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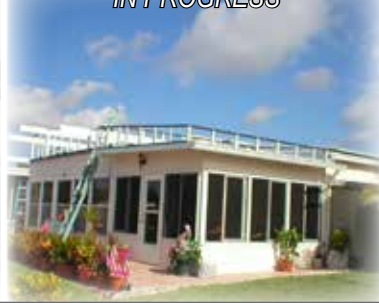
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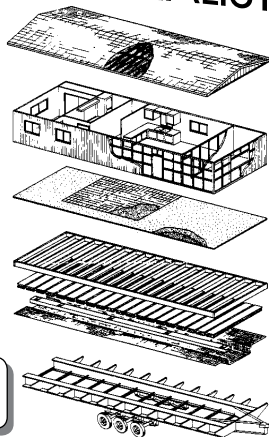
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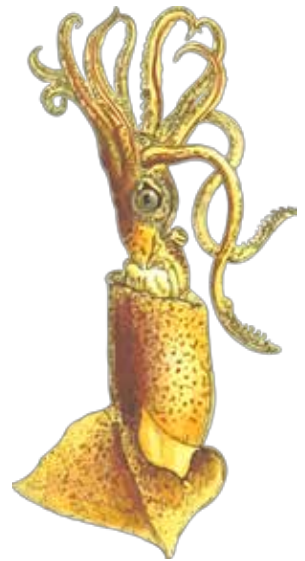
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The cephalopods are coming

Don't look now, but cephalopods are on the rise. A team of scientists have determined that cephalopods—sea-dwellers including mollusks, squid, cuttlefish, and octopuses—are increasing their numbers below the waves.

As reported on the Sci-News website, scientists at the University of Adelaide created a database of catch rates for 35 species of cephalopods from 1953 to 2013. They found that cephalopod populations have increased across three distinct groups since the 1950s.

The sea creatures are able to adapt to environmental changes quickly due to their short lifespans, rapid growth, and life-history plasticity. Their growing numbers could have both positive and negative effects: increased pressure on the undersea species they hunt for prey, but also benefits for marine predators who in turn hunt them, as well as humans who harvest them from the sea for food.



Chinese brewed beer in ancient times

Crafts beers are thriving these days, but beer has been around for a long time, scientists say. Researchers in the United States and China have revealed that the Chinese brewed their own beer some 5,000 years ago, much earlier than previously believed.

As reported on the Voice of America website, archaeologists have uncovered brewing equipment in underground rooms in China's central plain region. Traces of ingredients found on the equipment suggests that the ancient brewmasters used a recipe of broomcorn millet, barley, a grain called Job's tears or Chinese pearl barley, and a form of tuber to brew their beverage. The presence of barley 1,000 years before it was believed to have been grown in China suggests that it might have been brought in from other regions, making beer an ingredient in early trade.

Researchers describe the possible taste of the beer as “a bit sour and a bit sweet.”

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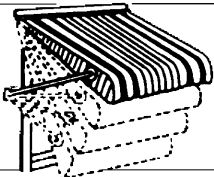
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Do:

- “I’m here for you.” Let people know you’re available to listen when they need to talk. Check in regularly to show that you care.
- “Let’s do something.” Help them get out of the house. Suggest activities like taking a walk, going to a movie, or getting some coffee.
- “I know this is difficult.” Recognize the other person’s struggle. Just knowing that someone understands the challenges of depression can help.

Don't:

- “You just need ____.” Minimizing the person’s pain doesn’t help. Don’t offer a quick-fix solution to a long-term problem.
- “I get depressed, too.” Yes, everyone feels down from time to time, but clinical depression can feel like a never-ending battle. Don’t compare your occasional blue days to another person’s serious condition.
- “Other people have worse problems.” Comparing your friend’s problem to other people rarely helps—and may make the person feel worse. Show compassion for the situation and help as much as

Move here to get into shape

Does where you live influence your physical health? Some cities are more conducive to a healthy lifestyle than others in terms of access to parks and recreation, “walkability,” and other factors. The American Fitness Index, produced by the American College of Sports Medicine and the Anthem Foundation, lists the ten best cities for fitness in the United States. They are:

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The three kick rule



A lawyer went duck hunting in rural Tennessee. He shot a bird that fell into a farmer's field. As he went to retrieve the duck, the farmer walked up.

"That duck is on my land," the farmer said. "So it belongs to me."

"But I shot it," the lawyer said. "If you don't let me have it, I'll sue you for your farm and everything you have."

The farmer smiled. "Tell you what: How about we settle this with the three kick rule?"

"What's that?" the lawyer asked.

"One of us kicks the other three times. Then the other guy gets to kick the first guy three times. We keep doing it until one of us gives in."

The farmer looked very old, and the lawyer worked out regularly. "All right," he said confidently. "We'll do it your way."

"Since we're on my land," the farmer said, "I kick first."

The lawyer agreed, positive that the elderly farmer couldn't hurt him.

He was wrong. The farmer's first kick sent him into the dirt. His second hurled him against a tree. The third had him flying into a haystack.

Dizzy, the lawyer pulled himself up and took a deep breath. "OK, now it's my turn."

"Nah," the farmer smiled. "You can have the duck."

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Libraries still important to most Americans

Most Americans believe that libraries still do a good job of serving their communities' learning needs. A Pew Research Center survey found that 76 percent of adults agree that their local library is fulfilling its educational function, with 37 percent saying it does so "very well" and 39 percent saying "pretty well."



About 78 percent of survey respondents indicated they've visited a library at least one time in their lives, and 44 percent said they'd been to their library at least once in the past 12 months.

Among the latter group, 97 percent consider themselves "lifelong learners," along with 98 percent who rely on library websites for information and learning.

Say cheese! Most of us rate our photography skills highly

Most of us like to take photographs, and most of us think we're pretty good at it. In a Canon USA survey of 1,000 adults, 80 percent described their photography skills as "good to excellent," and 62 percent said their picture-taking talents had improved over the last two years.

What are people taking pictures of? More than half—55 percent—post photos of recipes they're proud of, and 27 percent have shared pictures of their meals to brag about. The survey also discovered that people tend to take more pics of their pets than themselves (59 percent), although 47 percent admit they take selfies regularly.

Mostly we take pictures of our friends and family on special occasions (64 percent). Holidays and family gatherings are popular occasions for snapping images, with 80 percent taking photos on Christmas, Hanukkah, Memorial Day, and the like.

Video is popular, too: Seventeen percent of people in the survey say they shoot videos for online posts, with 50 percent taking videos of themselves to share on Facebook and other platforms.

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Home is where the children are staying these days

Children used to grow up and move away, but that's no longer a guarantee. A study reported on the NPR website has found that for the first time in 130 years, young adults 18–34 are more likely to live with their parents than on their own:

- Living in parents' home 32.1 percent
- Married or cohabitating 31.6 percent
- Living alone 14 percent
- Other 22 percent

The “Other” category takes in such possibilities as living with a sibling or other family member, sharing housing with a roommate, or group situations like a college dorm—or prison.

Self-driving cars not tops on wish lists

Driverless cars are coming whether we like it or not—and many Americans don't. Despite claims from the government, car manufacturers, insurance companies, and tech enthusiasts about how driverless cars will be safer and more efficient, the public is skeptical.



A University of Michigan Survey has found that 46 percent of U.S. drivers prefer a vehicle with no self-driving capacity. Thirty-nine percent would opt for a car with some self-driving capability, and only 15 percent really want cars that can drive themselves. The numbers are consistent with those of a similar survey conducted 10 months earlier.

One reason for the reluctance may be plain old-fashioned fear: One study by the AAA found three-quarters of respondents simply feel to scared to trust a car without a human driver.

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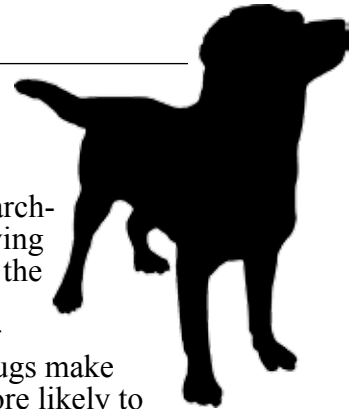
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Give Fido a belly rub, not a hug

They've wanted to tell you for a long time, but they didn't have the words: Dogs hate being hugged.

An article in *Psychology Today* describes how a group of researchers analyzed the body language in a series of photos of dogs receiving hugs from humans. They found evidence of stress in 82 percent of the photos, leading them to speculate that dogs experience hugs negatively. The reason? Dogs have evolved to be fast runners, and their first line of defense against danger is running away (not biting). Hugs make running difficult, if not impossible, making dogs nervous—and more likely to bite if they feel threatened.



A pat or a belly rub may be a more positive way to appreciate your pet, the researchers say.

America the innovator

Americans prize creativity and innovation. The *Scientific American* website took a look at why, asking various experts to address what drives the creative spark through the United States. Here's what some of them said:

- John Kao, CEO, Edgemakers: “What are key elements of American culture that make up the ‘secret sauce’ of innovation? For a start, forgiveness of failure, tolerance of risk and an appetite for apparently off-the-wall ideas. In Silicon Valley, the saying goes that if you haven't failed at least once or twice, you're not trying hard enough.”
- Linda Weiss, professor emeritus, University of Sydney: “One of the most striking aspects of America's innovation culture is the belief that nothing lies beyond human power to achieve, that science and technology can solve most problems, and that change invariably leads to better outcomes.”
- Shamim M. Momim, director, Los Angeles Nomadic Division (LAND): “America is a nation that celebrates its founding on individual freedom and struggle against oppressive systems of belief. It makes sense that, in order to provide each person the opportunity to pull himself or herself up by the bootstraps and succeed on one's own merits, innovation—literally ‘a new method, idea, or product’—would be the avenue to that success.”

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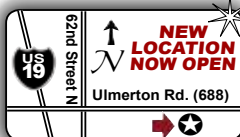


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A motivational speaker started off a seminar by holding up a \$20 bill in front of a room of 200 people. “Who would like this \$20 bill?”

Hands started going up. The speaker proceeded to crumple up the \$20 dollar bill. “Who still wants it?”

All the hands stayed in the air. “OK,” he continued. “What if I do this?” He dropped the bill on the ground and started to grind it into the floor with his shoe. He picked it up, now crumpled and dirty.

“Now, who still wants it?” Still the hands stayed high in the air.

The speaker smiled. “My friends, here’s my point: No matter what I did to the money, you still wanted it because it did not decrease in value. It was still worth \$20. Many times in your life, you will be crumpled, dropped, and ground into the dirt. You’ll feel worthless. But no matter what has happened or what will happen, you will never lose your value.”

The monkey king

A kingdom of monkeys lived in a grove of mango trees alongside a river. They lived peacefully for many years until a king built a castle close by.

The king noticed the mango grove. He told his soldiers to bring him a mango, and when he tasted it he instantly decided that he wanted all the mangos for himself. So he told his army to kill all the monkeys and bring the mangos back to the village.

The king of the monkeys saw the soldiers approaching, the human king behind them. He quickly told the monkeys they had to flee. They made their way through the forest, pursued by soldiers, until they reached the edge of a high cliff.

Safety beckoned from another cliff just out of reach. But the monkey king was large, so he was able to reach across and grab a root, allowing his body to become a living bridge from one side to the other.

The monkeys crawled over him until all reached safety. But the soldiers caught up with the tribe just before the monkey king himself could escape.

The human king had seen the whole thing. Impressed by the monkey king’s courage and self-sacrifice, he ordered his army to go home and leave the monkeys unharmed. Before he left, he asked the monkey: “Why did you do that? You might have died for them, and you are their king.”





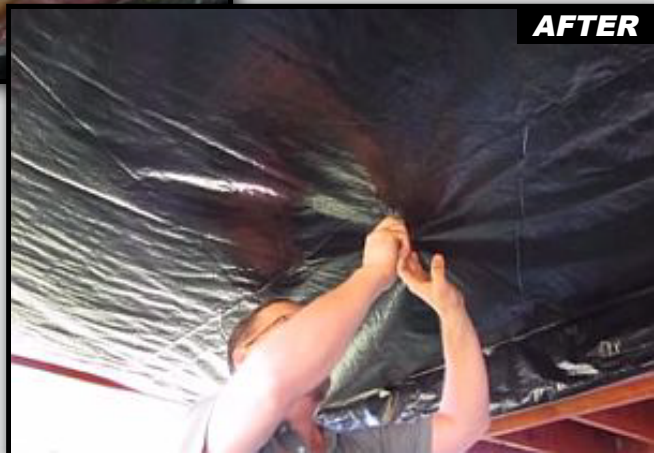
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With your partner:

- Plan a date night without the kids.
- Hide inexpensive gifts around the house.
- Call or email in the middle of the day to say, "I love you."



With friends:

- Send a fun, funny card or email.
- Get together for no reason.
- Call just to see how they're doing.

With children/grandchildren:

- Have fun with the shaving cream during bath time.
- Have a race with the kids to see who can set or clear the table fastest (without breaking anything).
- Dance and sing for no reason.

Bring passion back into your life

Are your life and job getting you down? Have you lost that fire and passion you first started out with a long time ago? Burning out can create problems in both your family life and your career. Here's how to regain the right perspective on where you are and bring back your passion:

- Review your situation. Start with this simple sentence and fill in the blanks: "In the past, I felt _____, and now I feel _____." You'll find the answers to be very enlightening, whatever they are.
- Reflect on your past. Draw up a timeline from the very beginning of your childhood and figure out when you were happiest and what got you the most down. This can lead to a better understanding of your influences and obstacles.
- Check your values. List five or six principles that guide you in life, and decide whether they are values you truly live by or merely talk about.
- Look to the future. Try writing a page or two on what you would like to do with the rest of your life, or list things you would like to do before you die. Don't worry about practicalities or priorities—just create that dream list.
- Talk things out. Record your thoughts, feelings and hopes on a tape recorder, or tell them to a trusted friend. With somebody to witness and hear you out, you'll feel responsible for making some changes.

Space station marks a milestone

The International Space Station has reached a new milestone: It's made 100,000 orbits around Earth, a distance of 2.6 million miles. That's roughly 10 round trips to Mars, or a one-way voyage to Neptune. Some facts from the U.S. News & World Report website about the ISS, which began its orbit around Earth 17 ½ years ago:

- Orbits. The station orbits Earth 16 times a day. Each orbit takes about 19 minutes.
- People. Since 2000, 222 astronauts have lived or visited the ISS, 33 of them women. The station has been home to 47 full-time crews, with members from the United States, Russia, Canada, Japan, the UK, and other European space agencies.
- Photos. Crewmembers have taken 3 million photos from the ISS.

Protect food from spoilage—and yourself from getting sick

Does something smell foul inside your refrigerator? It may be food gone bad. Two kinds of bacteria that can spoil food: pathogenic bacteria, which causes foodborne illness; and spoilage bacteria, which causes food to smell, taste, and look bad. Keep these tips in mind for storing food safely:



- Watch the temperature. Bacteria grow the fastest between temperatures of 40 degrees Fahrenheit and 140 degrees Fahrenheit. A refrigerator set at 40 degrees Fahrenheit or lower will protect most foods.
- Eat or refrigerate promptly. Don't eat food that's been stored at temperatures above 40 degrees Fahrenheit for longer than two hours.
- Don't let foods dry out. Cover foods or wrap them in plastic to retain moisture.
- Divide up. Divide large dishes, like stew or soup, into small portions and put them in shallow containers before you refrigerate them.
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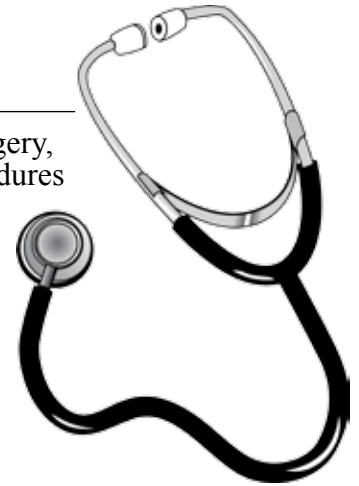
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Tolkien Week, Sept. 18-24. Honoring J.R.R. Tolkien and his son and editor, Christopher J.R. Tolkien, this week celebrates the Middle-earth cycle: The Silmarillion, The Hobbit, The Lord of the Rings, and other works. It’s held during the week of Sept. 22, the birthday of Bilbo and Frodo Baggins.



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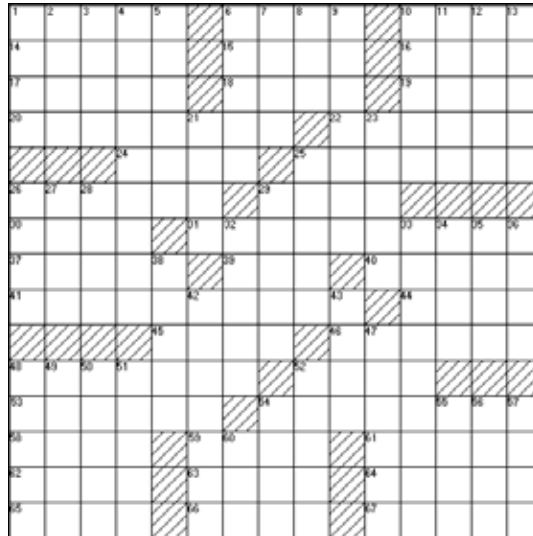
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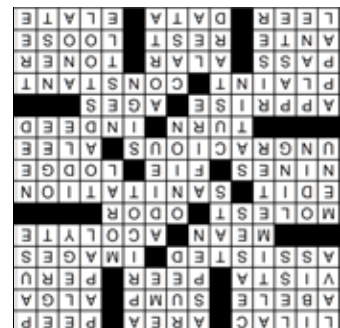
ACROSS

1. Pale purple
6. Neighborhood
10. Look furtively
14. Poplar tree
15. A covered cistern
16. Seaweed
17. Panorama
18. Jury member
19. South American country
20. Helped
22. Pictures
24. Average
25. Altar boy
26. Assault sexually
29. Fragrance
30. Modify written material
31. The state of being clean
37. 9 9 9 9
39. Cry of disgust
40. Hostel
41. Lacking social graces
44. Sheltered, nautically
45. Veer
46. Really or in truth
48. Notify
52. Matures
53. Lamentation
54. Changeless
58. Overtake
59. Winged
61. Laser printers need this
62. Initial wager
63. Repose
64. Not tight
65. Lascivious look
66. Information
67. Cheer up



DOWN

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|-------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|--|
| 1. Magma | 21. Makes lace | 42. Sweetened mixture of milk and eggs baked |
| 2. Nile bird | 23. Words to live by | 43. Placard |
| 3. Not more | 25. Farewell | 47. Snuggle |
| 4. An important airplane instrument | 26. List of choices | 48. Dismay |
| 5. Stops | 27. Chief Norse god | 49. Flying machine |
| 6. Colorado resort | 28. Water chestnut | 50. Adhesive |
| 7. Lamented | 29. Cutting this can make you cry | 51. Stair part |
| 8. An uncle | 32. In flames | 52. Heart artery |
| 9. Fruit resembling a peach | 33. A poisonous agaric | 54. Group of actors |
| 10. Ordered by the pope | 34. Doing nothing | 55. Dwarf buffalo |
| 11. Mournful poem | 35. Arch type | 56. Where a bird lives |
| 12. Everglades bird | 36. Require | 57. Tall woody plant |
| 13. Hesitate | 38. Lustrous fabric | 60. Meadow |





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