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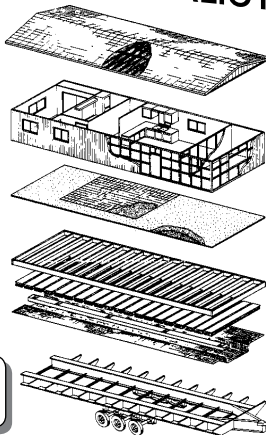
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Alcohol Awareness Month. April 1–30. To help raise awareness among community prevention leaders and citizens about the problem of underage drinking. For more information, browse www.ncadd.org.

Celebrate Diversity Month. April 1–30. To celebrate all diversity that exists within our workplaces, schools and communities. For more information, browse Diversity Calendar 2024: DEI Inclusion Events, Cultural Months (diversityresources.com).

Child Abuse Prevention Month. April 1–30. To prevent child abuse in all its forms. For more information, browse www.preventchildabuse.com.

International Customer Loyalty Month. April 1–30. To honor and generate customer loyalty. For more information, browse www.hyken.com.

National Autism Awareness Month. April 1–30. To raise awareness of autism. For more information, browse www.njcosac.org.

National Donate Life Month. April 1–30. To encourage Americans to consider organ and tissue donation and to sign donor cards when getting a driver's license. For more information, browse www.organdonor.org.

National Sexual Assault Awareness Month. April 1–30.

To raise awareness that every two-and-a-half minutes, somewhere in America, another person is sexually assaulted. Also to promote legislative efforts to address sexual assault violence, and to laud efforts of volunteers who assist in crisis services. For more information, browse www.rainn.org.

Weekly

Golden Rule Week. April 1–7. To remind everyone of the importance of the Golden Rule in making this a better world in which we can all live. For more information, browse www.holidaycalendar.io/holiday/golden-rule-week.

Laugh At Work Week. April 1- 7. To tout the benefits of laughing at work, including improved productivity, team work, communication, stress relief, job satisfaction and employee retention. For more information, browse www.CreativelySpeaking.com.

Administrative Professionals Week. April 21–27. To acknowledge the contributions of all administrative professionals and their vital roles in business, industry, education and government. For more information, browse www.iaap-hq.org.

Daily

April Fools' Day. April 1. Began in France in 1564. April 1 used to be the first day of the new year, but was changed to Jan. 1 that year. People who insisted on celebrating the new year on April 1 became known as April fools and it became common to play jokes on them.

Earth Day. April 22. To accelerate the transition to renewable energy worldwide. For more information, browse www.earthday.net.



If you can't beat 'em — start your own company



Mary Kay Ash, who would later found the \$2-billion-a-year company Mary Kay Cosmetics, once worked for Stanley Home Products. There she learned the direct marketing scheme that would bring her fortune and fame. According to Anecdote.com, she once received an incentive reward: a flounder light. The company had given her a light that she could clip onto waders when she went fishing. Mary Kay did not appreciate the gift.

Later, at the same company, she found out that she had been passed over for a promotion that was given to a man that she had trained. She learned that men were making \$50,000 a year and she was only pulling in \$25,000. That was all the incentive she needed. She took a month off, gathered up \$5,000 and started her own company.

Her rewards for employees: pink Caddies.

Oprah shares the secret of her success — learning to be herself

Life should teach you who you are, according to Oprah Winfrey in a 1997 commencement address she gave at Wellesley College. The talk show host and media mogul says that life's everyday experiences will teach you who you are — moment by moment. How did she learn this? Oprah says for a long time she spent her life wanting to be someone else. She says when she first saw Diana Ross with the Supremes on The Ed Sullivan Show she thought, "I want to be like that." However, she says it took her some time to realize that no matter how many diets she tried—she was never going to have Diana Ross's thighs.



Later, when Oprah was an anchorwoman, her news director told her that her hair was too thick and her eyes were too far apart and that she needed a makeover. Oprah found herself sitting in a French beauty salon. There she had a French permanent put on her hair. The perm burnt her, but she didn't have the confidence to say that it was hurting her. She ended up bald a week later. She had to go on air as a bald news anchor.

Oprah also says she wanted to be like Barbara Walters, and discovered she was not when she could not pronounce "Barbados" on air. "That may be 'Barbados' to you but it was 'Barb-a-does' to me," she said. She said she started to laugh on air — which was not very Barbara like. But Oprah felt OK about it, because she was being who she really was—finally. From that moment, Oprah says she knew that she could be a better Oprah than a Barbara, and though she still kept Barbara as a mentor, she decided to pursue just being herself once and for all. Her phenomenal success was the result of being "demoted" from news anchor to talk show host.

"I am just thrilled that I get paid so much money every day for just being myself, but it was a lesson long in coming, recognizing that I had the instinct, that inner voice that told me that you need to try to find a way to answer to your own truth was the voice I needed to be still and listen to."



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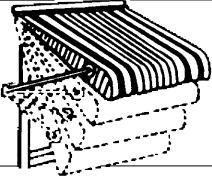
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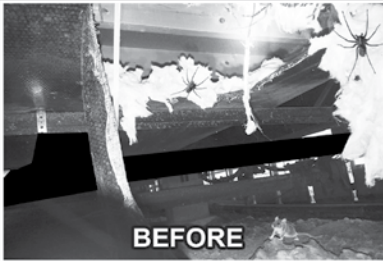
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According to Gene Shalit in *Great Hollywood Wit*, Oscar Levant was one of Hollywood's most irrepressible personalities. He was a quick wit and a concert pianist; he composed 19 film scores; he wrote three best-sellers; and he was known to drink up to 36 cups of coffee a day.

One day Levant showed up for a physical to join the World War II effort.

"Do you think you can kill?" a psychiatrist asked him.

"I don't know about strangers," Levant said, "but friends, yes."

He was deferred from service.

Joke-telling 101

According to Greg Dean, author of *Step by Step to Stand up Comedy*, in *Health* magazine, there are things you can do to tell a joke optimally. Here are his tips:



- Form a picture of what is happening in the joke in your mind. That should key in voice tone and body language that will help you with the storytelling facet of your joke.
- Practice on family or friends before you go public with your joke telling. Develop confidence in the telling of your joke.
- Never tell people that you're not good at telling jokes. Let them decide. Do not sabotage yourself.
- Once you deliver the punch line, be quiet and let your audience laugh. Don't distract them.
- If you bomb when telling a joke, make light of it. Tell listeners it was much funnier when you told it to your dog.

All in a day's work

A van carrying a dozen movie stuntmen on the way to a film location in the mountains spun out of control on an icy road, crashed through a guardrail, rolled down a 90-foot embankment, turned over and burst into flames. There were no injuries.



— attributed to Bryan McNutt of the Vilas County News Review

On staying young

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The young man and the frog

Joke retold from Jim Huggins Humor Page



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The frog called out from the young man’s pocket, “If you will kiss me and turn me back into a beautiful princess, I will come to your house for one week and cook and clean for you.” The young man took the frog out and smiled at it and then put it back into his pocket.

The frog called out from the young man’s pocket again, “If you kiss me and turn me back into a beautiful princess, I’ll stay with you for as long as you want and do anything you want me to.” Again, the young man removed the frog, smiled at it, and then placed it back into his pocket.

Finally, the frog called out from the pocket, “What is it with you? I told you I’d stay with you, and cook and clean for you and do anything you want me to do. Why won’t you kiss me?”

The young man took the frog from his pocket and said, “Look, I’m a computer programmer. I don’t have time for girlfriends — but a talking frog is really cool.”

How many does it take to change a light bulb?

Gleaned from the Internet

Q: How many Californians does it take to change a light bulb?
A: Six. One to turn the bulb, one for support, and four to relate to the experience.

Q: How many psychiatrists does it take to change a light bulb?
A: Only one, but the bulb has got to really WANT to change.

Q: How many software people does it take to screw in a light bulb?
A: None. That’s a hardware problem.

Q: How many graduate students does it take to change a light bulb?
A: Only one, but it may take him more than five years for him to get it done.



On ‘busyness’

Being busy does not always mean real work. The object of all work is production or accomplishment and to either of these ends there must be forethought, system, planning, intelligence, and honest purpose, as well as perspiration. Seeming to do is not doing.

— **Thomas Alva Edison**

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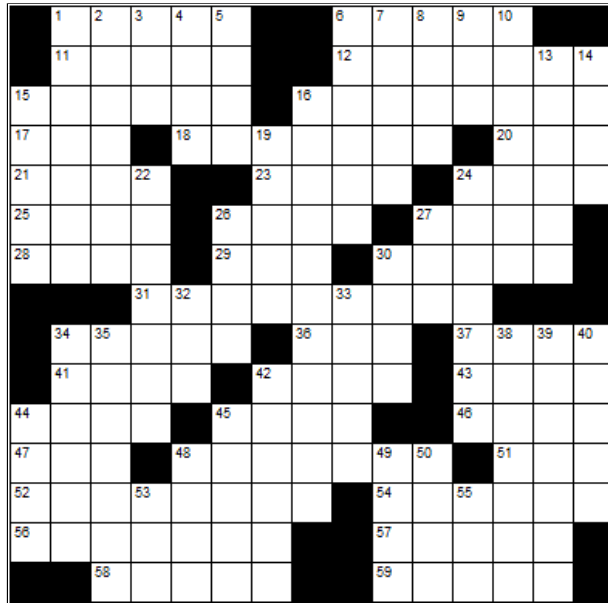


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ACROSS

- 1. Kind of nut
- 6. Condition
- 11. Extreme
- 12. Rhythmic pattern
- 15. Remnants
- 16. Scales
- 17. N N N
- 18. Bicyclist
- 20. Local Area Network
- 21. Mark down
- 23. Brews
- 24. Amount of medication
- 25. A set of garments
- 26. Small fastener
- 27. Sage
- 28. Engrave
- 29. Picnic insect
- 30. Uninterested
- 31. Humiliation
- 34. Walking sticks
- 36. Dung beetle
- 37. Big party
- 41. Double-reed woodwind
- 42. Cozy
- 43. Dwarf buffalo
- 44. Noble
- 45. Not now
- 46. Jewels
- 47. South southeast
- 48. Forceful
- 51. Encountered
- 52. Sporting venues
- 54. Not a single person
- 56. Perfume
- 57. Large Asian country
- 58. Thick woolen fabric
- 59. It comes from bees



DOWN

- 1. Emotional exhaustion
- 2. Stretchable
- 3. And more
- 4. Ship workers
- 5. Chop finely
- 6. Climbed
- 7. Fables
- 8. Jewish month
- 9. 5 plus 5
- 10. Surround completely
- 13. Stopped
- 14. Feudal worker
- 15. On edge
- 16. Unpunctual
- 19. Deservedly receives
- 22. Grain alcohol
- 24. Lowlife
- 26. Bleats
- 27. Was victorious
- 30. Large mass of floating ice
- 32. Honey insect
- 33. Climb up
- 34. Seashores
- 35. Side by side
- 38. Windflower
- 39. Eventually
- 40. Hurried
- 42. Humiliated
- 44. Being
- 45. Ceasefire
- 48. Banquet
- 49. 2.53 centimeters
- 50. Type of salmon
- 53. Morning moisture
- 55. Container



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Do you know a horse's favorite flavors?



According to a study published in Applied Animal Behavior Science and the Discovery Web site, when it comes to flavors horses prefer fenugreek, banana and cherry flavored feed. While most commercial horse feeds come in molasses, garlic and mint flavors, horses in the study turned up their noses to garlic flavored feeds unless there was nothing else available to munch on.

Horses in the study ranked their favorite flavors in the following order: fenugreek, banana, cherry, rosemary, cumin, carrot, peppermint and oregano. And even though horses are often fed apples, in the study horses seemed to prefer bananas.

The horses rejected feeds laced with echinacea, coriander and nutmeg. Previous studies found that horses like to smell coriander, but that apparently does not translate into also liking to eat it, the study found. This is much like how some people love the smell of coffee, but they do not like to drink it.

Affirmations can have powerful effect

When you are struggling with issues in your mind, it is often helpful to practice affirmations. This can be done in different ways, either internally and silently or externally out loud or through the written word.



Practicing affirmations on a daily basis can have a powerful effect in moving your life in the direction you would like to go. For instance, to practice written affirmations, find a quiet comfortable place where you can have some privacy. Take along a pen and pad of paper. Spend a few minutes thinking about some things that you wish you had or wish were true in your life. These things can be material items in life, like a computer or nonmaterial, such as a concept (you want to have more confidence when you are making a presentation, for instance.) Make a list of a few things that you want to work on or toward in your life. And then every morning first thing, write these things down like they are already true. For example, if you want a new computer, but you don't have a way of getting one right now, write: "I own the computer of my dreams." If you want to develop confidence as a presenter, write, "I am a confident presenter."

When these thoughts are focused on, it can often set your mind in motion and you might find yourself taking actions or finding ways to make your desires become realities.

On doubt

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— *William Shakespeare*

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— **S.J. Perelman**

On cynicism

A cynic is a man who, when he smells flowers, looks around for a coffin.

— **H.L. Mencken**

On idealism

An idealist is one who, on noticing that roses smell better than a cabbage, concludes that it will also make better soup.

— **H.L. Mencken**

On heaven

In heaven all the interesting people are missing.

— **Friedrich Nietzsche**

On humble beginnings

If living conditions don't stop improving in this country, we're going to run out of humble beginnings for our great men.

— **Russell P. Askue**

On stupidity

Never attribute to malice that which can be adequately explained by stupidity.

— **Anononymous**

Genius may have its limitations, but stupidity is not thus handicapped.

— **Elbert Hubbard**

To be stupid, selfish, and have good health are three requirements for happiness, though if stupidity is lacking, all is lost.

— **Gustave Flaubert**

On taxes

The hardest thing in the world to understand is the income tax.

— **(attributed) Albert Einstein**

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Journalist and novelist Anna Quindlen says that when she was younger and in college that she rose every day and tried to be perfect—in every possible way. She studied when she was supposed to, she got her assignments turned in on time and she smiled at everyone as she passed them in the dorm halls.

In a 1999 commencement address given at Barnard, where she had graduated 25 years earlier, she said that being perfect was hard work—and the rules changed. What constituted perfection in 1970 when she started college (sweaters and pleated skirts) morphed into her new version (Doc Martens and turtlenecks) as she found herself striving to be a hyper intellectual.

Eventually, the burden of trying to be perfect year after year became too heavy. Here are her words of wisdom on the art of perfectionism:

“Trying to be perfect may be sort of inevitable for people like us, who are smart and ambitious and interested in the world and in its good opinion. But at one level it’s too hard, and at another, it’s too cheap and easy. Because it really requires you mainly to read the zeitgeist of wherever and whenever you happen to be, and to assume the masks necessary to be the best of whatever zeitgeist dictates or requires. Those requirements shapeshift, sure, but when you’re clever you can read them and do the imitation required.

“But nothing important, or meaningful, or beautiful, or interesting, or great ever came out of imitations. The thing that is really hard, and really amazing, is giving up on being perfect and beginning the work of becoming yourself.”

Daily meditation can bring insight



When you’re feeling at loose ends, it could be a good idea to participate in some type of meditation. According to the Web site *Learningtomeditate.com*, you don’t have to think of meditation as an Eastern art, complicated to learn, where an old man under a tree comes up with all the answers to the mysteries of life. It can be a lot more practical than that.

Meditation often is no more than seeking out peacefulness and calmness during the stress and struggle of everyday living. Simple practices can work well. Find a quiet place, focus on your breathing and grow quiet. Eventually you will grow calm, and if you practice on a daily basis and learn how to empty your mind, you may find that you gain insight into matters that seemed to evade your understanding previously.

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