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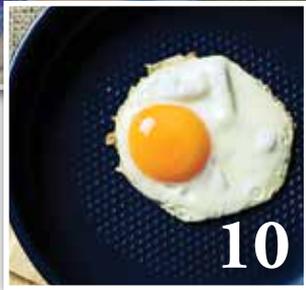


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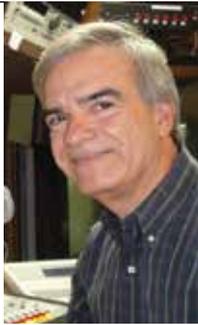
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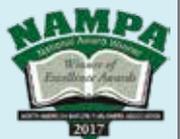
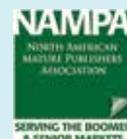
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Medical News & Info

● **A Salad a Day May Keep Memory**

Problems Away Eating about one serving per day of green, leafy vegetables may be linked to a slower rate of brain aging, according to a study published in an online issue of *Neurology*[®]. The study found that people who ate at least one serving of green, leafy vegetables a day had a slower rate of decline on tests of memory and thinking skills than people who never or rarely ate these vegetables. The difference between the two groups was the equivalent of being 11 years younger in age, according to study researchers of Rush University Medical Center in Chicago. The results remained valid after accounting for other factors that could affect brain health such as smoking, high blood pressure, obesity, education and amount of physical and cognitive activities.



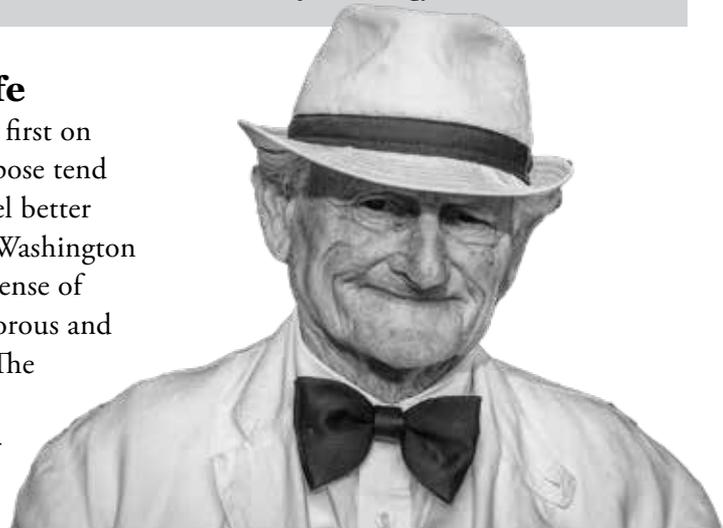
● **Exercise May Improve Thinking Ability**

Exercising twice a week may improve thinking ability and memory in people with mild cognitive impairment (MCI), according to a guideline released by the American Academy of Neurology. Mild cognitive impairment is a medical condition that is common with aging. While it is linked to problems with thinking ability and memory, it is not the same as dementia. People with MCI have milder symptoms. They may struggle to complete complex tasks or have difficulty understanding information they have read, whereas people with dementia have trouble with daily tasks, such as dressing, bathing and eating. However, there is strong evidence that MCI can lead to dementia. — *published in an online issue of Neurology*[®].



● **For a Healthier You, Find Purpose in Life**

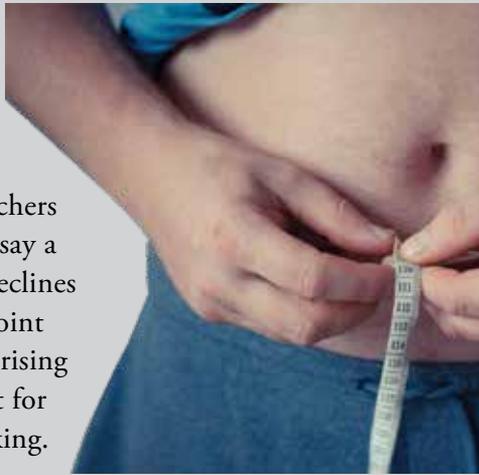
If your resolution is to be healthier, happier and more fit, focus first on finding a real purpose in life. People with a higher sense of purpose tend to engage in healthier lifestyle choices and are more likely to feel better about their own health status, according to new research from Washington University in St. Louis. Their analysis found that participants' sense of purpose was positively associated with their reports of both vigorous and moderate activity, vegetable intake, flossing, and sleep quality. The study found that having a purpose in life has positive health effects that are independent of the Big Five personality traits — openness, conscientiousness, extraversion, agreeableness and neuroticism. — *published in the Journal of Health Psychology*.





● **As Retirement Age Creeps Up, the Health of Those Close to Retirement Is Getting Worse** A new study by the University of Michigan shows that today's pre-retirement generation already has more health issues and health-related limits on their lives than prior generations did when they were in their late 50s. The study suggests that today's older workers will face more challenges than their predecessors as they continue to work, apply for Social Security disability payments, or try to retire on other income over the next decade. The challenges compared to predecessors included higher rates of poor cognition and a higher percentage who had at least one limitation on their ability to perform a basic daily living task by themselves.
 — published in *Health Affairs*

● **Blame the Obesity Epidemic** There's been a reduction in the rate of improvement in American mortality during the last three decades. Researchers from the University of Pennsylvania say a rise in obesity is to blame, slowing declines in death rates by a half-percentage point per year. The scientists estimate that rising obesity was about twice as important for mortality trends as a decline in smoking.



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Be Wary of Websites Warning of Computer Viruses

Question: What do I do when I'm browsing the web and my computer suddenly flashes a warning telling me my computer has infections and I should call a number on the screen to have them removed?

As an IT consultant I've seen all kinds of ways for scammers to make money off of the uninformed by intimidating them with fear. If you're asked to call a number that shows up while you are searching inside a web browser, no matter who they say they are, do NOT call them. It is most likely a scam.



Rinaudo

This particular scam starts innocently enough. You want to go to a particular website for your favorite online store, but you don't know the exact web address for this website. You type in the name of the company in the web address bar and it pulls up a list of matching websites.

Like most search engines, the paid search results are displayed at the very top. This is where scammers enter the picture. Scammers are betting on you clicking on one of the top handful of results that states it's the website that you want to go to. Unfortunately, when you click that search result,

you're not usually going to your desired website. You are actually clicking on an ad purchased by the scammer.

As you click on this link you're redirected through a chain of websites that ultimately lands on a fake website. It will cause your browser to pop up a window that takes up your whole computer screen and disables any means of closing it. For the added intimidation your speakers may start talking to inform you that your machine is infected and your machine is going to infect others machines. You're presented with a message that your machine is infected and needs to be cleaned and that you should call the 1-800 number provided on that screen. You're in the beginning stage of a scam. If you do call the scammer and allow them to connect to your computer, then the security of your machine has been compromised.

In most cases the scammers will install free downloadable software from the web on your machine to "clean" your machine. They ask for your credit card information, of course, before doing this. The charge to provide this service can range from \$200 on up.

If you think calling your credit card company after the fact will help, you'll be surprised to learn there's nothing they can do about it because you gave the scammer permission to

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connect to your machine and install the free software. You're basically paying them a minimum of \$200 an hour to install free software that you could download and install yourself.

The danger in all this is when you allow this scammer to connect to your machine, you are allowing a complete stranger, under false pretenses, to have complete access to your computer and all the files on it.

Now you may not think this is very dangerous, but think about it this way. This dubious individual has had access to install whatever they want on your machine. Sure you may have turned off your computer, or disconnected the network cable from the back of your computer and hung up on them, but did you do this before they had time to install their software onto your machine? They could still have access to your machine.



Windows that pop up in your browser telling you to call a 1-800 number to remove a virus from your computer are a scam.

They may have installed a key logger program that's keeping track of everything that you're typing into your computer and sending it back to them. Bank account logins. Credit card numbers. Account logins to your online financial websites. The possibilities are endless.

If you ever find yourself in this predicament, the easiest thing to do is hit the power button on your computer. If your computer will not turn off, then hold the power button in for longer than four seconds, which will turn it off. It's the simplest way to get out of the scammers snare.

If you fall prey to the deception and let a scammer on to your computer, it will need to be professionally wiped clean so that no malicious software remains operating on it.

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Calcium & Vitamin D: A Dynamic Duo for Healthy Bones

Osteoporosis is a condition when low bone mass and deterioration of bones becomes prominent.

Bones become fragile, weak, and break more easily. Throughout the body bones become thinner and more fragile, and individuals may experience pain in the shoulders, hips, spine and wrist.



Scallan

Osteoporosis is commonly associated with people over the age of 50 and typically affects women more than men. A couple of risk factors that also affect osteoporosis are sex, age, race, family history and body size. Diet also plays a role in osteoporosis. Low calcium intake can lead to an increased risk of developing osteoporosis. Calcium and vitamin D work together to prevent bone loss and osteoporosis. Both play a vital role in keeping our bones healthy and strong.

About 99% of calcium in the body resides in the teeth and bones. Calcium helps support bone maintenance, muscle contraction, blood clotting, and nervous system function. When the body does not get enough calcium, it becomes difficult to maintain strong, healthy bones. Over time, inadequate calcium intake can lead to osteoporosis.

The body itself cannot produce calcium, which is why it is important to consume calcium-rich sources of food. The recommended daily intake for calcium for adults 51 years and older is 1,000 mg for men and 1,200 mg for women. For all adults 70 years and older, it is recommended to consume 1,200 mg of calcium.

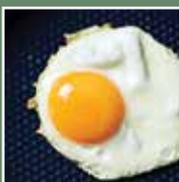
The best source of calcium is from food, and some rich sources include dairy products, salmon, and green leafy vegetables. Some foods are even fortified with calcium, which means that extra calcium is added to the product. Calcium fortified foods include cereals, juices, and even bottled water. An easy way to add extra calcium to a food is to add a tablespoon of nonfat powdered milk. This provides about 50 mg of extra calcium.

Vitamin D works to protect the bones and help your body absorb the calcium you eat. Vitamin D also assists in delivering calcium to the bones. If you do not get enough vitamin D, you may be at risk for bone loss. Vitamin D is known as the “sunshine vitamin,” because you can get it from

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both sunlight and food. The skin makes vitamin D from UV rays in sunlight, which is then stored in the body and used later. The amount of time needed in the sun to absorb adequate vitamin D varies depending on complexion. Paler skin types may only need a 15 -minute walk on a sunny day to absorb enough vitamin D. For darker skin, it may take longer to absorb enough vitamin D.

Using sunscreen can limit vitamin D absorption from the sun, so it is important to also consume foods rich in vitamin D. Natural food sources of vitamin D include tuna, salmon, mackerel, beef liver, egg yolks, and cheese. Vitamin D is also often added to milk, yogurt, soy milk, cereals, and orange juice.

Food sources of calcium and vitamin D, along with sunlight, should be utilized before supplementation. Calcium and vitamin D supplements are available if needed, but you should always ask your healthcare provider before starting any supplement. If you are deficient in either calcium or vitamin D, your provider will be able to determine this, determine if you need a supplement, and provide advice regarding supplementation.

About half of all adults 50 and older are at risk for or have osteoporosis. This is especially true for women. In fact, for women over 45, length of hospitalization related to osteoporosis is greater than time spent in the hospital for breast cancer, diabetes, and heart attacks. With increased age comes an increased risk for osteoporosis, and a greater need for awareness of your nutrient needs.

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How much would you be willing to pay for a ticket to the Super Bowl? \$800 will get you a ticket in the nose bleed section. And that's in Minneapolis, Minnesota. In February!

But there are people who are willing to pay a lot more than \$800. In 2014, there was a guy in New Jersey who ended up paying \$2,000 for an \$800 ticket. I guess he must have felt ripped off because he decided to sue the NFL. After the game, he heard that "the NFL had a policy of withholding almost all Super Bowl tickets - 99% - from the general public." In other words, according to this New Jersey guy, the NFL sells only 1% of Super Bowl seats to the general public. The other 99% of the seats go to "NFL teams, companies, broadcast networks, media sponsors, the host committee, and other 'league insiders.'"

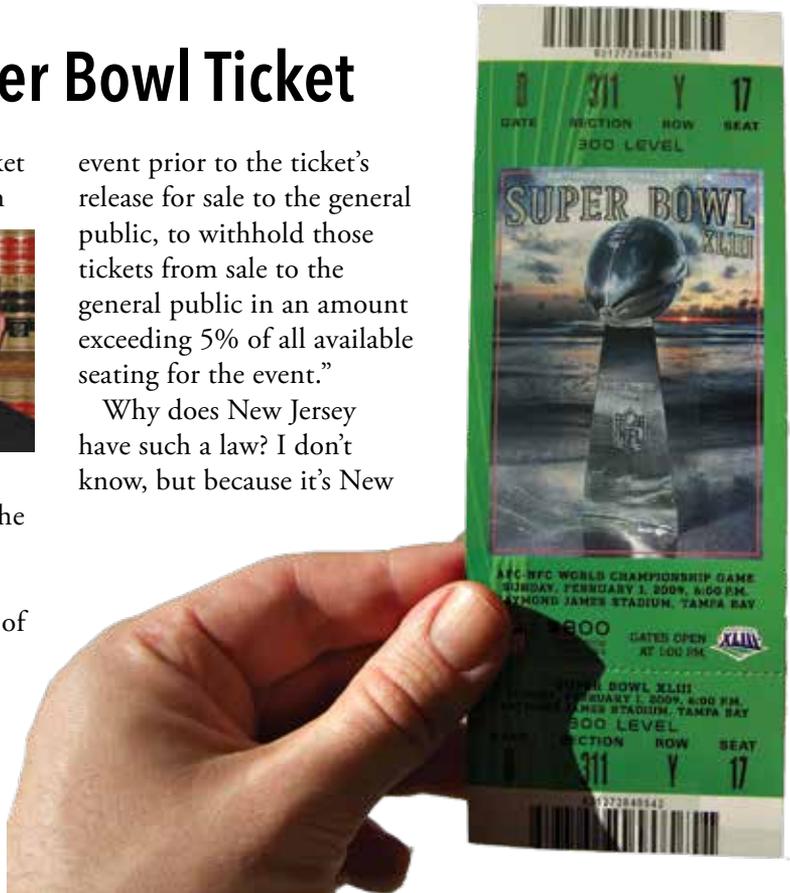
And that, if true, could be a big problem in New Jersey, a state that has a law that makes it illegal "for a person, who has access to tickets to an



Aronson

event prior to the ticket's release for sale to the general public, to withhold those tickets from sale to the general public in an amount exceeding 5% of all available seating for the event."

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Jersey, I'm assuming the Mob is involved. But the New Jersey guy's case against the NFL has been going on for years. It has already been thrown out twice, but at the end of 2017, an appellate court reinstated the case. The NFL has access to tickets to the Super Bowl prior to the ticket's release for sale to the general public. So, if this New Jersey guy can prove that more than 5% of the tickets are reserved for various big wigs rather than going on sale to the general public, he may end up winning his case. Which seems like a very good reason, as if we needed another reason, never to hold a Super Bowl in New Jersey ever again.

In Louisiana, our law says that you can't resell or offer to resell a ticket for more than the price printed on the face of the ticket. If I'm standing outside the Superdome and someone tries to sell me a \$45 Saint's ticket for \$60, that would be a crime. But the Louisiana law does have a special exception for internet sales. You can resell a ticket over the internet for any price you want as long as "the organizer of the event and the operator of the location where the event is occurring authorize...tickets...to be resold for more than the price printed on the face of the ticket." Meaning that if the Superdome and the NFL are okay with overpriced Saint's tickets, then you can use the internet to make a fortune by scalping away.

Speaking of scalpers, you know what you don't see very

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often? Scalpers at airports. That's because most airlines have "no-transfer" policies prohibiting the re-sale of its airline tickets. Which some guy in Washington D.C. found horribly unfair. He bought a ticket for a cross country flight that cost him a fortune and he figured the ticket would have cost much less if people could sell or give away airline tickets that they were unable to use. He did some research and found that at one point there was an internet company that tried to set up a secondary market for people to sell airline tickets, but the airlines quickly forced it to shut down. So, the Washington D.C. guy decided to sue, alleging a "conspiracy in restraint of commerce." Care to guess what happened? That case was quickly thrown out. Hence, no scalpers in airports.

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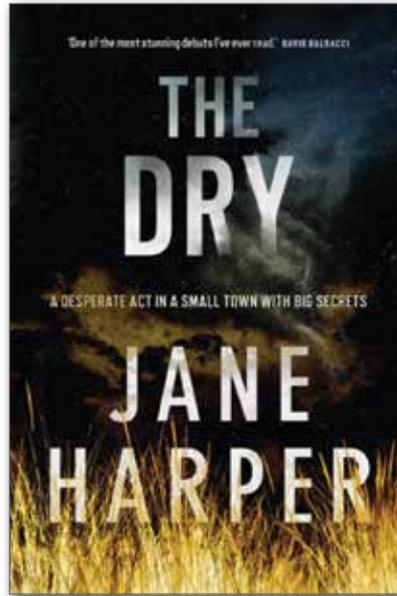
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The Dry by Jane Harper

The stage for Jane Harper's murder mystery novel, *The Dry*, is set in the drought-ridden land of a small community in Australia. There the parched earth has everyone on edge, and as farms begin to founder and debts begin to rise, a seeming double murder and suicide happens to the family of a well-known community member.



Rinaudo

These deaths begin to turn the community's minds to another death that occurred in the small town decades ago. After all, the man who seems to have murdered his family and then killed himself served as the sole alibi to Aaron Falk, the man who was suspected in the death of that girl 20 years prior.

After being forced out of the town after that girl's murder all those years ago, Falk, now a federal agent, returns to his home for the funeral. The ire of the community quickly turns to him as they remember a strange note that implicated him, found in the things of that dead girl after her body was discovered.

Falk quickly becomes wrapped up with the local policeman, helping him investigate the most recent murder-suicide involving his long-time friend. As the two begin to dig,

they suspect that these deaths aren't really what they seem.

What follows is a hunt for clues and answers, chasing the twists and turns of the past and present. Everyone, both the benign and the dastardly are suspect, and the trail of red herrings makes it impossible to figure out who the murderer actually is. The overbearing drought and poverty of the area are characters all their own, causing tempers to flare, fueling suspicion and creating a pressure cooker for the whole community.

The story often jumps back and forth from past to present, and while it's a bit confusing at first, it makes for some fantastic storytelling. Elements and the stories of people surrounding both crimes are slowly unveiled in a way that's both heart stopping and heart breaking.

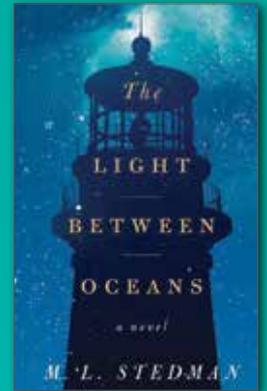
The Dry is a page turner, full of memorable characters that holds on tightly to the mystery until the very end.

I flew through this book and was excited to see a second Aaron Faulk novel, *Force of Nature*, is scheduled for release on February 6. You better believe I'll be getting the next one.

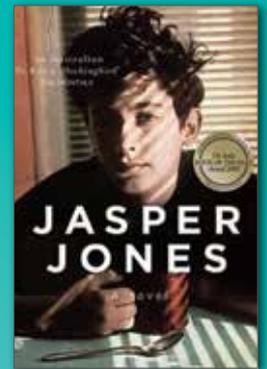
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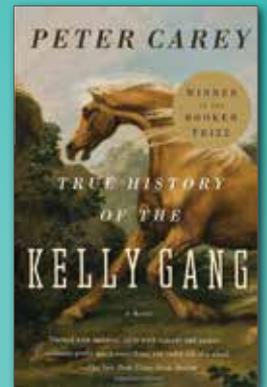
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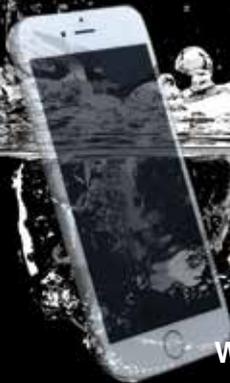


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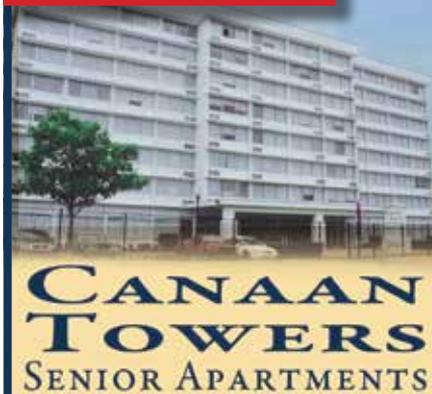


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40 Years On, Debby Boone Still Lighting Up Our Lives



Debby Boone's recording of "You Light up My Life" not only became a monster hit of 1977, but went on to become one of the most popular songs of the decade.

"I have a hard time believing it's been 40 years," said Boone. The album of the same title released that year became certified platinum (1 million in sales in the U.S.), yet it was never released on CD when the new music format became popular in the 80s.



Thomas

"To celebrate its 40th anniversary we have just released the original album on CD for the first time, along with additional tracks," explained Boone. Distributed by Real Gone Music in December (see www.realgonemusic.com), more than a dozen bonus songs are featured on the disc including several vintage recordings of 60s pop classics such as "He's a Rebel" and "Popsicles and Icicles."

"It's been such a long time since these were recorded – some with my sisters – I didn't even realize some had never been released before."

Boone grew up in a musical family with three sisters, two parents, and a grandfather (Red Foley) who were all singers. And while she may have been destined for a career in entertainment, it wasn't her original goal. "I've been an animal lover since I was a little girl and thought I might become a veterinarian."

That all changed when she was 14 and accompanied her father, Pat Boone, on a working trip to Japan so the family could remain together. "He made a mistake and put me in his show!" she said, laughing. "I got a taste of the work and loved it, so that's when I knew for the first time I had the ability to be an entertainer."

Just 21 when "You Light Up My Life" became a hit, Boone had to adapt to fame quickly (see www.debbyboone.com) and still recalls hearing the song for the first time.

"I came home to my parents' house and my mother said Mike Curb (Executive at Curb Records) had brought a cassette of this song they wanted me to record. At that point, I had only performed with the family, so I was shocked because we hadn't talked about me doing

With a new year ahead, Boone says there are plans to **release more albums as well as plenty of live performances in 2018.**



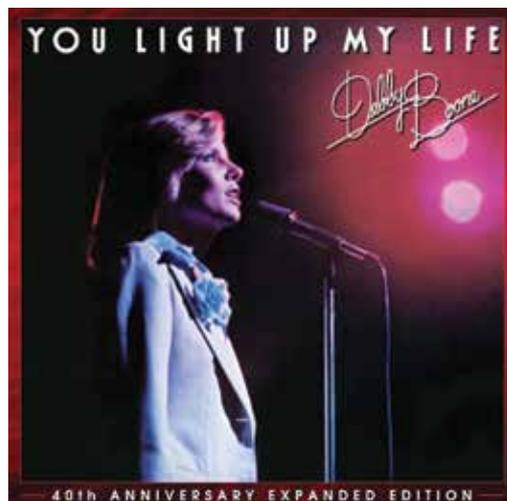
anything on my own. But I was pleased when I heard this lovely song and my parents were supportive when I flew to New York to record it."

Since that day Boone, now 61, says she's probably performed the song thousands of times with her renditions evolving over the years. "When I was younger I had a more powerful voice, but now I have a lot more maturity in my voice which I love. I think I command the lyrics better today than I did in my early 20s."

With a new year ahead, Boone says there are plans to release more albums as well as plenty of live performances in 2018. And looking back, she says she's forever grateful for the success of her big hit four decades ago.

"Some people still consider me to be a one-hit wonder with 'You Light Up My Life' even though I've had Number 1 country records and won three Grammys. But I've had a strong public persona over the years and am still performing and recording after 40 years. People remember that song, but they also remember who sang it!"

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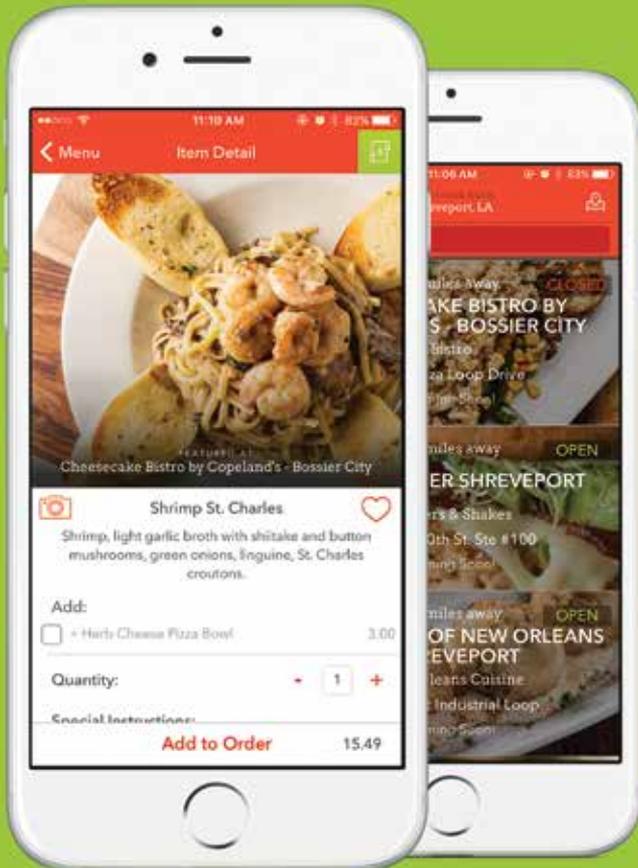
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It probably comes as no surprise that keeping the romance alive in a relationship requires effort. But often, when women feel their romantic relationships becoming stagnant, they blame the man in their life for not being romantic enough. So, it may be an eye-opener that 44% of men say it bothers them "a lot" that their wife or girlfriend isn't more romantic, according to a study of 80,000 participants by Chrisanna Northrup. So why not take the first big step, and give your man the romance he's craving? Try out the following ideas, and reap the reward of your man falling in love with you all over again.

1 Be spontaneous. Spontaneity and routine are opposites. Routine, which typically sets in once a relationship is established, often leads to monotony. What keeps relationships alive early on is the excitement of spontaneity, which lends itself to discovery about each other and new things. When couples lose that spontaneity, life becomes routine and dull. So practice spontaneity, and do things on a whim with your partner to awaken the feelings you both felt early on in your relationship.

2 Write him a love note. It doesn't have to be lengthy, although it could be. But just a simple "I love you" or "I can't wait to spend time with you this weekend" placed in his lunch box is sure to make his day. If you're good with words, write him a poem, or borrow one, and leave it on his pillow.



3 Laugh at his jokes and with him. Men love to be funny, so no matter how corny his jokes, genuinely laugh when he's trying to be funny, even if you have to laugh because he's so corny. Not only will your laughter boost his ego, but it's good for your relationship, too. But there's more. Numerous studies, including a 2015 study by Laura E. Kurtz appearing in the *Personal Relationships journal*, have found shared laughter brings couples closer together. So look for opportunities to share laughter with your partner. Watch sitcoms, go to the comedy club, hang out with other fun couples, or just be silly with each other.

4 Physical affection. This is such a simple gesture and can be done anytime, any place. Hold hands when you're watching TV or out and about. Kiss him on the cheek. When he's sitting at the table, walk over and give him a shoulder massage. Pat him on the butt. Walk up from behind and wrap your arms around him. There are so many ways and opportunities to show your affection.

5 Make his favorite dinner. The adage goes, a way to a man's heart is through his stomach. So go all out, and cook his favorite dinner and dessert. Also, don't forget the candles, wine, and soft music.

6 Take him on a date. Make a plan to do something the two of you both enjoy but haven't done in a while. Better yet, plan something special he particularly enjoys that you haven't

been keen to do with him in the past. Even if it isn't your favorite activity, make the most of it, and let him know how much you enjoy seeing him happy and just spending time together. Do you need some ideas? Check out a sporting event, concert, or play. Visit a museum, or go golfing or bowling.

7 Pay him a compliment. Everyone loves a compliment especially from a significant other. Tell him you love how that blue shirt brings out his dreamy blue eyes. Compliment his new haircut. Or let him know how much you appreciate his handyman skills. Look for genuine reasons to compliment him often.

8 Initiate sex. If your partner is the primary initiator of sex, your initiation will go a long way toward making your man fall in love all over again. Men need to feel desired as much as women do, according to a survey conducted by Sarah Hunter Murray Ph.D., reported in her article "Men Need to Feel Desired by Their Partners, Too." So make it a practice to come on to your man more often.

9 Give him a gift. Men don't place as much importance on receiving gifts as women do. Still, it can be a very romantic and meaningful gesture when done out of the blue. Look for something he'll love such as tickets to a game, a favorite movie on DVD, or something useful for his favorite hobby or sporting activity.

10 Show him your unconditional love. Many women fall for and marry men with the idea they can "fix him." Over time, this results in constant badgering of a man to change, which wreaks havoc on his romantic feelings. Learn to accept your partner's shortcomings, and love him unconditionally, and you'll likely see your man's romantic side shine through.

11 Spoon with him. Cuddle with your man before you fall asleep and when you wake up. It'll make you both happier and improve your relationship because it releases endorphins, particularly oxytocin, the love hormone.

12 Tell him you love him in a deep and meaningful way. During a romantic moment, tell him, "You're my soul mate," "I want to be with you forever," "You make my life whole," or whatever it is you honestly feel for him.

13 Give him a massage. Even men enjoy getting pampered. Give him a foot or back massage, or have him strip down for a full body treatment. Massage is also another way to increase oxytocin and improve the romance in your relationship.

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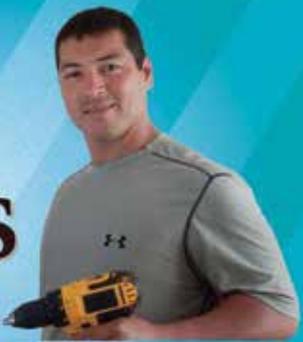


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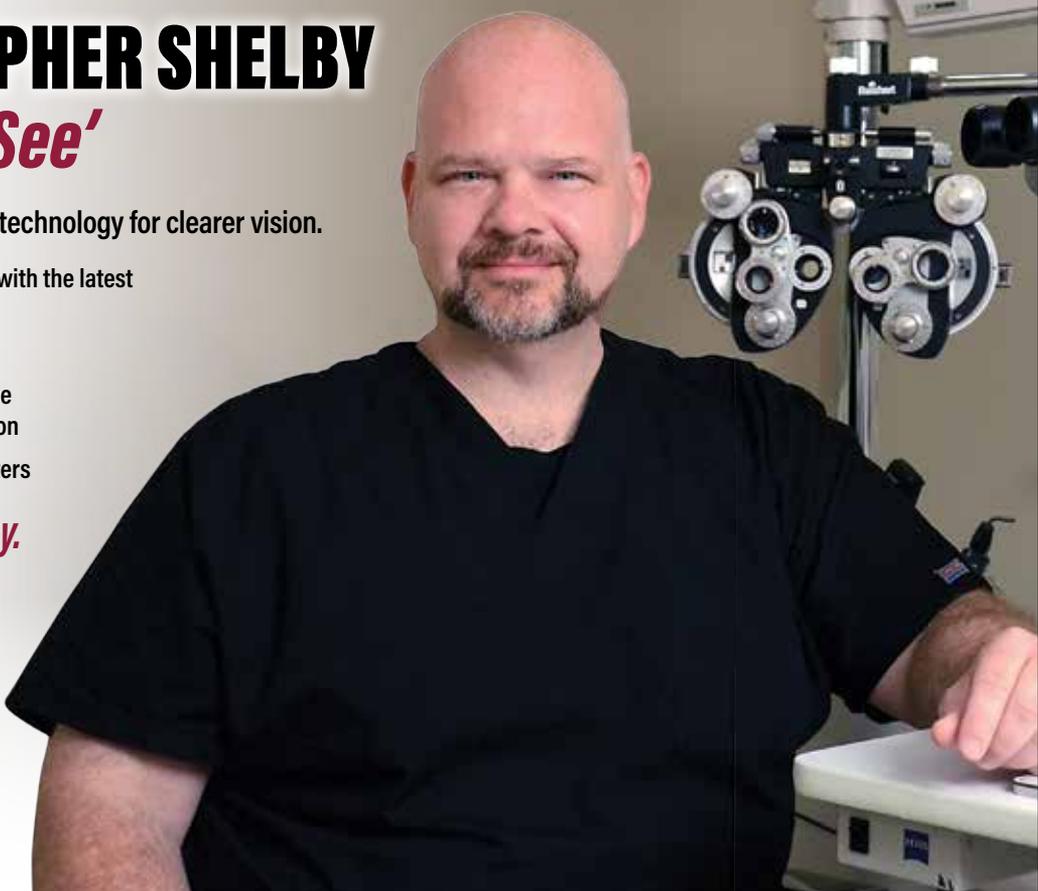
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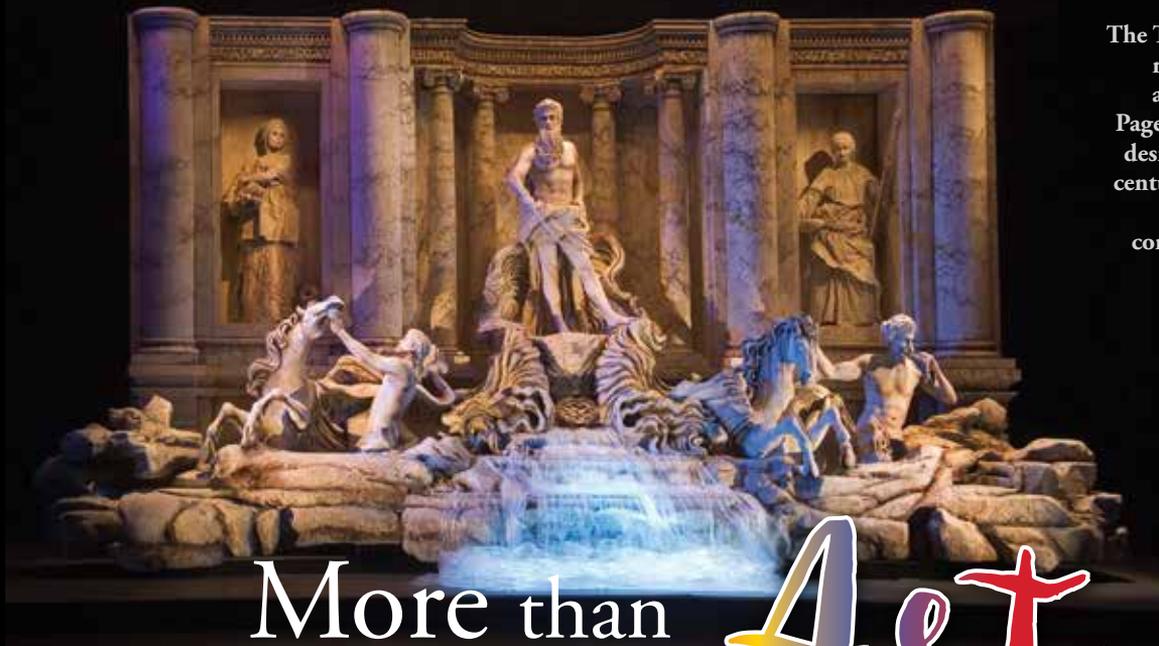
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A CROSS-COUNTRY TRIP THAT OPENS OUR EYES

Story by Andrea Gross • Photos by Irv Green

We huddle around our computer, ready to begin mapping our summer travels. Since we've learned that locally-made hand-crafted items often reveal a lot about an area, I google "juried art fairs." In less than a second I have 1,740,000 results. Oh dear. I refine my search by looking for "the best art fairs in the United States." This time I get 6,970,000 results. Evidently, there are more "best" art fairs than there are just plain ordinary juried art fairs.

It looks like we'll have to make up our own criteria. After much discussion, we realize that we want to do more than wander through a series of booths and admire fine craftsmanship. We want to do something that opens our eyes figuratively as well as literally.

We want an Art Experience, not an Art Fair.

Here, three of the best:

Crafts and Flowers in North Carolina

The flower bedecked float rolls slowly past Thalian Hall, a stately building that dates to the mid-nineteenth century when Wilmington was the largest city in North Carolina. The crowd cheers as the newly crowned Azalea Queen waves to her subjects, officially opening the week-long Azalea Festival.

In addition to the parade, there are musical performances, tours of historic homes and glorious gardens, and a highly-regarded craft fair which, of course, is what drew us to the festival in the first place. It features a plethora of fine, Southern-made items, and I pick up a sea-glass pendant for my daughter.

We spend most of an afternoon at Airlie gardens, where we take a self-guided tour through 67-acres of giant oaks, vibrant flowers and, to honor the man-made as well as the nature-grown, a chapel made from glass bottles and a butterfly arch made from stainless steel.

I'm charmed as much by the ambiance as by the art. After all, who can be unhappy when surrounded by smiling Southern belles, hundreds of pink azaleas,

barbecued pork and, at Airlie Gardens, graceful long-necked swans?

I tell my husband I think we should move to coastal North Carolina. He nods thoughtfully and tells me I have some barbecue sauce on my chin.

A World of Traditions in New Mexico

I think I'm at a bazaar in India, a market in Mexico, a village in Africa. People in bright-colored traditional dress are weaving baskets, beading necklaces, stitching scarves and chatting with potential customers.

This is the International Folk Art Market, now the largest international art fair in the world. It's the first in a series of three world-renowned markets that make Santa Fe a mecca for art enthusiasts.

In mid-summer the city hosts the Traditional Spanish Market. Here regional craftsmen and women showcase craft techniques that in many cases have been passed down by those who settled the area long before New Mexico was a state.

A few weeks later more than 1,000



Left: The parade at North Carolina's Azalea Festival is sponsored by local organizations and businesses. Above: A visit to Airlie Gardens during North Carolina's Azalea Festival lets people wander among 67-acres of flowers and, when lucky, spot a graceful swan.

Native artists from the U.S. and Canada show their work at what is the oldest and most well known of Santa Fe's markets. But although the crafts, which range from traditional to contemporary, are extraordinary, the market itself is only part of a week-long festival that encourages people to understand Native life in a variety of ways. We feast on roasted mutton, watch films that depict age-old stories and tap our feet to the beat of drums.

Once again, what we thought was going to be a "craft fair" is indeed a cultural celebration.

An Unparalleled Pageant in California

I am, quite literally, holding my breath, afraid that if I move so much as a millimeter I'll break the spell. I'm sitting before a larger-than-life rendition of one of Homer Winslow's most well-known paintings, Breezing Up. In reality, the oil-on-canvas painting is only slightly larger than two feet by three feet, but at the Pageant of the Arts it's recreated by real people, who are painstakingly outfitted to represent their painted counterparts down to the

smallest detail. Hand-painted art has come alive.

During an hour-and-a-half show accompanied by music and storytelling, more than 30 tableaux are presented, each by a group of models who remain motionless during their 90 seconds on stage. Then, in a quick turnaround, they are replaced by another group of people who portray another painting. The amount of work that goes into the production — from conception to building the sets, making the costumes and staging the show — is mind-boggling.

But while the pageant is the most unusual event that takes place during the Laguna Beach Festival, it's only part of the activities. During the day there's a juried craft fair that showcases 140 of the area's top craftsmen and women as well as hands-on-workshops and a variety of musical performances.

The atmosphere is festive, the ocean-side location is delightful, and the shows provide yet another art experience we'll never forget.

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Day 5 Beijing fly to Shanghai, Bus to Suzhou (Breakfast, *Lunch included only with optional tour, *Dinner on airplane)

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Day 6 Suzhou / Wuxi (Breakfast, Lunch- Wuxi Style Ribs)

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quisite canals, bridges, pagodas, and beautiful gardens. After breakfast, tour the Lingering Garden and visit the Suzhou Silk Factory to discover the processing of silk. After lunch, Wuxi is apparently best known for 'Hong Shao Pai gu' or braised spare ribs. In late afternoon, continue to Wuxi, visit the Lingshan Grand Buddha.

Day 7 Wuxi-Hangzhou (Breakfast, Lunch, Dongpo Pork)

This morning tour the Brilliance of Lake Lihu located at Famous Lake Taihu, followed by visit a Fresh Water Pearl Farm. Continue to Hangzhou to enjoy a slow cooked Dongpo Pork.



Day 8 Hangzhou-Shanghai (Breakfast, Lunch- Steamed Bun Xiao Long Bao)

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Day 9 Shanghai (Breakfast, Lunch, Farewell Dinner- Shanghai Local Cuisine Ben Bang)

In the morning, tour Shanghai Museum, to see ancient Chinese art, furniture and jade, followed by a visit to an Emerald exhibition center. Then visit the City God Temple Bazaar, which is composed of specialty stores, selling traditional Chinese arts and crafts, medicine and souvenirs. This evening, enjoy Farewell Dinner Shanghai cuisine, also known as Hu cuisine, is a popular style of Chinese food. In a narrow sense, Shanghai cuisine refers only to what is traditionally called Benbang

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Texas Street Then and Now (1900 and 2018)

The photo shows Texas Street looking east toward the Red River. Justin Gras Building balcony can be seen on the right, First Baptist Church on the left, and past that the Customs House. Streetcar tracks can be seen in the middle of the dirt road. *(Photo Courtesy LSUS Archives and Special Collections, Stockslager-Walters-Weeks Family Collection)*



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Abraham Winter established Shreveport's first department store, The Winter Company, in 1849 at 111 Texas Street. Needing larger quarters, Winter's store moved to the 200 block of Texas in 1903. When they outgrew that location, they moved to 613-615 Texas Street where they remained until they went out of business in 1930.

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Whether planning a family feast or attending gatherings where delicious comfort foods are on the menu, you may find it harder than ever to maintain a healthy lifestyle and keep your weight management goals on track. However, with the right approach, you can still enjoy many of your favorite dishes and serve foods your guests will appreciate as much as your waistline does. The key is managing your carbohydrate and sugar intake.

This wide range of foods makes it easy to find delicious ways to indulge without feeling restricted at events. Here are several tips to help stay on track:

- Leading up to big meals or parties, snack on proteins that contain healthy fats such as nuts or grab some cubes of cheese.
- When crafting a menu, identify a savory main dish that offers a healthy serving of protein, such as this Low Carb Cranberry-Ginger Pork Roast. Finish off the meal with a Low Carb Pumpkin Pecan Cheesecake, and you and your taste buds will be very satisfied.
- When alcoholic beverages are being served, confine yourself to a glass (or two at most) of wine or one glass of spirits. Just be sure to have your spirits with club soda and a slice of lemon or lime, or a mixer made without sugar. And make sure to drink plenty of water to stay hydrated.

For step-by-step instructions for this tasty, low carb roast, watch the video and find more recipes at Atkins.com.

Low Carb Cranberry-Ginger Pork Roast

Servings: 4

Prep time: 5 minutes

Cook time: 8 hours

- **Cooking oil**
- **2 pounds pork chops or roast (center rib, bone-in)**
- **¼ teaspoon salt, plus more for seasoning**
- **⅛ teaspoon freshly ground black pepper, plus more for seasoning**
- **½ chipotle pepper in adobo sauce**
- **½ cup cranberries**
- **⅛ cup sugar-free maple syrup**
- **1 teaspoon freshly grated ginger**
- **½ cup chicken broth, bouillon or consomme**
- **½ cup (4 ounces) water**
- **⅛ teaspoon guar gum or xanthan gum**
- **1 tablespoon unsalted butter stick (optional)**

Prepare skillet with small amount of oil over medium-high heat. Season chops or roast with salt and pepper then place into skillet and brown each side for about 1 minute, 4 minutes total, to help seal in moisture and give it color. Set aside on plate to cool slightly.

Finely dice chipotle pepper and chop cranberries, if desired.

In small bowl, combine syrup, diced chipotle, ginger, ¼ teaspoon salt and ⅛ teaspoon pepper. Rub mixture onto roast then place it into slow cooker.

Add cranberries and pour chicken broth down side of pan (avoiding rinsing rub from roast). Cover and cook on low 8-10 hours.

Remove roast and set on serving platter covered with tent of aluminum foil; reserving liquid.

Keep slow cooker on low and add water and guar gum or xanthan gum to reserved mixture, whisking to combine. Continue to cook on low heat until sauce thickens slightly. Once thick, enrich sauce, if desired, with butter, adding additional salt and pepper, to taste.

Serve sauce over pork roast.

Tip: While it is not necessary to chop cranberries (they will break down while cooking), chopping them makes sauce smoother.

Low Carb Pumpkin Pecan Cheesecake

Servings: 4

Prep time: 25 minutes

Cook time: 50 minutes

- 2/3 cup halved pecan nuts
- 2/3 cup sucralose-based sweetener (sugar substitute), plus 1 tablespoon
- 1/4 teaspoon cinnamon
- 3/4 tablespoon unsalted butter stick
- 1/2 large egg white
- 9 2/3 ounces cream cheese
- 1/2 cup heavy whipping cream
- 6 ounces canned pumpkin, without salt
- 1/2 teaspoon vanilla extract
- 1/2 teaspoon pumpkin pie spice
- 1 1/4 large eggs

To make crust: Heat oven to 350 F.

In food processor, combine pecans, 1 tablespoon sugar substitute and cinnamon. Process until finely ground. Toss with butter and egg white; press onto bottom of 9-inch springform pan, rounding up to cover pan seam. Bake until golden and set, 8-10 minutes. Cool completely on wire rack.

To make filling: Reduce oven heat to 325° F.

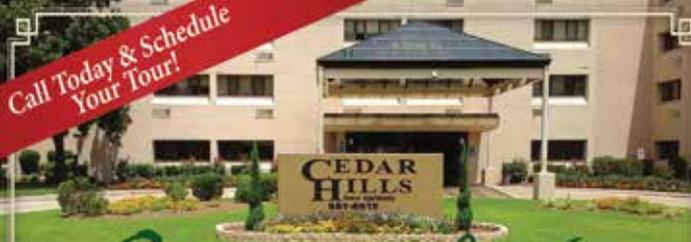
In large bowl, combine cream cheese, 2/3 cup sugar substitute and cream. With electric mixer at medium speed, beat until smooth. Add pumpkin puree, vanilla and pumpkin pie spice, mixing to combine. Beat in eggs, one at a time, until just combined.

Pour batter over crust. Bake until just set, 45-50 minutes. Turn off oven and let stand 10 minutes; transfer to wire rack and cool completely.

Cover and refrigerate until chilled, 4 hours or overnight. Slice and serve.



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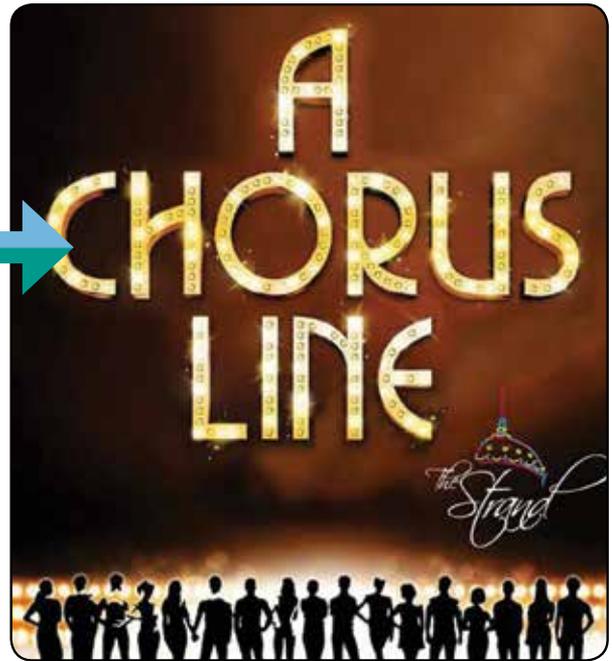
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Health Expos, Feb. 17 & 24

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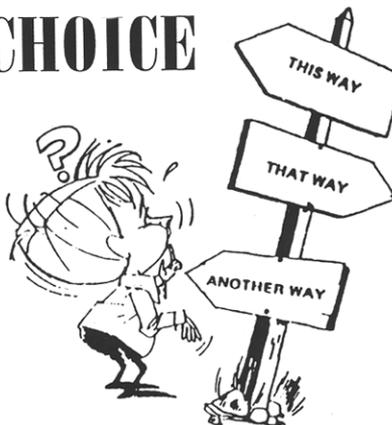
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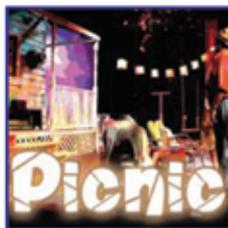
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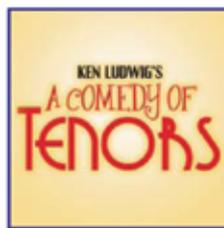
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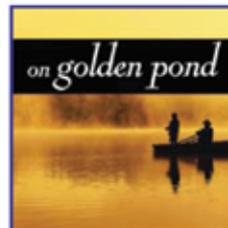
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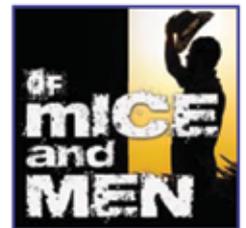
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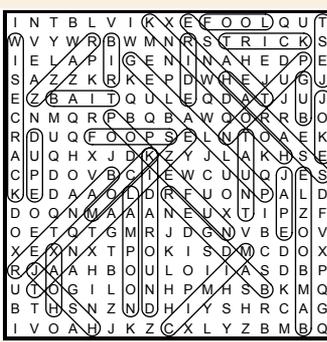
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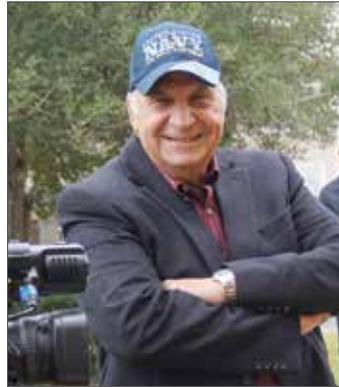
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