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AROUND TOWN

City Council approves property swap for Dr. T.K. Gregg Community Center outdoor space

City Council unanimously approved a property swap with Piedmont Interstate Fair at their meeting on Monday, March 22 with the City gaining a new parcel to enhance the outdoor space behind the new Dr. T.K. Gregg Community Center. In exchange, Piedmont Interstate Fair will receive a small parcel adjacent to the fairgrounds nearby. City staff and representatives of the Piedmont Interstate Fair came to the agreement to swap ownership of the parcels. Piedmont Interstate Fair intends to use the New Parking Area for additional Fair parking.

GSSM wins multiple awards at FBLA State Competition

Hartsville, SC – Following weeks of virtual competitive events, the Future Business Leaders of America (FBLA) State Conference held its awards ceremony on Saturday, March 27. The South Carolina Governor's School for Science + Mathematics (GSSM) was recognized multiple times for outstanding performances.

Local winners include Minnie Liu of Greenville county - 1st place in Client Service and Nathan Stolzenfeld of Spartanburg county - 1st place in Political Science.

South Carolina Future Business Leaders of America is a nonprofit 501(c)(3) education association comprised of more than 2,000 students preparing for careers in business and business-related fields within South Carolina. This state chapter received its charter from Future Business Leaders of America-Phi Beta Lambda, Inc. on February 20, 1949, becoming the 5th state chapter. Since that time, this organization has grown both actively and numerically while continuing to serve its primary function: producing quality business leaders.

New online resource launched for kinship caregivers and children

HALOS, an organization providing support and advocacy to abused and neglected children and their caregivers, has partnered with DSS to launch the first-ever statewide online resources for the Palmetto State's kinship families. The new resource, Kinship SC, seeks to promote the safety, permanency, and well-being of these children. The website offers community, state, and national resources for caregivers like legal assistance, housing support, and financial aid. And, thanks to it being an online platform, families can reach out for supports, even during the pandemic.

"Kinship caregivers play a very vital role in the child well-being system, said DSS Director Michael Leach. "This website will allow us to ensure South Carolina's caregivers have the support they need to care for our state's children."

KinshipSC has also launched a toll-free number for caregivers looking for assistance offered by their online platform. Callers can reach a HALOS staff member 8:30 a.m. - 5:30 p.m. Monday-Friday at 1-(854) 444-3716 or visit <https://www.kinshipsc.org/>

Cooper Named Big South Freshman of the Week

Charlotte, N.C. – The Big South Conference announced recently that USC Upstate freshman outfielder Bre Cooper of Massillon, Ohio earned Big South Freshman of the Week accolades for the third time this season.

Despite only playing two games this past week, Cooper batted .571 in a pair of starts against East Tennessee State University. The freshman led the team with four hits, three runs, one homerun, seven total bases, a 1.000 slugging percentage and a .625 on-base percentage. Cooper finished second on the team with two RBI's. This is the third Big South Weekly honor of her career.

B.A.S.S. announces 2022 Bassmaster Classic will be held at Lake Hartwell

The world's most prestigious professional bass tournament will be returning next year to the site of some of the best moments in the sport's famed history.

B.A.S.S. officials, along with Visit Anderson and VisitGreenvilleSC, announced that the 2022 Academy Sports + Outdoors Bassmaster Classic presented by Huk will be held for the fourth time at scenic Lake Hartwell, March 4-6, 2022 with takeoffs from Green Pond Landing & Event Center. Daily weigh-ins will be held at the Bon Secours Wellness Arena and the annual Bassmaster Classic Outdoors Expo will take place at the Greenville Convention Center, both of which are in near-by Greenville.



Chip Walters receives 2020 Mary L. Thomas award at The Spartanburg County Foundation Annual Meeting.

Chip Walters honored as 2020 recipient of the Mary L. Thomas award

The Spartanburg County Foundation hosted its 2021 Annual Meeting on Tuesday, March 23rd. This year's theme, "Responding to the Call" set the tone for an evening full of celebration, reflection, and honoring those who positively impact Spartanburg through philanthropy. The Robert Hett Chapman III Center for Philanthropy is the newest building on the campus of The Spartanburg County Foundation and holds the distinction of being the first Center for Philanthropy in the State of South Carolina. It is a model for philanthropy in Spartanburg and beyond, built upon its core values of stewardship, impact, innovation, community, and equity.

"While tonight's event looks much different than our annual meetings of the past, we're very excited to embrace this virtual platform as a way for us to connect with a much larger audience than ever before," said Troy Hanna, President and CEO of The Spartanburg County Foundation. "This gives us the opportunity to share our progress and future outlook with so many more of our wonderful partners and community members this year."

The Annual Meeting program included a panel

discussion with Foundation Trustees and staff who discussed how the very structure of the Foundation enabled it to be nimble, adapt quickly, and respond to the calls of the Spartanburg community. The development of a North Star and adherence to core values of stewardship, impact, innovation, community, and equity, allowed the Foundation to lead discussions, empower partners, and enable change while in the midst of the COVID-19 pandemic.

Each year the evening ends with the presentation of the Mary L. Thomas Award for Civic Leadership and Community Change. This award honors an individual who has demonstrated outstanding commitment to improving the quality of life in Spartanburg County. The recipient is also someone who has developed innovative solutions to tackle critical community issues and seize opportunities to make a difference by offering compassionate leadership and commitment.

The Mary L. Thomas Award was established in 2006, after Mary Thomas, Chief Operating Officer of The Spartanburg County Foundation, was recognized as the recipient of the prestigious Robert W.

Scrivner Award for Creative Grantmaking. Upon receiving the Scrivner Award, Thomas sought to start a similar recognition program in Spartanburg. The prize money Ms. Thomas received, coupled with the support of the Spartanburg community, enabled the Foundation to permanently endow the Mary L. Thomas Award Fund. The award honors individuals who, like Mary, are community leaders, innovators, and contributors to community change.

"I am delighted to present the Mary L. Thomas Award for Civic Leadership and Community Change to Chip Walters, Founder and Executive Director of Sidewalk Hope," said Mary Thomas, Chief Operating Officer with The Spartanburg County Foundation. "After 29 years as an educator at the SC School for the Deaf and the Blind, Chip felt called to minister to children in the city of Spartanburg. We appreciate her vision to see the untapped potential in our inner-city children, uplifting hurting and often forgotten families, and improving the lives of those in need in Spartanburg County."

Chapman Center celebrates Youth Art Month

Each year, Chapman Cultural Center participates in Youth Art Month to recognize the talented children who excel in various art forms in Spartanburg County. The annual celebration features over 80 public and private schools of all seven Spartanburg County school districts. The artwork is located in the Coldwell Banker Caine Youth Art Gallery inside the Carlos Dupree Moseley building of the Chapman Cultural Center. This year, student artwork will be on display through April 28 and also available to view virtually on the Chapman Cultural Center website.

In addition to the youth art galleries, the Artists Guild of Spartanburg also features the artwork of talented artists as part of their

annual Juried Youth exhibit. The Chapman Cultural Center campus is open Monday through Friday from 9:00am to 5:00pm and Saturdays 11:00am to 4:00pm.

The Council for Art Education (CAAE) administers Youth Art Month. Youth Art Month encourages support for quality school art programs and promotes art material safety. The CFAE administers the program at the national level. The program provides an opportunity for recognizing skills developed through visual arts experiences, unlike any other curriculum subjects, including: Problem solving, Creativity, Observation and Communication.

Chapman Cultural Center's youth art exhibits are part of its arts educa-

tion initiatives that seek to incorporate the arts into the classrooms of Spartanburg County children. Two to three Spartanburg County School Districts hang and display the artwork of talented young artists in the Coldwell Banker Caine Youth Art Galleries. "Youth Art Month is a wonderful time to celebrate the thousands of talented students and teachers across Spartanburg County in one big exhibit!" said Ava Hughes, Education Director for Chapman Cultural Center.

Coldwell Banker Caine is proud to support the arts as part of their ongoing Community Cares initiative.

Come join Chapman Cultural Center and enjoy all that we have to offer as we celebrate Youth Art Month!

An ode to avocados

I've been preparing, eating, reading and writing about avocados for more than a decade. Never in my wildest dreams did I ever think that avocados would rise to their current heights in the culinary world. Avocados are like the child you have who goes from sitting quietly in the back of the classroom making a "C" at best, to becoming the high-school valedictorian with a full-ride college scholarship to Harvard.

Avocados are considered a fruit. They are one of the few fruits or vegetables that contain fat, but the fat is unsaturated and heart healthy. That healthy fat also is why avocados have such a creamy, delicious mouth-feel.

California avocados are in season from spring to fall, which means they will be easier to find, better quality and more affordable during that time. Avocados are one of the produce items with the least number of pesticides, so there is no reason to buy organic.

Avocados are loaded with nutrients such as dietary fiber, vitamin B6, vitamin C, vitamin E, magnesium, folate and 60% more potassium per ounce than bananas. They're also cholesterol- and sodium-free. Two tablespoons of mashed avocado (about 1 ounce) or one-fifth of a medium avocado provides about 55 calories.

To choose an avocado, squeeze it gently. It should be firm but give to slight pressure. Hard avocados are not yet ripe, but can ripen in a few days. Place the unripe avocado in a brown paper bag for two to five days. Apples or bananas can be added to the bag to shorten the process, because the gas they give off helps ripen the avocados. Ripe avocados can be stored in the refrigerator for two to three days.

Always wash avocados before eating to remove any dirt or bacteria. Cut lengthwise and rotate the halves to separate. Use a spoon to remove the seed and scoop out the meat or peel the skin away from the fruit. Lemon juice, lime juice or white vinegar can help prevent discoloring. You can also press plastic wrap directly on the surface and then wrap to store in the refrigerator for a few days. If the surface turns brown, just cut off the top layer and eat the rest.

Avocados can be enjoyed in a variety of ways, including mashed and spread on a sandwich in place of mayonnaise, or blending it with oil and vinegar to make a salad dressing.

Angela Shelf Medearis is an award-winning children's author, culinary historian and the author of seven cookbooks.

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Around the Upstate

DC BLOX begins construction on Greenville data center

The new 1MW data center is set to be the first multi-tenant Tier III-designed facility in South Carolina, expanding DC BLOX's footprint throughout the Southeastern US

Atlanta - DC BLOX, a provider of interconnected multi-tenant data centers that deliver the infrastructure and connectivity essential to power today's digital business, announced it has initiated construction of its Greenville-Spartanburg data center. The data center, designed to Uptime Institute's Tier III standards, will be the first-of-its-kind multi-tenant data center in South Carolina. The facility will be capable of protecting Controlled Unclassified Information (CUI), providing enterprises and government entities throughout South Carolina access to a highly efficient, secure and interconnected data center - for the first time in this market. With an initial capacity of 1MW of critical IT load, the first phase of DC BLOX's new

Greenville data center is set to be completed by the third quarter of 2021.

DC BLOX continues to respond to shifts taking shape in the technology landscape, enabling businesses to digitize and implement distributed IT infrastructure solutions in areas traditionally underserved. The DC BLOX Greenville-Spartanburg multi-tenant regional data center delivers on this promise in both design and connectivity capabilities. When complete, the Greenville data center will offer access to DC BLOX's private and redundant carrier-grade mesh-network connectivity ecosystem interconnecting the company's portfolio of data centers throughout the southeast including: Atlanta, GA; Birmingham, AL; Chattanooga, TN; and Huntsville, AL.

"With the first Tier III-designed data center now under construction in South Carolina, businesses adopting digital transformation strategies are set to



DC BLOX

have access to the most reliable and interconnected facility in the State," comments Mark Masi, Chief Operating Officer of DC BLOX. "Whether it's a prime location, cloud storage, disaster recovery, or an expanded data center footprint, we are proud to bring this state-of-the-art data center campus to South Carolina. Now, even more companies can leverage reliable and efficient data center services and private, high-speed, low latency network access to cloud providers and applications at scale."

DC BLOX's Greenville

data center is set upon an 8.5-acre campus in the Global Business Park off of Interstate 85. Upon full build-out, the facility will feature six distinct data halls with 54,000 square feet of data center space with a full critical load capable of supporting 18MW of power. The data center will also feature approximately 7,000 square feet of secure storage and shared and dedicated office space.

The new data center will bring five high-paying new positions initially to the community - along with an expected investment of

over \$200 million combined between DC BLOX and their tenant customers over the next few years. The projected investment is the single largest amount reported by the Greenville Area Development Corporation in at least five years.

"DC BLOX brings good-paying jobs and significant capital investment to Greenville County, and we are excited to see their vision begin to take shape with this groundbreaking," reiterates Greenville County Council Chairman and Greenville Area Development Corporation Board Member Willis Meadows. "This new data center will help Greenville County accelerate economic growth and build on our reputation as a world-class technology destination. DC BLOX is a welcome addition to our community."

"We're grateful to partner again with DC BLOX and CEO Jeff Uphues, who are making a vital investment in the Upstate.

Brasfield & Gorrie brings significant mission critical expertise to this project, having completed more than \$2 billion in mission critical projects company-wide," adds Brasfield & Gorrie Vice President and Division Manager Ben Barfield. "DC BLOX's investment will have a significant impact in the Greenville community, where Brasfield & Gorrie has worked for more than 30 years."

Bridging the needs of companies throughout South Carolina, the facility will serve as both a core and edge infrastructure site, offering connectivity, scalability and accessibility to cloud on-ramps and a broad set of network solutions. DC BLOX's facility is positioned to vastly improve digital infrastructure capabilities for businesses throughout Greenville and Spartanburg counties, and the State of South Carolina.

To learn more about DC BLOX, please visit www.dcblox.com.

Monster Jam returns for an action-packed weekend of family fun with fans in Greenville, May 14-16

Greenville - This. Is. Monster Jam®! The most action-packed motorsports experience for families in the world today returns after a pandemic pause, roaring into Greenville for a high-octane weekend at Bon Secours Wellness Arena on Friday, May 14 through Sunday, May 16. Monster Jam®, one of the first family events to open its doors to fans since the global pandemic began in 2020, features the ultimate mix of high-flying action and four-wheel excitement. Tickets start at \$20 on ticketmaster.com with Monster Jam Preferred Customers able to purchase advance tickets starting today, March 9, before tickets go on-sale to the general public on March 16. Fans can still sign up for free to become a Monster Jam Preferred Customer and get exclusive access to the pre-sale offer code.

Monster Jam is enthusiastic that fans are eager to

attend a live event with family and friends and feel confident about their safety and well-being, as shown in multiple surveys. In order to meet and exceed those expectations, Monster Jam has implemented enhanced health measures to help ensure the highest standards of wellness when it comes to today's live experience. Seating capacity will be reduced at Bon Secours Wellness Arena to a Pod Seating structure, which will allow family and friends to safely enjoy all the action while social distancing from other groups in attendance. More information about Bon Secours Wellness Arena's safety policy can be found here. As an additional precaution for fans, face coverings are required for those age 2 and older, unless otherwise exempted by law. More information about Monster Jam's Ultimate Lineup for Fan Wellness can be found here.

The Monster Jam Pit Party will return on Saturday and Sunday with limited capacity and enhanced safety measures implemented. At the Monster Jam Pit Party, you can see the massive trucks up close, watch live pre-race interviews and participate in Q&A's with the drivers, get pre-signed autograph cards, take pictures, and enjoy other family-friendly fun. Face covering, social distancing, entry screening and other rules apply. Capacity and activities are limited based

on event, venue and local authorities' guidelines, which are subject to change at any time.

Monster Jam has reimaged the live event guest experience and created contactless shopping for fans to order merchandise in advance or onsite from the comfort of their seat. Once ordered, guests can pick up their items at a convenient, contactless pickup station during the live event. Additional information can be found here.

Greenville fans will witness a fierce battle for the event championship with each skilled Monster Jam athlete tearing up the dirt with gravity-defying feats in 12,000-pound Monster Jam trucks going head-to-head for points in Freestyle, the Skills Challenge and Racing competitions. Plus, fans can become part of the action by voting for the winner in the Skills Challenge and Freestyle competitions via real-time, in-stadium fan voting on their smartphones.

Headlining this all-star truck lineup will be Krysten Anderson in the Krysten Anderson in the Guinness Grave Digger®; the truck that redefined the phrase "big air" and set the GUINNESS WORLD RECORD™ title for the highest ramp jump in a monster truck.

The fan favorite Megalodon truck will look to steal the show from Grave Digger while the Pagliarulo brothers, Matt and Nick, each compete

for points in Jester and Kraken. Stone Crusher driven by Steve Sims and Hooked, driven by Bryan Wright, round out the epic six-truck lineup.

Monster Jam drivers are trained, world-class male and female athletes who have mastered not only the physical strength and mental stamina needed to compete, but the vital dexterity

to control 12,000-pound machines capable of doing backflips, vertical two-wheel skills and racing at speeds up to 70 miles-per-hour to produce jaw-dropping, live motorsports action seen around the world.

WHEN:
Friday, May 14 - - 7:00 pm

Saturday, May 15 - 1:00 pm & 7:00 pm | Pit Party 11:00 am

Sunday, May 16, - 12:00 pm & 5:30 pm | Pit Party 10:00 am

WHERE:
Bon Secours Wellness Arena, 650 N Academy St, Greenville, SC 29601

BIBLE TRIVIA

by Wilson Casey

- Is the book of Nehemiah in the Old or New Testament or neither?
- From 1 Kings 11, what was the number of wives and princesses, along with 300 concubines of King Solomon? 3, 50, 100, 700
- When he had a vision, who said "Not so, Lord; for I have never eaten any thing that is common or unclean"? Adam, Reuben, Samson, Peter
- From Acts 7, who was the first person martyred for his belief in Jesus Christ? Apollous, John the Baptist, Jehu, Stephen
- When he met King Abimelech, Abraham pretended that Sarah was his ...? Mother, Neighbor, Sister, Daughter
- Besides Jonah, what other prophet ministered in Nineveh? Nathan, Paul, Nahum, Philip

ANSWERS: 1) Old; 2) 700; 3) Peter; 4) Stephen; 5) Sister; 6) Nahum

"Test Your Bible Knowledge," a book with 1,206 multiple-choice questions by columnist Wilson Casey, is available in bookstores and online.

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<p>ACROSS</p> <p>1 Napoleon exile locale</p> <p>5 Lobby gp.</p> <p>8 — Bill (Old West hero)</p> <p>13 Soda shop drink</p> <p>19 Diving bird</p> <p>20 Glass of public radio</p> <p>21 Large crowd</p> <p>22 Muzzle-loading tool</p> <p>23 "You Light Up My Life" singer's good friend?</p> <p>26 Orange-and-black bird</p> <p>27 Many times o'er</p> <p>28 Real ladies' men</p> <p>29 Close examination of the "Room at the Top" novelist?</p> <p>31 Some of a "Waltons" actor's furniture?</p> <p>34 Blast creator</p> <p>35 Camera variety, for short</p> <p>36 Mets' old ballpark</p> <p>37 Ballgame cry</p> <p>40 Sugar suffix</p> <p>42 Help</p>	<p>44 Heap</p> <p>48 What the penner of "Tristram Shandy" spoke with?</p> <p>51 Topped the rudder</p> <p>54 Lures</p> <p>58 Paris-to-Berlin dir.</p> <p>59 Aviating guys</p> <p>60 "You Send Me" crooner's preferred cruise destinations?</p> <p>63 Mr. or Dr.</p> <p>65 Seraglio</p> <p>66 "— Ben Adhem"</p> <p>67 A&E part</p> <p>68 Greedy gullet</p> <p>71 TV awards</p> <p>72 "Uncle Tom's Cabin" writer not at home?</p> <p>74 Pie serving</p> <p>76 Coloring stuff</p> <p>77 Litigious one</p> <p>78 Gillette's — razor</p> <p>79 Truthful</p> <p>80 Longtime SeaWorld whale</p> <p>82 "Two Treatises of Government" philosopher making a choice?</p>	<p>84 Not eternal</p> <p>87 Me, to Mirri</p> <p>89 Tranquil</p> <p>90 Long time</p> <p>91 Red fruit for an "L.A. Law" actress?</p> <p>94 Joins closely</p> <p>96 Smith and Jones film, for short</p> <p>97 WWW access initials.</p> <p>98 PC b-board admin</p> <p>102 Google Play purchases</p> <p>106 1998 Angelina Jolie film</p> <p>108 Gmail alternative</p> <p>110 "Gladiator" Oscar winner's kin?</p> <p>114 "House" co-star's estimate?</p> <p>118 Get more profound</p> <p>119 Mil. VIP</p> <p>120 Queued</p> <p>121 Doctor's plan for the author of "Common Sense"?</p> <p>124 Secondary divinity, in Greek myth</p> <p>125 Break in, say</p> <p>126 Pooch checker</p>	<p>127 Teeny bit</p> <p>128 Firstborn</p> <p>129 Unpopular plants</p> <p>130 Quaint ending for 100-Down</p> <p>131 Black stone</p> <p>DOWN</p> <p>1 Bodily joints</p> <p>2 Spa sponge</p> <p>3 Infant sock</p> <p>4 Shaker Lee</p> <p>5 Loop of lace</p> <p>6 Smell</p> <p>7 Obtained</p> <p>8 Sci-fi zapper</p> <p>9 Long time</p> <p>10 Infant bed</p> <p>11 Smell</p> <p>12 French legislature</p> <p>13 Drivers' places</p> <p>14 Endangered</p> <p>15 A little off</p> <p>16 Declare</p> <p>17 Makeup of a frozen Arctic cap</p> <p>18 Early utopia</p> <p>24 Before, to Kipling</p> <p>25 Warsaw native</p> <p>30 Involved with</p> <p>32 Water spigot</p> <p>33 Sea plea</p> <p>38 Salt Lake City team</p>	<p>39 "Taps" hour</p> <p>41 Devilish</p> <p>43 Forest home</p> <p>45 List units</p> <p>46 Luau favors</p> <p>47 Mushroom ends?</p> <p>49 Made a new outline of</p> <p>50 Miner's haul</p> <p>51 Pined</p> <p>52 Frothy</p> <p>53 Singer Mel</p> <p>55 Diamond official at home</p> <p>56 File player's drum</p> <p>57 Blizzard stuff</p> <p>61 Crucial</p> <p>62 Because of</p> <p>64 Suffix with absurd</p> <p>67 See 114-Down</p> <p>68 The press, TV, etc.</p> <p>69 Serving perfectly</p> <p>70 Pie serving</p> <p>72 Total</p> <p>73 Brow curves</p> <p>74 Established the tempo for</p> <p>75 Pen filler</p> <p>77 Product rep</p> <p>79 Mention</p> <p>80 Haloed Fr. woman</p>	<p>81 Cards dealt</p> <p>82 Tulip's kin</p> <p>83 Foot with fur</p> <p>84 "2001" studio ends?</p> <p>85 Not a copy</p> <p>86 Sent a new invoice to</p> <p>88 Photo —</p> <p>92 Baseball's</p> <p>93 Top-row PC key</p> <p>95 Actor Elliott</p> <p>99 Demands</p> <p>100 Verse creator</p> <p>101 Zig or zag</p> <p>103 Cooing bird</p> <p>104 Oodles</p> <p>105 Sentence structure</p> <p>107 Stop on —</p> <p>109 Cartoon skunk</p> <p>111 Duel words</p> <p>112 Notable acts</p> <p>113 Bug in "A Bug's Life"</p> <p>114 With 67-Down, up and no longer sleepy</p> <p>115 Baseballer</p> <p>116 Not crazy</p> <p>117 Location</p> <p>122 Toon</p> <p>123 "O Sole —"</p>
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Three easy design tips to deep clean and organize your kitchen

(StatePoint) Over the last year, our kitchens have become a place where we prep for an important presentation, help with school-work, cook meals together and laugh with friends at a virtual party.

All this time in the kitchen can also mean it becomes the catch-all room for everything and everyone, making now the perfect time to create a functional space where items are easily accessible and organized with your routine in mind. From your refrigerator to that messy junk drawer, follow these DIY kitchen organization tips to revamp and refresh this part of your home.

Design an easy-to-use (and clean) layout.

Cooking at home more? You'll want to clean and organize your fridge to make snack time and meal prep easier. Start by removing every item from shelves and drawers and toss any items that have expired. Once it's completely empty, give your fridge a deep clean, especially in those sticky back corners.

Before you return the items, place a water-resis-



tant liner like Clear Classic EasyLiner on the shelves to add an extra layer of protection. Its smooth surface makes cleaning up a breeze when there are leaks and spills. Think about your most-used items, like snacks and veggies, and place them toward the front so they are easy to see and grab. Storing these foods using clear, labeled con-

tainers will help you track inventory and keep food neatly in order.

Upgrade your backsplash. Tired of white walls in the background of your virtual work call? One easy and affordable way to instantly elevate the look of your kitchen is to decorate with removable wallpaper or DIY peel-and-stick

vinyl. From polka dot to vinyl wood, choose a pattern that speaks to you. Then, stick the adhesive vinyl to a kitchen surface—the side of a kitchen island, the wall behind the sink or cabinet panels. Once you're ready to switch things up, they peel off easily, so you'll be ready to go for a different look! Another tried and true

option to brighten walls is paint. Use a quality painter's tape to tape off a design you love, then paint over it. Peel back the tape to reveal a DIY design you'll adore.

Create a clutter-less junk drawer. Everyone has that one, or even two, drawers in their kitchen that house random items that

accumulate over time. Master unwanted mess and add functionality and style to your junk drawer with a little organization.

First, pull everything out of the drawer and toss anything that's broken or you simply no longer need. Next, line the area with Original Grip EasyLiner to keep your mail, important notes and utensils in the right place while protecting the surface from scratches. Once you've purged, add small compartments and drawer organizers to give the misfits of the kitchen a proper home.

If you have limited space, use a wall-mount storage rack or over-the-cabinet organizer to free up drawer space and keep items within easy reach.

For additional tips or to find the right organizational solutions, try the EasyLiner Guide or visit DuckBrand.com.

Once you've completed these simple tips and tricks in the kitchen, you'll feel refreshed and organized to take on the day.

Gov. Henry McMaster announces direct recruitment of pharmaceutical suppliers in S.C.

Columbia - Governor Henry McMaster issued Executive Order 2021-17, which directs the Department of Commerce to enhance recruitment efforts of pharmaceutical and medical supply manufacturers in South Carolina and directs state agencies to focus procurement efforts of medicines, medical devices, and medical supplies on those made in South Carolina. The new initiative will safeguard South Carolina from supply chain disruptions experienced during the COVID-19 pandemic by working to manufacture even more essential, life-saving products in South Carolina.

"This last year has made it very clear that relying on China for life-saving medical supplies is a risk we can no longer afford, and South Carolina can lead the way when it comes to bringing the manufacturing of those products back home to the United States," said Gov. Henry McMaster. "By successfully recruiting pharmaceutical and medical manufac-

turing companies to invest and locate here, we will bring good, high-paying jobs for our people and reliable access to the critical supplies we may need in an emergency."

The Department of Commerce will work directly with SCBIO on the new initiative. SC BIO is a statewide, not-for-profit life sciences and economic development organization formed to promote and expand South Carolina's life sciences industry.

"As a major driver and diversification of South Carolina's growing economy, the surging impact, reach and significance of the multi-billion dollar life sciences industry in our state certainly warrants the strategic emphasis being placed on it by Governor McMaster," noted SCBIO President and CEO Sam Konduros. "We're honored by the Governor's profound support, and this bold Executive Order further demonstrates his ongoing commitment to empower our statewide mission to build, advance



Gov. Henry McMaster

and grow the life sciences and pharmaceutical industry in the Palmetto State like never before."

To further investment and job creation from businesses in the pharmaceutical industry, the governor's Order directs the South Carolina Department of Commerce to:

Prioritize and enhance ongoing economic development and recruitment efforts by identifying,

encouraging, and incentivizing pharmaceutical and medical supply manufacturers, both international and domestic, to locate research, development, and production facilities within the State of South Carolina.

Develop and execute international and domestic marketing campaigns that promote the State of South Carolina as a global leader in this Sector.

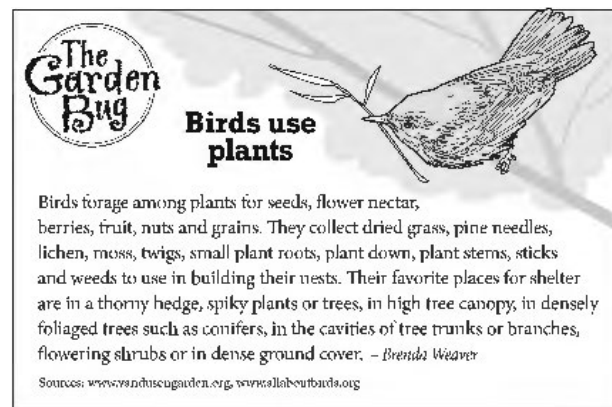
Facilitate, assist, and incentivize growth, expansion, investment, and employment opportunities at existing businesses and industries in the Sector located within the State of South Carolina.

Identify and advocate for statutory or regulatory changes or enhancements to the state's existing economic development mechanisms for new business and industry investment or

expansion in the Sector.

The Order also directs the Department of Commerce to review its existing operations and organizational structure to determine whether any changes would assist with the recruitment of pharmaceutical companies and to recommend any needed modifications to the General Assembly, if statutory authority is required to make them.

To further ensure supply chain security, the governor's Order calls upon state agencies to prioritize South Carolina-made products in the procurement of medicines, medical devices, and medical supplies. The move will benefit existing businesses and will give Commerce another resource to attract additional life science investment into South Carolina.



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Moments in time
THE HISTORY CHANNEL

- On April 25, 1719, Daniel Defoe's "The Life and Strange Adventures of Robinson Crusoe" is published. The book, about a shipwrecked sailor who spends 28 years on a deserted island, is based on the experiences of Alexander Selkirk, a Scottish sailor who spent four years on a small island off South America.
- On April 24, 1800, President John Adams approves legislation to appropriate \$5,000 to establish the Library of Congress. The first books, ordered from London, arrived in 1801. Twelve years later, the library was destroyed when the British army invaded the city of Washington and burned the Capitol.
- On April 22, 1945, Adolf Hitler, upon learning that no German defense was offered to the Russian assault at Eberswalde, admits to all in his underground bunker in Berlin that the war is lost and suicide is his only recourse.
- On April 23, 1954, Hank Aaron hits the first home run of his Major League Baseball career. Twenty years later, Aaron broke Babe Ruth's long-standing record of 714 career homers. Aaron retired from baseball in 1976 with 755 career homers.
- On April 20, 1971, the Pentagon confirms that fragging incidents (tossing fragmentation hand grenades into sleeping areas) are on the rise. Fraggings in combat were usually attempts to remove leaders perceived to be incompetent and a threat to survival.
- On April 21, 1980, Rosie Ruiz, age 26, finishes first in the women's division of the Boston Marathon. Ruiz was stripped of her victory eight days later after race officials learned she joined the race about a mile before the finish line.
- On April 19, 1995, a massive truck bomb explodes outside the Alfred P. Murrah Federal Building in Oklahoma City. The blast collapsed the north face of the nine-story building, killing 168 people, including 19 young children in its day-care center.

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VETERANS POST
by Freddy Groves

VA Extends Deadlines for Life Insurance

Nobody wants to think about it, but the need for life insurance is a fact of life. And now the cost of life insurance for veterans is dropping, opening the door for more of us to be able to afford it.

After separation, we've had 240 days to apply and hand over the initial premium to transfer from Service-members' Group Life Insurance to Veterans' Group Life Insurance without having to provide proof of good health. After that deadline we had one year plus 120 days to file and pay, but needed to submit proof of good health in the form of a questionnaire about our medical conditions.

Now, with COVID, the Department of Veterans Affairs has extended the application time by an additional 90 days for both categories. This will expire in June, but it does buy a little more time to get insurance.

To learn more about VA life insurance, go to www.benefits.va.gov/insurance. Follow the Eligibility links to see if you qualify for any of the whole menu of VA insurance. Consult the rates chart to see what your premiums would be. As an example, a \$300,000 policy for a 50-year-old veteran would run you \$99 per month. Rates across all categories jump significantly once you hit the age 55 column, so if you're considering it, don't delay. A \$100,000 policy at age 30 will cost you a mere \$9 per month.

At that same webpage you can apply to convert your SGLI policy to VGLI, apply for service-disabled insurance, update your beneficiary, file an insurance claim and more, as well as getting forms for all of these.

On the right side of the screen you'll see Assessing Your Life Insurance Needs. Click that to use the calculator to zero in on how much you should have. It might be more than you think.

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Mega Maze
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Legal Notices

any security as to the claim.
Estate: Max Peterson
Date of Death: December 25, 2020
Case Number: 2021ES4200209
Personal Representative:
Beverly F. Peterson
118 Splawn Road
Chesnee, SC 29323
Atty. Ronald H. Colvin
P.O. Box 6364
Spartanburg, SC 29304
4-8, 15, 22

nature of any uncertainty as to the claim, and a description of any security as to the claim.
Estate: Ning Chanthalangsy
Date of Death: November 28, 2020
Case Number: 2021ES4200427
Personal Representative:
Ms. Seng Chanthalangsy
322 Hope Road
Spartanburg, SC 29303
4-8, 15, 22

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Estate: Betty B. Brown
Date of Death: January 15, 2021
Case Number: 2021ES4200349
Personal Representative:
Mr. Robert S. Brown
6139 Robin Street
Spartanburg, SC 29303
4-8, 15, 22

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Estate: Jackie E. Fleming, Sr.
AKA J.E. Fleming, Sr.
Date of Death: September 24, 2020
Case Number: 2020ES4201449
Personal Representative:
Ms. Kathy D. Fleming
130 Sunshine Drive
Spartanburg, SC 29307
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Estate: Michael Lawrence Lindsay
Date of Death: November 29, 2020
Case Number: 2021ES4200314
Personal Representative:
Mr. Lawrence Stephen Lindsay
108 Sevier Place
Spartanburg, SC 29302
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Estate: Anita Ann Littlejohn
Date of Death: February 7, 2021
Case Number: 2021ES4200671
Personal Representative:
Patrick Martinez Green
226 Willow Oaks Drive
Spartanburg, SC 29301
Atty. Scott Franklin Talley
134 Oakland Avenue
Spartanburg, SC 29302
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Estate: Thayer Grant Parrish
Date of Death: February 10, 2021
Case Number: 2021ES4200687
Personal Representative:
Cynthia N. Parrish
373 E. Pheasant Hill Drive
Duncan, SC 29334
Atty. Kristin Burnett Barber
P.O. Drawer 5587
Spartanburg, SC 29304-5587
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Estate: Louise V. Fleming
Date of Death: February 14, 2021
Case Number: 2021ES4200714
Personal Representative:
Thomasville National Bank
Financial Services
361 E. Henry St.
Spartanburg, SC 29302
Atty. Heather G. Hunter
P.O. Box 891
Spartanburg, SC 29304
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LEGAL NOTICE

2021ES4200208
The Will of Neomi Smith Fulbright AKA Neoma Smith Fulbright, Deceased, was delivered to me and filed January 28, 2021. No proceedings for the probate of said Will have begun.
HON. PONDA A. CALDWELL
Judge, Probate Court for Spartanburg County, S.C.
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LEGAL NOTICE

2021ES4200376
The Will of Judith Mohlin, Deceased, was delivered to me and filed February 18, 2021. No proceedings for the probate of said Will have begun.
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Judge, Probate Court for Spartanburg County, S.C.
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LEGAL NOTICE

2021ES4200336
The Will of Thomas L. Peek, Deceased, was delivered to me and filed February 11, 2021. No proceedings for the probate of said Will have begun.
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LEGAL NOTICE

2021ES4200550
The Will of Charles Alfred Augur, Deceased, was delivered to me and filed February 24, 2021. No proceedings for the probate of said Will have begun.
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LEGAL NOTICE

2021ES4200454

The Will of Betty F. Owens, Deceased, was delivered to me and filed March 1, 2021. No proceedings for the probate of said Will have begun.
HON. PONDA A. CALDWELL
Judge, Probate Court for Spartanburg County, S.C.
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LEGAL NOTICE

2021ES4200181
The Will of Dorothy G. Rogers, Deceased, was delivered to me and filed January 26, 2021. No proceedings for the probate of said Will have begun.
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Judge, Probate Court for Spartanburg County, S.C.
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LEGAL NOTICE

2021ES4200340
The Will of Donald Billy Rhymer, Deceased, was delivered to me and filed February 9, 2021. No proceedings for the probate of said Will have begun.
HON. PONDA A. CALDWELL
Judge, Probate Court for Spartanburg County, S.C.
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LEGAL NOTICE

2021ES4200419
The Will of Leisa A. Bowers Deceased, was delivered to me and filed February 24, 2021. No proceedings for the probate of said Will have begun.
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Wabtec Corp. seeks Senior Software Engineer in Duncan, SC for software engineering in complete product lifecycle development. Requires intermittent travel to overseas affiliates for consultations. Apply at www.jobpostingtoday.com, Ref. 12546.



Puzzles4Kids by Helene Hovanec
CODED RIDDLE
Change each letter to the one that comes immediately BEFORE it in the alphabet to find a riddle and its answer.
Here's a copy of the alphabet to guide you:
A B C D E F G H I J K L M N O P Q R S T U V W X Y Z
X I B U C P P L E P F T B T X F F U Q P U B U P
M J L F U P S F B E ?
H S F F O F H H T B O E Z B N .

Even Exchange by Donna Pettman
Each numbered row contains two clues and two 6-letter answers. The two answers differ from each other by only one letter, which has already been inserted. For example, if you exchange the A from MASTER for an I, you get MISTER. Do not change the order of the letters.
1. Sudden fear _ _ R _ _ _ _ _ Airplane trip _ _ L _ _ _ _ _
2. Pursue _ _ _ A _ _ _ _ Picked out _ _ _ O _ _ _ _
3. Horizontally aligned _ _ _ _ _ L _ _ _ _ Pry bar _ _ _ _ _ R
4. Mockup _ _ A _ _ _ _ _ Easy, like Simon _ _ I _ _ _ _ _
5. Glue _ _ _ _ _ T _ _ _ _ Outdated _ _ _ _ _ S _ _ _ _
6. Employee reward _ _ _ _ _ U _ _ _ _ Tibia and ulna _ _ _ _ _ E _ _ _ _
7. Standard book _ _ _ A _ _ _ _ More embarrassed _ _ _ D _ _ _ _
8. Halloween perk T _ _ _ _ _ _ Lakes G _ _ _ _ _
9. Top of the wave _ _ _ E _ _ _ _ Pizza edge _ _ _ U _ _ _ _
10. Multiplication lists _ _ _ _ _ S _ _ _ _ Mobile computer _ _ _ _ _ T
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HOCUS-FOCUS BY HENRY BOLTINOFF

FIND AT LEAST 6 DIFFERENCES BETWEEN PANELS.
Differences: Cap is reversed; 2. Star is moved; 3. Shirt is shorter; 4. Hand is moved; 5. Cuffs are missing; 6. Shirt is different; 7. Reader, Redder; 8. Treat, Great; 9. Level, Lever; 10. Tables, Tablet

FRAMED! Hidden in the above frame of letters is the first line of a famous nursery rhyme. You can find it by reading every other letter in the frame as you read around it clockwise. The trick is to find the correct letter to start with. The picture is a clue.
Answer: Starting at "S" in the lower left-hand corner, read: "Sing a song of sixpence..."
A NUTTY CHALLENGE! Tell your friends that you have in your hand something that no one on earth has ever seen, and that after you show it to them no one will ever see it again. When they fail to figure out what you're holding, open your hand and show them a peanut shell. Open the shell and show them the peanuts inside. No one has ever seen them before. Now pop them into your mouth and chew them up. No one will ever see them again!
WAKE UP! No sleeping on this one. In this puzzle, all of the words get progressively longer, and they all end in COT. Use the following definitions:
1. COT (in place). 2. Native of Glasgow.
3. A broad scarf. 4. Symbol of a sports team.
5. A yellow-orange fruit. 6. Paneling on walls.
Answers: 1. Cot; 2. Scot; 3. Ascot; 4. Mascot; 5. Apricot; 6. Wainscot

Junior Whirl by Charles Barry Townsend

TOY STORE PUZZLE
PICTURED at left is a crossword puzzle grid with one of the words filled in.
Below are the words that you'll need to finish the puzzle. The items are all things that you might buy in a toy store. See if you can fill in the puzzle before the store closes in 10 minutes.
4-letter words: BOAT, DART, DRUM, MASK, NETS, SLED
5-letter words: DOLLS, GLOVE, SLIDE, TRAIN, WAGON
Answers: (Across) 2. Slide; 4. Dart; 7. Glove; 8. Nets; 9. Mask; (Down) 1. Wagon; 2. Sled; 3. Drum; 4. Dolls; 5. Train; 6. Boat.
Illustrated by David Coulson

Kids' Maze

What book does a sweet potato like to read?
Answer: **Puzzles4Kids**
1. Fight, Fight
2. Chase, Chase
3. Level, Lever
4. Sample, Simple
5. Paste, Paste
6. Bonns, Bonns
7. Reader, Redder
8. Treat, Great
9. Crest, Crust
10. Tables, Tablet
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Amber Waves

by Dave T. Phipps



Out on a Limb

by Gary Kopervas



R.F.D.

by Mike Marland



The Spats

by Jeff Pickering



Just Like Cats & Dogs

by Dave T. Phipps



LAFF-A-DAY



SCRAMBLERS

Unscramble the letters within each rectangle to form four ordinary words. Then rearrange the boxed letters to form the mystery word, which will complete the gag!

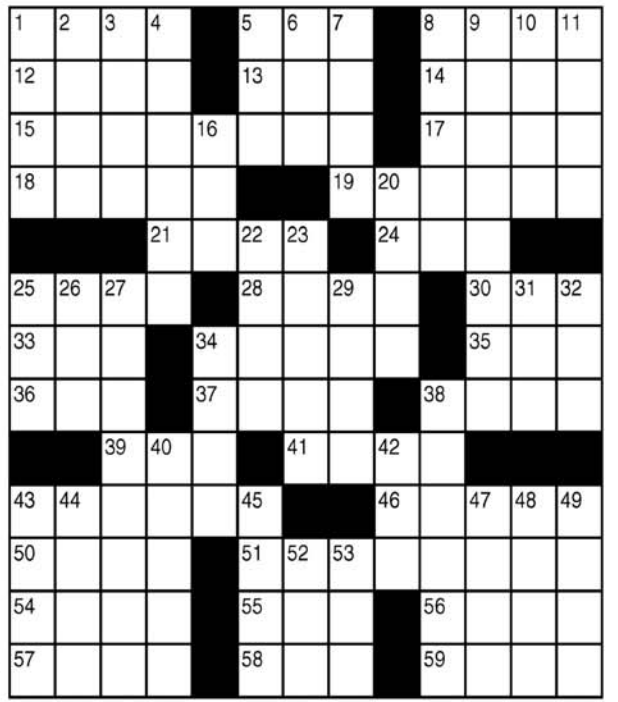
- Waver: ARTFEL
- Bird: AGLIEE
- Explore: REEKES
- Emanate: DEUXE

TODAY'S WORD

King Crossword

ACROSS

- 1 Zilch
- 5 Male swan
- 8 "Ditto"
- 12 Mideast airline
- 13 Glacial
- 14 "Let's go!"
- 15 Pattern
- 17 Help a hood
- 18 Old photo tint
- 19 Walks with pride
- 21 Yuletide tune
- 24 Archipelago unit (Abbr.)
- 25 Verifiable
- 28 Carton sealer
- 30 Mimic
- 33 Hostel
- 34 Goes belly up
- 35 Water tester
- 36 "Acid"
- 37 French 101 verb
- 38 Quick look
- 39 Online address
- 41 Ump's call
- 43 Steak choices
- 46 Toy bricks
- 50 Actor McGregor
- 51 Intensify
- 54 Damon of Hollywood
- 55 Essen exclamation
- 56 Grand tale



- 9 Walk
- 10 Champagne brand
- 11 Tolkien creatures
- 16 Thai language
- 20 Cravats
- 22 Coup d' —
- 23 Hideaways
- 25 Up to
- 26 ER workers
- 27 Move in waves
- 29 Entreaty
- 31 "The Raven" writer
- 32 "A mouse!"
- 34 Fedora fabric
- 38 Kitchen gadget
- 40 Oscar de la —
- 42 Ga. neighbor
- 43 Disaster aid org.
- 44 "As — saying ..."
- 45 Barking critter
- 47 Be slack-jawed
- 48 Elevator name
- 49 Faction
- 52 High school subj.
- 53 "Evita" role

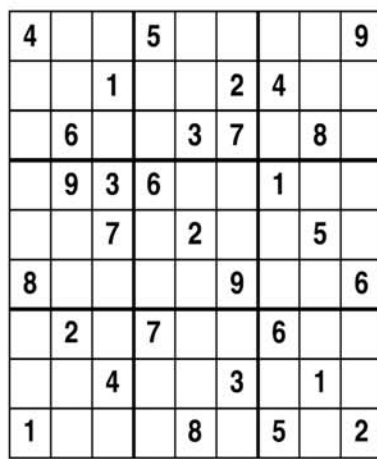
DOWN

- 1 Tennis barriers
- 2 Sheltered
- 3 Slightly wet
- 4 Skiing style
- 5 Spy org.
- 6 Halloween mo.
- 7 Tournament passes
- 8 Surgery reminders

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Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle



Place a number in the empty boxes in such a way that each row across, each column down and each small 9-box square contains all of the numbers from one to nine.

DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ♦♦

- ♦ Moderate
- ♦♦ Challenging
- ♦♦♦ HOO BOY!

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Trivia test

by Fifi Rodriguez

- LANGUAGE: What is the word for "M" in the international alphabet code used in radio?
- TELEVISION: What was the real first name of the character Fonzie in the comedy "Happy Days"?
- SCIENCE: Which country has the greatest number of tornados annually?
- GEOGRAPHY: What is the capital of Australia?
- ANIMAL KINGDOM: What are the only two known mammals that lay eggs?
- LITERATURE: What was the name of the first monster in "Beowulf"?
- MOVIES: What was the name of the villain in the movie "Three Amigos"?
- U.S. STATES: What is the nickname of Wyoming?
- GENERAL KNOWLEDGE: What is the color of envy, culturally speaking?
- BUSINESS: Which country's basic currency is the sol?

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- Answers
1. Mike
 2. Arthur
 3. United States, central and south regions
 4. Canberra
 5. Duck-billed platypus and the spiny anteater
 6. Grendel
 7. El Guapo
 8. The Equality State
 9. Green
 10. Peru

HOCUS-FOCUS

BY HENRY BOLTIKOFF



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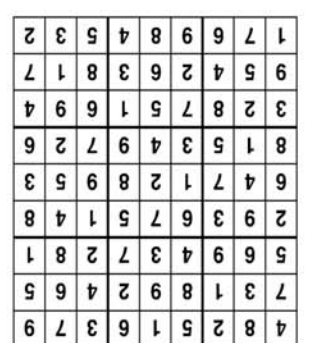


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Solution time: 24 mins.

King Crossword



Weekly SUDOKU



REFLEXES

Today's Word

1. Father; 2. Eagle; 3. Seeker; 4. Exude

solution

SCRAMBLERS

CryptoQuip

This is a simple substitution cipher in which each letter used stands for another. If you think that X equals O, it will equal O throughout the puzzle. Solution is accomplished by trial and error.

Clue: R equals S

JP Y FYO ISZBM ISFT VS Y ISRVZFT

AYUVQ MUTRRTM YR Y DOJPT, XT'M

BSSD UTYBBQ RXYUA.

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Answer
If a man could come to a costume party dressed as a knife, he'd look really sharp.

CryptoQuip