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Another old saying that goes along with this is that "you don't learn anything when your mouth is open," alluding to the need to listen to others to learn from them. Have you ever been annoyed by someone who is describing a problem or issue that is bothering them and you have valuable information that would be helpful to them, but they

won't stop talking long enough for them to listen to you tell them about it?

Another aspect of this involves our reaction when someone is disagreeing with us. When a person starts defending himself before they have heard all of the other side, they often miss the point and only increase the anger and resistance of the other person. The best way to deal with disagreement is to think through it to make a well thought-out, unemotional response.

Anger doesn't accomplish anything; it's a physical, mental and emotional response to stimulus that we perceive to be contrary to our thoughts or expectations. When we get angry we are most likely to stop trying for a solution, and begin to defend ourself. So, the longer we can delay anger, the more time we have to accomplish a solution to our conundrum.

## Senior News Line

by **Matilda Charles**

### Losing friends and making new ones

If we live long enough, we'll eventually get to the age where we start losing people around us. Friends, neighbors and relatives succumb to serious illness, and our lives will never be the same. We end up going to more and more funerals. Our social networks get smaller and smaller, and that leaves us ... where?

Alone ... unless we see the writing on the wall and plan ahead for our own futures.

That's not to say we should turn our backs on friends of a certain age or level of health. But protecting our own health needs to be uppermost in our minds. Extended loneliness and grief can take its toll, if we let it, and lead to depression, elder abuse, cognitive decline and more.

The phrase "safety in numbers" might be one to consider. We can join groups where there are people of all ages, or at least be around people who share our interests.

Is there a hobby you've always wanted to try? Maybe pottery or painting? Or a college class you've wanted to audit?

Does the senior center host short travel expeditions, maybe to a big city for museums and shows? Do they have a weekly writing group?

How about volunteering somewhere, on a regular schedule? The library can't function without daily shelving. Can you read to a morning group of toddlers? Socialize cats and dogs at the shelter? Do you like shopping enough to do deliveries from grocery stores to the homebound? Interested in a daily walking group? The point is to be out among people. Somewhere in the mix you're likely to find new friends.

The key to maintaining health is the number of interactions we have with others. But often we have to take the first step.

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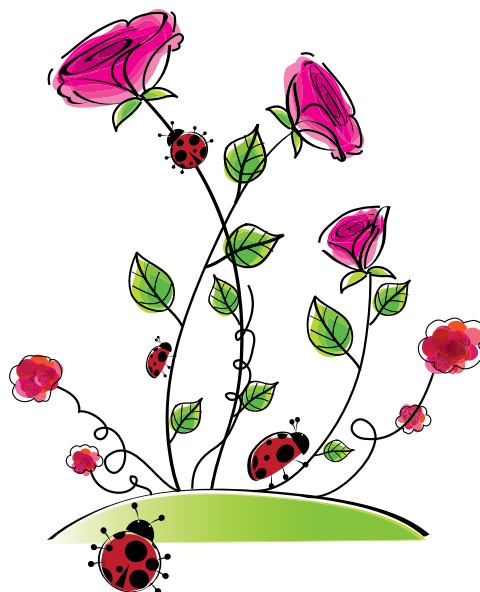
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## Those darned old window shades

Do you remember when most houses had retractable window shades? You know, the ones that made the snap and flip-flop as they headed for the ceiling? Well I still have them to remember the old times by. This morning I finished up the chores that I could not put off until tomorrow. I'll just look at the TV for a while. Maybe I can check on the Lone Ranger or Matlock. That bright-light on the Stone Arabia snow fought the TV picture. I'll just pull that old shade down. You guessed it — up there it went. I got the step ladder and retrieved it. All

was okay again. As is often the case, a memory of long ago came to mind.

Do you remember my aged-friend Annie I wrote about before? Annie was going for 90 and still alone. Every few days I'd stop for a visit. I knew it would be a few days before I could come again. I still did not have a house key.

I rang the bell and Annie did not answer the door as usual. To get in I gave the back-screen door a hard pull. I stepped in and heard, "Help!" Where are you, Annie? In the bathtub was the answer. There was Annie, clothes and all,

lying in the tub with her back against the faucet end. The next question was, "Does anything hurt bad?" The answer was, "No." How long have you been in there? Since early this morning. It was now early evening.

While I carefully picked her up and told her to put just a little pressure on her feet, I asked how she got in that position. She said, "I went to pull the shade down. It tore off and I lost my balance."

Now you see the connection with my story. I carefully picked her up and asked if she wanted to lie down on her

bed which was close. The reply was, "No, I've laid down all day. I want to go to my chair." When I got her there I asked where her glasses were. Her answer was, "On the ledge of the bathtub back. I did not think I would need them today."

Soon Annie was limbered up so I was sure she could walk and take care of herself as she had done so many years. The darned old, worn out shade was replaced and my friend held out alone for several years.

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## Paw's Corner

by Sam Mazzotta

**When your cat cares a little too much**

**Dear Paw's Corner:** I had animals all my life until my wife and dog died seven years ago. I

got a cat two years ago when a neighbor moved. Last year, another neighbor gave us her cat after having a baby. The two cats — both fixed females — got along fine from

start. What's curious is, one jumps up on my bed every night and walks up to my face. When I put my hand out to pat her, she starts licking my arm, wrist to elbow, with

her sandpaper tongue! Seems she is checking that I have not deserted her! Do I taste that good? What's so tempting about my arm? — Dr. William H., Central Falls, RI

**Dear Dr. William:** You may taste pretty good to your cat, but I think you're on the right track when you say she seems to be checking that you have not deserted her.

Many experts believe that cats groom their housemates — both felines and humans — as a way of showing they accept you as family, that they trust you and that they are caring for you.

Sometimes excessive licking is a sign that a cat wants more attention. It can also be a sign of anxiety or stress. However, that seems unlikely since your cat does this routinely and seems calm.

So the only question that remains is: Does it annoy you? If so, try gently redirecting the cat from your arm, maybe to snuggle against your shoulder. If it's really annoying or she doesn't stop after a few redirects, get up and walk away for a few minutes. She may eventually get the message.

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## Hop over for Easter Brunch

### Make the dining room fun:

- Decorate with all the colored eggs you and the kids have made (but don't leave out for more than 2 hours if you plan to eat them)
- Add whatever is blooming in your yard (or your neighbor's) – use different heights of vases
- Gather some baskets – small and medium work best as center-pieces
- White and pastel platters and crockery look freshest, so use those
- Use pastel or hot pink/lime/teal colored linens – mix and match solids and spring prints
- Add any ceramic bunnies or chickens you've collected over the years
- Make a stencil of a giant bunny's foot. Lay on floor and sprinkle inside with flour, making it look like a giant bunny came hopping in.

### Get your craft on:

**Eggshell place cards/vases:** Make an inch size hole in top of egg; blow or shake out egg; scramble, cook and enjoy. Rinse out shell; let dry upside down. Using colored Sharpees, decorate shells

with family names and other designs. Sit in egg cups or sherbet glasses, held upright with jelly beans. Fill with water and add some tiny flowers.

**Real grass baskets/pots:** Plant grass in a pot of soil or in a plastic liner in a basket (add some pebbles on the bottom for drainage); sprinkle on grass seed and keep moist. In 7 days you'll see some grass; in a month, you'll have a pot of lawn! Tuck in some colored eggs. Mow with scissors. For a quick grass basket, cut a piece from purchased sod; tuck into pot/basket; water – voila!

**Pastel Deviled Eggs:** After peeling the hard-boiled eggs, slice in half and remove the yolks (place yolks in zip-top plastic bag). In small cups, measure out enough water to cover egg white halves. Add a drop or two of liquid food coloring to each; stir with a toothpick; slip in an egg white half. Let sit just until you like the color (pastel will take no time at all – deeper colors, a bit longer); remove with toothpick; dry on paper towels.

**Easy Deviled Eggs:** Squash

yolks into a powder in a zip-top plastic bag then add all usual suspects for Deviled Eggs (mayo, mustard, hot sauce, relish, etc.); combine well. Before serving, smooth yolk mixture to one corner of bag; snip off corner; squeeze into waiting egg while halves. Garnish.

### Perfect hard-boiled eggs (Two ways)

- Lay a single layer of eggs that are a week or two old in a saucepan; cover with an inch of water. Cover pan and bring to a boil. Immediately turn off heat and let eggs sit in hot water, off heat, for 15 min. Pour off hot water and let sit in ice water for 20 minutes. Eat or refrigerate; enjoy within one week.

- Heat 1 inch water to a boil. Sit a vegetable steam in pan with eggs in it. Cover pan and lower heat to a simmer – let steam 10 – 12 minutes. Remove eggs, crack shells all over and let sit in ice water for 20 min. Peel right away; eat or refrigerate; enjoy within 3 days.

**Source: Virginia Egg Council, eggsrgr8@rev.net, 540.345.3958, www.virginiaeggcouncil.org**

## The Easter Bunny's Eggs in a Basket

- 3 cloves garlic, minced
- 2 Tablespoons parsley, minced
- Pinch salt
- Pinch pepper
- 2 Tablespoons olive oil
- 1 sourdough baguette, approximately 24" long
- 6 large eggs

Preheat oven to 400°. Mix garlic, parsley, salt and pepper with olive oil in a small saucepan and sauté on medium heat until garlic is slightly browned. Remove from heat and set aside.

Place baguette on a sheet of foil and roll up the sides to hold the bread in place. Use a small serrated knife to cut six holes in top of baguette, spacing evenly apart with enough depth and width to hold one egg. Be careful not to cut through the bottom of the bread.

Press down on the bread in the hole to make room

for the egg and olive oil mixture (or pinch out some if bread is too tough to press down). Spoon olive oil mixture into each hole. Crack one egg into each hole.

Cover baguette gently with one large piece of foil, creating a "tent" and bake for 5 minutes. Open the tent and cook until egg white is set, but yolk is soft and runny\* about 15 minutes.

Remove from oven and gently remove foil. Cool slightly and sprinkle with salt and pepper. Slice baguette in spaces between the eggs and serve immediately.

Serves 6

\*Those with compromised immune systems, the elderly, pregnant women and children should consume fully cooked eggs.

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## Easter and egg safety

- Wash your hands between all the steps of cooking, cooling, dyeing and decorating.
- Keep the eggs refrigerated as much as possible. Put them back into the refrigerator whenever you're not working with them.
- After you've found all the hidden eggs, throw out any that are cracked or have been out at room temperature for more than two hours.
- Be sure that all the decorating materials

you use are food safe if you plan to eat the eggs.

- If you hide the decorated eggs, put them where they won't come in contact with pets, other animals, birds or lawn chemicals.

- Enjoy hard-boiled eggs, if they've been kept refrigerated, within one week of cooking them.

Go to [www.incredibleegg.org/Easter/](http://www.incredibleegg.org/Easter/) for tons of Easter ideas, crafts, recipes, and fun.

## Scalloped Pineapple

The perfect side dish for ham – make ahead and bake along with the ham for the perfect Easter brunch.

- 3 eggs, beaten
- 1 cup sugar
- 1/2 cup brown sugar
- 1/2 tsp. salt
- 1/8 tsp. nutmeg
- 1/2 cup milk or half and half
- 1 tsp. Lemon juice or extract
- 1/2 tsp. Vanilla extract
- 1 20 oz. can pineapple chunks and

juice

3 cups bread crumbs from Sweet Hawaiian bread

Mix eggs with everything except bread crumbs. Once smooth, fold in crumbs. Pour into a greased 11x7" or 9x9" (1 1/2 - 2 qt.) casserole dish and bake at 350° for 45 min.

Serves 8

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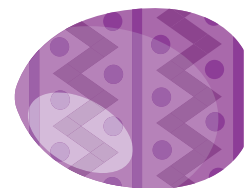
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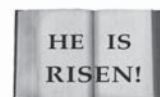
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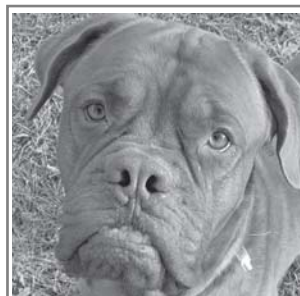
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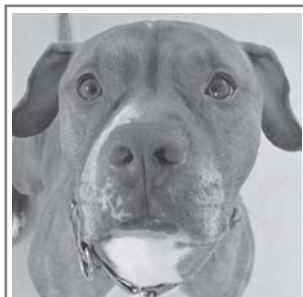
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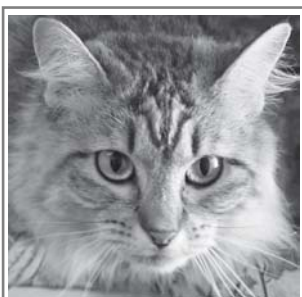
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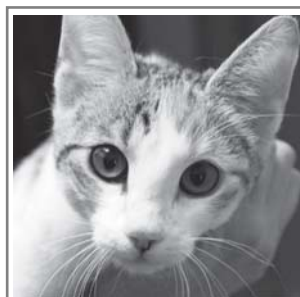
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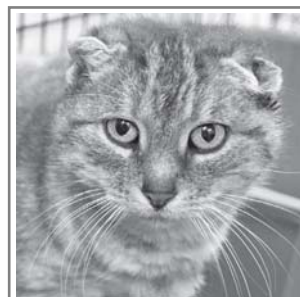
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# Coconut Bunny Tails

This is the perfect thing to serve for your Easter brunch. Just add some baked ham, a bowl of cut up fruit, and a platter of colored, hard boiled eggs, and you have a colorful and delicious meal. The 'tails' are actually coconut flavored scones, that look just like a bunny's tail.

- Cooking spray  
3 1/2 cups all-purpose flour  
1/2 cup sugar  
2 tsp. baking powder  
1/2 tsp. salt  
3/4 cup butter (12 T. or 1 1/2 sticks)  
4 eggs  
1 tsp. vanilla extract  
1 tsp. almond flavoring  
1 tsp. coconut flavoring  
1/2 cup milk  
1 cup flaked coconut (sweetened or unsweetened)\*

Topping:  
1/4 cup milk  
1 tsp. coconut flavoring  
2+ cups powdered sugar (add more if needed to make a thick glaze)

3 cups shredded coconut\* (may be tinted with food coloring)

Line two baking sheets with parchment and spray. Preheat oven to 425°.

In a large mixing bowl, combine the first five ingredients, using a pastry blender or two knives (criss-cross fashion) to cut in the butter to resemble coarse crumbs.

Blend eggs and liquids in a bowl or cup, then

add to dry ingredients. Stir in coconut and mix until everything clings together.

Place dough on a floured surface, and lightly knead until it all sticks together.

Pat into a rectangle, and cut this into 24 equal portions. Roll each into a ball and place on prepared pans.

Bake for 10 – 12 min-

utes or until light golden. Cool on racks. Ice and coat with coconut.

Topping:

Whisk the milk, flavoring and powdered sugar together in a medium bowl, adding more sugar, if needed, to make a thick paste).

Dip or spread icing on tops of baked 'tails', then dip in coconut.

Serve with jam, if de-

sired.

\*Some people don't like the texture of coconut, so in that case, substitute the coconut in the scones with cut up dried fruit and simply ice them, eliminating the coconut on top.

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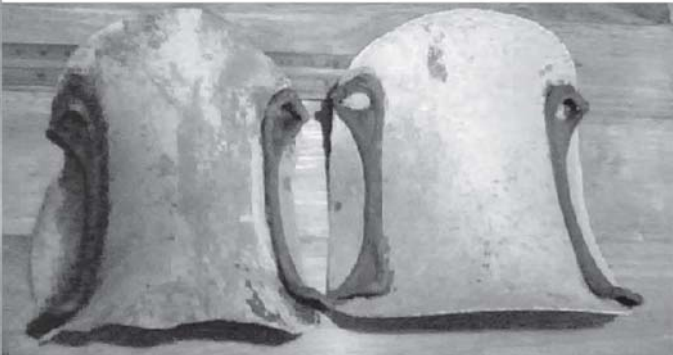


This week's Whatchamacallit has stumped us and we are asking for your input. The items depicted were submitted by a reader who believes they came from the area of Long Island, NY. They were buried until a metal detector located them. The items are metal and are about five inches in

length.

The standing guess is that these items were made as horse leg armor.

If you would like to contribute a guess or if you know what these Whatchamacallits are, contact Camden at 518.673.0144 or write to cbarden@leepub.com .



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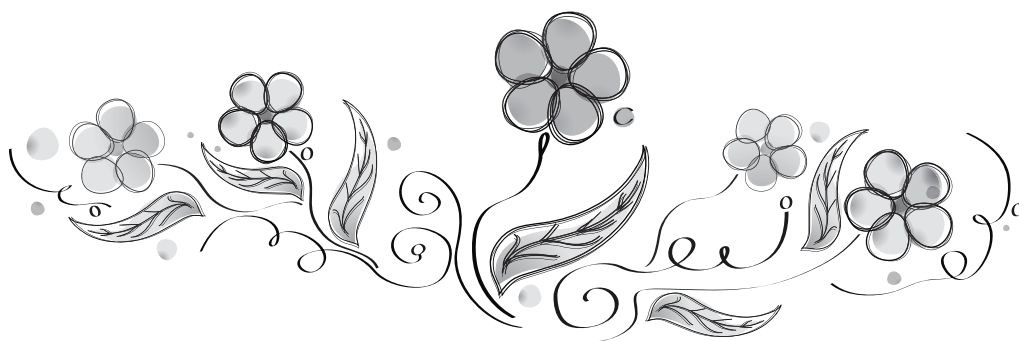
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## Calendar of events

### Mar 23, 24, 25

**Mary Poppins - The Broadway Musical**, Mar 23, 24, 25, Arkell Performing Arts Center, Friday: 7 p.m. Saturday: 7 p.m. Sunday: 2 p.m. Admission \$7 Adults. \$5 seniors/students. Presented by the Fort Plain-Canajoharie Drama Club, Canajoharie, NY.

### Mar 26

**Freysbush Cemetery Association meeting**, Mar 26, 6 p.m., Freysbush Cemetery Association, 100 Reed St., Canajoharie, NY. For more information email [jhwiliams0@lycos.com](mailto:jhwiliams0@lycos.com)

### Mar 28

**Maundy Thursday Service**, Mar 28, 7 p.m., 50 E. Main Street, Canajoharie, NY, Rev. Dr. Robert Farmer.

### Apr 1

**Easter Service with Special Music**, Apr 1, 9 a.m. Coffee hour following the service., Marshville Evangelical Church, Route 10, Marshville, NY, Rev. David Bowley.

### Apr 1

**Easter Services**, Apr 1, 10:30 a.m., United Methodist Church, 50 E. Main St., Canajoharie, NY, Rev. Dr. Robert Farmer, pastor. Service with special music.,

### Apr 19

**Free — EPA Lead Trainings**, Apr 19, 7:45 a.m. - 4:30 p.m., Montgomery County Public Health, 20 Park Street., Fonda, NY. For more information contact Montgomery County Public Health at 518.853.3531 (M-F) 8:30 a.m. - 4 p.m. Visit our web site at: <https://tinyurl.com/y7ovgsyc>,

### May 7

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Easter soon will be here, with eggs of all colors and designs to brighten our homes. We like to try a variety of egg-decorating techniques, from the easy commercial dyes in a tablet to experimenting with natural dyes that we concoct with onion skins, tea and berries.

Many of the artistic

toxic paints here and there with a sponge.

Here's the stuff you'll need:

- several eggs, blown (see below) or hard-boiled
- non-toxic acrylic paint in favorite colors
- recycled plastic lids or paper plates, one for each color
- pieces of sponge, one for each color
- spring-type clothespins or clips for sponge

handles

- egg cups
  - newspaper
- Here's the fun:

1. Working on a newspaper-covered surface, place an egg in an egg cup. Clip a sponge piece to a clothespin, and squeeze a puddle of paint onto a lid or plate.

2. Dip the sponge lightly in paint. Dab onto a piece of newspaper a few times, then lightly dab all

over the top half of the egg. Let dry. Turn egg over and repeat on bottom half. Repeat with additional colors and eggs.

3. Hang decorated hollowed eggs from branches, or display them in a pretty bowl. If using boiled eggs, keep refrigerated until served.

### How to "blow out" an egg

Poke a small hole with a large safety pin at each

end of a washed raw egg. Carefully wiggle the pin or a toothpick into one of the holes to break the yolk. Place a drinking straw over the hole on top, and blow through the straw, collecting the contents of the egg in a small dish. Rinse out the empty shell and let dry

completely before decorating.

### Storage

Clean egg cartons make good containers for neat stacking in a storage bin in your home.

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Artistic Easter memories can live on when blown-out eggs are used.

memories live on in egg cartons stored away in the "Easter" box. They last because we blow out the contents of raw eggs and clean them before we decorate. Like ornaments on a Christmas tree, the kid-decorated eggs come out annually. Full of memories, they're lovely hanging from blossoming spring branches.

This year's decorating technique is inspired by enduring spongeware pottery, popular in our country for centuries. The speckled look is super-easy to create, and it's fun for the whole family to do together. Color the eggs first in soft colors if you wish, or keep them natural, and then just dab, dab, dab a cheerful palette of non-

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Callers should be prepared to verify their identities if they need to call the agency.

IRS call center professionals take great care to make certain that they only discuss personal information with the taxpayer or someone the taxpayer authorizes to speak on their behalf. To ensure that taxpayers do not have to call back, the IRS reminds taxpayers to have the following documents ready:

- Social Security numbers and birth dates for those who were named on the tax return in question
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- A copy of the tax return in question

- Any IRS letters or notices received by the taxpayer

By law, IRS assistants will only speak with the taxpayer or to their legally designated representative.

If taxpayers or tax professionals are calling about a third party's account, they should be prepared to verify their identities and provide information about the third party they are representing. Before calling about a third-party, be sure to have the following information available:

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- The ability to verify the taxpayer's

name, SSN/ITIN, tax period, and tax form(s) filed

- Preparer Tax Identification Number (PTIN) or PIN if a third-party designee
- A current, completed and signed Form 8821, Tax Information Authorization or

- A completed and signed Form 2848, Power of Attorney and Declaration of Representative

Questions regarding a deceased taxpayer require different steps. Be prepared to fax:

- The deceased taxpayer's death certificate, and

- Either copies of Letters Testamentary approved by the court, or IRS Form 56, Notice Concerning Fiduciary Relationship (for estate executors)

Answers to general tax questions may be found on IRS.gov. The quickest way to check the status of a tax refund is to go to "Where's My Refund?" or call 800.829.1954 for automated phone service.

**Source: irs.gov**

## Don't be duped by sneaky scammers this tax filing season

### New York State tracks schemes affecting taxpayers and preparers

The New York State Department of Taxation and Finance and the New York Department of State's Division of Consumer Protection alerted taxpayers and tax professionals to scammers who aim to steal sensitive information and hard-earned refunds.

"We've made tremendous strides in our ability to uncover and deter tax fraud even as it continues to proliferate," said Acting Tax Commissioner Nonie Manion. "Scammers continually adjust their tactics to circumvent the defenses in place, though, so we must all remain vigilant."

"Unfortunately, nefarious actors seek to take advantage of unsuspecting individuals during the annual tax filing process—especially in the wake of significant data breaches," said New York Secretary of State Rossana Rosado. "However, by taking action to protect and educate themselves, taxpayers will be able to spot a scam a mile away and protect their identities and refunds."

#### Stay on top of emerging scams

In the wake of recent personal information breaches, including the massive Equifax breach where hundreds of millions of identities were exposed, New York State has taken specific action to prevent the fraudulent use of taxpayers' personal information by nefarious preparers to file bogus refund claims.

By integrating predictive analytics into its processing, auditing, and collections systems, the Tax Department is better able to flag these refund claims and other suspicious tax filings for greater scrutiny. Teams dedicated to uncovering tax fraud and identity-theft schemes bolster this effort.

Since 2003, the Tax Department has used its evolving Case Identification and Selection System to pull questionable tax returns and fraudulent refund claims from the processing flow. The system uses predictive analytics to determine when to process a refund request and when to set it aside for further review.

However, as technology continues to advance, cyber thieves and scammers turn to more sophisticated methods in their attempts to steal personal information and defraud hardworking New Yorkers. That's why the Tax Department and Division of Consumer Protection track such schemes around the country to prepare for the use of these or similar tactics in New York and take steps to educate the public.

In one new scheme, a fraudster uses stolen information to file a return and claim a refund, which is deposited into the victim's actual bank account. This is followed by a call to the taxpayer from the scam artist posing as an official from a debt-collection agency. The scammer says the money was deposited in error, must be returned, and instructs the victim on how to forward the money.

**Protect against fraud**

The Tax Department and the IRS will never make threats over the phone and will never request personal or financial information by email.

"If you receive a phone call or email from someone about your tax return, a refund, or a possible debt you may owe, and aren't sure if it's legitimate, call us," Manion said. "We'll be able to verify the call or email."

Tax professionals are required to protect their clients' personal information by only providing it to trusted sources, such as the IRS and the Tax Department. In addition, they must securely shred documents that contain private data before discarding.

For more about tax professional standards, please visit our Professional responsibility webpage.

#### Report it

If you've been contacted by a scammer posing as an IRS agent, visit the IRS identity theft victim assistance webpage.

If you've been contacted by a con artist claiming to be from the New York State Tax Department, visit the Tax Department's Report fraud, scams, and identity theft webpage.

If you suspect a return preparer filed or altered a return without your consent, report it to the NYS Office of Taxpayer Rights Advocate at 518.530.HELP (option #2) or file a tax preparer complaint online.

#### Additional taxpayer actions

Take precautions to protect your refund and prevent identity theft with the following tips:

- File promptly. Prompt filing can limit an identity thief's ability to claim a fraudulent tax refund using stolen information.

- Beware of scam artists fraudulently posing as tax preparers. Scammers will often attempt to take advantage of those who might not otherwise have to file tax returns, such as the elderly or low-income households.

- Work only with paid tax preparers you have researched thoroughly and trust. Avoid preparers who claim they can obtain larger refunds than other preparers, as well as those who base their fee on a percentage of your refund.

- Make sure your tax preparer is willing to sign your return and provide their IRS Preparer Tax Identification Number (PTIN). The preparer must also provide you with a copy of the return.

- Look over your return carefully. You are responsible for what's on it. Similarly, if you hire a paid preparer, never sign a blank return.

For more information regarding scam prevention and consumer education, please contact the Division of Consumer Protection Helpline at 518.474.8583 or 800.697.1220.



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## Strange But True

by **Samantha Weaver**

It was French poet, journalist and novelist Anatole France who made the following sage observation: "The law, in its majestic equality, forbids the rich as well as the poor to sleep under bridges, to beg in the streets, and to steal bread."

If you're planning a trip to North Carolina in June, try to make it to the small town of Spivey's Corner for the annual Hollerin' Contest. If you'd like to participate but are worried about straining your vocal cords, you can always enter the conch-

blowing contest instead of one of the ones that involves actual yelling.

You might be surprised to learn that famed British author Aldous Huxley, best-known for his dystopian novel "Brave New World," was a consultant on Disney's 1951 animated film version of "Alice in Wonderland."

After the vows have been said in a traditional Korean wedding, the groom formally introduces his new wife to his parents. The bride's father-in-law then pelts the bride with red dates, which is supposed to en-

sure fertility.

Jazz musician Glenn Miller was the recipient of the first gold record ever awarded, for the big-band hit "Chattanooga Choo-Choo."

You might be surprised at some of the seemingly innocuous things that arouse passions in a group of people. Take the venerable 1960s television show "Mr. Ed," for example. Evidently an evangelist named Jim Brown took issue with the show's theme song, claiming that when played backward, the tune contains the message "the source is Satan" and "someone sang this song for Satan." His preaching on the subject was so persuasive that members of a church in Ironton, Ohio, made a bonfire of recordings of the song.

Thought for the Day: "Men of genius are often dull and inert in society, as a blazing meteor when it descends to earth, is only a stone." — Henry Wadsworth Longfellow  
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Now Here's a Tip

by JoAnn Derson

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• Three ways to save money on water-heater bills: 1) Set your temperature gauge to a lower

setting. 2) Install a timer so that it’s not heating water when you aren’t there to use it. 3) Add an insulating cover to keep heat from escaping.

• Game changer: “When dunking a sandwich cookie (e.g. Oreos), jab a fork into the filling. Then you can dunk the whole thing or part of it without getting your fingers all milky — or your milk all ‘fingery.’” — A.J. in Florida

• When you microwave leftovers on a flat plate, be sure to spread them out for even heating. The classic ring of food is best

— leaving the center of the plate empty. Slice already-cooked potatoes, and cover with a moistened paper towel.

• Need to light a pillar candle inside a hurricane glass? Use a stick of spaghetti! The pasta stick lights easily, and it’s long enough to give you the reach you need. It burns evenly, too.

• “If you like to save

money by buying large packs of meat — say, ground beef or chicken tenderloins — here’s a great tip for storing them: Fill quart-size freezer bags, making sure to get out as much air as possible. Then stack flat on top of a pizza box in the freezer.” — T.L. in Missouri

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# Want healthier kids? Get a pet

If youngsters have been eyeing fuzzy kittens or boisterous puppies at nearby shelters or pet stores, parents may want

understand biology and children who could turn to pets for unconditional emotional support were less anxious and with-

activity and recorded higher levels of activity counts per minute than kids whose families did not own a dog.

had no pets in the home. Pets also may foster social interactions, which can benefit children who are shy. Inviting others



Pets can contribute to cognitive, physical and emotional wellness in children.

to give in to those cries for a family pet. Pets are added responsibilities, but the health benefits associated with pet ownership may be well worth the investment of time and effort.

Caring for a pet is sometimes viewed as a childhood rite of passage, but there's much more to the experience than just learning responsibility. Experts say a child's emotional, cognitive, physical and social development can be enhanced through interaction with a family pet. Studies continue, but the effects of family pets on children was heavily researched by developmental psychologist Gail F. Melson in 2003. Melson looked at literature on child-animal relationships and found that children who had pets were better able to

drawn than their peers without family pets to turn to.

Data from a small study conducted by researchers at the Cummings School of Veterinary Medicine at Tufts University reported that adolescents who had animal experience were more likely to see themselves as important contributors to communities and more likely to take on leadership roles.

Pets also can help children develop into well-rounded individuals. Playing with a pet requires children to engage in physical activity and can help stimulate motor skills. An English study conducted in 2010 and published in the American Journal of Public Health found that children from dog-owning families spent more time in light or moderate to vigorous physical

Pets may help with allergies and respiratory ailments as well. A 2012 study by the American Academy of Pediatrics discovered that children who have early contact with cats and dogs have fewer respiratory infections and need shorter courses of antibiotics than children who have not had contact with pets.

A study from Dennis Ownby, MD, a pediatrician and head of the allergy and immunology department of the Medical College of Georgia, found that having multiple pets decreases a child's risk of developing certain allergies. He found that the children who were exposed to two or more dogs or cats as babies were less than half as likely to develop common allergies as kids who

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over to meet pets can help children make friends and find others with similar interests. Children may also confide in pets and develop their self-esteem. Studies have indicated that the type of pet a family has, whether it's horses, dogs, snakes, etc., does not matter, as all companion animals have the potential to benefit children.

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1 Whatever's left

5 Fix a skirt

8 Ollie's pal

12 Sore

13 "All the Things You —"

14 Stylish

15 Item on stage

16 Moving vehicle

17 Shakespeare villain

18 Elvis' Mississippi birthplace

20 Feathery cluster

22 Gave up

26 Censor's sound

29 Tic-tac-toe win

30 Scoffer's laugh

31 Libretto

32 Play on words

33 Mexican money

34 French article

35 Moonshine container

36 Petruchio's Kate, e.g.

37 Western capital

40 Freeway access

41 Attractive person

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45 "Zounds!"

47 Mauna —

49 Church section

50 VHS alternative

51 Mischievous tyke

52 Enrages

53 Keg contents

54 Greek consonants

55 Opening day?

**DOWN**

1 Engrossed

2 Beige

3 Buy stuff

4 Prepare for printing

5 Devastation

6 Historic period

7 Bring up

8 Bradbury genre

9 Margaret —

10 Bailout recipient in 2009

11 Sgt., e.g.

19 Track circuit

21 Venusian vessel?

23 Cheek enhancer

24 Facility

25 Arab boat

26 A/C measures

27 Musical

Horne

28 Denounce

32 Jack-o'-lantern

33 Southwestern city

35 Bread spread

36 Pigpen

38 "M\*A\*S\*H" role

39 Types of tides

42 MacDonald's place

43 Eye layer

44 Not as much

45 "Chicago" lyricist Fred

46 "Golly!"

48 Ostrich's cousin

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"You really embarrassed me when you started to pass your hat!"

Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

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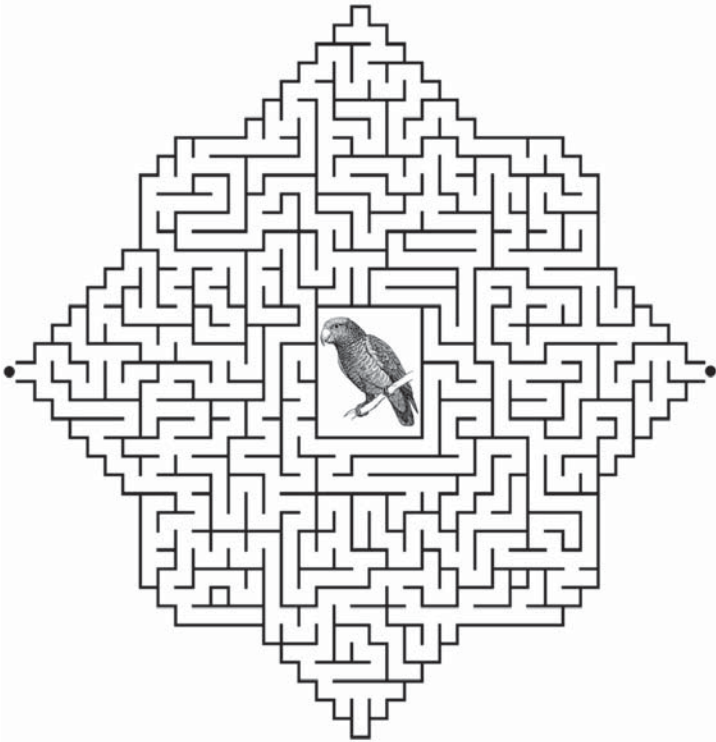
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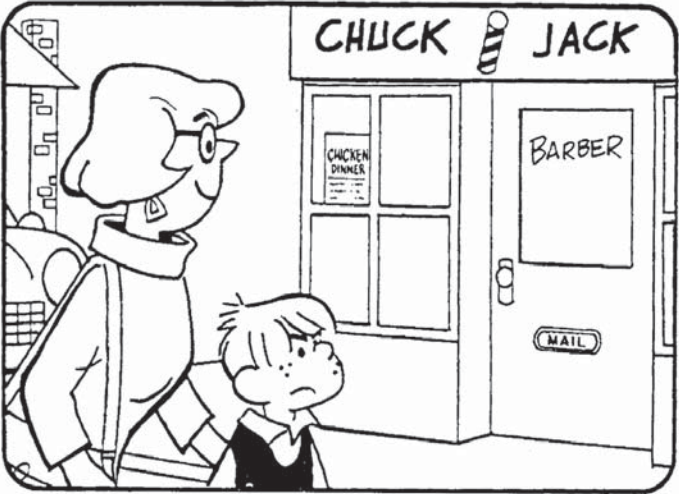
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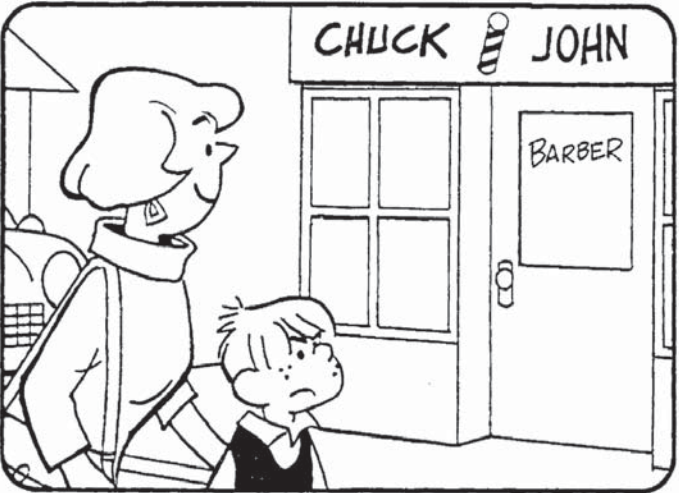


HOCUS-FOCUS

BY HENRY BOLTINOFF



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Find the listed words in the diagram. They run in all directions forward, backward, up, down and diagonally

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# Vision greatly affects driving ability

Driving is a multisensory experience that requires careful coordination and mastery of a wide array of skills. Understanding the rules of the road and having sufficient practice are only part of the equation. Being able to see the road and react to obstacles, signage and more is crucial. Drivers should not downplay the importance of visual acuity when they turn their ignition keys.

Acceptable vision is involved in all components of driving. Motor vehicle operators need to have clear vision to read gauges and operate the controls of the car. Distance vision also is essential to identifying road hazards and seeing other cars on the road. The health resource All About Vision says aging and visual changes at any age can affect a person's ability to see moving objects while one is in motion — as is the case while driving a car or truck. In addition, changes in peripheral vision can increase blind spots while driving and affect reaction time.

### Aging motorists

The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration reports that 6,165 people ages 65 and older were killed in automobile accidents in 2015, representing 18 percent of all traffic crashes in the United States, and declining vision may have been a factor in many of those accidents. Older drivers can make certain changes to improve their safety on the roadways.

- Reduce driving at night. The group AAA says by age 60 eyes need three times as much light to see as they did at age 20. Over time pupils get smaller and do not dilate as much in dark conditions at night, making it harder to see. Limit driving at night as much as possible.

- Accommodate for glare. Invest in anti-glare coatings for glasses to minimize glare from the sun and oncoming headlights.
- Be especially cautious at intersections. The Insurance Institute for Highway Safety says 40 percent of the fatal collisions that occur for people age 70 and older take place at intersections. Taking more time to assess oncoming traffic and make sure intersections are clear can save lives.
- Get frequent vision checks. Annual eye exams are recommended by the American Optometric Association. This can help older drivers be aware of shortcomings in their vision.

### Other drivers

Drivers of any age with vision issues should take heed of their limitations and make modifications as needed.

- Driving with macular degeneration. Macular degeneration affects central vision. It happens when deterioration of the central portion of the retina occurs. The American Macular Degeneration Foundation says MD is the leading cause of vision loss. As MD impacts vision, driving may need to be reduced or ceased.
- Color blindness impacts driving. Those with color blindness may need to use caution when identifying traffic signals or the brake lights of other vehicles. It may take practice and driving with someone who sees colors to become comfortable.
- Cataracts can blur vision. Those with cataracts may have blurry vision and see halos around lights that can make driving challenging. Cataracts also may make it more difficult to see pedestrians against the landscape, especially at night. Treating cataracts can



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improve vision significantly. Many motor vehicle agency vision tests do not take into consideration all of the factors that can impact vision while driving. Seeking care for visual problems and changing driving habits when necessary can help people stay safe on the road.

# To Your Good Health

by Keith Roach, M.D.  
Unnecessary procedure on terminal patient

**Dear Dr. Roach:** My mother has stage 4 cancer. She just went to a dermatologist, who performed Mohs surgery on her nose. I am BEYOND upset by this unethical behavior. The country is already deeply in debt, and Medicare is paying for this? Unconscionable! Not to mention the pain and suffering of my mother, who is now at risk of a secondary infection. I was sickened by the entire ordeal. — J.B.

**Answer:** I agree with you completely that often patients with terminal diseases receive unnecessary care. There have been studies clearly documenting this. However, the studies don't answer why, in a particular case, a physician performed these treatments, which add only pain, anxiety and expense.

I suppose it is possible that the motivation is simple greed; however, I still have enough faith in my colleagues that I think that is a very unusual reason; I think it's far more likely that a specialist just doesn't see the big picture. There's an old expression that when all you have is a hammer,

the whole world looks like a nail, and I think some specialists see a problem and fix it without realizing that the problem they are fixing isn't likely to ever cause symptoms.

For example, primary-care doctors order unnecessary tests, especially screening tests. I see mammograms ordered for women with advanced colon or ovarian cancer who are in palliative care, and this makes no sense. I have heard some physicians mention that insurance companies monitor the frequency of "quality indicators," such as mammograms, which affect their ratings and reimbursement. That's an example of a well-meaning system motivating wrong behavior.

I should emphasize that not all care for terminal patients is useless. If the goal is to improve quality of life or reduce suffering, then I am all for it, after a consideration of the costs (pain and inconvenience as well as dollar costs).

**Dear Dr. Roach:** I have heard of yeast infections, but I don't know what causes them. How do they affect the body, and what can be done to get rid of them? — C.R.

**Answer:** Certain yeasts, but especially the Candida species, are

found on our skin, mucus membranes and GI tract. They normally live in balance with the 100 trillion or so bacteria we carry around. However, yeast can cause disease that ranges from fairly mild, like thrush, to life-threatening, like a blood-borne, widely disseminated invasive infection.

Candida infection of mucus membranes is usually caused by changes in our bacteria, especially after the use of antibiotics. The antibiotics kill the bacteria they are supposed to (hopefully), but they also may kill the healthy bacteria that assist us in digestion (leading to diarrhea or worse), and this allows the other bacteria and yeast to grow.

Some people with genetic faults in their immune system are predisposed to chronic candida infections. These are uncommon but can be severe, and may require treatment by specialists, such as infectious disease doctors and immunologists.

The life-threatening yeast infections generally happen in people with severe illness and with poor immune system function.

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1 minced garlic clove  
2 tablespoons chopped

fresh parsley

2 (14-ounce) cans Swanson Lower Sodium Fat Free Chicken Broth

1 teaspoon dried thyme (optional)

1/4 teaspoon black pepper

2 tablespoons lemon juice or 2 tablespoons apple cider vinegar

In a large soup pot, combine uncooked chicken, cabbage, celery, carrots, tomatoes, garlic, parsley, chicken broth, thyme, black pepper and lemon juice or vinegar. Bring mixture to a boil. Lower heat and simmer for one hour. Makes 8 (1

1/2 cup) servings.

TIP: Lean beef roast and beef broth can be used in place of chicken breast and chicken broth.

• Each serving equals: 114 calories, 2g fat, 15g protein, 9g carbs, 98mg sodium, 48mg calcium, 2g fiber; Diabetic Exchanges: 2 Meat, 2 Vegetable; Carb Choices: 1 1/2.

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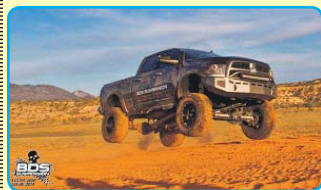
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