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Couples are increasingly tying the knot in romantic locales. According to a The Knot Real Weddings Study, US brides and grooms are choosing some stunning places for couples to say their "I dos." • Dominican Republic: Home to

800 miles of sandy beaches, the Dominican Republic features a host of all-inclusive resorts, many of which offer wedding packages. Couples who want to tie the knot under the warm sun need look no further than the Dominican

dry season between December and April (rain falls throughout the year on the Caribbean coast of Costa Rica).

 Maine: Couples who want waterfront weddings with a little something different may want to consider Maine. Lighthouses might provide the perfect backdrop for couples' nuptials, and guests can indulge in fresh lobster and various outdoor activities. Maine's tourist season is July and August, but Maine's famous fall foliage can be used to create a beautiful look for

What Various Flowers Can Represent...

Flowers are popular as various blooms can signify love and affection. Roses are one of the most popular flowers to gift. Some gift-givers may want to deviate from the standard bouquet of roses and offer flowers that are more in tune with their

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recipients' preferences. Flowers have long been used to convey certain feelings in many cultures. Folklore, poetry and mythologies have played a role in defining the various meanings associated with certain cence and pure love.

· Daisy: Innocence and purity are the meanings behind the yellow and white daisy. This can be the perfect pick for new, young love.

• Freesia: Those wanting to evoke passionate feelings can choose freesia, which is also said to mean "joy." • Hydrangea: Hydrangeas sym-

bolize heartfelt emotions and can be used to express gratitude for being understood. This may be the perfect "making flower ame

Tips For Buying Jewelry

Wedding and Engagement Rings are most always part of engagement and wedding pur-chases. The following tips, courtesy of the Better Business Bureau®, can help shoppers as they navigate the potentially confusing process of buying jewelry.

DIAMONDS: The BBB notes that diamonds' value is based on color, cut, clarity, and carat. Often referred to as the "4 Cs," this criteria refers to the grade of the color (color), the way diamond is finished (cut), how flawless the diamond is (clarity), and its weight (carat). When shopping for diamonds, the BBB advises asking jewelers if they have the most up-to-date testing equipment, which makes it easier for them to distinguish between diamonds and lab-created gemstones. That's important, as lab-created gemstones resemble diamonds and may not be detectable if jewelers are using testing equipment designed to identify cubic zirco-



Imitation or assembled stones may look like natural stones, so shoppers should ask if a stone is natural, synthetic or imitation before purchasing anything

D: When used alone, the

Republic, which boasts average temperatures in the 70s and 80s year-round.

· Costa Rica: A popular honeymoon destination, Costa Rica also makes a great place to host a tropical wedding. Couples can take advantage of stunning mountaintop views or enjoy their weddings on any of Costa Rica's many white sand beaches. Dense rain forests, numerous nature preserves and national parks make Costa Rica a great place for guests to explore, especially during the



couples who tie the knot in September.

Jackson Hole, Wyoming: Another destination that won't require couples or their guests to dust off their passports, Jackson Hole is nestled in the awe-inspiring Teton mountain range. Summer and early fall are the best times to tie the knot in Jackson Hole, which is home to numerous rustic ranches that can make for ideal wedding settings.

• Ireland: Couples who don't mind a rain shower here or there may want to tie the knot in Ireland, where weather is usually most welcoming between May and September. Idyllic seaside villages dot the Irish landscape, as do rolling green hills and towering cliffs that can make for beautiful backdrops for honeymoon pictures or wedding ceremonies. Castles can be found throughout Ireland, giving couples unique spaces to host their weddings and receptions.

· Italy and Greece are other awesome considerations for honeymoons and nuptials!

Understanding the meanings behind various flowers can help to more accurately express their feelings toward the special people in their lives or convey at their wedding. Read on to learn more about what certain blooms may symbolize.

· Amaryllis: This flower symbolizes splendid beauty and can be given to indicate worth beyond beauty.

 Aster: The popular aster symbolizes wisdom and devotion. Bird of Paradise: The interesting shape and rarity of these blooms symbolizes joyfulness and magnificence. It can be an exciting flower, and one that evokes feelings of anticipation. Black-eyed Susan: These vibrant blooms represent justice and can be ideal for the person who works in the legal profession.

 Carnation: A less expensive alternative to roses, carnations represent pride and beauty. Furthermore, the colors of carnations represent different meanings. Red symbolizes love, while pink is for a mother's love and white represents inno-

· Lilac: Couples seeking tranquility and passion can turn to lilacs. The calming lavender hues also can be a welcome change in floral arrangements. Rose: Of course, no Valentine's flower roundup would be complete without roses. Roses represent love and passion, and, like carnations, their colors symbolize different things. Red roses represent desire, pink roses suggest happiness and white roses symbolize worthiness. Avoid yellow roses, which suggest nia.

fading love. • Zinnia: Zinnias symbolize thoughts of distant friends and can make a thoughtful friendship arrangement to send to a faraway comrade.

Flowers are part of many cele-brations. By learning the meanings behind different flowers, one can make their feelings better known.



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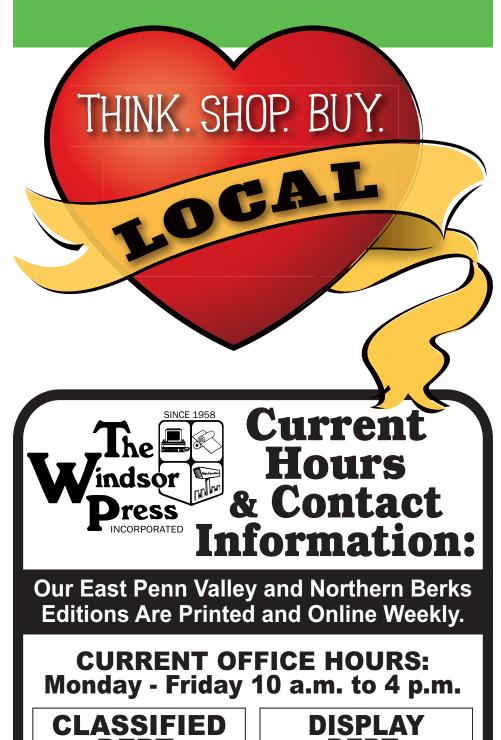
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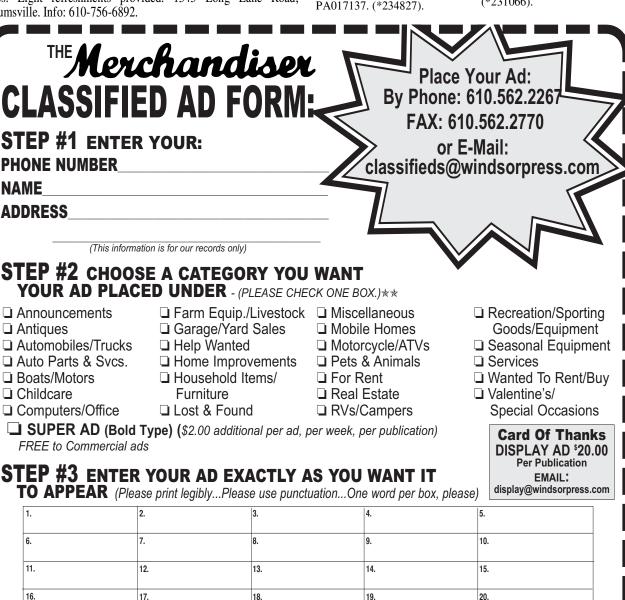
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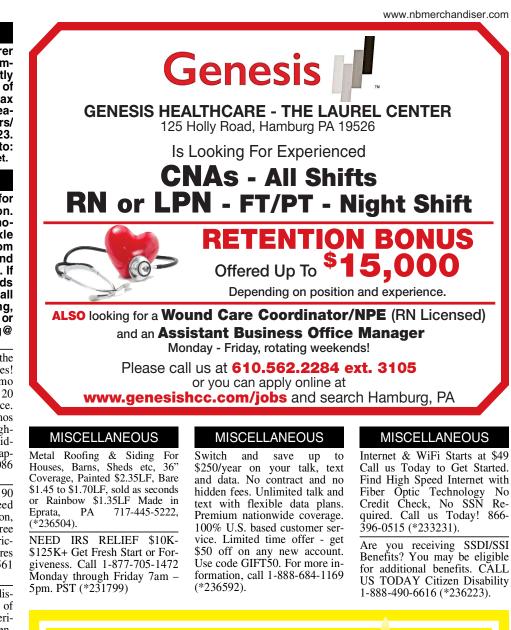


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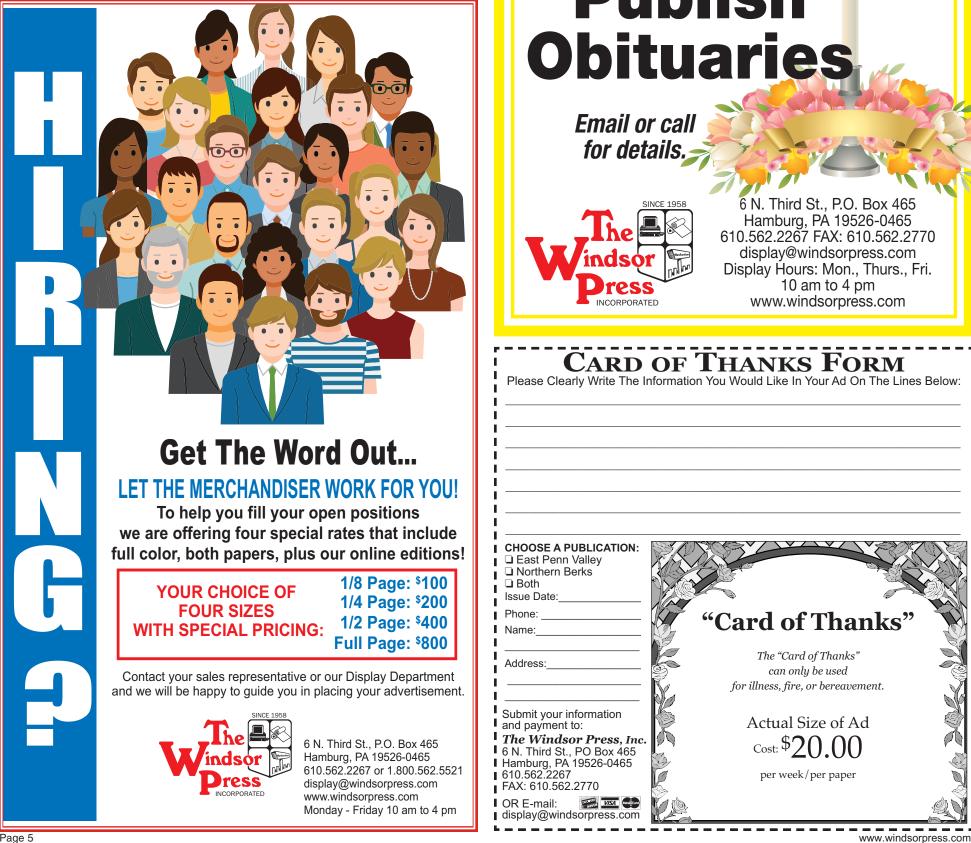
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How To Make Cut Flowers Last Longer



A beautiful bouquet of flowers are a loving gift to receive, but even better if they last weeks! In addition to chocolate, cards and dining out, flowers, particularly roses, are among the most popular gifts around Valentine's Day.

Flowers of all shapes, sizes, colors, and aromas can make popular gifts this February. Prolonging the life of

blooms. Prolong the life of flowers by placing them in the darkest, coolest area of the home. Treat the water

To preserve flowers, do your best to reduce bacteria, provide a food source for the flowers and manage the pH so that the uptake of water will continue to be strong. Sugar can be an adequate food source. Gardenista, a floral arrangement and gardening resource, tested a variety of methods for preserving flowers and found much of the same results across the board. These included vinegar and sugar, conventional flower food, bleach, aspirin, and a penny. The bleach, aspirin, copper penny, and vinegar work as antibacterial agents. The sugar and the plant food help nourish the blooms. In the trials, most of the blooms remained strong for three to four days.

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beautiful blooms is a priority for those who want their floral arrangements to endure for as long as possible. Florists and other experts differ with regard to the best methods of preserving flowers. Here are some ideas to try.

TRIM STEMS BEFORE IMMERS-ING IN WATER

The natural emollients and sap in the stems of flowers may cause a film to form over the bottom of the stem after it is initially cut. This can reduce the flower's uptake of water. To alleviate this, cut the stems once the flowers are home. A 45-degree angle allows for the absorption of the most water. You can recut them at each water change as well.

CLEAN VASES OF BACTERIA

Be sure that vases or other vessels you use to hold flowers are completely clean. Bacteria can cause the flowers to decompose prematurely. Use a diluted bleach-andwater solution to clean vases thoroughly between uses.

WATCH FLOWER PLACEMENT Sunlight and heat may dry out the PURCHASE IMMATURE BLOOMS Although many desire an arrangement of all opened flowers, bouquets that have some closed buds or those that are just beginning to peek out will likely last longer than bouquets that have already bloomed. The flowers will continue to open and wilting flowers can be removed to make room for the others.

Keeping Valentine's Day flowers looking fresh and vibrant takes a few steps. By being diligent, that floral arrangement can last for several days.

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