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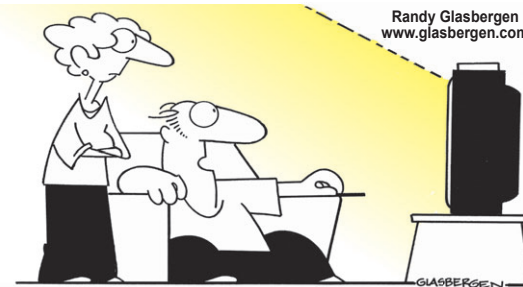
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Clue: C equals N

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A dog or cat's immune system should be able to handle most diseases. So why bother to vaccinate?

- Natural Pet Parent

DEAR NATURAL: You couldn't be more wrong. A pet's immune system is not an invulnerable shield against all attacks; it's a constantly adapting system that has to "learn" what microbes and viruses are threats and which are not. Unfortunately, some diseases cause serious illness or death before a pet's immune system can respond to them.

Part of what vaccines do is help a pet's immune system learn about specific threats without causing harm to your pet. Vaccines contain a safe, weakened or killed version of a pathogen; when injected, the immune system produces antibodies to specifically attack that pathogen - and they remember that in the future.

A disease like rabies, which is always fatal, is best fought off by a vaccine, which helps your immune system mount a frontline defense if a pet is exposed to it. For example, if a vaccinated cat is attacked and bitten by a rabid fox or raccoon, a veterinarian will give the cat a booster shot and monitor the cat in quarantine for 30 to 60 days. An unvaccinated cat who is attacked by a rabid animal might be euthanized immediately, or quarantined for up to 4 months.

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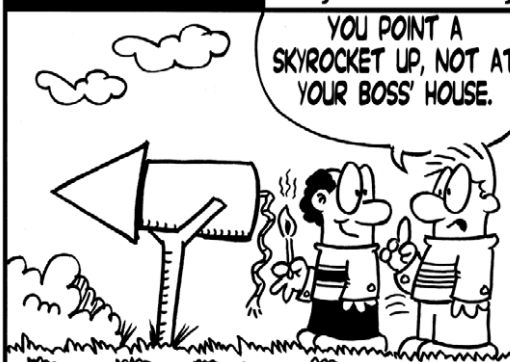
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By Mark Szorady



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This summer, I've been thinking about "Mexican street corn" (elotes), a lightly grilled and slightly charred corn on the cob typically slathered with mayo, rolled in crumbles of tasty cotija (pronounced ko-TEE-hah) cheese and chopped cilantro, then drizzled with fresh lime juice. A dusting of chili powder raises the heat, if you dare. The mix of flavors is dynamic and will be memorable at your next barbecue.

Many street corn recipes call for mixing the add-ons before spreading them onto the corn, but I prefer a buffet-style toppings bar to let each guest customize with their favorite textures and flavors.

Rather than cooking the husked corn on the outdoor grill, which takes time, skill and space, I opt for boiling it in a big pot on my stove while the main course cooks on the grill. Just before we eat, I set the boiled corn on the empty hot grill until it's lightly charred on all sides.

MEXICAN CORN FAMILY-STYLE Serves 6

- 1/4 cup mayonnaise
- 3/4 cup cotija cheese, crumbled (substitute with crumbled feta or Parmesan)
- 1/4 cup cilantro, chopped
- 1 jalapeño chili, seeded and finely chopped (optional)
- Chili powder (optional)
- 2 limes, cut in wedges
- 6 ears of fresh sweet corn, shucked



Set up the toppings bar next to a stack of dinner plates. Place mayonnaise, cheese, cilantro and chopped chili in bowls. Arrange in a row on a serving table with a shaker of chili powder and a plate of cut limes at the end. Set a brush by the mayo.

Boil or steam corn until tender. Remove corn from cooking pot, pat dry, and set on hot grill. Rotate with tongs for a few minutes.

Arrange on a large platter and set by toppings. Invite family and guests to take a dinner plate and begin by brushing the corn with mayonnaise. Press cheese and cilantro into the mayo. Add chilies or sprinkle with chili powder if desired, then drizzle all over with squeezed lime juice. Serve hot.

Serving tip for those who prefer eating corn removed from the cob: Secure the end of an ear of corn in the hole of an angel food cake pan. Slice down with a sharp knife to remove the kernels - they will fall directly into the pan.

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by Linda Thistle

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Puzzle Difficulty: ♦ Moderate
SUDOKU 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. Answers on page 16. ©2025 King Features Synd., Inc.

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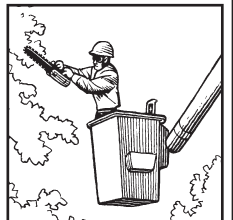
Strange But True by Lucie Winborne

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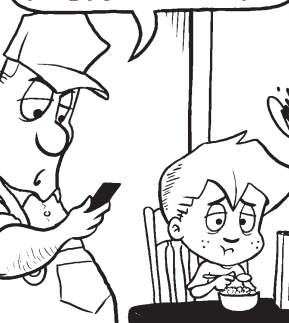
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I'm not going to sugar-coat it. Up until this point in 2025, I've been out on the water in my kayak or canoe, significantly less than any other year since we moved to Lawrence County in 1998. By way of observation, I think it's not only me with noticeably less time wielding a paddle, because through the mid-point of 2025, I've seen significantly less kayaks and canoes going by on roof-top carriers or towed on trailers, than has been typical for our area. A high percentage of our population are avid paddlers.

As for the why, water conditions and weather play a significant part in why paddling participation has taken a perceptible downturn. Now, this may be oddly specific, but living along the Shenango River, I can state the river has been running above (and mostly well-above) its normal level ever since Thur., April 3, 2025. I know that for a fact because I was eagerly anticipating the PA 2025 Trout Opener on Sat., April 5, and things were looking good along Pulaski Township's Deer Creek until storms dumped a lot of rain in the Shenango River watershed and our local streams, creeks, and the river were extremely high and muddy come opening day. For the past three months, every time our waterways recede, we get more rain.

I'm never going to fault someone or something for doing their job. That's exactly what Shenango River Lake has been doing in 2025, much to the chagrin of many boaters and campers, who have been kept away from their desired pursuits on the reservoir, more than they would have wanted. Authorized by the Flood Control Acts of 1938 and completed in 1965, Shenango River Lake is operated by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers - Pittsburgh District. Its purpose (along with 15 other similar district multi-purpose flood control reservoirs, such as Allegheny Reservoir, Tionesta Lake, etc.), is to proactively prevent downstream flooding in the broad Ohio River drainage. Whether you realize it or not, Shenango River Lake holds back water when necessary to prevent flooding in Sharon, New Castle, Beaver Falls, and every other municipality and rural area downstream of its imposing dam, only a mile above Sharpsville.

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reservoir peaked at 10-feet above normal Summer pool, which meant it was holding back millions of gallons of potential flood water. The controlled release of this held-back water through the dam's seven sluice gates is why the Shenango River has been

running well above normal for several months. As an observational note, when you cross over the Shenango River on the PA-208 Bridge at Pulaski, if you look downstream and see that the island from the former mill dam is submerged, you know the river is running extremely high. At typical summer water-level, there is approximately one-foot of the concrete base at the foot of the Pulaski boat launch exposed. That concrete has not been above water very much in 2025. Correspondingly, kayak and canoe traffic at the Pulaski boat launch has been down significantly, up until this point in 2025. There have been very few paddlers either coming down from the West Middlesex boat launch or putting in at Pulaski to go downstream to the launches at Nashua Bridge or Harbor. At one point in mid-June, the water at Shenango River Lake was still 4-feet above Summer pool and it started July still over a foot above normal level.

In spite of my "home water" being less than ideal for paddling excursions in 2025, it doesn't mean I haven't been on the water at all. Back on May 24, the Saturday of Memorial Day weekend, my son and I determined we were going to put in some time in our kayaks, in spite of temperatures in the 50's and a steady westerly wind. We headed up to Lake Wilhelm at Goddard State Park in Mercer County and other than one fishing boat and one pontoon boat, we had the water all to ourselves. We put in at Launch #1 down towards the dam, and made our way northwest to the northern shoreline, paddling at a 45-degree angle to the chop on the water. During our 4-mile paddle over the next 90-minutes, we paralleled the northern shoreline down to the dam and then followed the southern shoreline back to our launch point. Our efforts were rewarded with awesome observations of bald eagles, ospreys, Great blue herons, cormorants, and tree swallows. Additionally, I recovered several lures and bobbers off of tree limbs and submerged logs. In spite of the steady wind and cooler temperature, we had a great day paddling together!

I want to wish everyone a safe and happy 4th of July! If you're on the water anytime during the remainder of 2025; always wear your life preserver, avoid alcohol until you're off the water, keep an eye on less experienced paddlers, and enjoy your excursions!

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- Higher energy bills: Energy costs can vary widely by location, but homeowners know that their energy bills have been on the rise for years. FirstEnergy estimated that energy costs for New Jersey residents in 2025 could increase by more than 19 percent by the middle of the year, a point in time when many Garden State residents begin using their air conditioning units every day. That can make it hard to gauge if higher energy bills are a reflection of market price increases or a unit that needs replacement. But higher energy bills could indicate a unit is not working efficiently, which is a telltale sign of an HVAC that may need to be replaced. Compare energy bills from a year ago to current bills, and then factor in the price increase. If energy consumption is on the rise compared to a year ago, that could indicate an HVAC unit is working less efficiently.

- A humid home: Humidity is a part of summer, but it's typically felt outdoors, not inside. A home with a humid interior while the AC is running could indicate a problem with the HVAC unit. According to HVAC.com, a functioning HVAC unit utilizes an evaporator coil to pull excess water vapor from the air in a home and drain it away from the home. If the air inside a home is humid, the unit might be having a mechanical issue that's preventing this important task from being performed.

- Frequent repairs: A telltale sign a unit needs to be replaced is the need for frequent repairs. Homeowners who are now on a first-name basis with their HVAC contractor may want to ask that professional if it's time to replace the unit. Money being spent on frequent repairs may be better repurposed toward financing the purchase of a new unit that could last as long as a quarter century.

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7. ANIMAL KINGDOM: How many tusks does a warthog have?

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10. U.S. PRESIDENTS: Which president was awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross for bravery in WWII?

11. MUSIC: Who wrote and released "We've Got Tonight" in 1978?

*****ANSWERS*****

1. The Boston Celtics.
2. Jackie, Tito, Jermaine, Marlon and Michael.

3. A Starbucks coffee cup.
4. The big toe.

5. Circumference.
6. Jack Russell Terrier.

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I thought of my welcome mat and wondered how I extend His love to others. It starts by welcoming Jesus as a treasured guest. Will I permit Him to lead me, welcoming others the way He desires? By Elisa Morgan

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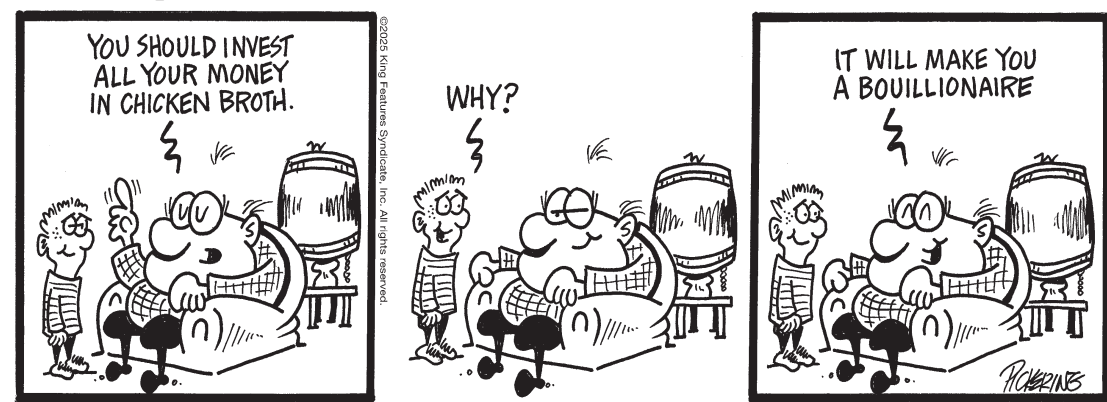
When and how did you welcome Jesus into your heart? What effect should this have on the way you welcome others?

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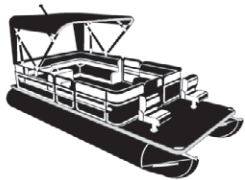
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1. Is the book of Cheirut (KJV) in the Old Testament, New Testament or neither?
2. In Galatians, "Only do not use your freedom as an opportunity for the flesh, but through _____ serve one another." Friendship, Honesty, Love, Hope
3. From 2 Corinthians, "Now the Lord is that Spirit, and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is _____." Hope, Freedom, Love, Liberty
4. In John 8, "If the _____ therefore shall make you free, ye shall be free indeed." Heart, Worship, Celebration, Son
5. From what book's 6:7 does it say, "For he that is dead is freed from sin"? Isaiah, Daniel, Mark, Romans
6. How many times is the word "independence" mentioned in the Bible? 0, 2, 11, 17

ANSWERS: 1) Neither, 2) Love, 3) Liberty, 4) Son, 5) Romans, 6) Zero

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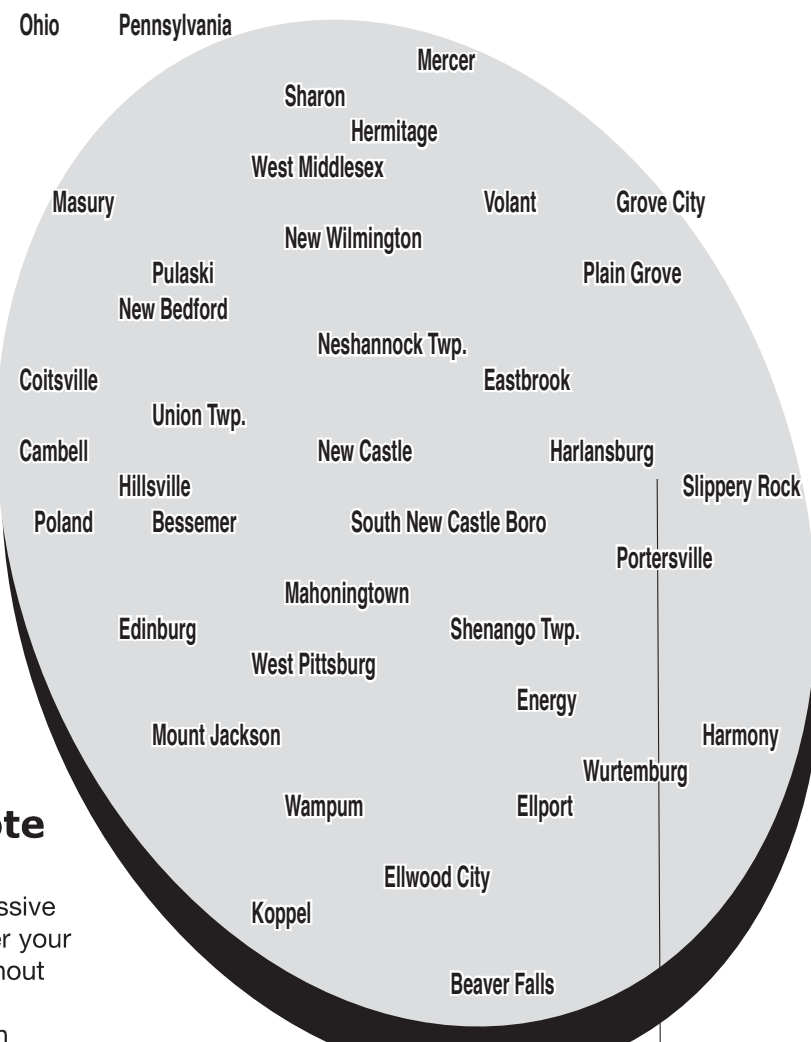
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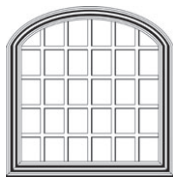
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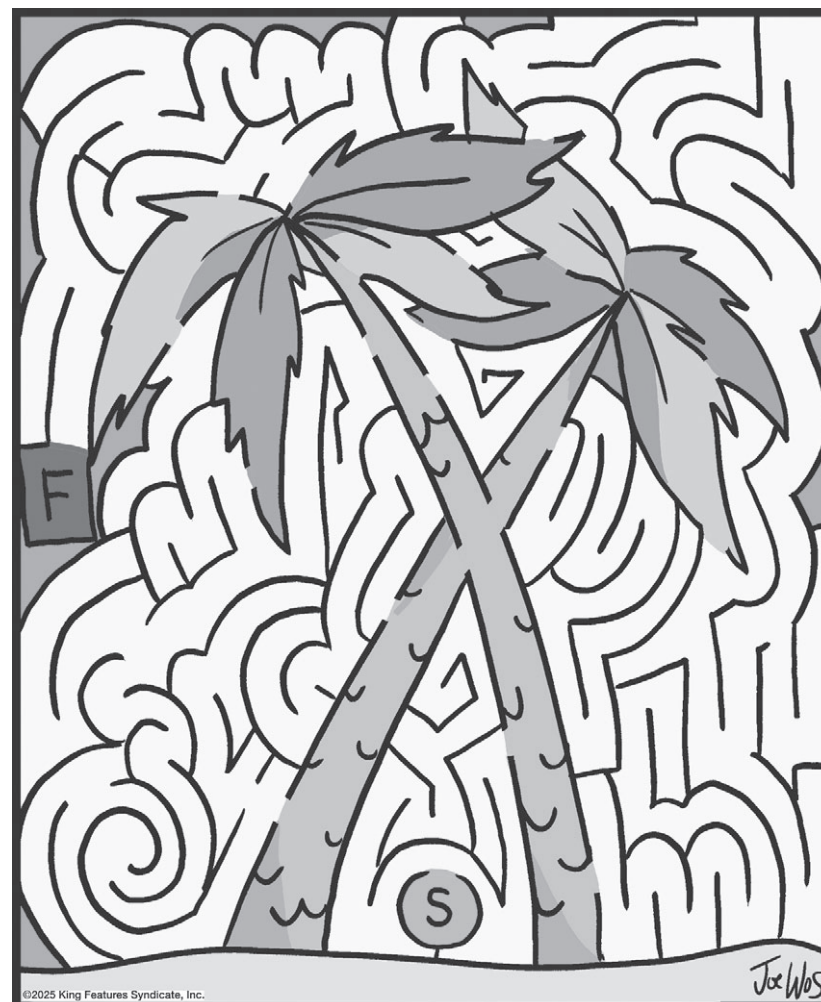
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• PEZ candies were originally anti-smoking mints.

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Now Here's A Tip by JoAnn Derson

• Many people have written in the tip to use two similarly sized bowls, one larger than the other, to serve cold salads at picnics. You add a few cups of crushed ice to the larger bowl, then nestle the smaller bowl into it, making it “chilled.” In any case, remember: Don’t leave food out longer than two hours.
* “Using plastic cups for a crowd? Remember to put out a permanent marker, colorful rubber bands or some other way to mark one’s glass. It’s sometimes hard to keep track when they all look the same.” – C.L. in Pennsylvania
• Remove all of the air from a plastic storage bag with a drinking straw. Slip the straw into the bag and close as much as possible. Then suck any air out through the straw, and quickly pull out and close in a single motion. Your leftovers will stay fresh longer, and foods may stack better in the freezer. ©2025 King Features Synd., Inc.

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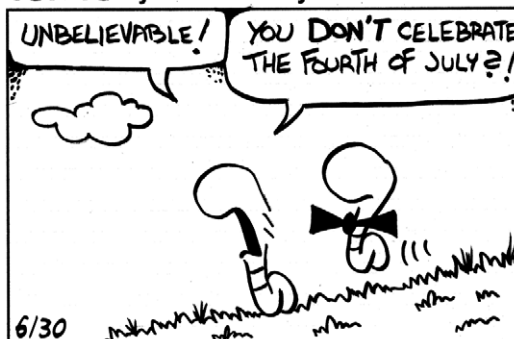
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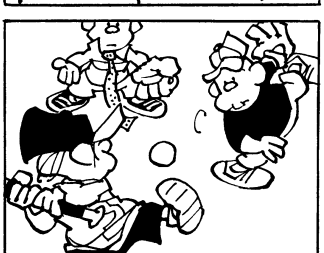
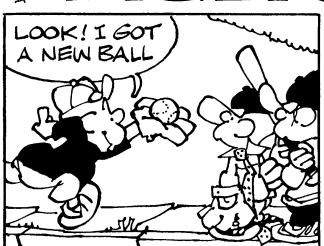
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