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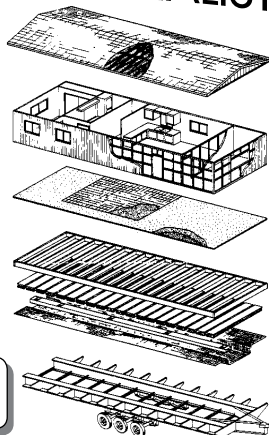
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The workman finally hung up the picture where Mary wanted, but when he was done he walked to the other side of the room and hammered a nail in the wall where Gladstone had wanted the picture to hang. Mary asked him what he was doing.

"Well, Miss," the worker replied, "that'll do to hang the picture when you come round to Master William's opinion."



## One act of kindness

One rainy night many years ago, an elderly gentleman and his wife entered the lobby of a small hotel in Philadelphia. The man asked the clerk if he had any rooms.

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The elderly man tried to object, but the clerk insisted. The next morning, as he paid his bill, the elderly gentleman said to the clerk: "You are the kind of manager who should be the boss of the best hotel in the United States."

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## Coffee may keep you healthy

Is drinking coffee good for you? A recent article on The New York Times website linked to a number of different studies touting the positive effects of caffeine on several different health problems. They include:

- Liver damage. A review of data collected by studies of more than 430,000 people found that coffee may lower the risk of cirrhosis of the liver, a disease associated with overindulgence in alcohol (among other causes).
- Tinnitus. Researchers kept track of more than 65,000 women and found that those who drank more than one 8-ounce cup of coffee a day were less likely to suffer from tinnitus, that persistent ringing or buzzing in your ears.
- Auto crashes. A study of truck drivers who routinely work on long hauls found that coffee drinkers (or consumers of other caffeinated drinks) seem 63 percent less likely to be involved in crashes while driving.
- Melanoma. An analysis of health and dietary data involving more than 400,000 people ages 50-71 found that those who drank four or more cups of coffee a day were 20 percent less likely to develop skin cancer. (The researchers cautioned that avoiding exposure to the sun's ultraviolet rays is still the most important way to avoid melanoma.)



## State of health: What's the best place for you to live?

Where you live may affect your health, at least according to the Gallup/Healthways Well-Being Index. Their most recent report (using data from 2014) ranked all 50 states in order of health. The top 10 healthiest states?

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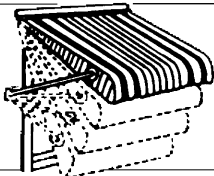


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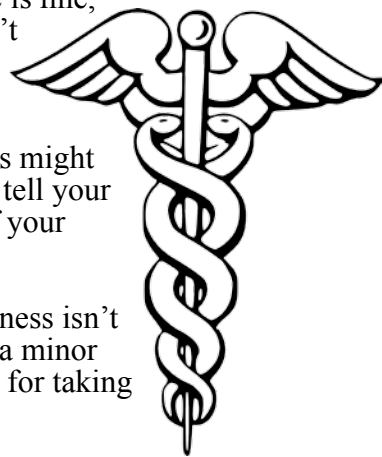


Retailers haven't responded, at least not yet. The study noted that only 53 percent offer same-day shipping even though 55 percent of buyers indicated they'd be willing to pay for it, and only 20 percent send products within three hours, although 31 percent said they'd be ready to pay for that.

## Watch your words when talking to doctors

Communicating with your doctor is important, but you can overdo it. From the Prevention.com website comes this lists of things doctors don't want to hear from their patients:

- "I'm sure I have \_\_\_\_." Researching your symptoms online is fine, but most doctors want to diagnose illnesses themselves. Don't walk into the doctor's office insisting you know what's wrong.
- "It's probably just stress." Writing off your problems to stress might keep you from fully describing what's going on. Be ready to tell your doctor all your symptoms so he or she can get a clear idea of your illness.
- "I'm sorry for wasting your time." You may feel that your illness isn't important, but doctors would prefer that you come in before a minor ailment turns into a serious one. You don't have to apologize for taking care of your health.
- "Haven't you heard of this new drug?" Doctors are busy people who don't have time to keep up with every new medication, no matter how hard they try. Don't insist that your doctor prescribe something you saw on TV, but do print out articles that might be helpful in treating your illness.
- "You're supposed to be the expert." Again, doctors are human, and they sometimes miss things. Have realistic expectations, and talk openly about your needs so the doctor can make an informed decision.



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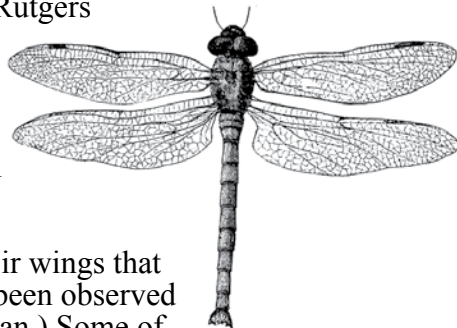
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## Dragonfly breaks record for longest flight

**B**irds may fly great distances, but the world's leading long-distance flyer is a dragonfly an inch and a half long, according to biologists at Rutgers University-Newark. A species of dragonfly known as *Pantala flavescens* can be found in areas as far apart as eastern Canada, Texas, Japan, and India. Their work found that dragonflies in all these locations share a common gene pool, showing that they were able to travel vast distances to intermingle with local species.



The dragonflies have an increased surface area on their wings that lets wind carry them across oceans. (Some have already been observed migrating between Asia and Africa across the Indian Ocean.) Some of them may actually make the long journey without stopping, stroking the air and then gliding for extended periods to conserve their energy.

Monarch butterflies were previously thought to migrate the farthest distance of any creature—2,500 miles—but if the Rutgers biologists are correct, the dragonflies have set a new record.

## Microwaves make rubies sparkle

**W**ant to make your jewelry sparkle? Try putting it in the microwave. Actually, that may not be your best or safest bet, but scientists have discovered that a microwave treatment can improve the clarity and color of rubies, which aside from jewelry are used in high-power switches and sensors.



As reported on the Science Daily website, a research team at India's Institute of Minerals and Materials Technology (IMMT) put a series of natural, hexagonal rubies in a standard 3MW microwave furnace and heated them at 1,500 degrees Celsius. The microwaves changed the gemstones' color and structure, turning them from reddish black to bright pink and smoothing out defects and impurities by altering their atomic layout and crystal structure.

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Scientists at Leiden University in the Netherlands, though, analyzed some chunks of manganese found at a site in southern France and discovered that the blocks contained manganese dioxide, which is more flammable than other types of manganese. Groundup particles of the substances can lower the ignition temperature of wood by more than 100 degrees—suggesting that instead of relying on naturally occurring fires sparked by lightning, Neanderthals were able to build fires on their own.

## Radio bursts detected from neutron star

They're not signals from an advanced alien civilization, but they've been a mystery to astronomers for years. Fast radio bursts, or FRBs, are bursts of energy from outer space lasting just milliseconds but emitting as much energy as the sun produces in 10,000 years. Only 17 have ever been recorded, all of them apparently one-time events.



But a repeating FRB has recently been detected, according to the Sci-News website: Astronomers from McGill University using the Arecibo radio telescope in Puerto Rico have recorded a series of 10 FRBs they believe may emanate from a rotating neutron star in a distant galaxy.

This conflicts with previous theories that FRBs are caused by cataclysmic events such as supernovas or the creation of black holes. Whatever their origin, the truth is out there.

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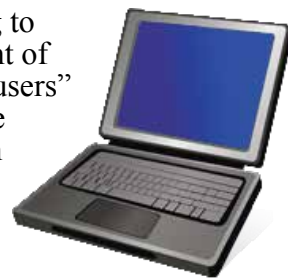
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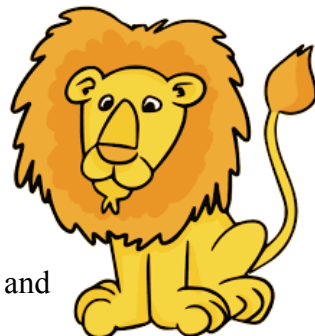
A wealthy man took his dachshund on an African safari, but on the second day the dog got scared and ran into the jungle. Lost, he wandered around until a lion spotted him.

Thinking fast, the dachshund turned his back on the lion and lay down, pretending to sleep. “Boy, that was one tasty lion!” he said loudly. “After a meal like that, I need to take a nap!”

The lion backed off. “I’ve never seen an animal like that,” he thought. “He must be dangerous.”

A monkey up in a tree saw the whole thing and realized that the dog had fooled the king of beasts. So he jumped onto the lion’s back and explained that he’d been tricked.

Furious, the lion leaped to attack again. But the dachshund saw him just in time and thought fast again. Lifting his head with a yawn, he said loudly, “Where is that monkey? I thought he’d be back by now with another lion!”



## Dem bones

Some tourists in a museum were marveling at a complete dinosaur skeleton. One of them asked the guard, “Do you know how old those dinosaur bones are?”



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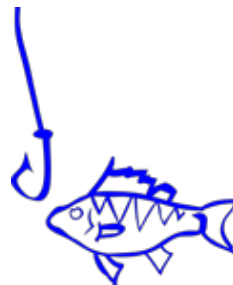
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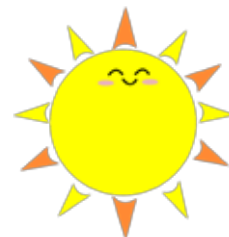
**Adopt a Cat Month.** Thousands of cute cuddly kittens and mellow older cats are waiting in shelters across the country for someone to take them home. Members of the shelter staff are ready to help you adopt your very first cat or bring home a friend for another beloved cat.

**Alzheimer's and Brain Awareness Month.** Around the world 47 million people are living with some form of dementia, and that number is expected to climb to 76 million by 2030. Learn how to maintain your brain's health, and help raise awareness and support of research aimed at treating brain illnesses.

**National Zoo and Aquarium Month.** Explore your local zoo and aquarium as well as the websites of America's great zoos and aquariums. Many of them have excellent educational resources—photographs, videos, facts, lesson plans, and activities for the whole family.

**PTSD Awareness Month.** Post Traumatic Stress Disorder can affect anyone, and its effects are felt throughout every community. The purpose of PTSD Awareness Month is to encourage everyone to raise public awareness of effective treatments and to help all those affected by PTSD.

**Sun Safety Week, June 5-11.** Sponsored by The Sun Safety Alliance, which believes that a focus on skin cancer prevention, education, and awareness will improve public knowledge of the importance of sun safety.



**Men's Health Week, June 13-19.** Celebrated each year during the week leading up to Father's Day to heighten awareness of preventable health problems and encourage early detection and treatment of disease among men and boys.

**Superman Week, June 9-12.** An event held in Metropolis, Ill., to celebrate the adventures of the Man of Steel in comics, film, and TV.

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**National Running Day, June 3.** Put on your running shoes and some sunscreen and go out for a run!

**Father's Day, June 19.** Remember your dad—and fathers everywhere—on this special day.



## Teach children or grandchildren this important skill

**P**roblem solving is a skill that's valuable throughout your children's lives, from school to their adult careers. You can teach your children how to tackle any problem they're facing by sharing these steps:

- Identify the problem. This is the most important step, and often the most overlooked. Your child can't solve a problem until he or she can state what it is.
- Come up with a list of solutions. Brainstorm possible solutions, even ones that initially seem farfetched. Just keep the ideas flowing.
- Assess each idea. Now is the time to evaluate the merits of each idea, weighing the pros and cons thoroughly.
- Pick one or two ideas. Have your child pick the top two solutions and give his or her specific reasons for choosing those possible solutions.
- Put the decision into action. Before going forward, talk about possible outcomes. What are the potential obstacles? What help can you expect? How can you avoid traps?
- Evaluate and learn. How did the solution work? What changes need to be made to make it work better? What would your child try the next time?

## The hungry thief

**J**oe and Sam went into a bakery. When the cashier wasn't looking, Joe quickly slipped three doughnuts into the pocket of his jacket.

"What are you doing?" Sam whispered. "You just stole those!"

"So what?" Joe asked. "Nobody saw a thing."

Sam waved the cashier over. "Give me a doughnut, and I'll show you a magic trick."

Intrigued, the cashier handed over a doughnut. Sam ate it, then asked for a second one, and then a third.

"So what's the trick?" the cashier asked, skeptically.

"You know where those doughnuts are now?"

The cashier frowned. "Where?"

"Look in my friend's pocket."





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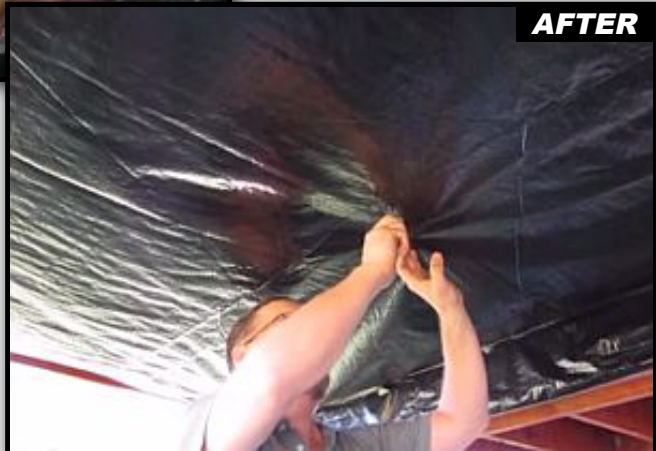
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## Get more from your to-do list

A to-do list can help you organize your time and energy effectively, but successful people know that it's just a start, not an end in itself. Get the greatest impact from your list by following this advice:

- **Start the night before.** Instead of making your list in the morning, finish your day by planning tomorrow's work. You'll arrive fresh and ready to tackle your most important tasks right away.
- **Keep it short.** A list of 100 items is intimidating. Limit your to-do lists to tasks that add maximum value to your organization, not routine busywork.
- **Prioritize your tasks.** Don't list items at random. Decide which job to tackle first, second, and third so you don't waste time on less important tasks.
- **Categorize your tasks.** After you've identified your two or three most important jobs for the day, go through your list and group similar tasks together—answering phone calls and emails, meeting with co-workers, organizing various projects. You'll get more done by not switching between different kinds of tasks all day.
- **Get specific.** Include the results you want, not just the name of the task. "Work on Johnson report" doesn't give you a goal; "Finish Johnson report by 3:30" will help you focus on what you want to achieve.
- **Expect the unexpected.** No matter how organized you are, interruptions will occur. Build in enough time to deal with them so you're not thrown off by the day-to-day demands of the workplace.



## Quick Thinking

A stockboy in the produce section of the supermarket one day had a customer who asked to buy half a head of lettuce. The stockboy told him that they sold only whole heads of lettuce.

The man insisted that he didn't need the whole head and wouldn't pay for a whole head if he wanted half of it. Finally the stockboy said he had to ask his manager about the situation. As he walked into the back room, the stockboy blurted out: "Some jerk out there wants to buy only a half a head of lettuce."

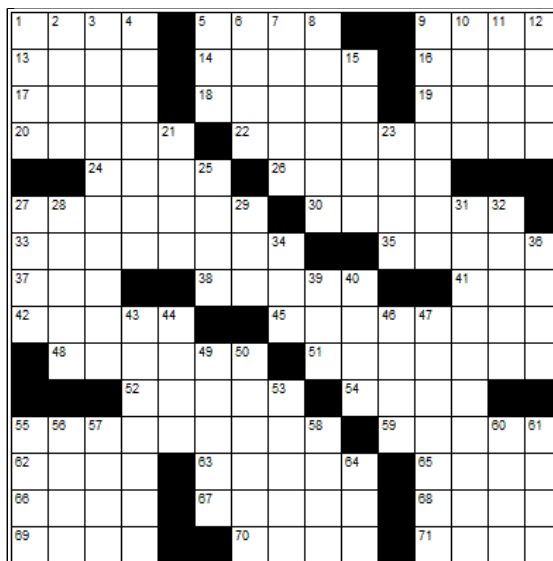
The manager's eyes grew wide in shock. The stockboy turned around to find the customer standing right behind him

He quickly said, "And this gentleman here wants to buy the other half."

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## ACROSS

1. Found on most heads
5. Seaweed
9. Strait-laced
13. Coastal raptor
14. Intimidate
16. Assistant
17. Not more
18. Spanish friend
19. Part portrayed
20. Philippine tribal chief
22. Stretched
24. Wander
26. Attempts
27. Honors
30. Theatrical performers
33. Affect with an ulcer
35. Ice rain
37. Make lace
38. A synthetic fabric
41. Missing In Action
42. Overact
45. Icing
48. Soothsayer
51. Demesnes
52. Intersect
54. Male deer
55. Figurine
59. Grind
62. Cab
63. Beginnings of plants
65. Ancient Peruvian
66. Very imposing or impressive
67. Twilled fabric
68. Left by a wound
69. Untidyness
70. Encounter
71. Rope fiber



## DOWN

- |   |                        |                          |
|---|------------------------|--------------------------|
| 1. Possessed                            | 21. Not under          | 44. Beige                |
| 2. Region                               | 23. Obtains            | 46. Doe's mate           |
| 3. Teacher                              | 25. Distinctive flair  | 47. Make dirty or spotty |
| 4. Fix up                               | 27. Fretted instrument | 49. Loamy deposit        |
| 5. American Dental Association          | 28. San Antonio fort   | 50. High regard          |
| 6. Hobbling                             | 29. A pig's home       | 53. Cubic meter          |
| 7. Remorse                              | 31. Payment            | 55. Flower stalk         |
| 8. Wool source                          | 32. Parisian river     | 56. Adhesive strip       |
| 9. Sunshade                             | 34. Imp                | 57. Line of rotation     |
| 10. Violent disturbance                 | 36. Labels             | 58. Border               |
| 11. Indolent                            | 39. Refinable rock     | 60. Defraud              |
| 12. A fitting reward (archaic)          | 40. Snack              | 61. Angelic instrument   |
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