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Why fight over shadows?

A wealthy man hired a peasant and his camel for a long trip across the desert. The rich man rode the camel as the peasant led it across the sand.

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Their voices grew louder and louder as the argument went on. Finally the camel got frightened and ran away—leaving them stranded in the middle of the desert.

Moral: Don’t let yourself get so determined to be right that you lose what you’re fighting for.

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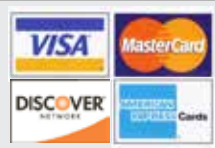
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Then he fell very ill and realized his death was fast approaching. He called the sons and told them: “Dear sons, I see my death nearing me, but before I bid goodbye to all of you, I want to share a secret. There is a treasure hidden under the fields. Dig the entire field after my death to find it.”

The old farmer died. After the funeral, the sons began to dig for the treasure without leaving any part of the field untouched, but they found nothing. However, their digging of the field led to a healthy crop and resulted in huge earnings. This made the sons realize what their father meant.

Moral: Hard work always pays off. Fruits of hard work are always sweet whether or not they are in the form you expect.

Toss of a coin

A great warrior was going to war with a fierce enemy with only one-tenth the number of soldiers the opposition commanded. He knew that he could win the fight with a well-planned strategy, but his soldiers were in doubt.

On the way to the battle the leader stopped at a temple and told his men: “After my visit here I will toss a coin. If the head comes up, we will win; if tails, we will lose. Destiny holds us in her hand.”

The warrior entered the temple and offered his prayers. Then he came forth and tossed a coin in front of his men. Heads appeared. The soldiers were filled with confidence and eager to fight the battle, which they won.

“No one can change the hand of destiny,” one of the soldiers told the leader after winning the battle.

“Indeed not,” said the leader, and showed the coin—which had heads on both sides.

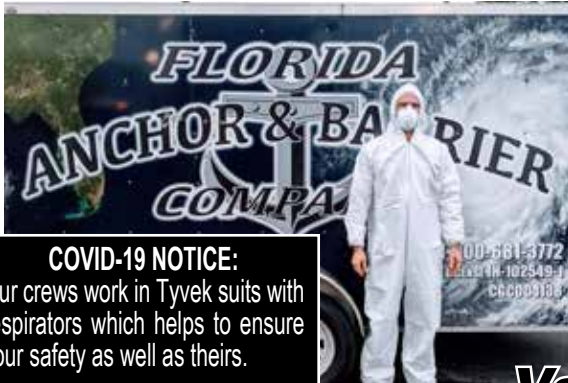


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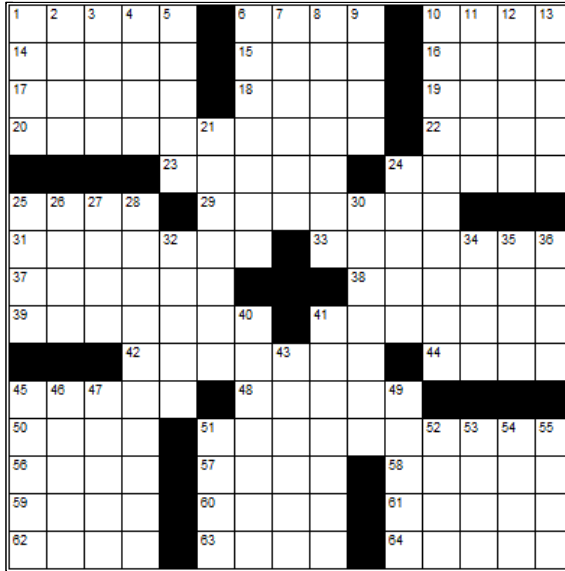
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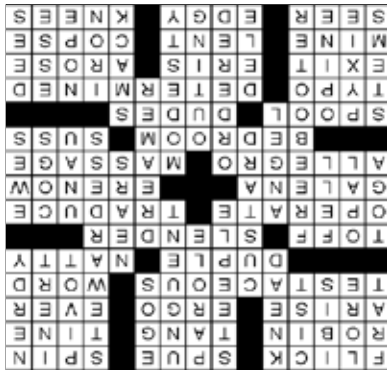
ACROSS

- 1. Movie
- 6. Disgorge
- 10. Whirl
- 14. Batman's sidekick
- 15. A tart spicy quality
- 16. Prong
- 17. Mount
- 18. Therefore
- 19. Always
- 20. Possessing a hard shell
- 22. Unit of language
- 23. Double
- 24. Dapper
- 25. Wealthy man (British slang)
- 29. Lithesome
- 31. Perform surgery on
- 33. Malign
- 37. Lead sulfide
- 38. Heretofore
- 39. Lively tempo
- 41. Back rub
- 42. Sleeping chamber
- 44. Figure (out)
- 45. Thread holder
- 48. Guys
- 50. Misprint
- 51. Obstinate
- 56. Way out
- 57. Twin sister of Ares
- 58. Got up
- 59. Not yours
- 60. Gave temporarily
- 61. Thicket
- 62. Clairvoyant
- 63. Jittery
- 64. Leg joints



DOWN

- 1. A social club for male undergraduates
- 2. Wisdom
- 3. Nile bird
- 4. A box or chest
- 5. Work dough
- 6. Spire
- 7. Conditional release
- 8. Ointment
- 9. Prima donna problems
- 10. Flight attendant
- 11. Turning point
- 12. Unreactive
- 13. Geeky
- 21. Sweetened mixture of milk and eggs
- 24. Approaches
- 25. Roman robe
- 26. Iridescent gem
- 27. Tumbled
- 28. Pillager
- 30. Escapist
- 32. Seraphim
- 34. Two-toed sloth
- 35. Sprockets
- 36. Female sheep (plural)
- 40. Commanded
- 41. Propriety
- 43. Field day
- 45. Originates in
- 46. Creeping evergreen shrub
- 47. Express a thought
- 49. Kiss lightly
- 51. Expunge
- 52. Weightlifters pump this
- 53. No
- 54. Being
- 55. D D D D



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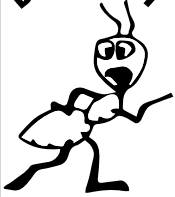
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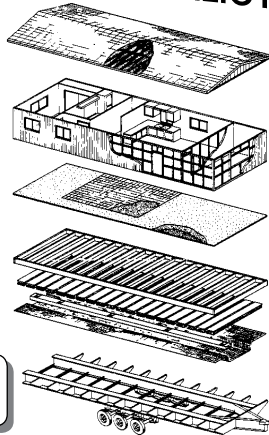
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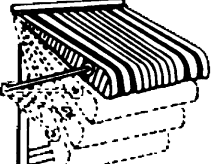
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- **Accept your own mortality.** Seneca: "No man can have a peaceful life who thinks too much about lengthening it."
- **Remember whose opinion matters.** Marcus Aurelius: "It never ceases to amaze me: We love ourselves more than other people, but care more about their opinions than our own."
- **Schedule stillness into your life.** Seneca: "Nothing, to my way of thinking, is a better proof of a well-ordered mind than a man's ability to stop just where he is and pass some time in his own company."
- **Find the beauty in everyday life.** Marcus Aurelius: "Observe the movements of the stars as if you were running their courses with them, and let your mind constantly dwell on the changes of the elements into each other. Such imaginings wash away the filth of life on the ground."
- **Take the view from above.** Marcus Aurelius: "Think of substance in its entirety, of which you have the smallest of shares; and of time in its entirety, of which a brief and momentary span has been assigned to you; and of the works of destiny, and how very small is your part in them."
- **Live by a code.** Marcus Aurelius: "If it is not right do not do it; if it is not true do not say it."

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Choose the right mindset for creative success



Your mindset influences your ability to think creatively and succeed in whatever you do. Here are four basic mindsets to cultivate, from the MakeIt website:

- **Growth mindset.** Believe that you can change, develop, and improve your talents, your abilities, and your intelligence. This will make you more willing and able to learn new skills.
- **Open mindset.** Be open to new ideas and willing to take seriously suggestions from other people. Ask questions, invite feedback, look for new perspectives, and think as positively as possible.
- **Promotion mindset.** Focus on winning and achieving goals. Someone with a promotion mindset will have a clear goal and actively shoot for it. People with a prevention mindset—the opposite—focus on “not losing” instead of achieving.
- **Outward mindset.** See other people as equals. Notice their value, and you’ll be more trusted. Engage with all kinds of people, whatever their position or rank. Give their needs and desires the same level of importance as your own.

Feeling stuck? Write a letter to yourself



Do you feel like you’re not really making any progress on your goals? Try this: Write a letter to yourself.

In the letter, envision what you would like to accomplish in one year’s time. Let your mind create the situation as if it has already happened. Make sure you write about where you are in relation to the dreams you have for yourself.

Seal the letter and give it to someone you trust completely. Ask that person to mail the letter back to you in one year’s time. Measure how much progress you’ve really made to realize your dream.

Many people who try this exercise find that they have moved significantly from where they were a year prior and are making steady progress toward their goals.

The creative adult is the child who survived.

— Ursula K. Le Guin

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Labor Day, Sept. 7. A day off and a day to pay tribute to working men and women.

National POW/MIA Recognition Day, Sept. 18. This honors those who were prisoners of war (POWs) and those who are still missing in action (MIA). It is most associated with those who were POWs during the Vietnam War.

Rosh Hashanah, Sept. 18–20. The Jewish New Year and the traditional anniversary of the creation of Adam and Eve, the first man and woman according to the Hebrew Bible, and the inauguration of humanity's role in God's world.

World Alzheimer's Day, Sept. 21. An international campaign to raise awareness and challenge the stigma that surrounds dementia.

The history of Labor Day

Labor Day is a creation of the labor movement, a yearly celebration of the American worker, and a national tribute to the laborer's contribution to the social and economic achievements of the United States. There is some uncertainty about the origins of Labor Day. Some records show that Peter J. McGuire, general secretary of the Brotherhood of Carpenters and Joiners and a co-founder of the American Federation of Labor, was first to suggest a day to honor those "who from rude nature have delved and carved all the grandeur we behold." Other research suggests that machinist Matthew Maguire, later the secretary of Local 344 of the International Association of Machinists in Paterson, N.J., proposed the holiday in 1882 while serving as secretary of the Central Labor Union in New York.



The first Labor Day holiday was celebrated on Tuesday, Sept. 5, 1882, in New York City, in accordance with the plans of the Central Labor Union. In 1884, the first Monday in September was selected as the official holiday. The first governmental recognition of Labor Day came through municipal ordinances passed in 1885 and 1886. The state of Oregon passed the first law recognizing the Labor Day holiday on Feb. 21, 1887. Four more states—Colorado, Massachusetts, New Jersey, and New York—followed suit that same year. On June 28, 1894, Congress passed an act making the first Monday in September of each year a legal holiday in all the states, the District of Columbia, and all U.S. territories.

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National Cholesterol Awareness Month. September is a good month to get your blood cholesterol checked and take steps to lower it if it's high. It's also a good time to learn about lipid profiles and about food and lifestyle choices that help you reach personal cholesterol goals.

Prostate Cancer Awareness Month. Prostate cancer is the second-most common cancer in U.S. men. Learn about prostate cancer to start stepping up against it. The “Step Up for Blue” campaign empowers men to take control of their health and encourages their loved ones to support them.

National Self-Improvement Month. Is there something in your life that you want to improve? September is National Self-Improvement Month. Usually there is a list of things people want to change about their lives. Many items on that list are often things over which we have no control. Stop dwelling on them and focus on what you can change—you.

Weekly

Suicide Prevention Week, Sept. 6–12. National Suicide Prevention Week is the week surrounding World Suicide Prevention Day, Sept. 10. It's a time to share resources and stories, as well as promote suicide prevention awareness. The week focuses on informing and engaging health professionals and the general public about suicide prevention and warning signs of suicide.

National Waffle Week, Sept. 6–12. The word “waffle” comes from the Dutch “wafel,” which comes from Middle Dutch “wafele” and stretches as far back as the 13th century. Before that, the French called it “walfre” from the Frankish “wafra,” which meant “honeycomb” or “cake.” No matter what you call it, no one can deny its deliciousness.



Deaf Dog Awareness Week, Sept. 20–26. Deaf dogs, like other special needs pets, make wonderful furry family members. Their deafness in no way reduces their potential to bring joy to your life and become a loving companion for your family.

Banned Books Week, Sept. 27–Oct.3. An annual event celebrating the freedom to read, Banned Books Week spotlights current and historical attempts to censor books in libraries and schools.

Craft a story for innovation



You have to create a narrative for innovation, according to Michael Margolis on the Your Story website. Margolis, CEO and founder of strategic messaging firm Storied, which specializes in stories of innovation and disruption, has advised clients across 34 industries and 15 countries, including Google, Hulu, and NASA. His advice:

- **Set the context.** Describe the vision you’re working toward. Identify the changes you want to see, and seek out fresh perspectives. Focus on users’ needs. Slow down and avoid complexity. Make your vision compelling.
- **Inject emotion.** Make the customer the hero of your story by describing their desires and dilemmas. Add conflict and suspense. Show the inner and outer characteristics of your heroes and villains to make them real people.
- **Show evidence.** Present the research behind your story—pilot projects, demos, metrics, testimonials and personal stories, and historical precedent. Show how they validate your story and the impact your solution can have.

Happy marriages spur creativity



A happy marriage leads to greater innovation on the job, according to a study by the Hong Kong Baptist University, reported on Fox Business.

The study analyzed how workers’ personal relationships affect their innovation and creativity. Researchers found a “positive spillover of psychological resources into their work”—and the effect is magnified when employees’ spouses are happy as well. Employees in unhappy relationship experience depleted psychological resources.

One caveat: The researchers found that with people who are already naturally creative, the impact of a happy relationship had less of an effect.

The researchers suggest that employers offer family-friendly policies, such as anniversary leave, relationship counseling services, and work/life balance initiatives.

The desire to create is one of the deepest yearnings of the human soul.

— **Dieter F. Uchtdorf**

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The genie replied, “It is done! What is your second wish, Rich?”



A photon walked into a hotel. “I’d like a room, please.”

“Of course,” the desk clerk said. “Can we help you with your luggage?”

The photon said, “No, thanks. I’m traveling light.”



A man walked into a library, approached the librarian, and said, “I’ll have a cheeseburger and fries, please.”

The librarian said, “Sir, you know you’re in a library, right?”

“Sorry.” He lowered his voice to a whisper. “I’ll have a cheeseburger and fries, please.”

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- An apple a day keeps anyone away, if you throw it hard enough.
- Dear math: Please grow up and solve your own problems. I’m tired of solving them for you.
- Your secrets are safe with me ... I wasn’t listening.
- I put my phone in airplane mode, but it’s not flying.
- If I won an award for laziness, I would send somebody else to pick it up for me.
- If we shouldn’t eat at night, why is there a light in the fridge?



At the height of laughter, the universe is flung into a kaleidoscope of new possibilities.

— *Jean Houston*

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Something missing

A guy asks a girl to go to a dance. She agrees, and he goes to rent a suit. The rental has a long line, so he waits and waits, and finally he gets his suit.



He decides to buy flowers, so he goes to the flower shop. The flower shop has a long line, so he waits and waits, until he finally gets his flowers.

He picks up his girl and they go to the dance. There is a long line into the dance, so they wait and wait. Finally, they get into the dance.

The guy offers to get the girl a drink. She asks for punch, so he goes to the drink table, and he waits and waits—but there is no punch line.

Proud mothers

Three women were sitting around a table playing bridge and bragging about their sons.

“My Freddie,” said Margaret. “Everyone should be so lucky to have a son like my Freddie. Once a week he brings me a huge bouquet of flowers, he’s constantly bringing me out to restaurants to eat, if I so much as hint that I want something the next morning it’s on my doorstep.”



“That’s very nice about your Freddie,” said Gertrude. “But with all due respect, when I think about the way my Sammy takes care of me, it just can’t compare. Every morning as soon as I wake up, he greets me with bacon and eggs and freshly brewed coffee. Every day at noon he comes over and cooks me a gourmet lunch, and at least once a week he brings me to his house for supper. He truly treats me like a queen.”

“Well,” said Barbara, “I don’t want to make any of you feel bad or anything, but wait until you hear about my Harry. Twice a week he pays someone \$200 an hour just so he can lie on their couch and talk to them, and who do you think he speaks about at those prices?” Barbara smiled. “Me! All he talks about is me!”



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