

## Pen Pal Power

While the invention of the internet has almost made handwritten letters a thing of the past, pen pals can still do a lot of good in your life. A pen pal is someone who you regularly exchange letters with-maybe an old friend you rarely see or even a stranger. Writing to a pen pal can ward off loneliness, help you discover new passions or perspectives, and enhance cognitive and social skills.

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## NOTES \& NEWS

## Summer's Bounty

June has arrived, which means summer gardens are beginning to produce their bounty! This month is an ideal time to visit farmers' markets and check out seasonal displays at grocery stores for fresh selections of fruits and veggies.

## Jet-Setters and 'Set-Jetters’

If you've ever been inspired to visit a location after seeing it on TV or in a movie, then the latest travel trend is for you. Nearly two-thirds of vacationers say they chose a destination based on a favorite show. Industry experts have nicknamed the trend "set-jetting," a play on the term "jet-setting."

## Tasty Tzatziki

Cool and refreshing, the Mediterranean dip called tzatziki is especially pleasant during hot weather. Made from Greek yogurt, cucumber and herbs such as dill and mint, it's tasty served with fresh vegetables, bread and crackers. Or try it on sandwiches, as salad dressing, on baked potatoes or as a tartar sauce substitute for fish.

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## Calming Water

Sitting on a beach and gazing at gently rolling waves puts some folks in a state of bliss, but you don't have to visit an ocean to reap the calming effects of water. Studies show that being near a pool, lake or river, or simply visualizing a peaceful water scene, can help you relax.

## A Cool Wrap

Planning a picnic, or need to keep frozen foods from thawing out on the way home from the grocery store on a warm day? Wrap items you want to stay cool in some plastic bubble wrap. Sandwiches, cans of soda and even ice pops and ice cream will stay chilled when wrapped in the insulating packing material.
Herdoy Summer!

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Flying Flag Facts
You probably see flags every day-from a sports team flag waving on a car to bright plastic flags marking utility lines in a construction zone. However, the most common type of flags are national flags. We celebrate the American flag on June 14, but Old Glory is in good company when it comes to interesting flag facts:

- An expert on flags is called a vexillologist.
- The current U.S. flag was designed by 17-year-old Robert G. Heft for a school project. He originally got a Bon the assignment, but it was raised to an A when President Eisenhower chose his design.
- Only one nation's flag isn't rectangular or square: Nepal. Representing the Himalayas, the country's flag is shaped like two stacked triangles and features a sun and moon.
- The color purple is found on the flags of only three nations: Dominica, El Salvador and Nicaragua.
- The oldest flag still in use belongs to Denmark! The simple red flag with a white Nordic cross was introduced in 1219 and adopted as the national flag in 1625.
- The Central American country of Belize has the most colors on their flag, with 12.
- When the Philippines is at peace, the blue stripe on their bicolor flag flies at the top, but when they are at war, the red stripe faces up instead.
- The Welsh flag has a large red dragon on it that personifies the fearlessness of their nation.
"A thoughtful mind, when it sees a nation's flag, sees not the flag, but the nation itself," -Henry Ward Beecher


Fun With Summer Reading You may have fond memories of summer reading programs, which awarded prizes for finishing a reading goal. But you don't have to be a kid to benefit from summer reading challenges. Reading not only promotes lifelong learning, but it can also provide an escape from stress and anxiety. Your goal can be as simple as reading a certain number of books over the summer, exploring a
new-to-you genre or author, or reading for a set amount of time every day.

Find motivation for your reading goals by starting a journal and reviewing every book read; you can also post your reviews to social media. If you're crafty, make miniature versions of your finished books and add them to a jar for a physical representation of your completed goals. Kid-friendly ideas include tracking books read with a coloring page, giving small treats for every goal met, or quirky challenges like reading with a flashlight or to a stuffed animal. For added excitement, compete with friends or family members to see who can reach their goal first.

Many libraries offer summer reading challenges for all ages, and you can find lots of suggested book lists online. Bookstore and publisher websites are good places to look, too. Seek out the possibilities and settle in for a summer of reading adventures!

An Appetizer for the Masses Are you looking for an appetizer that requires zero culinary skills and can please any crowd? A charcuterie board might be just what you need.

These scrumptious snack boards have gained popularity in recent years because they are completely customizable and flexible. You can adjust the featured foods based on price range, dietary restrictions or number of guests.

For the most satisfying board, go for variety. Grain crackers, water crackers and thin slices of toasted baguettes make good dippers. Choose several types of cheese-hard and soft, sharp and mild, flavored with herbs or fruits, or from different dairy sources-to please multiple palates and provide tasty texture. Create an impressive presentation by cutting hard cheeses into cubes, triangles, slices or fun shapes (use a cookie cutter!).

Pick deli meats like salami, ham and prosciutto, and fold, layer or twist slices for easy serving and added dimension. Other common additions include nuts, fruits and vegetables, spreads and dips, pickles and olives.

To assemble your board, begin with the platter. A wood or stone slab keeps foods cool; a cutting board or pizza peel works well. Next, place round dishes full of spreads, dips and pickled items. Arrange the cheeses, meats and crackers around the dishes, and finally, fill in the spaces with other goodies.



Guess the Mascot
Fictional beings, real people and animals are often used to enliven a crowd, bring good luck or spearhead a brand. Show some pep and see if you can identify these famous mascots.

1. This symbol is the furry face for Frosted Flakes, known for the slogan "They're gr-r-reat!"
2. A New York icon, which sports mascot looks like a man with a baseball head?
3. Wheel-y one of the first true brand mascots, this guy is made of a pile of white tires.
4. As the real-life founder of food chain KFC, this mascot knows the secret to success.
5. What animals slid onto the scene in 1993 to sell fizzy, frosty Coca-Cola?
6. This bubbly, beehived character has been in over 100 advertisements for Progressive Insurance.
7. A green, furry creature known for his wild antics, this fan favorite is one of the few mascots on display at the National Baseball Hall of Fame and Museum.
8. What food chain figure is depicted as a redhead with pigtails?
9. This pink battery mascot leads his drum-beating dynasty with boundless energy.
10. Watch out! This howling NFL animal has been known to tackle fans on the field.
(Answers: 1. Tony the Tiger;
11. Mr. Met; 3. The Michelin Man; 4. Colonel Sanders; 5. Polar bears; 6. Flo; 7. Phillie Phanatic;
12. Wendy; 9. The Energizer

Bunny; 10. K.C. Wolf)

## Baked Lemon Doughnuts

These homemade doughnuts will have you living your zest life!
Doughnut Ingredients:

- 2 cups flour
- $3 / 4$ cup sugar
- 2 teaspoons baking powder
- 1 teaspoon salt
- 3/4 cup buttermilk
- 2 eggs
- 2 tablespoons butter, melted
- 2 teaspoons lemon juice
- $1 / 2$ teaspoon vanilla extract
- 1 teaspoon lemon zest


## Topping Ingredients:

- $1 / 2$ cup sugar
- 1 teaspoon lemon zest
- $1 / 2$ cup butter, melted

Directions:
Heat oven to $350^{\circ} \mathrm{F}$.
In a large bowl, whisk together flour, $3 / 4$ cup sugar, baking powder and salt. Add buttermilk, eggs, 2 tablespoons melted butter, lemon juice, vanilla extract and 1 teaspoon lemon zest. Stir until combined.

Pipe batter into doughnut pan. Bake 9 minutes, and cool on wire rack.

In a bowl, combine 1/2 cup sugar with 1 teaspoon lemon zest. Place $1 / 2$ cup melted butter in a separate bowl.

Dip each doughnut facedown in melted butter, then in lemon sugar mixture. Repeat with all doughnuts.

Find more recipes at Culinary.net.

"I wanted a summer filled with porch swings, lemonade and fireflies."

## —Tiffany King

"It's not what happens to you, but how you handle it. If life gives you lemons, make lemonade. If the lemons are rotten, take out the seeds and plant them in order to grow new lemons."
-Louise Hay
"The lemon is the symbol of tart refreshment; its color and fragrance lift our spirits before we even taste it."

## -Lori Longbotham

"In all my work, I try to say 'You may be given a load of sour lemons; why not try to make a dozen lemon meringue pies?'"
-Maya Angelou
"If I were really smart, I'd probably spend more time just sitting in the shade drinking lemonade."

## -Brian Andreas

"If life wanted to hand me lemons, I was not only going to make lemonade, but l'd use the zest for cookies, plant seeds for future fruit and turn the rind into compost to grow flowers, all the while giving thanks for lemons."
-Bridgette Mongeon
"Fifty lemons are a load for one person, but for fifty persons they are perfume."
-Ethiopian proverb
"You can either see your life as filled with sour lemons that make your eyes water or filled with zest and energy of the refreshing juice that awakens your taste budshow you see life is your choice."
-Tanja Christine Jaeger

June 2023

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## Crossword Puzzle

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## ACROSS

1. Sheltered nook
2. Orr's scores
3. South African fox
4. Adam's boy
5. Of birds
6. Little girl's toy
7. _ fide
8. West Indies dance
9. Twofold
10. Unmoving
11. Watch
12. Charged particle 25. Firebug's crime
13. Distribute
14. Means of transportation
15. Thoughts
16. Timely blessing
17. Chaplin's accessory
18. Mars, for one
19. Jackie's second
20. Secures with a rope
21. Three, in Italy
22. Smoothing device
23. Cheer
24. Canal built in 1825
25. Follow
26. Chest covering
27. Part of a cake
28. Pintail ducks
29. Polite person's word
30. Floating wreckage
31. Furniture wheels
32. Overhanging edge
33. Becomes furious
34. Weather forecast
35. Bleachers level
36. Appoints
37. This: Sp.
38. Goofs
39. Weather forecast
40. Have to have

## DOWN

1. Items hailed
2. Musical instrument
3. Opening
4. Great happiness
5. 2nd-century Greek
physician
6. Ancient Roman poet
7. Purpose
8. Works
9. Haughty ones
10. Supplemental lists
11. Word with puss or ball
12. Pole, for one
13. She: Fr.
14. Piece of land
15. Dirties
16. Kipling and Dickens
17. Lower in rank
18. Navigation system
19. Pork cuts
20. Night flier
21. Gate
22. Eagle's nest
23. Beef source
24. That woman
25. Prefix for paid or occupied
26. Abounds
27. Guido's high note
28. Short housecoats
29. Made of clay
30. Lament
31. Fleur-de--
32. Deserves
33. Disrespectful
34. Celebration
35. Wild animal's home
36. Finished
37. Group of workers
38. Let up
39. Ceremony
40. Toboggan
41. I love: Lat.




