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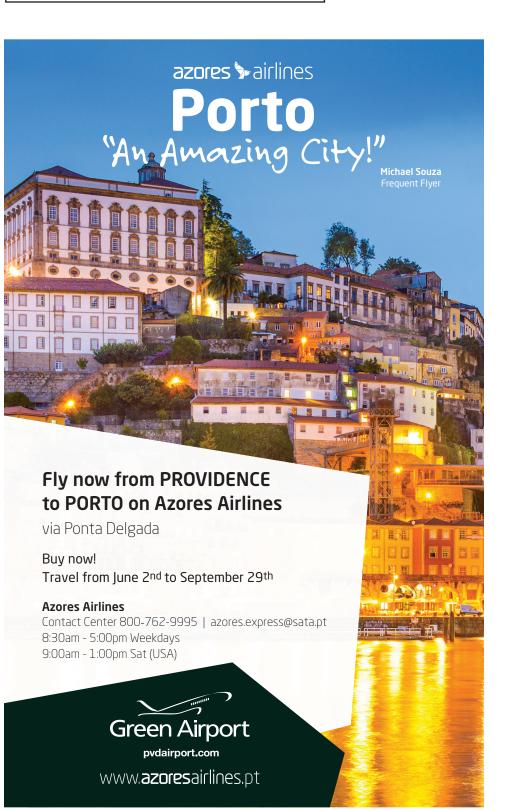
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RICHMOND GRANGE CORNED BEEF SUPPER

A Corned Beef Supper will be held at the Richmond Grange Hall, 690 Usquepaug Road (Rte. 138) in West Kingston on March 11 at 6:00PM. Cost is \$14/person. Please call Karen at 782-4005 for reservations.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED AT GEN. NATHANAEL GREENE HOMESTEAD

The Gen. Nathanael Greene Homestead in Coventry is looking for individuals interested in becoming Tour Guides for the season. Visit us for an informational meeting at 50 Taft Street, Coventry on Saturday, March 11 at 11 AM for more information. The Homestead, also known as "Spell Hall", was built by Nathanael Greene in 1770 and has been authentically restored as a Museum dedicated to his memory. Tour Guides will learn about Gen. Greene, his family, and life in the 18th Century. Experience is not necessary. All information will be provided and scheduling is flexible. For more information, please email nathanaelgreenehmst@gmail.com Visit us at nathanaelgreenehomestead.org

HOPE HISTORICAL SOCIETY MEETING

The Hope Historical Society will hold their next Meeting on Saturday, March 11 at 2 PM. at the Howland Barn on Ryefield Road in Hope. The Nesting Eagles of the Scituate Reservoir will be our program and everyone is invited.

The Sunglasses That Helped Define The Style Of The '60s Are Back

(NAPSA)—When it comes to the "Swingin' '60s," few objects are as iconic as sunglasses

Recently, the brand that helped define the style of the era, as well as the '70s and '80s—Polaroid Polarized Sunglasses—has returned to the U.S.

While looking good in sun-

glasses may not be that difficult, seeing clearly when looking through a pair of sunglasses can be another matter.

That's because not all sunglasses can reduce the glare when sunlight reflects off of surfaces such as water, snow or glass.

Glare makes it difficult to see clearly because the light hurts the eye and obscures details that may be hidden behind it. Polarized sunglasses are designed to filter out some or all of the glare, allowing the wearer to see with comfort and without potential evestrain.



Dr. Edwin Land-acknowledged as one of the developers of movie technology—still holds more patents than anyone except

new glare-free collection from the

innovator of polarized lens tech-

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The man who brought polarizing lens technology to sunglasses, Dr. Edwin Land, also developed

nology has quickly become a hot seller, Eden Wexler, trend expert for the SOLSTICE Sunglasses retail chain, offered some brand insight on the glasses and the brand.

"While many are very familiar with the Polaroid instamatic camera, which was introduced in 1948 few are familiar with the fact that its inventor, Dr. Edwin Land, developed the technology for polarized lenses almost 10 years prior and began selling the first commercially sold polarized sunglasses in 1937 when he formed the Polaroid Corporation," said Wexler.

"Polaroid Sunglasses have a rich and iconic history, and today, it is one of the top four global sunglass brands in Europe, selling over 4 million pairs of polarized sunglasses in over 80 countries, Wexler added. The new line, which features Polaroid Ultra-Sight lenses, ranges from \$60-\$98, with a higher-end Polaroid Plus line at \$140.

Other interesting fun facts

about the brand: •Dr. Edwin Land created the name for the company and polarized lenses from the words "Polarizing Celluloid" to emphasize the company's focus on polarized lens

technology and sunglasses.

·Land is also credited with developing the first 3-D movie glasses in 1939 and goggles for the U.S. Air Force in the '40s worn by the likes of Gen. Patton. In 1950, Polaroid Eyewear introduced their Cool Ray sunglass generation, the best sunglasses yet, made to protect people from reflected glare

•In the 1960s, were launched in Europe and became available globally in 45 countries. The company also offered a variety of unique Windsor rimmed sunglass models, which they followed in the 1970s with their famous aviator-style

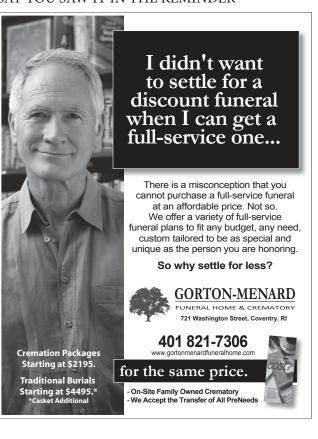
•The year 2012 marked the brand's 75th year as a leader in polarized lens technology and saw it become part of Safilo Groupthe second-largest eyewear manufacturer in the world.

•This year marks Polaroid Polarized Sunglasses' return to the U.S. at SOLSTICEsunglasses com and better department stores such as Bloomingdale's, Lord & Taylor and Dillard's.



2013 marks Polaroid's U.S. return as a global brand focused on polarized lens technology

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- Butternut squash soup, roasted chicken leg quarter, rice pilaf, Fri. 3/3 mixed vegetables, Mandarin oranges, marble bread. Sandwich: Meatloaf sandwich on marble.
- Onion soup, tuna salad, pasta salad, marinated beet and onion Mon. 3/6 salad, shortbread cookie, garlic roll. Sandwich: Ham salad on rye.
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Getting to College

Closing the Achievement Gap for Students

(NAPSA)—According to The Pell Institute, students who are from a low-income background and are first-generation college students have the odds stacked against them more than any other student population when it comes to earning a college degree. Only 10.9 percent of these students graduate with a bachelor's degree within six years—but there are ways to change that

A Solution

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Outcomes

According to the National Student Clearinghouse, of the AVID seniors from the class of 2010 who are from a low-income background and first-generation college students, 15 percent have already graduated with their bachelor's degree. Forty-eight percent have either earned an associate's degree or are still continuously enrolled in college. It's clear these students are outpacing their peers in college ersistence, despite being the least likely student population to graduate from college.



With the proper tools, more students are able to graduate college.

One Student's Story

Defying odds is nothing new to many AVID students. For example, Jesula Jeannot moved to the United States from Haiti shortly after the devastating earthquake there and overcame a language barrier, bullying and a new, challenging environ-ment. Like many students in AVID, she credits AVID with changing her outlook. "AVID changed my life. AVID made me change my ways and made me understand that I have to make my obstacles become my strengths to move forward." There are thousands of AVID students like Jeannot across the nation, and they continue to fight the odds because they have learned that determination is critical to achieving goals

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BEGINNER LINE DANCE CLASSES AT THE COV-ENTRY-WEST GREENWICH ELKS

The Coventry-West Greenwich Elks Lodge, 42 Nooseneck Hill Road, West Greenwich, will hold Beginner Line Dancing Classes with Lori Enos every Sunday night (January 8-June 4) from 6:30-8:30PM. Cost is \$6 per person. All ages welcome. Call Lori at 821-4361/250-6082 or the Lodge at 397-3700 for more information. Proceeds benefit Elk Charities.

SENIOR TECH CLUB AT THE WEST WARWICK **PUBLIC LIBRARY**

The West Warwick Public Library, 1043 Main Street, West Warwick is offering a Senior Tech Club on Thursdays from 10-11AM. No reservations needed, just drop in! Tech Club provides support for one-on-one help and to teach new technology. Available for use will be an iMac, Android Tablet, Nook & Laptops but students are also encouraged to bring their own devices. The goal of Senior Tech Club is to help older adults become comfortable with technology in a friendly environment. For more information, call 828-3750, Ext. 4.

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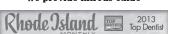


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- 3. In 2016, TCU tied a record for biggest comeback in a bowl game (31 points). Who else did it?
- 4. The Los Angeles Lakers (33 games) and Golden State Warriors (28) have the two longest winning streaks in NBA history. Which team is third?
- 5. Name the last NHL defenseman before Ottawa's Erik Karlsson in 2015-16 to have an 80-point season? 6. Toronto FC's Sebastian Giovinco,
- in 2016, recorded the fourth hat trick in Major League Soccer playoff history. Name two of the first three to do it.
- 7. Whom did Evander Holyfield beat to win the undisputed heavyweight boxing crown for the first time?

Answers

- 1. Andruw Jones was 19 when he did it for Atlanta in 1996, while Tony Kubek was 21 when he did it for the New York Yankees in 1957
- 2. Esteban Loaiza won 21 games in
- 3. Texas Tech, in 2006 versus Min-
- 4. The Miami Heat won 27 games in a row in 2013.
- 5. Nicklas Lidstrom had 80 points for Detroit in 2005-06.
- 6. Raul Diaz Arce (1996), Stern John (1999) and Landon Donovan (2014).
- 7. James "Buster" Douglas, in 1990. © 2017 King Features Synd., Inc.



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The Unexpected Faces Of America's Addiction Epidemic

(NAPSA)—Opioid abuse and dependence stories appear every day in the media. Fatal overdoses, crimes committed to feed a habit, homeless addicts—the headlines are endless. To begin to address the issue, it's critical to understand the populations at risk for dependence as well as the available treatment options. Studies from the early 2000s found heroin rates were reported highest among young, white males living in lowincome, urban areas—most with a history of non-medical use of prescription painkillers'. Surprisingly, the age-old face of a "drug addict" as described is not the demographic driving the

The New Face of Opioid Addiction

Today, it's nearly impossible to stereotype the so-called "drug addict"—people from all walks of life are abusing opioids. The gap between women and men is narrowing, as there are an increasing number of women who are becoming addicted to opioids. Women, from the suburban housewife to the career professional, are struggling with addiction. Between 2002 and 2013, the number of females with an addiction doubled". Women were rarely associated with opioid addiction; in the 1960s, less than 20% of heroin users were women". The New Age of Opioid

Addiction Opioid addiction is also no

longer limited to young adults or those without health insurance. Americans age 50-69 years old, with health insurance benefits, are the fastest growing population of opioid addicts. Of these Americans, almost half are high school graduates and a third ave completed some college Women (and men) have mostly fallen into opioid addiction through the use of prescription

The New Cause of Opioid Addiction

The story of Tai J., a 34-yearold woman living in Texas and working as a registered nurse, is just one of the many accounts of addiction in the U.S. Tai was prescribed the painkiller Vicodin to treat a back injury, as many patients are, but unfortunately for Tai, routine use of the drug to ease her chronic pain led to a 15 vear addiction to heroin and prescription pain medicine.

We often see opioid addiction develop as a result of scenarios similar to Tai's, which helps to explain the alarming rate at which opioid addiction is growing to ages, races and socioeconomic backgrounds," said Dr. Harold Urschel, Medical Director, Enterhealth.

Prescription pills may appear more socially acceptable, particularly for women, and come with different risks compared to using drugs intravenously. Taking pills helps to eliminate the negative "addict" connotation. Dependence fed by prescription drugs is an expensive habit though, and the access to these drugs has started to decline due to efforts aimed at deterring physicians from prescribing opioids for pain. Consequently, users may choose heroin because it costs less and is easier to access

The Evolving Treatment Landscape

opioid epidemic grows, U.S. federal and state governments, along with the medical community, are making it a priority to provide increased access to treatment. Research indicates that medication-assisted treatment, in combination with psychological support, helps people get into and stay in recovery. Treatment should be tailored to patients and their needs by offering a menu of available treatment options, including naltrexone, buprenorphine and methadone, and psychological support such as cognitive or behavioral therapy.

In 2014, the Obama Administration implemented a National Drug Control Strategy to reduce illicit drug use in the U.S. The president's plan to reform drug policy includes education on prevention, expansion of access to treatment and support for those in recovery by taking actions to eliminate the negative stigma associated with addiction"

State governments are also taking action to fight the epidemic. March 2015, Kentucky lemented better treatment options for those struggling with addiction and seeking help by allocating \$10 million to make treatment widely available

"While prevention is important, the most immediate need is providing access to treatment for the millions of people addicted to opioids who are struggling to keep their lives together. Recovery is not easy to achieve, but may include a combination of medication-assisted treatments, psychosocial counseling and support, which together can help people treat their addiction," said Dr. Urschel.

The Hope for the Future
Continued funding by federal and state governments will provide more options to those struggling with addiction. Broader access to treatment and education on prevention and the dangers of prescription painkillers, regardless of socioeconomic class, group, location or medical insurance, could increase the likelihood that people with opioid addiction will get treatment and stay clean. All these efforts combined are increasing attention on opioid addiction.

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Screening For The Breast Cancer Gene: Who Is At Risk?

(NAPSA)—If you're like many Americans, you may have heard about the BRCA gene and wondered what it is and whether it is something that could affect you and your family. Here are a few

BRCA is short for "BReast CAncer susceptibility gene." There are two main types of BRCA gene, BRCA1 and BRCA2. When these changes are present, a woman's risk of developing breast and ovarian cancers, as well as some other types of cancer, is greatly increased. However, mutations in the BRCA genes are rare, and occur in less than 1 percent of women. A BRCA test is a blood test that looks for mutations, or changes that might be harmful, in these genes.

Who is at risk?

Mutations in the BRCA gene are hereditary, so they run in families. Most women—more than 90 percent—do not have a family history that puts them at increased risk of having a BRCA mutation.

You are at increased risk of having a BRCA mutation if you are of Ashkenazi Jewish descent or if there is a history of certain types of cancer in your family. For example, you are at increased risk if there have been multiple cases of breast cancer in your family, you have a male relative with breast cancer or you have a family member who has had any of the following: a breast cancer diagnosis before age 50, breast cancer in both breasts or two types of BRCA-related cancer—such as both breast and ovarian cancer.

Who should be tested?

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According to the U.S. Preventive Services Task Force, a



If you have a history of breast or ovarian cancer in your family, talk to your doctor about genetic screening.

woman with a family history of BRCA-related cancer should be screened by her primary care doctor or nurse to determine if she is at increased risk of having a BRCA mutation. During this screening, the doctor or nurse will ask questions about the history of BRCA-related cancer in a woman's family. After screening, women who are found to be at increased risk should see a genetic counselor, a type of health care professional who specializes in genes and disease. A genetic counselor may recommend BRCA testing based on that counseling. Before this type of screening, most doctors will first test a family member with known breast or ovarian cancer for a BRCA mutation, if possible.

The BRCA test is not a test for cancer itself, but rather a test for the gene mutation and a positive test does not mean that a woman will definitely get cancer. For women who are at increased risk of having a BRCA mutation, genetic counseling and genetic testing can help them determine their best course of action based

The BRCA test is only recommended for women who are at increased risk for certain types of cancers. This is because the test does not always provide a clear answer-results are often inconclusive, which can lead to increased anxiety.

All women can reduce their cancer risk

While a BRCA gene mutation can be frightening, it is not something that most women need to worry about. All women can reduce their risk of cancer by adopting healthy lifestyle habits, such as limiting alcohol, not smoking, being physically active and maintaining a healthy weight. Receiving regular mammograms is also an important tool to help identify breast cancer early. The U.S. Preventive Services Task Force recommends mammograms every other year for women aged 50 to 74 and for some women in their 40s based on their values about the benefits and harms of screening.

Recommendations to protect your health

The U.S. Preventive Services Task Force is an independent group of national experts in primary care, prevention, and evidence-based medicine. The aim of the Task Force's work is to evaluate and identify critical preventive health services that a primary care professional can perform.

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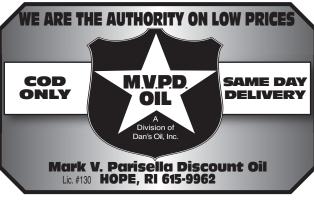
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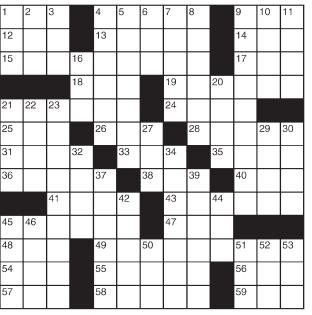
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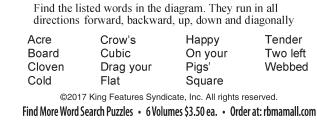
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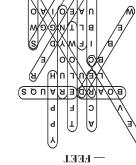


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Simple Tips to Creating a Room That's Truly "You" with Paint Color

(NAPSA)—When it comes to transforming your home with design and paint projects, selecting paint color is easier than you think; and with a few expert tips and simple steps, you'll gain the confidence needed to transform your home with colors that reflect both your personality and lifestyle.

1.Setting the Stage: Before heading to the paint aisle, consider the mood and functionality of the room you are looking to transform. Are you seeking a restful and calming haven in the bedroom? Do you prefer a sociable and stimulating environment in the dining area? Maybe it's a combination of both in the living room? Understanding the purpose of the room—both in the mood it conveys and the function it serves—will help you hone in on colors that are best suited for it.

If you aren't sure, you can start by looking for a favorite item in the room—a piece of furniture, a rug or beloved artwork—to use as the centerpiece to build around. This item provides a potential starting point to help determine the color palette or hues to work with.

And don't forget to take a step back and look at the other paint colors in your home. A balanced color scheme that seamlessly connects one space to the next creates a sense of continuity and harmony throughout the home. Choose between three and five favorite colors and then alternate between rooms. Perhaps the ceiling color in one room becomes an accent wall in another.

2.Selecting the Color: Color expert Sue Wadden explains that color selection is a very personal choice but there is also a method to picking the color that fits best with the mood, tone and function of a room. Here is her take on the most popular paint color groups:

• Red is viewed as an exciting, vibrant color with a passionate feel. The deepest reds, such as burgundy and maroon, give a feeling of richness—excellent for bringing out the competitive spirit in a game room.

• Orange radiates cheerfulness and boldness but can still be subdued and calming. A vibrant orange fills a space, such as a dining room, with energy and a sunny disposition while a softer



Design and create a room that's truly "you" with paint color.

orange brings a feeling of warmth and coziness to a living room.

• Yellow is a warm and inviting color that brings a sense of optimism and joy to the space it inhabits. Softer yellow tones convey happiness while giving the room a sophisticated and timeless look. Brighter shades have the ability to fill virtually any room in the house with a feeling of bliss.

Cool earthen tones of green add a splash of nature to the room, giving it a sense of comfort and harmony. When looking to create an atmosphere that is both soothing and sunny, try incorpositions are successful.

rating several shades of green.

• Lighter shades of blue evoke feelings of serenity and comfort when used in the bedroom. These calming tones make for a relaxing way to end the day and a great way to encourage a restful night's sleep. Brighter hues bring warmth and a sunny temperament to the room.

• Purple is a versatile color that anchors a space but also compliments the use of neutrals and patterns. It conveys a feeling of luxury and refinement while still giving the room a fresh, soft look.

•Similar to green, brown is associated with nature. This relaxed neutral is a great color to incorporate into spaces in the home that are for both living and working. Darker hues look sophisticated and stylish while lighter shades give the space a warm and modern vibe.

• **Gray** is an elegant neutral that provides depth when paired with subtle accent colors. It evokes feelings of sophistication

and airiness to create a haven of relaxation and calm.

3.Test-Drive Your Color Choice: Once you have chosen your preferred colors, Wadden recommends sampling the colors at home in various stages of light.

Lighting is one of the most essential factors when selecting paint color. Natural daylight shows the truest hue, while incandescent lighting brings out warm tones and yellows and fluorescent lighting casts cooler, bluer tones.

The easiest way to test how light affects color is to simply tape the color chip on a wall that sees both natural and artificial light. Or for a more effective analysis, get small paint samples of each color, such as Dutch Boy Platinum Interior Color Samples or Dutch Boy Twist & Try, and apply large swatches directly on the wall. Watch the color over the course of several days. Fluctuations in natural light can vary from sunny skies to cloudy days. Time of day is really important as wellcolor that looks bright and cheery in the morning can appear duller at nighttime.

4. Gauging Number of Gallons: Once you are confident in your color choice, the next step is to find out how much paint you'll need to paint the room. Dutch-Boy.com has an easy-to-follow paint calculator for both interior and exterior paint projects. Simply enter the dimensions of your room along with the number of windows and doors and the calculator will tell you how much paint is needed to complete this project. Consider the number of coats needed for each job and factor that in as well. Be sure to reference the paint label for square foot coverage.

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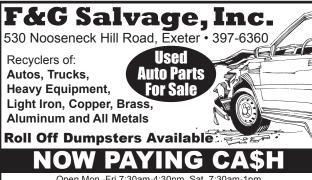








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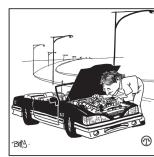
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- · Tacumbu prison in Asuncion, Paraguay, is notorious for its overcrowded conditions: 3,500 inmates are crowded into a space designed for half that number, and many of them sleep on cardboard directly on the floor. One inmate, however, until recently enjoyed amenities that many outside the prison walls would love to have. Drug trafficker Chimenes Pavao bribed officials to look the other way, then set up a fully furnished, tastefully decorated three-room suite, complete with air conditioning, a refrigerator, a library, a flat-screen TV, a DVD player and a treadmill. The luxury cell was discovered when a bomb threat caused \police to search the entire prison.
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- a population of 1 billion people. It took 123 years to add another billion, then only 33 more to get to 3 billion, in 1960. We crossed the 4 billion mark in 1974, hit 5 billion in 1987, and got to 6 billion in 1999. In 2011 (or early 2012, depending on who's doing the estimating, the earth's population passed 7 billion, and those who study such things expect us to get to 8 billion sometime in the mid- to late 2020s.

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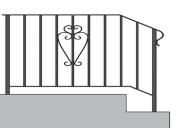
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cott of Teachmama.com, are a few

hints on how.
•Designate a few kid-only drawers low enough for little ones to reach and that hold only kid dishes, plates and flatware.

•Designate a special helper ch day. That child acts as your assistant chef and helps prepare meals and set the table.

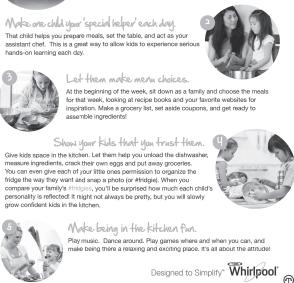
• Let them make menu choices Sit down as a family and decide on the meals for the week ahead. Keep it interesting by picking out new foods vou've never tried before, perhaps mango, lentils or kale. Make a grocery list, set aside coupons and gather up the ingredients.

· All but the youngest can probably help you unload the dishwasher, measure ingredients (a good way to help them learn

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Kitten's Sudden Illness Has Owner on Guilt Trip DEAR PAW'S CORNER: We had

a very scary weekend when our new kitten, "Maxie," who is about 12 weeks old, curled up on his bed and wouldn't wake up. I rushed him to the veterinarian, where he was giv-en fluids but took several hours to come around. He stayed lethargic for the next couple of days.

I feel terrible that he got so ill with a respiratory infection, and that I didn't notice anything wrong. What signs should I have looked for that might have kept him from getting so ill? — Doreen in Wheeling, West Virginia

DEAR DOREEN: Observant owners often can spot when things aren't quite right with their kittens and adult cats, but sometimes illness strikes seemingly without warning. Kittens can become ill very quickly; Maxie may have begun showing symptoms during the night, when you were asleep and couldn't observe him. And often, cats reveal few to no symptoms at all. They'll frequently try to hide symptoms of illness — an instinct for self-preservation.

Subtle signs that things aren't right include your cat hiding away and not wanting to come out; reduced appe-tite; lack of interest in toys and things that used to stimulate him; and physi cal signs like slower response or trouble walking. Vomiting or diarrhea are major warning signs, of course.

Today, put aside any guilt at not catching Maxie's illness sooner that may not have been an option
— and instead focus on helping him recover. Follow the vet's instructions on giving him medicine, what to feed him and when, and make sure his bedding is clean and warm (a heating pad underneath can be a big help).

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GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) Feeling jealous over a colleague's success drains the energy you need to meet your own challenges. Wish him or her well, and focus on what you need to do. Results start to show in mid-March.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) You're likely to feel somewhat Crabby these days, so watch what you say, or you could find yourself making lots of apologies. Your mood starts to brighten by the weekend.

LEO (July 23 to August 22) Your pride might still be hurting from those unflattering remarks someone made about you. But cheer up, you're about to prove once again why you're the Top Cat in whatever you do.

VIRGO (August 23 to September 22) A misunderstanding with a co-worker could become a real problem unless it's resolved soon. Allow a third party to come in and assess the situation without pressure or prejudice.

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BORN THIS WEEK: You can be a dreamer and a realist. You dream of what you would like to do, and then you face the reality of how to do it.

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Five Tips For A Well-Stocked Pantry

(NAPSA)—A well-stocked pantry is your answer when there is no food in the fridge, if guests show up unannounced and on days when the weather just isn't cooperating. It arms you with the ingredients you need to throw together a meal fit for a king.

Here are five quick tips for assembling your well-stocked

Dried Herbs & Spices

A selection of your favorite herbs and spices is a must. Con-sider buying them from the bulk section of the supermarket or natural foods store so you can get just the right amount. Store them in matching jars with homemade labels if you're so inclined.

Oil & Vinegar

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Oil and vinegar are essential.
Olive oil is delicious for salad
dressings. Safflower oil, which is
neutral in flavor, is good for everyday cooking. And then of course there is coconut oil with its multi-tude of health benefits. As for vinegars, they go far beyond being the key ingredient to your basic vinaigrette; they are ideal for marinades, quick pickling and even cleaning. Red wine, balsamic and white vinegar are all worthy additions to your pantry.

Pasta & Grains

Long, short, large or tiny pasta, a few boxes will keep you covered whether you're making a full-on spaghetti dinner or tossing a few handfuls into your favorite chicken or vegetable soup. And don't forget to stock up on grains including rice, quinoa, polenta, farro and barley.

Nuts & Seeds

Healthy and tasty, nuts and seeds add texture and crunch when sprinkled on salads, yogurt, and hot and cold cereal. It's a good idea to keep a variety on hand-walnuts and pine nuts are delicious in pesto, sunflower and pumpkin seeds are great in a homemade trail mix. And who does-n't love a handful of pistachios or cashews, especially to stave off

Jarred & Canned Goods

Olives, capers, peppers, pickles, tuna, anchovies, beans, chicken broth and tomatoes add fun and flavor to every meal. Your pantry isn't complete without an ample

stash of jarred and canned goods. Following is a recipe using primarily ingredients found in your well-stocked pantry.



The Perfect Pantry Pasta: Pasta Puttanes

- % cup olive oil 1 onion, cut into ½-inch dice
- 4 anchovy fillets, chopped (optional)
- tomatoes

- 2 tablespoons drained Lindsay® Capers
- Grated or shredded

Cooking Directions: In large skillet over medium heat, warm olive oil. Add onion, garlic, red pepper flakes and anchovies, if using; cook, stirring occasionally, until onion is ten-der, 6 to 8 minutes. Stir in wine and increase heat to high; cook until reduced to thin layer in skil-let, 2 to 3 minutes. Add tomatoes, bring to a boil, and reduce to a simmer; cook, stirring occasionally, until sauce is slightly thick-ened, 8 to 10 minutes.

Meanwhile, cook

and salt and pepper to taste to tomato sauce. Drain pasta and add to skillet, tossing with sauce. Transfer to plates and serve, with cheese and addi-tional red pepper flakes on the



Colorful, flavorful and filling, this easy dish will delight family and

Ingredients You'll Need:

- 4 cloves garlic, smashed Pinch red pepper flakes, plus more for serving
- ½ cup dry white wine 1 28-ounce can crushed
- 10 ounces spaghetti, linguini, fettuccine or other
- favorite pasta ½ cup halved Lindsay® Naturals Kalamata Olives
- 2 tablespoons chopped fresh oregano Salt and black pepper, to
- Parmesan cheese, for serving

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Famous Films

Celebrating Walt Disney's Very First Classic Animated Film And The Woman Who Helped Bring The Heroine To Life

(NAPSA)—Little girls and their families around the world have loved Walt Disney's "Snow White" for nearly 80 years—ever since Walt brought his groundbreaking version of the Grimms' Fairy Tale to the screen in 1937. The epic story of love and friendship, which the American Film Institute calls "The Greatest Animated Film Of All Time," tells of living life "hap-pily ever after" and teaches such essons as real beauty comes from within and never give up hope. Disney's first-ever High Definition version will be available beginning January 19 to launch the new Walt Disney Signature Collection.
One girl who learned the film's

lessons firsthand was a young dancer whom Walt Disney auditioned as one of 300 and then ultimately chose to be the "liveaction" model for Snow White.



Her name was Mariorie Celeste Belcher, daughter of a Hollywood ballet coach, who later became known as legendary dancer and choreographer Marge Champion.

Scouts from the studio came to watch my father's class and they narrowed it down to three of us. Champion told CBS News years later. "I was thrilled to finally get the opportunity, but more important for this 14-year-old girl, it was the chance to get out of Hollywood High four days a month," she admitted.

Walt and his animators wanted to make Snow White look as human as possible. So they filmed Marge performing dances and improvising special movements that were then studied and copied in the final animation. The relatively new process was a precursor of digital techniques used



today in movies like "Avatar" and "Pirates of the Caribbean." "The animators set up a

bunch of ropes representing trees and branches that I had to push aside. My acting came out of instinct because I was not a trained actress. All of that gave them much more of a guide for Snow White's movements." Champion often added ideas on what she thought the character might do to elaborate or extend the action of a particular scene.

At 96, actress/dancer/choreographer Marge Champion remains a living legend from Hollywood's Golden Age of stage, screen, television and Disney Animation. She is probably best known as one-half of the renowned "Marge and Gower Champion" husband-wife dance team that lit up the screen in seven classic musical films, as well as on TV and Broadway. They went on to become the screen's most appealing dance team since Astaire and Rogers.

Astaire and Rogers.

Marge made her film debut in
1939's "The Story of Vernon and
Irene Castle," although it was
Ginger Rogers who actually
danced with Fred Astaire. Among the many projects she choreographed was "Queen of the Star-dust Ballroom," which won her an Emmy' in 1975. In addition to

"Snow White," she modeled for the Blue Fairy in "Pinocchio," Hyacinth Hippo in the 'Dance of and Mr. Stork in "Dumbo."

She remembers her Disney days with fondness. "The atmosphere was like a giant high school or college, as far as I was concerned. Mr. Disney, for me, was like a very friendly head principal. Of course, that's a 14-year-old's point of view. I later learned that he was probably one of the most important men in Hollywood, certainly in animation, and probably in the movie industry."

Marge is a Trustee Emeritus of the Williamstown (Mass.) Theatre Festival (near her home in Stockbridge), has taught master classes at the Jacob's Pillow Dance Festival, and was a member of the Advisory Board of the Berkshire Theatre Festival. In 1997, Massachusetts honored Marge with its Commonwealth Award, citing her "leadership as a true patron of the arts.'

Finally, Ms. Champion has the unique distinction of sharing a star on Hollywood Boulevard Walk of Fame with this favorite character she played. Both she and Snow White each have their own!

To learn more about the title and watch the trailer, visit http://movies.disney.com/snow-whiteand-the-seven-dwarfs.