniture was very popular due to worries about bacteria. Large, padded dentist chairs are bought today for a family room or home bar as a conversation piece. They are hard to sell. A collector of dental antiques might pay a few hundred dollars, or a dental museum might give you a tax deduction if you donate it.

Current prices

inches, \$190.

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Tip: When packing a

piece of pottery for shipping, look at the shape. If it has a hollow space larger than 1 inch across, fill the space with sponge, foam or bubble wrap. For more collecting

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This rare bird, a ceramic parrot, conceals the working parts of a radio loudspeaker made in 1927. It substituted for the large horn used to amplify the sound of the radio and sold for about \$900.

used. Most famous were

could hide a perfume bottle. Pincushions hide beneath the fabric skirts of half-dolls, ceramic figures stitched to the skirt. Some collectible canes hid thin flasks that held forbidden whiskey to drink secretly while on a walk. And bronze statues sometimes could open to reveal a naughty scene. In the early days of television, a ceramic black panther was really a lamp lighting the room and the TV set.

But almost forgotten

the Andia loudspeakers, their radio parts inside a metal base with a glazed pottery top. One that was auctioned recently looked like a bright red, blue and vellow 14-inch-tall parrot. It was made by Royal Doulton & Co. of England for Artandia Ltd. in 1927. Other designs include Miss Muffet, a Persian king, a Chinese scribe and other figures that would attract buyers. It sold at Auction Team Breker, a German auction of

from my father's office. It is not like today's dentist chairs; it's more like a lightweight skeleton chair



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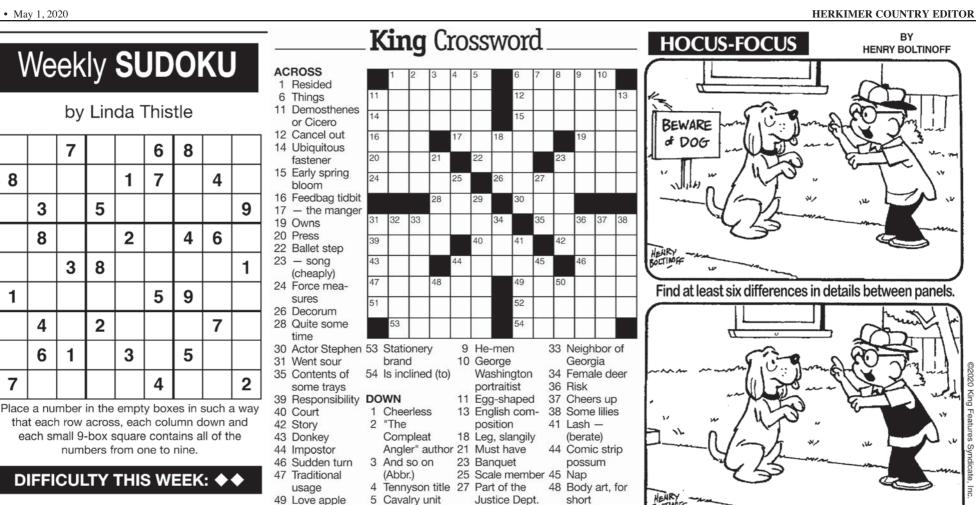
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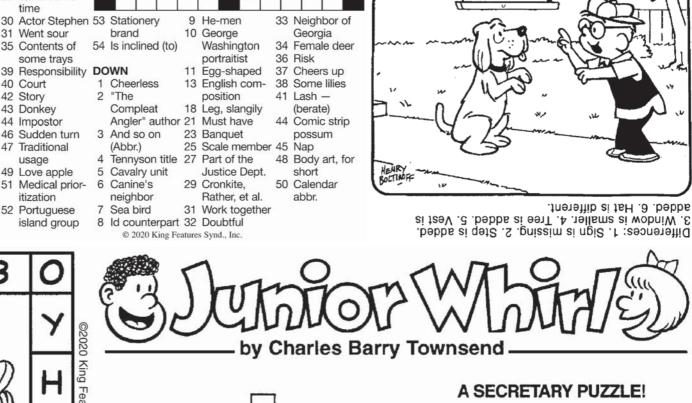
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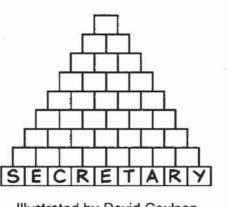
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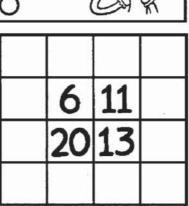
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A SECRETARY PUZZLE!

Let's celebrate Secretaries Day, April 21, with a neat little word problem. Starting with the word SECRETARY at the bottom of our word pyramid, try dropping one letter at a time as you work your way up, so that the remaining letters at each level spell out a new word. The following hints are from the bottom up:

- A record keeper (SECRETARY).
- 2. Goes back over.
- 3. Found on the moon.
- 4. Hardest to find.
- 5. A type of flower.
- 6. To satisfy fully.
- 7. An aromatic beverage.
- 8. In or near a location.
- 9. Top grade.

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Friends in the Garden

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by Bonnie Kirn Donahue, Extension Master Gardener, **University of Vermont**

Spending time planning your vegetable garden and thinking about what food you will produce is an



A monarch butterfly feeds on the nectar of a purple coneflower.

Photo courtesy of Bonnie Kirn Donahue

excellent way to find some stability in these unsettling times.

While growing our own food is an asset, as well as a source of comfort and enjoyment, I'd like to propose that we also consider providing food and habitat to other creatures that rely on our gardens - the birds, bees, butterflies and the seemingly endless variety of insects that visit us each year.

Why think about these small living things in our gardens? There are many scientific reasons to reassess these relationships and consider many of these visitors as friends.

By being strategic with the plants we select, we can attract beneficial insects to the garden that will actively protect our plants from the more mischievous ones. Planting annuals such as sweet alyssum (Lobularia maritime) and yellow marigold (Tagetes patula 'Little HeroYellow') makes a garden more appealing to the beneficial insects that prey on common garden pests.

Native perennials will provide habitat for bees and butterflies that have the incredible responsibility of pollinating the flowers and crops that provide us with visual and physical nourishment. Try planting one of my favorites, the purple coneflower (Echinacea purpurea). This long-lasting bloomer can be started from seed or purchased from most greenhouses.

Its serrated, dark green, ovate leaves offer a lovely, lush texture to the early summer garden. When the pink petals and bright orange flower heads emerge in mid-summer, butterflies and insects are drawn like magnets to this attractive native plant, taking turns perching on each pointy orange cone head and sucking its nectar. Leaving the seed heads up in the winter will bring winter birds to your garden as well.

Easy-to-grow native shrubs provide year-round interest to people, birds and insects alike. Red-twig dogwood (Cornus sericea) has incredible red-hued stems that look fantastic in the late winter when planted in groups or individually. Though not overly

Calendar of events

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May 2

Spring Spectacular 12-5 p.m., Hosted by the Mohawk Homestead and the Mohawk American Legion Riders, a fundraising event to benefit the residents of the Mohawk Homestead and the American Legion Riders donation fund. Contact The Mohawk Homestead at 315.866.1841 Ext. 404.

28th Annual Kuyahoora Valley Rotary Auction. Viewing will start at 8 a.m. Auction at 10 a.m. Anyone wishing to donate may call John at 315.725.2393 or Tom at 315.794.2995 or email to tomlin@ roadrunner.com.

May 7, 16 and 21

Rabies Clinics Cancelled. May 7 at the Dolgeville Fire Dept., May 16 at the East Herkimer Fire Dept. and May 21 at the Old Forge Fire Dept. For more information, call Herkimer County Public Health at 315.867.1176.

May 9

Arc Herkimer Transportation 2020 NTSI Traffic Survival Workshop

9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at Arc Herkimer's tact Deb Marley 315.588.9788. main building at 350 South Washington Street in Herkimer. \$38 per person. Books and materials provided. Call Kelly Bunce at 315.574.7982 to register and make payment.

May 16

25th Kuyahoora Valley Rotary Fishing Derby. Funded by the Kuyahoora Rotary Club for the grade school students (preschool through 6th grade) of the Poland Central and West Canada Valley Central School Districts. Visit www.kuyahooravalleyrotary.org

May 18

Paint and Sip 6 p.m. Hosted by The Mohawk Homestead and Easels on The Gogh - at the Ilion Frankfort VFW 4274 Acme Rd., Frankfort. Contact The Mohawk Homestead at 315.866.1841 Ext. 404.

June 5

The Mohawk Homestead's 5th Annual Golf Outing 9 a.m. at The Hidden Valley Golf Club, 189 Castle Rd., New Hartford for more info con-

June 13

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ornamental, birds and insects are attracted to the shrub's flowers and fruit.

Winterberry (Ilex verticillata) produces amazing bright-red berries that birds love (though toxic to humans). The inconspicuous flowers are attractive to honeybees. Both shrubs grow well in full sun to part shade and can tolerate a range of soil types.

Native plants have a long co-evolutionary history with pollinators, so select true native plants, and ideally not the cultivars, when landscaping to ensure that you are providing the most benefit. It's also important to work toward constant and overlapping flowering of native plants to accommodate the most diversity of pollinators. Check with your local greenhouse or nursery for recommendations for your area and growing conditions.

By inviting more beneficial birds and insects into our gardens to protect and pollinate them, we will be rewarded with endless hours of entertainment in the form of buzzing, swooping, chirping and hopping. As the earth warms, these natural visitors are friends that we can safely welcome into our lives.

For more information, visit the University of Vermont Extension Master Gardener gardening resources webpage at go.uvm.edu/garden-resources and click on "Pollinators."



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The Kitchen Diva

by Angela Shelf Medearis Black beans packed with antioxidants

I've always been a firm believer in the power of a well-stocked pantry, and one of the main staples in my pantry has always been a variety of canned beans. Although researchers haven't come up with a foolproof way to avoid the more "musical" and indelicate side effect of beans, they have found yet another reason why you should eat more of them. In addition to their high protein and fiber content, a new study finds that beans, particularly black beans, are a rich but overlooked source of antioxidants and may provide health benefits similar to some common fruits, including grapes, apples and cranberries.

In a study that appeared in the Journal of Agricultural and Food Chemistry, researchers tested the antioxidant activity of flavonoids (plant pigments) found in the skin of 12 common varieties of dry beans. Antioxidants destroy free radicals, which are highly active chemicals whose excess has been linked to heart disease, cancer and aging.

Black beans came out on top, having more antioxidant activity, gram for gram, than other beans, followed by red, brown, yellow and white beans, in that order. In general, darker-colored seed coats were associated with higher levels of flavonoids, and therefore higher antioxidant activity, says Dr. Clifford W. Beninger, who has done research for the USDA's Sugarbeet and Bean Research Unit.

"Black beans are really loaded with antioxidant compounds. We didn't know they were that potent until now," said Beninger.

Beninger acknowledged that some of the healthy antioxidants in beans will be lost in water upon cooking, but said antioxidant levels will still remain high. Although dry beans were used in this study, frozen or canned beans may have similar antioxidant activity, he added.

The study adds antioxidants to a growing list of healthy chemicals found in beans, which also are rich in protein, carbohydrates, folate, calcium and fiber. Researchers hope to use information gleaned from this study to help develop new varieties of beans that pack even more disease-fighting power.

Meanwhile, U.S. consumers gobble up an estimated eight pounds of beans per person each year, with pinto beans and navy beans being the most popular. Red beans also enjoy immense popularity, particularly during colder months, as a staple of chili. Although not as popular in the U.S. as other varieties, black beans are a main ingredient in many international dishes.

Try using canned black beans for dinner to create this easy recipe for Tex-Mex Chicken, Black Bean & Corn Soup. It's a bowl full of comfort during this stressful time. Stay safe!

Tex-Mex Chicken, Black Bean & Corn Soup

You can use leftover cooked chicken or purchase a rotisserie chicken (skin and bones removed, and the white and/or dark meat cut into 1-inch cubes) in this recipe. Just skip the instructions for seasoning and searing the raw chicken for 1 minute. Instead, add 1 tablespoon of oil to the pot. Add the cooked chicken and spices to the oil over medium heat, stirring for 1 minute to allow the spices to bloom. Then, proceed with the rest of the recipe as directed.

3 - 4 boneless skinless chicken breasts or thighs, cubed into 1-inch pieces

2 tbsp vegetable oil

1 tbsp poultry seasoning

1 tbsp chili powder

1/2 tbsp cumin

1 tsp salt

1 tsp ground black pepper

1 can (14½ oz) chicken broth

1³/₄ cups water

 $1\ (15\mathchar`-oz)$ can black beans, rinsed and drained

1 cup frozen corn

2 cups salsa, mild, medium or hot

½ tbsp fresh lime juice

^{1/2} cup shredded Monterey Jack cheese or Pepper Jack cheese, optional Garnish – tortilla chips, avocado slices or sour cream, optional

1. Coat the chicken with 1 tablespoon of the oil. Season the chicken with the poultry seasoning, chili powder, cumin, salt and pepper.

2. Place the remaining tablespoon of

the oil in a large pot. Turn the heat to medium high. Sear the chicken for 1 minute, and then turn the pieces over to sear for 1 minute on the other side.

3. Stir in the broth and water. Bring the mixture to a boil. Reduce heat; cover and simmer for 5 minutes. Add the beans, corn and salsa; return heat to high and bring mixture to a boil. Reduce heat and simmer, uncovered, for 3-5 minutes or until the chicken is no longer pink on the inside and the corn is tender.

4. Stir in the fresh lime juice. Garnish with the cheese, tortilla chips, avocado slices and sour cream, if desired. Serves 6.

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Donna's Day: Creative family fun

by Donna Erickson Make delicious crepes for meals and snacktime

A quick trip to the grocery store has taken on new meaning these days. You never know what will be in stock. Hopefully you can get the basics of milk, flour, eggs and butter for this recipe, so you and your kids can enjoy cooking up this easy, fancy-looking recipe of French crepes.

Crepes are so versatile they are tasty and nutritious for breakfast or a snack, or roll them up and heat briefly with leftovers or other items in your refrigerator and pantry such as goat cheese and honey, or salsa and grated cheddar cheese.

You might want to double the batch of 12 crepes and refrigerate or freeze with wax paper between them for additional snacking and

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meals. Or, think dessert and coax a tantalizing stack into a divine "crepe cake" to brighten spirits. Stack a dozen or more with whipped cream and sliced strawberries in between the layers. Top with candles and sing if there is a birthday in the house.

Note: Spread joy and creativity! During this hunkered down time, as we rethink how we work, parent. grandparent,

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learn, play, create and eat, you may be looking for inspiring and trusted resources. Check my website, www.donnaerickson. com, and follow me on Instagram (@donnaerickson_donnasday) and on Facebook.

I'll continue to post my easy-to-prepare recipes using basic ingredients, crafts you can create together using stuff you have around the house, games and reading activities to keep minds sharp, and creative outdoor fun to bolster the immune system with fresh air. exercise, laughter and play.

French Crepes 1¼ cups all-purpose flour

1/4 tsp salt 1½ cups milk

3 eggs

2 tbsp butter, melted plus more for cooking To make batter: In a

medium bowl, combine flour, salt, milk, eggs and melted butter. Whisk un-



til smooth. Or, place in a blender and blend until smooth, about 30 seconds. Refrigerate for at least 30 minutes.

To cook crepes: Remove batter from refrigerator. Stir. Lightly butter flat large skillet or crepe pan. Heat over medium-high

check color.) Using a narrow spatula, flip crepe. Cook until other side is lightly brown, about 30 seconds. To serve: Set on a plate. Roll up with fruit or applesauce inside. Or, fold in half or quarters. Add favorite toppings or simply squeeze some fresh lemon juice and dust with confectioners' sugar. Makes 12 eight-inch crepes.

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batter in center of skillet

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The 2020 edition of Phaethon is now available for digital download on the Herkimer College website.

Phaethon is the college's student-submitted literary arts magazine. At 158 pages, this is the largest Phaethon yet, featuring a cornucopia of fiction, poetry, photography and other creative endeavors. Named after the Greek myth of Phaethon, son of sun god Apollo, who dared attempt to drive Apollo's chariot that pulls the sun across the sky, the magazine values bold, confident, daring, courageous and risky fiction, poetry and art. "We do not value art that tests the boundaries of expression. We value art that obliterates them," said faculty advisers.

While a digital version is currently available on the Herkimer College website, print copies will also be available and a release event with poster signing will be held early in the Fall 2020 semester.

For more information and to read the latest edition, go to herkimer.edu/phaethon.



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Sweet potatoes, which are sometimes referred to as "yams," are widely associated with Thanksgiving. But these starchy tubers are so nutritious that people may

Sweet potatoes are loaded with fiber and an assortment of vitamins, including vi-

tamin A and vitamin C, as the online medical resource Healthline.com notes that a

one-cup serving of baked sweet potatoes with the skin still on can provide as much

as 65% of the recommended daily value of vitamin C. And the benefits of sweet

that anthocyanin, an antioxidant found in sweet potatoes, can protect eye cells

from damage. That can promote healthier eyes and potentially help people main-

tain stronger vision as they age. In addition, an animal study found that the an-

thocyanin found in purple sweet potatoes can protect brain function by reducing

inflammation and preventing free radical damage. While further study is necessary

to determine if similar effects can be enjoyed by humans who consume sweet potatoes, the potential to improve brain function is yet another reason to include

A 2015 study published in the medical journal Food & Nutrition Research found



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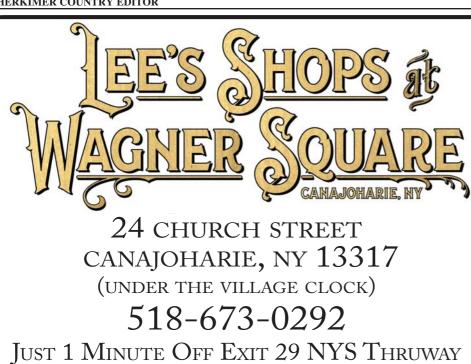
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immediately.

The only noises many drivers ever want to hear coming from their vehicles are the sounds of their favorite songs blasting from their stereos. But cars sometimes make noises that aren't nearly as inviting as music.

Noises that seem to pop up when applying the brakes can be especially scary for motorists. No one wants to drive a vehicle with faltering or suspect brakes, so learning to distinguish between the two most common brake noises can be a wise move for drivers.

Grinding brakes The automotive retailer Pep Boys® notes that grinding noises indicate a serious problem with the braking system. According to CarsDirect.





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Squealing

Many drivers are familiar with the high-pitched squealing sound that comes from their vehicles or those of fellow motorists. That squeal, while certainly not music to the ears, might be a good thing. That's because Pep Boys® notes that some brake pads are equipped with small steel clips that serve as wear indicators. When brake pads have worn down, these devices produce a squealing sound to let drivers know it's time to get new brake pads.

But squealing can be indicative of other things as well. Squealing noises are sometimes heard immediately after brake pads or rotors have been replaced. In such instances, the noise typically subsides within a day or two once the pads have been broken in.

Glazed pads also can create a squealing sound. When calipers stick, the brakes stay partially applied, producing excessive friction or heat. The heat causes the brake pads to glaze.

No one wants to hear noises coming from their brakes. However, such noises are often a car's way of telling drivers that brakes need to be serviced.





Decor ideas to give homes a fresh look this spring

Spring is a season of rejuvenation, and that spirit of renewal can take hold inside a home.

Warm weather and longer hours of daylight make spring a perfect time to imagine a home's interior design in a new light. The following are a handful of decor ideas that may inspire homeowners to give their homes an entirely new look this spring.

• **Wallpaper**: Wallpaper fell out of favor years ago, but new styles that aren't so heavily patterned can make for wonderful additions to any room. Large-scale prints can give a room a whole new feel without giving homeowners or their guests the impression that they have stepped back in time. A simple, mural-style floral wallpaper on the walls surrounding a table in a breakfast nook can bring nature inside.

• **Pastel colors:** Nothing embodies the spring quite like pastel colors. If colorful, bright flowers dot the garden in the backyard, homeowners can bring those uplifting pastels inside by painting an accent wall or even adding some brightly colored accent furniture to rooms that could use a lift.

• **Declutter:** Clutter is often conquered during spring cleaning sessions, but homeowners who want to create more free-flowing interior spaces can down-size their furniture and/or look for multipurpose features that make it hard for clutter to take over a room. Create more open space in entertaining areas by mounting the television and getting rid of a bulky entertainment center. Create even more space by replacing rarely used end tables with a storage ottoman where books and magazines can be stored to give a room a fresh, clean look.

• Accent features: Sometimes the smallest changes to an interior space make the biggest impression.



Replace dated accents like vases and table lamps with newer items that reflect the latest styles and trends. Such adjustments won't break the bank, and they can give rooms a whole new feel. Spring is a great time to reconsider home interiors. This spring homeowners can embrace various strategies, both big and small, to give their homes a whole new feel.



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What can and cannot be composted

Avid gardeners know that compost can add vital nutrients to soil used in gardens, container plants and lawns. The fact that compost is so versatile and nutrient-dense may not even be its most admirable quality. Made from items used in and around the house, compost costs just about nothing to produce.

The raw materials that make up compost come from organic waste. These can be disposables from the garden and kitchen, as well as other areas around the house. According to the Environmental Protection Agency, vard trimmings and food scraps add up to 20 - 30% of the municipal solid waste in the U.S. Turning waste into compost not only helps the landscape, but also the planet.

Compost is relatively easy to make, and there are scores of materials that can be put into compost. But it is just as essential to know which ingredients cannot be used in compost.

Okay for compost

Most organic materials, or items that were once living, can be used in compost. Plant-based items used in cooking, such as potato peelings, carrot skins, banana peels, cocoa hulls, coffee grounds and filters, corn cobs, apple cores, egg shells, fruit peels, kelp and nut shells, can be added to compost.

Other items from around the house, like unused kitty litter, hair, shredded newspapers and cardboard, leaves, flowers, paper, pine needles, ashes and sawdust, can be successfully added to compost. Stick to items that are not treated heavily with chemicals. Not okay for compost

Inorganic and non-biodegradable materials cannot go into compost. These are items like plastic, glass, aluminum foil and metal. Pressure-treated lumber, although a natural material, is treated with preservatives and often pesticides that can be harmful if they

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leech into the garden.

The small-gardening resource Balcony Garden Web indicates coated or glossy printed papers, such as those from catalogs, magazines, wrapping paper, marketing materials and business cards, should not be added to compost piles because of the chemicals and inks used in these pages.

Planet Natural Research Center says to avoid pet droppings from dogs and cats. Animal products like bones, butter, milk, fish skins and meat may decompose and start to smell foul. Maggots, parasites, pathogens and other microorganisms can form in the compost. These materials also may attract flies and scavenger animals. Plus, they decompose very slowly.

Any personal hygiene products should be avoided because they are tainted by human fluids and that can pose a health risk.

While weeds are not harmful in compost piles, there is the risk that seeds can germinate and then infiltrate garden beds when the compost is used. The same can be said for tomato plants and some other hardy fruits and vegetables.

Compost is a winner in the garden and around the landscape. Learning which ingredients can and can't be added to compost piles is useful for any gardener.

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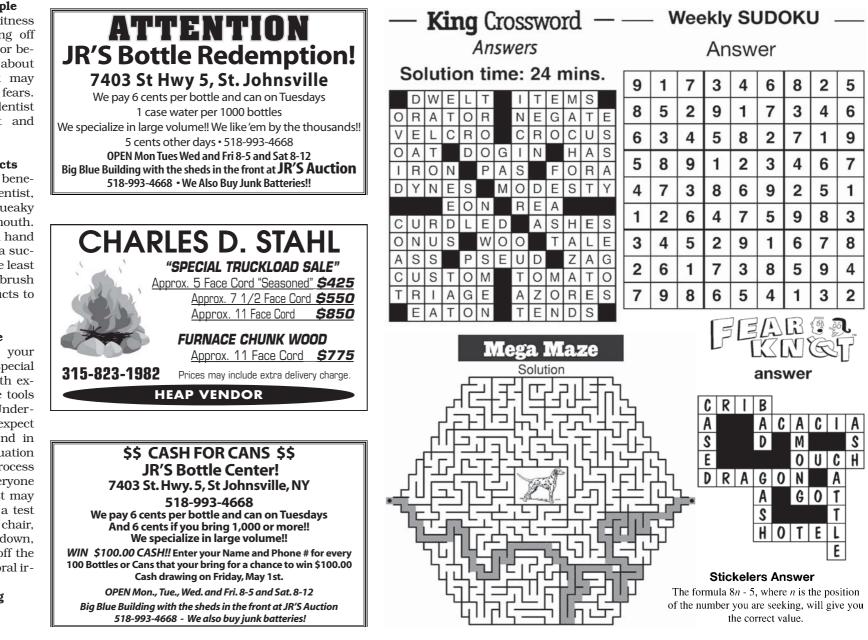
according to Joel H. Berg, D.D.S., M.S., director of the Department of Den-

Hospital. Avoid words like "shots," "pain," "hurt" or even "cavities." Dentists, tistry at Seattle Children's particularly pediatric den-

tists, may have their own vocabulary that can assuage fears and seem less alarming to kids.



Over time, dental visits can become an easy routine with children, setting them up for a lifetime of healthy mouths and teeth.



Visits to the dentist for periodic cleanings and checkups are an important component of oral hygiene. Dentists also may be the first people to identify potential issues that can affect health elsewhere in the body.

Many people are unaware that children should visit the dentist early in their lives. The American Academy of Pediatric Dentistry recommends that a child should visit the dentist by age one or within six months of the eruption of his or her first tooth. However, many parents wait until much later - age two or three to take kids to the dentist, offers Delta Dental Plans. Hesitance to visit the dentist may stem from personal fears or perceived reactions by children.

Primary teeth may eventually fall out, but they shouldn't be ignored. They save space for permanent teeth and serve other functions. Therefore, parents should begin to acclimate children to the dentist at a young age to make the experience fun and even enjoyable.

Lead by example

Children who witness their parents putting off going to the dentist or being apprehensive about visiting the dentist may develop their own fears. Always paint the dentist in a positive light and keep appointments.

Focus on the good aspects

Talk up all the benefits of going to the dentist, such as having a squeaky clean and fresh mouth. Many hygienists will hand out small toys after a successful visit, or at the least a great new toothbrush and other fun products to try.

Get a tour of the office

Ask the staff if your child can get a special tour of the office with explanations of all the tools and equipment. Understanding what to expect the next time around in a no-pressure situation can make the process much easier for everyone involved. The dentist may be able to also give a test ride on the exam chair, moving it up and down, as well as showing off the water fountain and oral irrigator.

Avoid giving false hope

The dangers of added sugars

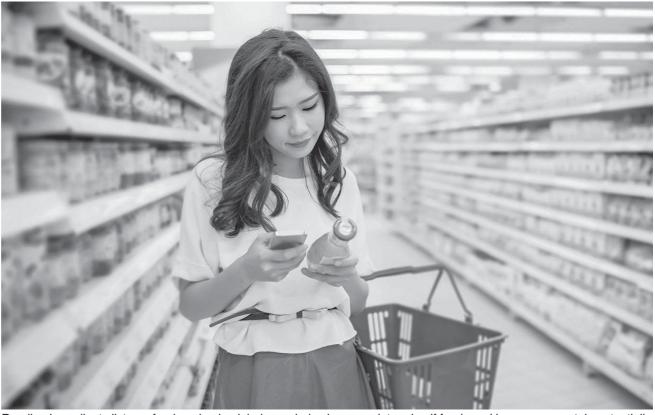
Sugar is often seen as a guilty pleasure that's only to be enjoyed on rare occasions. But that reputation is not entirely accurate, as sugar is naturally occurring in many healthy foods, including fruit.

Naturally occurring sugars do not pose a threat to overall health. However, added sugars, which the American Heart Association notes can be found in soft drinks, candy, pies and fruit drinks, can contribute to weight gain. Obesity is a risk for cardiovascular disease, which means that added sugars can adversely affect heart health.

One of the difficulties with added sugars is that they are often present in foods and beverages generally considered healthy. Fruit juice, for example, seems like a healthy addition to any diet. However, the AHA notes that many juices contain added sugars from fruit juice concentrates. Such juices may not be seen as such, but they can be as compromising to one's overall health as soft drinks or other beverages generally considered to be unhealthy.

The AHA acknowledges that part of the difficulty with navigating one's way through added sugars is that these unhealthy additives go by many names. Harvard Medical School notes that added sugars are not currently listed on nutrition facts labels, though they are listed among the ingredients on food packaging. Both the AHA and the HMS recommend scanning ingredients lists for words that end in "ose," such as fructose, dextrose, glucose and maltose. Those are some examples of added sugars, as are high fructose corn syrup, molasses, corn sweetener, syrup and honey.

The AHA recommends limiting consumption of added sugars and offers guidelines for both men and women. Men should limit their added sugar consumption to a maximum of nine teaspoons per day, while women



Reading ingredients lists on food-packaging labels can help shoppers determine if foods and beverages contain potentially unhealthy amounts of added sugars.

should not consume more than six teaspoons per day. Understanding the dangers of added sugar can help men and women protect their overall health and lower their risk for cardiovascular disease. More information is available www.heart.org.

Exterior renovations that can improve home value

Renovating a home to improve its value can be a smart investment. Interior improvements, such as updating kitchens and baths, offer good return on investment, but there are plenty of exterior renovations that can add value to a home and give it that coveted "wow" factor.

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Abundant and well-planned landscaping can instantly boost curb appeal. According to the landscaping company Lawn Starter, 71 percent of prospective homebuyers say a home's curb appeal is an important factor in their buying decisions. As buyers use the internet to look for their dream homes, there's no denying a beautifully landscaped, nicely photographed property can entice buyers to click and read more about a house.

Address insects and minor repairs

Improving home value may come down to fixing areas of the home that can negatively affect its appeal to buyers. Hire an inspector to look at key components of the house and recommend what needs to be fixed. This way it is discovered before homebuyers come in and do their own inspections. Termite infestations, deteriorating roofs and hidden water leaks are some things that might need fixing.

Improve the entryway

The front door is the focal point of a home's exterior. Invest in a new door or paint it a striking color to add appeal. Remodeling magazine's "Cost vs. Value Report



2019" indicates changing an entry door to a steel replacement can offer 74.9 percent ROI. Such a door provides visual appeal and added security — things buyers look for. In addition to the front door, make sure that the entryway has a level walkway, steps that are in good repair, accents that are free from rust or tarnish, and decorative plants.

Outdoor lighting

Outdoor lighting can add to the ambiance of a property and serve as a security feature. Utilize different lights, such as a bright light by the entry, uplighting in trees and shrubs for drama, a light-lined path to the door to improve visibility, and motion-detection lights to improve the security of the property.

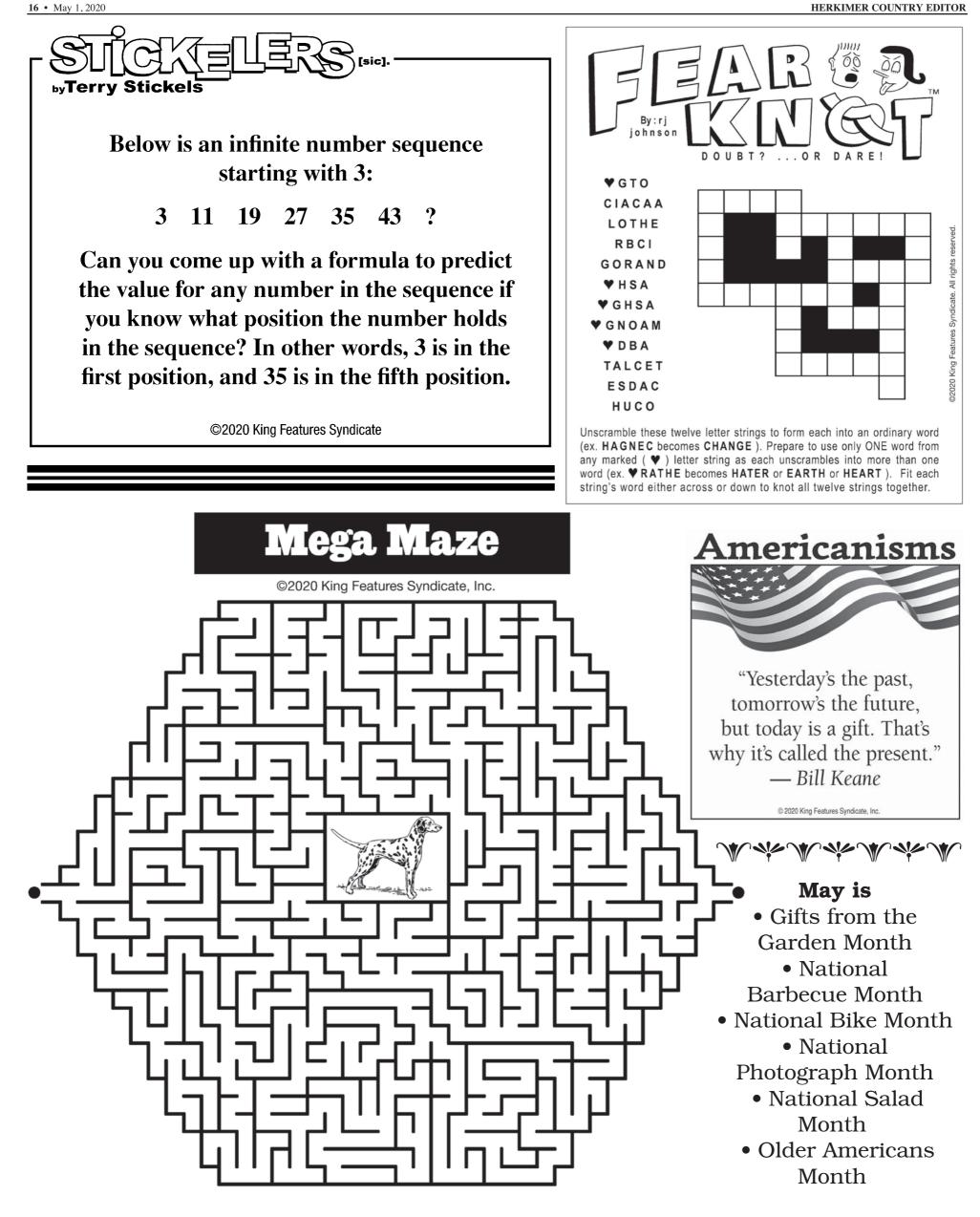
Repaint (or reside) the exterior

A fresh coat of paint or new (or cleaned) siding can instantly give homes a facelift. Neutral, warm and inviting colors tend to have the widest appeal. Adding manufactured stone veneer to the home can offer a 94.9 percent ROI, says Remodeling. And after doing the front door and siding, investing in a garage door replacement offers the highest ROI of all exterior projects listed on the "Cost vs. Value Report 2019." This improvement returns 97.5 percent when selling.

Knowing which improvements add value to a home can help homeowners tailor their efforts to those that are most financially beneficial.



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Here are some tips to help taxpayers protect themselves against identity theft. Taxpayers should:

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• Use strong, unique passwords. They should also consider using a password manager.

• Learn to recognize and avoid phishing emails, threatening calls and texts from thieves. These scammers pose as legitimate organizations such as banks, credit card companies and even the IRS.

• Not click on links in unsolicited emails or messages from unknown senders. Also, people shouldn't click on links or download attachments from emails that seem suspicious, even if they appear to be from senders they know.

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1 tablespoon reduced-sodium soy

1 1/2 cups diced cooked chicken

1 (8-ounce) can sliced water chestnuts, drained

1 (8-ounce) can pineapple chunks, packed in fruit juice, drained

3 cups hot cooked rice

1. In a large skillet sprayed with butter-flavored cooking spray, saute celery, green pepper and onion just until tender. In a covered jar, combine chicken broth and flour. Shake well to blend. Pour broth mixture into skillet with vegetables. Stir in soy sauce.

2. Continue cooking over medium heat, until mixture starts to thicken,

stirring often. Add chicken, water chestnuts and pineapple. Mix well to combine. Lower heat and simmer for 5 minutes or until mixture is heated through, stirring often.

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Lyme disease is a potentially dangerous condition transmitted by the passing of bacteria from deer ticks to their unsuspecting hosts. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention says Lyme disease is the most common vector-borne disease in the United States.

Tens of thousands of people are diagnosed with Lyme disease each year. But Lyme disease also affects animals, including popular house pets like dogs. Tufts University says that the Lyme bacterium can cause serious illness in some dogs. Lyme disease can be difficult to detect and cause serious and recurring health problems. That is why it is essential for pet parents make concerted efforts to reduce the risk that their dogs become infected.

The American Veterinary Medical Association says the best way to protect pets against Lyme disease is to emphasize prevention.

• Speak with your veterinarian about a tick preventive product that is right for your dog. These can include repellant collars, topical

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Keep the lawn trimmed to make it less hospitable to ticks that transmit Lyme disease.

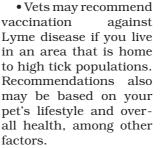
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in the yard that are conducive to ticks. Mowing the lawn regularly is one way to make the backyard less attractive to ticks, as is removing leaf litter.

• Keep a clean home and landscape. Rodents and other wildlife can carry deer ticks. Secur-

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• Conduct a daily tick check if your dog spends time outside. Pay attention to bumps on the skin and part the fur so you can see where the coat meets the skin. Don't forget to look in the ears.

• When possible, avoid areas where ticks may be found, such as tall grasses, wooded areas and marshes. Stick to trails when spending time in wooded areas.

Dogs with Lyme disease may exhibit various symptoms. These include loss of appetite, fever, joint swelling, decreased activity and lameness. Visit the vet promptly if symptoms occur and do not abate, or are causing considerable distress for your pet.

Lyme disease is a concern for pets. Avoidance, preventive measures and outdoor maintenance can help reduce the likelihood that pets will contract Lyme disease. **20** • May 1, 2020



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