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Horticulture and landscaping operations permitted to reopen statewide

Equine operations permitted to reopen in regions that have reached state benchmarks as part of the NY Forward Plan

As New York State begins to reopen under Governor Andrew Cuomo's NY Forward plan, the horticulture industry, which includes greenhouse operations, nurseries, sod farms and arborists, has been deemed as an essential service and these businesses are

now permitted to resume business statewide in all regions. In addition, landscaping businesses can continue to operate statewide, and permissible activities have been expanded to include the care and planting of grasses, sod, plants, shrubs and trees and the mulching, trim-

ming and removal of these items. These businesses, which are considered low-risk, must create a plan to reopen safely using guidance from the Non-Food Related Agriculture Summary Guidelines to protect public health.

State Ag Commissioner Richard A. Ball said, "As New York begins to slowly bring business back online, the horticulture and floriculture industry - which are important to

the agricultural economy - are permitted to open across the state. This includes greenhouses and nurseries, even if they are not selling food-producing plants. Our equine businesses have also been permitted to resume day-to-day operations on a regional basis. All of our businesses must adhere to the designated standards, have a plan for how to open safely, and those new measures need to be in place to protect employees and consumers."

In addition, gardening is also allowed statewide. This includes the cultivation of flowers, vegeta-

bles, herbs, fruit, trees, shrubs and more at home and in community settings and locations.

Equine operations

Equine operations are permitted to reopen as part of Phase 1 of the NY Forward plan, and only in regions that have reached the state's benchmarks and the proper criteria for reopening. Equine operations include activities such as the breeding, boarding, exercise and transport of horses, riding personal or for-hire horses at facilities and the oversight or instruction of riders at the operation. Equine operations must also follow the Non-

Food Related Agriculture Summary Guidelines and Read and Affirm Detailed Guidelines for Non-food Agriculture.

Questions should be directed to the respective Regional Control Room at esd.ny.gov/ny-forward-faq. For more information on NY Forward, visit forward.ny.gov. For help determining whether or not your business is eligible to reopen, use the reopen lookup tool, found at businessexpress.ny.gov/app/nyforward.

For the latest information and guidance on ag industry operations, visit agriculture.ny.gov/coronavirus.

Little Falls community blood drive

A community blood drive will take place Monday, June 1 from noon - 5 p.m. at the Little Falls First Presbyterian Church. To schedule an appointment download the free Red Cross Blood Donor App, visit redcrossblood.org or call 1.800.RED CROSS (1.800.733.2767). Donors can save time by using RapidPass to complete their pre-donation reading and health history questionnaire on-line on the day of their donation from a computer or laptop. Visit redcrossblood.org/RapidPass to get started.



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Prevent identity theft and fraud during this extended tax filing season

Tips from the Tax Department will help protect your refund and private information

The New York State Department of Taxation and Finance recently urged taxpayers to be vigilant and guard against identity theft during this extended filing season. The Tax Department shared important tips to help New Yorkers protect their private information.

"Scam artists are continually adjusting their tactics to steal the sensitive information they need for their fraud schemes," said New York State Commissioner of Taxation and Finance Michael Schmidt. "You can help safeguard your sensitive data and maintain peace of mind by following these tips."

Tips to prevent identity theft & fraud

• **File now.** File your tax return as soon as possible before the extended deadline of July 15. This can reduce the likelihood that an identity thief will be able to claim a fraudulent tax refund using your stolen information. Don't give scammers more time to commit their crime.

• **Protect data and documents used to prepare your return.** Protect sensitive personal information and documents during and after the filing process by ensuring you only visit secure websites, encrypting your wireless network and using strong passwords.

• **If you hire a tax preparer, do your research to ensure they're competent and ethical.** Avoid preparers who boast that they can obtain refunds larger than their competitors can, who don't provide you with their IRS Preparer Tax Identification Number (PTIN) or who base their fee on a percentage of your refund.

• **Make sure your tax preparer is willing to sign your return.** The preparer must also provide you with a copy of your return.

• **Carefully review your return.** You're responsible for the return's accuracy. If you hire a paid preparer, never sign a blank return.

• **Take advantage of free filing software online and maintain social distancing.**

Each year, millions of New Yorkers qualify to file their personal income tax returns for free from the convenience of their homes. Taxpayers who earned \$69,000 or less in 2019 are eligible to electronically prepare and e-file both their federal and New York State income tax returns by using the Free File software available online.

Nearly 200,000 taxpayers have already filed their returns through the Free File program this year, saving a combined

\$40.7 million. To be directed to the free filing options, simply click Free File your income tax return on the Tax Department's website.

To ensure you're not charged a fee, you must go to the Tax Department's website to complete your return. You'll save preparation fees, prevent costly errors and ensure that you receive any refund you're owed in the most efficient way possible.

The Tax Department has produced a series of video tutorials to assist New Yorkers with the tax return filing process.

Topics range from gathering the necessary documents to choosing the right software. You can view the videos at our Get ready to e-file your income tax return webpage.

Report fraud, scams & identity theft

If you are a victim or believe you may be a potential victim of tax-related identity theft, alert us immediately. We will track your information to help keep it private and protected. Visit the Tax Department's Report fraud, scams and identity theft webpage.

Did you know?

When shopping for auto insurance, drivers may be most concerned by the bottom lines on estimates they receive from potential providers. However, the Insurance Information Institute recommends that drivers also investigate a company's reputation and stability before purchasing an auto insurance policy.

Rating companies like AM Best (www.ambest.com) and Standard & Poor's (www.standardandpoors.com/ratings) vet insurance companies in terms of their financial stability. In addition, government organizations may be able to provide potential policyholders with information regarding the history of consumer complaints filed against certain insurance providers. That history, coupled with information regarding a given firm's financial stability, can give drivers an accurate picture of insurance providers and whether they're trustworthy or simply the most affordable option on the market.

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Strange But True

by Lucie Winborne

• The first sunglasses were invented in 12th-century China and made from smoked quartz. While providing no protection against harmful UV rays, they did give some relief from the sun's glare and also served as a valuable tool for Chinese judges, allowing them to seem emotionally detached during interrogations.

• English Romantic poet Samuel Taylor Coleridge (1772-1834) is credited with the first printed use of the words "selfless," "psychosomatic," "bipolar" and "bisexual."

• A study by neurologists showed that some patients suffering from brain trauma and damage on the right-hand side of their brain have a compulsive obsession to tell jokes they find hilarious, while not finding other peoples' jokes funny at all.

• The hacker group Anonymous once sent thousands of all-black faxes to the Church of Scientology to deplete all of their ink cartridges.

• May 29 is officially "Put a Pillow on Your Fridge Day." This curious holiday derives from an old custom of placing a piece of cloth from one's bedroom in a place where food was kept, helping to ensure a supply of future plenty to the household.

• Sierra Leone is the world's roundest country and sits not too far from Egypt – the world's squarest country.

• Nearly 3% of the ice in Antarctic glaciers is

composed of penguin urine. Due to the subzero temperature in that area, it can't evaporate.

• Think you hate going to the dentist? A 12-year-old French boy once faked his own kidnapping to get out of it! After being located in a village 100 miles from his home, the lad lied to police, even describing his kidnapper's distinctive cheek scar. Only after they had searched for a month and re-questioned him did the boy confess.

Thought for the Day: "A clever person solves a problem. A wise person avoids it." – Albert Einstein

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Strange But True

by Lucie Winborne

- The first sunglasses were invented in 12th-century China and made from smoked quartz. While providing no protection against harmful UV rays, they did give some relief from the sun's glare and also served as a valuable tool for Chinese judges, allowing them to seem emotionally detached during interrogations.
- English Romantic poet Samuel Taylor Coleridge (1772-1834) is credited with the first printed use of the words "selfless," "psychosomatic," "bipolar" and "bisexual."
- A study by neurologists showed that some patients suffering from brain trauma and damage on the right-hand side of their brain have a compulsive obsession to tell jokes they find hilarious, while not finding other peoples' jokes funny at all.
- The hacker group Anonymous once sent thousands of all-black faxes to the Church of Scientology to deplete all of their ink cartridges.
- May 29 is officially "Put a Pillow on Your Fridge Day." This curious holiday derives

from an old custom of placing a piece of cloth from one's bedroom in a place where food was kept, helping to ensure a supply of future plenty to the household.

- Sierra Leone is the world's roundest country and sits not too far from Egypt – the world's squarest country.
- Nearly 3% of the ice in Antarctic glaciers is composed of penguin urine. Due to the subzero temperature in that area, it can't evaporate.
- Think you hate going to the dentist? A 12-year-old French boy once faked his own kidnapping to get out of it! After being located in a village 100 miles from his home, the lad lied to police, even describing his kidnapper's distinctive cheek scar. Only after they had searched for a month and re-questioned him did the boy confess. Thought for the Day: "A clever person solves a problem. A wise person avoids it."

– Albert Einstein

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2020 rabies vaccination schedule

All cats, dogs and ferrets three months or older must be vaccinated even if they stay indoors. Every dog and cat needs two rabies vaccinations one year apart, then one every three years. Ferrets must be vaccinated every year. Bring proof of the pet's vaccination history to receive a three-year certificate.

Dogs should be on a leash; cats and ferrets should be in a carrier or pillowcase. No exams will be given. Help to move the clinic along. Owners are responsible to clean up af-

ter their animals; supplies are provided.

A \$5 donation per pet is suggested to defray costs.

- June 4, Thursday, CANCELLED, Norway Community Center
- June 17, Wednesday, CANCELLED, Ilion-Frankfort VFW Pavilion
- July 9, Thursday, 5:30 - 7 p.m., Danube Town Garage, 438 Creek Rd., Little Falls
- Aug. 26, Wednesday, 5:30 - 7 p.m., Salisbury Fire Department, 2549 St. Rt. 29, Salisbury Center
- Sept. 17, Thursday, 5:30 - 7 p.m., Cedarville

Fire Department, 960 St. Rt. 51, Cedarville

- Oct. 1, Thursday, 5:30 - 7 p.m., Little Falls Town Garage, 478 Flint Ave. Ext., Little Falls
- Nov. 7, Saturday, 1:30 - 3:30 p.m., East Herkimer Fire Department, 193 Main Rd., East Herkimer

To pre-register for a clinic, call 315.867.1176. Pre-registration will end at the close of business the day before all clinics.

Bring the Utica Zoo home with digital animal adoptions

UTICA – Throughout the entirety of their temporary closure, the Utica Zoo has developed new ways for the community to enjoy the zoo digitally. Many of these new ways also help support the zoo financially; as a 501(C)3 nonprofit organization, the Utica Zoo relies on admissions, events, programming and other means to survive. One of the newest methods to support the zoo is through the Digital Animal Adoption program, which allows animal lovers to show their support and symbolically adopt one of the more than 200 animals who call the zoo home.

Digital Animal Adoptions are available in a variety of support levels and direct-

ly help the staff at the zoo continue to provide the same top-level care for their animals as they normally would and goes toward food, supplements, vitamins, enrichment, exhibit maintenance or anything the animals may need to be healthy and happy. Adopters will receive a certificate of adoption, a fact sheet about their adopted animal, a social media graphic to let your friends know you adopted and recognition in ZooNews, the zoo's newsletter, as well as additional thank you gifts for higher level adoptions. Digital adoptions start at \$30. More information about Digital Animal Adoption can be found at www.UticaZoo.org/adopt.

Calendar of events

NOTE: Calendar items must be submitted by Tuesday prior to the publication date to be included in the Calendar of Events. Entries may be emailed to cfeditor@leepub.com CONCERNS ABOUT THE CORONA-VIRUS (COVID-19) HAVE CAUSED THE CANCELLATION OF MANY MEETINGS. PLEASE CONFIRM ALL MEETINGS WITH THE HOST LOCATIONS BEFORE TRAVELLING TO THE MEETING LOCATION.

June 1

Little Falls Community Blood Drive noon to 5 p.m. at the Little Falls First Presbyterian Church. Visit redcrossblood.org or call 1.800. RED CROSS (1.800.733.2767).

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June 4

Rabies Vaccination Day. CANCELLED. Norway Community Center, 3114 Military Rd., Norway 13416. Pre-register by calling 315.867.1176.

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 contact Deb Marley 315.588.9788.

June 6

Chicken BBQ at Morning Star Church, 4224 Acme Rd., Frankfort noon until sold out. You will be able to drive through for pick up

only dinners which will include 1/2 chicken (prepared by Butch Paresse) salt potatoes, cole slaw, baked beans and brownie. Dinners are \$12 and if possible we would like you to have the correct change.

June 13

41st Annual Friendship Craft Festival The Church of Christ Uniting, Richfield Springs, is canceling its Friendship Craft Festival this year due to COVID-19.

June 17

Rabies Vaccination Day. CANCELLED. Ilion-Frankfort VFW Pavilion, 4274 Acme Rd., Frankfort 13340. Pre-register by calling 315.867.1176.

July 9

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August 26

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September 12

Arc Herkimer Transportation 2020 NTSI Traffic Survival Work-

shop 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at Arc Herkimer's 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.

September 17

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by Linda Thistle

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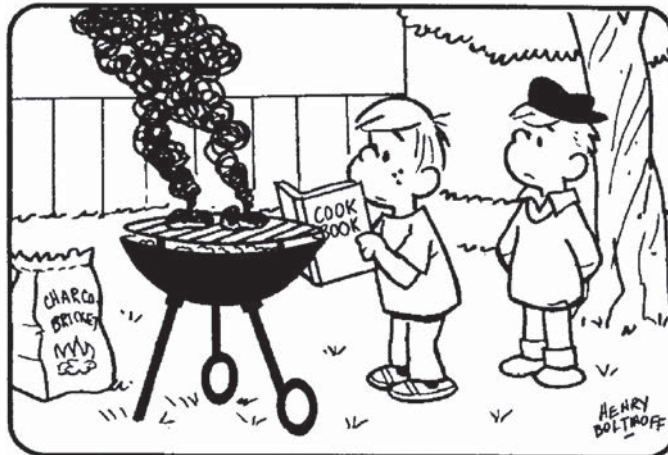
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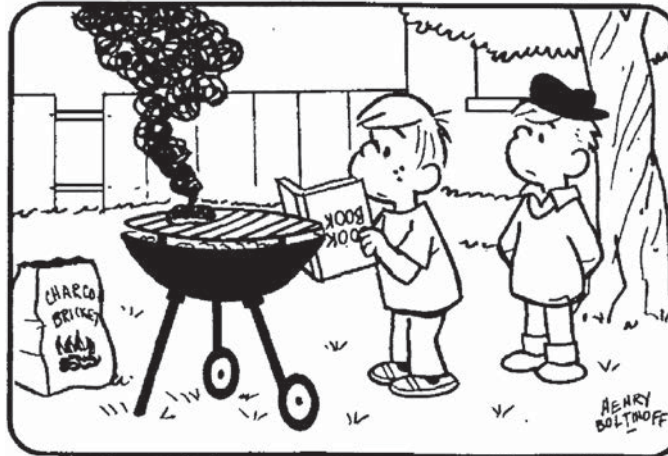
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HOCUS-FOCUS

BY
HENRY BOLTINOFF

Find at least six differences in details between panels.



Differences: 1. Fence slat is missing. 2. Window is added. 3. Book is upside down. 4. Steak is missing.

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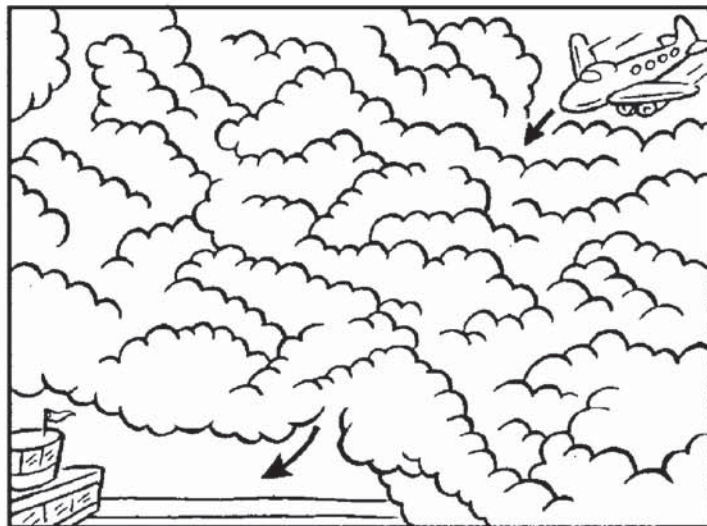
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- 51 Tolkien ogre

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- 61 Parched
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- 63 Frilly blouse accessory
- 64 Spheres
- 65 "Great!"
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- 67 "Stop fighting"
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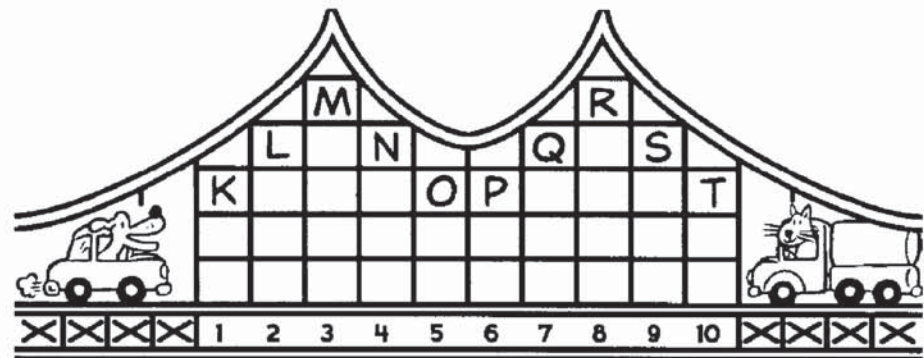


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SOCKED IN! Visibility is zero. Can you guide the small plane through the maze of clouds to a safe landing at the airport pictured above?

Junior Whirl

by Charles Barry Townsend



Illustrated by David Coulson

A WORD BRIDGE!

The bridge above contains 10 supporting words. We give you the first letter of each word plus plenty of hints:

1. A family relation.
2. Type of onion.
3. A free-for-all fight.
4. A snack or light meal.
5. A lyric poem.
6. A wooden church bench.
7. A clever, witty remark.
8. A picture puzzle.
9. A short performance.
10. A sailor.

LUCKY SEVENS! Professor Flunkum wants you to make up a math problem using seven 7's and one minus sign to arrive at the answer "7." You have seven minutes to solve this one.

Answer: 7.777 - .777 = 7.



CHAIN REACTION! Take the seven letters printed below our diagram and place them in the circles so that eight four-letter words can be read, top to bottom, along the connecting lines. All the words will begin with the letter in the top circle.



Answers: Top to bottom, left to right: Lack, lace, lane, lank, line, link, lick, lice.

Answers: 1. Kin. 2. Leek. 3. Melee. 4. Nosh. 5. Ode. 6. Pew. 7. Quip. 8. Rebus. 9. Skit. 10. Tar.

Annual meeting of Herkimer County Historical Society

The Herkimer County Historical Society held their virtual Annual Meeting on May 19, electing two new members to their board of directors – Karl Manne, Herkimer, and Scott Vaughan, Ilion, who will serve three-year terms. They join Jeffrey Steele, president; Fran Peruzzi, vice president; Margaret Sinclair, secretary; Tim Daly, treasurer; and members Theodore Adams, Lou Christie, Nancy Curley, Don Laible, John McLean and Sylvia Rowan. They honored outgoing board members Kyle Crandall, Kathy Huxtable, John Scarano and

Penny Van Dusen for serving six years on the board.

The board approved a reopening plan that fits within New York State's approved Phases outline and protocols following CDC guidelines. The Historical Society will open to the public for retail only to visit their gift shop beginning Monday, June 1, when they will resume open hours of Monday - Friday from 10 a.m. - 3 p.m., closing early for cleaning. All visitors are encouraged to wear masks and respect social distancing. Books can also be purchased online by visiting their

website at www.herkimercountyhistory.org.

The research library and museum will not be open until a later time and will resume initially by appointment. Research inquiries can be made by emailing the Society at herkimerhistory@yahoo.com. To keep up to date on the Society's reopening stages, visit their website and like them on Facebook. For more information, call 315.866.6413.

Donna's Day: Creative family fun

by Donna Erickson

Stuffed New Potatoes: A Spanish Tapas Snack

Do your kids snack all day? Some parents call it "grazing." And when kids grab a bite here or there, it's fine, as long as their quick forays into the kitchen are healthy ones.

Spanish tapas are hearty snacking heaven. They're a specialty of Spain, enjoyed between meals, and sometimes people combine many different tapas to make a full meal. Typically, tapas may include a simple bowl of cold marinated olives, mushrooms, artichoke hearts or kid-friendly and popular stuffed potatoes.

These hand-held potatoes are a unique and fun snack. Just pop them in the microwave, start reciting the rhyme "one potato, two," and in minutes they'll be baked.

You also might want to put them on your dinnertime menu once in a while. As a satisfying side, you can vary the chopped fixings with the

meal and individual tastes.

Spanish Tapas Stuffed New Potatoes

6 red new potatoes, each about 2 inches across

½ cup sour cream

Chopped toppings such as hard-boiled eggs, bacon, tomatoes, radishes, cucumber, salad onions, chives and dill

1. Take a few small bowls from the kitchen cabinet, and fill them with the individual toppings.

2. Scrub and clean the potatoes with a little vegetable brush.

3. Cut each potato in half, and then trim a flat piece off each bottom so that the potato halves sit upright.

4. Place them upright on a microwave-safe plate and cover with microwave-safe wax paper, parchment paper or a microwave-safe lid. Wrap or cover to allow steam to escape. Cook on high for about four minutes, or until tender.

5. Arrange the warm halves on a flat platter. Use a melon-ball scoop or a teaspoon to dig out a little pocket from the center of each half. (Save and refrigerate the scooped-out portion for a scrumptious Spanish omelet the next morning – just add a little onion and salsa!)

6. Now it's fill-'er-up time for your hungry grazers. Spoon a dollop of sour cream in each potato's cavity. Go to the bowls of delectable toppings, and spoon or sprinkle choices over the top. Grab a napkin or small plate, and it's ready to enjoy! Makes 12 hand-held servings.

Tip: To vary the look and flavor, I grab a variety bag at my local grocery store containing small red new potatoes, Yukon Gold and a purple variety. Look for fresh young potatoes at your farmers markets this summer too.

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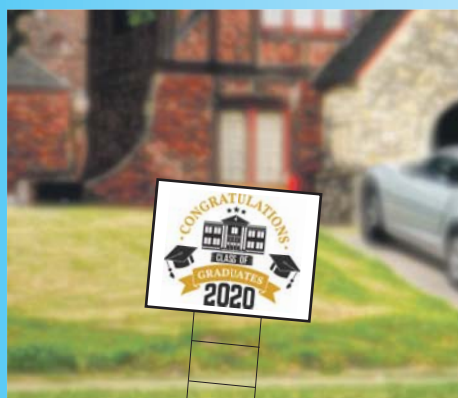
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Enjoy stuffed burgers this barbecue season

Barbecue season has arrived, so soon people will be bonding in the backyard over hamburgers and hot dogs. Backyard barbecue season begins in spring and continues through summer and, where the weather allows, into autumn. Barbecues are a perfect summertime soiree, as they're usually laid back affairs and make use of the pleasant weather.

While it's fun to expand your culinary horizons over the open flame

of a grill, it's important that you never forget the basics, especially when entertaining crowds who are no doubt looking forward to grilled burgers. Giving the masses what they want is good hosting, but you can still try your hand at a little experimentation when serving burgers at your next backyard barbecue. The following recipe for "Herb Cheese-Stuffed Garlic Burgers" from Andrew Schloss and David Joachim's "Mastering the

Grill" (Chronicle Books) provides the best of both worlds.

Herb Cheese-Stuffed Garlic Burgers

Makes 6 servings

2 lbs. ground beef chuck, 85% lean

2 tbsp chopped garlic

½ tsp kosher salt

¼ tsp ground black pepper

3 tbsp herbed garlic cream cheese, such as Boursin

6 hamburger buns, split

Oil for coating grill grate

The Grill

• Gas: Direct heat, medium-high 425° - 450° F; clean, oiled grate

• Charcoal: Direct heat, light ash; 12-by-12-inch charcoal bed (about 3 dozen coals); clean, oiled grate on lowest setting

• Wood: Direct heat, light ash; 12-by-12-inch bed, 3 to 4 inches deep; clean, oiled grate set 2 inches above the fire



1. Heat the grill as directed.

2. Using your hands, mix the beef, garlic, salt and pepper in a bowl until well blended; do not overmix. Using a light touch, form into 12 patties no more than 1/2-inch thick.

3. Put a portion (about 1 1/2 teaspoons) of cream cheese in the center of each of the 6 patties; top

with the remaining patties and press together, taking care to seal the edges well. Refrigerate the burgers until the grill is ready.

4. Brush the grill grate and coat it with oil. Put the burgers on the grill, cover and cook for 9 minutes, flipping after 5 minutes, for medium-done (150° F, slightly pink). Add a minute per side for

well-done (160° F).

5. To toast the buns, put them cut-sides down directly over the fire for the last minute of cooking.

6. If serving the burgers directly from the grill, serve on the buns. If the burgers will sit, even for a few minutes, keep the buns and burgers separate until just before eating.

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Tips to successfully grow tomatoes



Slicing into the first tomato of the season is a much anticipated moment for gardeners. Tomatoes are among the most popular fruit or vegetable plants grown in home gardens. Much of that popularity may be credited to the fact that red, ripe tomatoes have a delicious, juicy flavor that serves as the basis for all sorts of recipes. And since tomatoes can just as easily be grown in a full backyard garden or in a container on a patio or balcony, tomatoes appeal to gardeners regardless of their living situations.

While tomatoes are relatively easy to grow, they are prone to certain problems and pests. Knowledge of what to expect when planting tomatoes and how to start off on the right footing can help produce a season's worth of delicious bounty.

- Wait until after the last average frost date. Tomatoes can be grown from seeds outdoors in warm areas, but tomato gardeners often find success starting seeds indoors six to eight weeks before the last frost date. Gradually introduce seedlings to the elements for a few hours

each day, increasing the duration of time outside. Then they can be transplanted outdoors when temperatures are consistently over 60° F.

- Choose a sunny spot. Tomatoes love to soak up sunlight, according to the Home Depot. Place the plants in a sunny spot so they can thrive.

- Space out plants. The experts at Better Homes and Gardens say to leave anywhere from 24 to 48 inches between plants to accommodate for growth and ensure the plants will not get stunted.

- Plant deeply. Tomatoes tend to root along their stems. If transplants are long and lean, dig a trench and lay the stem sideways in the dirt, and then bend the top of the plant upward. Snip off the lower branches and cover with soil up to the first set of leaves. This will produce extra root growth and stronger, more vital plants.

- Give the plants support. Tomato cages or stakes can help keep the leaves and fruit from touching the ground, which can cause rot and, eventually, death to the tomato plant.

- Lay down a layer of mulch. Tomatoes grow best when the soil is consistently moist. Mulch can help retain moisture from watering and rain. Mulch also will help prevent soil and soilborne diseases from splashing on the leaves and plants when it rains. While you amend the soil, make sure that it drains well and is slightly acidic.

- Prune away suckers. Tomatoes produce "suckers," which are leaves that shoot out from the main stem. Removing these leaves promotes air circulation and keeps the plant's energy focused on growing fruit.

Tomatoes are a rich addition to any garden. A few simple tricks can help even novice gardeners grow delicious tomatoes.

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- 1 tbsp yellow mustard
- 1¼ lbs. ground beef chuck
- 8 slices bacon
- 4 sesame-seed buns, split and toasted

Sliced sweet onion, tomato and romaine lettuce leaves

1. Prepare outdoor grill for direct grilling over medium heat.

2. In bowl, stir ketchup, mayonnaise and mustard until blended. Set sauce aside. Makes about 1/2 cup.

3. Shape ground beef into four 3/4-inch-thick burgers. Wrap each burger with 2 strips bacon, perpendicular to each other.

4. Place burgers on hot grill rack; cook 10 to 12 minutes for medium or until desired doneness, turning over once.

5. During last 2 minutes of cooking burgers, place rolls, cut sides down, on grill rack and heat until lightly toasted. Serve burgers on rolls with onion, tomato, lettuce and ketchup sauce. Makes 4 main-dish servings.

• Each serving: About 575 calories, 36g total fat (12g saturated), 111mg cholesterol, 870mg sodium, 27g total carbohydrate, 2g dietary fiber, 34g protein.

German Potato-Salad Packet

Grill spuds with bacon pieces, then toss with a cider-vinegar dressing.

2½ lbs. (medium) red potatoes, cut into 1-inch chunks

2 slices bacon, uncooked, chopped

½ tsp salt

¼ tsp coarsely ground black pepper

2 green onions, chopped

3 tbsp cider vinegar

2 tsp sugar

1. In large bowl, toss potatoes with bacon, salt and pepper until potatoes are evenly coated.

2. Wrap potato mixture in foil packet. Fold 30-by-18-inch sheet of heavy-duty foil crosswise in half. Place potato mixture on double thickness of foil and bring long sides of foil up and fold several times to seal well. Fold over ends to seal in juices.

3. Place packet on grill over medium heat and cook 30 minutes or until potatoes are fork-tender, turning packet over once halfway through grilling.

4. Remove packet from grill. Carefully open packet; add green onions, vinegar and sugar to potato mixture, tossing gently to combine. Serves 8.

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by Terry and Kim Kovel
Airline Chair

Kem Weber (1889-1963) followed a strange path in his life, going from a farmer in Berlin to a famous modern architect and designer in the United States. He apprenticed in 1908 under a famous cabinetmaker. In 1926, he was chosen to supervise the construction of the German Pavilion at the 1910 exhibition in Brussels. A few years later, he went to California to design the German exhibit at the 1915 exhibition in San Francisco. But he was trapped in America by World War I and was refused permission to return home to Germany when the war ended. He had several art-related jobs. He taught art in a studio in Santa Barbara, and in 1921 he went to Los Angeles and worked in the design studio of a furniture and decorating store. In 1924, he became an American citizen. By 1926, he was

the only designer and cabinetmaker producing modern designs on the West Coast. He created now-famous silver cocktail shakers and tea sets, and he decorated homes and store interiors.

In 1934, he created his famous sleek "Airline" chair. It was made to be taken apart so the pieces could be packed flat for inexpensive shipping. He was the main architect for Walt Disney Studios by 1939, and Disney ordered 300 of the chairs, but no more were made until 1993. His designs influenced many others while he continued to teach and design private houses. Today, streamlined designs by Kem Weber are famous and hard to find. A set of four unmarked Airline chairs were estimated at \$8,000 to \$10,000 at a Rago auction recently, but they did not sell. Perhaps the historic design is still a little ahead of its time.

Q: I saw a Rookwood

vase marked with the Rookwood mark and "ETH" at an antiques show. What does that stand for?

A: That is the monogram of the artist Edward Timothy Hurley (1869-1950), who worked at Rookwood from 1896 to 1948. His vases with landscape designs done at Rookwood sell for high prices. Hurley also did etchings, pastels and watercolors. He made several pieces in bronze, and was an author and illustrator of several books. His large vases call for thousands of dollars.

Current prices

- Vase, earthenware, gunmetal glaze, incised, applied shapes, footed, signed "Ted Randall," contemporary, 12½ x 16 inches, \$315.

- Hall tree, Gothic Revival, walnut, arched mirror, three drawers, gallery, masks, hooks, 96 x 48 inches, \$1,350.

- Letter opener, gilded silver, nephrite, enam-

el, double eagle finial, laurel leaf swag, wooden box, 11½ x 1 inches, \$2,460.

- Weathervane, crowing rooster, stands on ball, copper, mounted on stand, c. 1900, 36 inches, \$4,920.

Tip: Wash art glass in lukewarm water with a little softening agent and some mild dishwashing soap.

For more collecting news, tips and resources, visit www.Kovels.com.

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This chair made by Kem Weber in 1934 comes apart so the back can be laid flat to hold the seat and legs in a compact, space-saving package. It takes less space and money to ship. A few were made, but no furniture company wanted to gamble on such a modern design until the 1990s, when this Airline chair was again produced.



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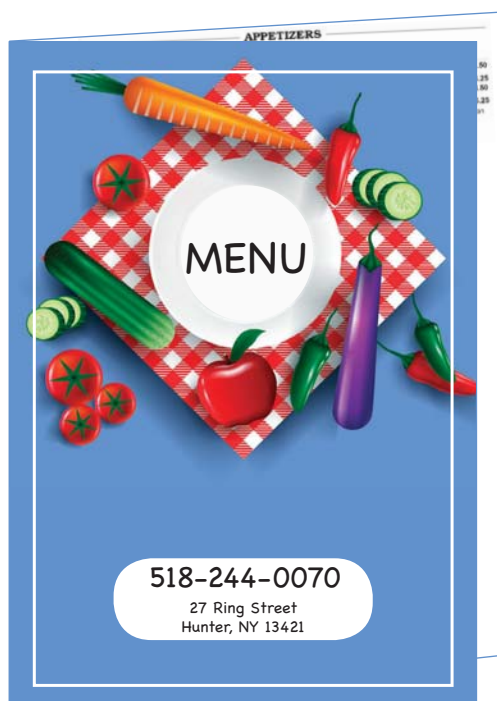
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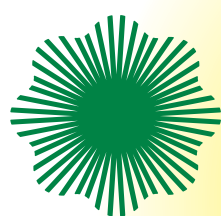
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by JoAnn Derson

• "I found a small waste basket that fits right between the wall and my dryer. There's a gap that's about 8 inches wide. The lip of the basket keeps it from sliding down to the floor, so it's easy to clean out the lint trap and put the waste in the basket. Also, I used a strip of hook-and-loop tape to attach a tissue holder box vertically to the wall. I stick a box of fabric softener sheets in it, and they, too, are right where I need them." — T.K. in Nevada

• "To keep the kitchen garbage can from smelling, I put spoiled food items in a bread bag, and then put it in the freezer until it's time for the garbage collector. I also have a friend with a compost bin, and I am doing the same with vegetables, fruit and peelings. I plan to bring the whole mess when I get to visit. The compost bin won't care if it's been defrosted!" — E.L. in Virginia

• "Place recipes in-

Now Here's a Tip

side of a plastic bag so that they can be handled while cooking, but not dirtied. This is especially necessary with heirloom recipes. For myself, I have made photocopies of recipes handed down from my grandmother, so the originals are safe in the cookbook. I like handwritten recipe cards because it's like the writer is there with you." — T. in Ohio

• Clogged drain? Don't use chemicals. "If you do encounter a full clog, try hot water and baking soda first. If that doesn't work, try a mixture of

baking soda and vinegar. Avoid plumbing snakes, which can scratch the interior of your pipes, and commercial chemical cleaners, which are caustic and a health hazard, even when used according to instructions." — Colepepper Plumbing in California

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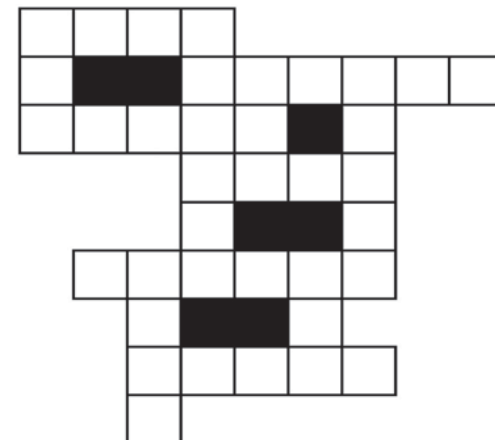
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Unscramble these twelve letter strings to form each into an ordinary word (ex. HAGNEC becomes CHANGE). Prepare to use only ONE word from any marked (♥) letter string as each unscrambles into more than one word (ex. ♥RATHE becomes HATER or EARTH or HEART). Fit each string's word either across or down to knot all twelve strings together.

Mega Maze

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Yo-Yo Day

Senior News Line

by Matilda Charles

Getting around canceled events

Life might be slowly getting back to normal, but a number of things we anticipated won't be happening now.

The expired prescription-drug drop off: Once a year in my area, the drug store turns its parking lot over to an organization that collects and destroys old drugs. Not this year; it's already been canceled. A thought: Some

local police departments have a collection bin in their facility, usually in the lobby. Call to inquire if your police department has one, or if they're planning a drug event of their own.

The shredding events: Twice a year the bank and the senior center hire a company to bring in their shredding truck and accept all paper items to be shredded: old tax records, bills, documents with personal information on them. This is a very valuable service, and unfortunately, around

here those have been canceled. One way to get around this is to have your own shredder. They can be ordered online, typically for less than \$40. Learn the difference between strip cut, cross cut and confetti cut. Pictures can be deceptive, so read the specs for the machine. Some will only shred small receipts.

Plays and dinners: Once you hear that an event you'd paid for is being canceled, start right away to get your money back. The group might ask that you let them

keep your money for their expenses, saying you can claim it as a donation on your taxes. You might consider it, but don't assume you can get a credit for the same event next year. Better to get your money in hand now.

There are so many other events – senior games and fitness clinics, summer banquet and dance, the legal help event, monthly tech help – all likely canceled for the foreseeable future.

Tip: Call the organization anyway. They might have found a way to safely hold their events.

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King Crossword — Weekly SUDOKU —

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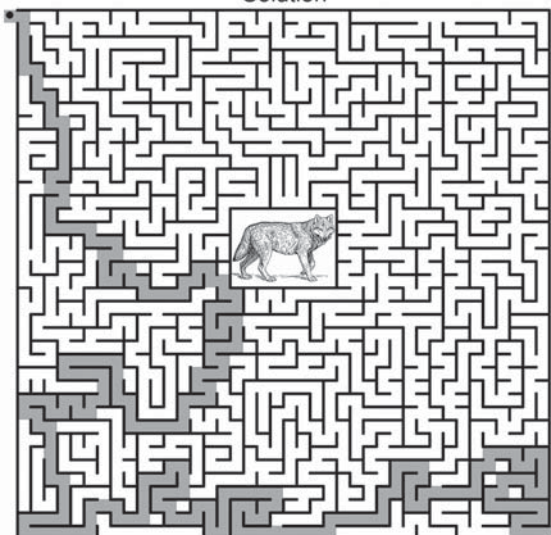
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Mega Maze

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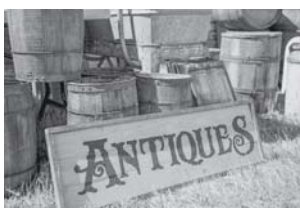
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by Keith Roach, M.D.

He can't find relief for itchy ear canal

Dear Dr. Roach: I just turned 68. For the past couple of months, my ear canals have been very itchy. Also, my wife was constantly cleaning earwax out of my ears. Now for some reason I no longer produce earwax, but my ears itch a lot. Do you have any idea what may be causing this? How do I stop the itching? I have tried olive oil. It seems to work but not really that well. A doctor looked in my ear and said the ear canals look fine. – R.K.

Answer: Itching in the ear canals is common, but usually an exam is able to lead the examiner to at least suspect a diagnosis. An incipient ear infection is one common reason, but your issue has been going on for months. Skin conditions that itch, such as eczema, is another common one. The doctor might have seen this, but sometimes the findings are subtle. Just having dry skin is a common cause, especially in winter, and olive oil is one treatment, but if it isn't working it's time to stop.

I often see people make their problem worse by using inappropriate therapies, especially peroxide, and also by putting objects in the ear to scratch it. This can lead to abrasions, lacerations and worse that I won't horrify you with.

I would get the ear looked at again, and if there still is

To Your Good Health

nothing to see, one treatment is a mild prescription steroid drop for a period of time. Your regular doctor or an ear/nose/throat specialist would be a good choice.

Dear Dr. Roach: Are net carbs really a thing? I understand low impact on blood sugar, but not measuring net carbs. – H.C.

Answer: The "net carbs" number is normally calculated by taking the grams of total carbohydrates and subtracting the grams of fiber and sugar alcohols. It's an attempt to look at the effect on blood sugar, and it has modest informational benefit. It can be misleading, because some sugar alcohols (ending in "-ol," like maltitol and xylitol) do increase blood sugar somewhat, though not as much as sugars (which end in "-ose," like glucose and sucrose).

I don't recommend using the term "net carbs." I think it's more important to look at ingredients. Avoid large amounts of added sugar and processed starches. Make

sure the carbohydrates you take in come mostly from vegetables, fruits, legumes and whole grains. These are the foundations of a healthy diet, and you don't need to count numbers.

Dear Dr. Roach: I recently was diagnosed with kidney disease and was advised to drink eight glasses of water daily. I can only get down three glasses. Is it okay to drink tea instead? Would vitamins help? – E.K.

Answer: From the standpoint of your kidneys, tea and coffee count as water. Having adequate fluid intake is important for your kidneys, but most people who aren't exercising or living in hot or dry environments don't need eight full glasses a day. Vitamins are not necessary for kidney health; however, people with very advanced kidney disease often need a special form of vitamin D called calcitriol.

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of the vehicle. This is achieved through a chemical reaction that changes chemical energy into the electrical energy needed to deliver voltage to the starter. In addition to initially starting the car, the battery also keeps electric current steady to keep the engine running.

The battery also works in conjunction with the alternator to power the electronics in the car, according to the automotive information blog Autosessive. While the car is running, the alternator reverses the current produced by the battery, recharging it as a result. This happens during long journeys, so people who drive for short bursts of time may find that their batteries will not have a chance to recharge and may not have the longevity desired.

There is quite literally a lot riding on a functioning battery. No one wants

to be caught stranded by a dead battery, so drivers may wonder if there are any indicators that may signal the battery needs replacement.

• **Slow turnover:** If a vehicle does not immediately start or if the cranking is sluggish and takes longer to start, it may mean the battery is starting to fail.

• **Frequent, short trips:** Drivers who make frequent, short trips may find their car batteries do not have time to fully recharge. This, coupled with overtaking thanks to a lot of accessory use, may cause the battery and the alternator to have shortened life spans.

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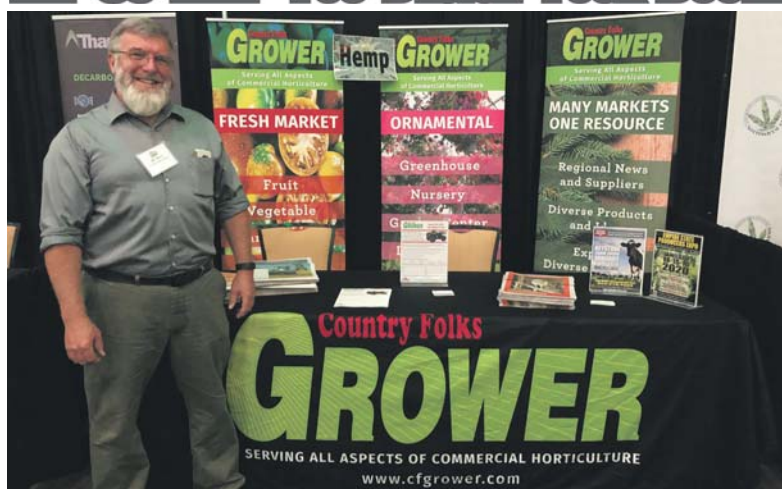
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