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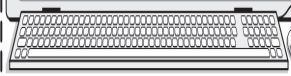


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(NAPSA)—As many parents know, kids can be picky eaters. And according to a recent study, moms are concerned that their kids aren't eating enough fruits and vegetables.

"We found that moms understand the health benefits of fruits and vegetables but struggle to get their family to eat them," said Elizabeth Pivonka, Ph.D., RD, president and CEO, Produce for Better Health Foundation. "Today, Americans are currently eating less than half of the recommended cups of fruits and vegetables each day."

To better understand the situation, the Produce for Better Health Foundation conducted its annual research on "Moms' Attitudes and Beliefs Related to Fruit & Vegetable Consumption."

The study found:

- Ninety percent agree that a diet that includes fruits and vegetables may help their child avoid obesity.

- Ninety percent agree that a diet with more fruits and vegetables promotes their family's overall health and may prevent disease, now and in the future.

- Ninety percent agree that a diet that includes fruits and vegetables may help promote well-being of mind and body.

- Eighty-nine percent agree that more fruits and vegetables plus more physical activity means the family can be at its best.

There's been a steady improvement over time in the level of ease moms reported regarding their ability to access fruits and vegetables for their families at restaurants and quick-service restaurants.

Setting out a fruit bowl, having vegetables cut up and ready to eat in the refrigerator, and finding ways to hide produce in other foods are some of the ways to get more fruits and vegetables into a family's diet. The research also found that kids tend to eat more produce when they are involved in the growing, selecting and preparing of food. To get kids more involved, Pivonka provided these tips:

1. Let kids get involved in planning meals for the week and challenge them to find ways to make sure a fruit and vegetable are included in each meal. Remember,



You may be better able to get your kids to eat more fruits and vegetables if they can be involved in the growing, selecting and preparing process.

canned, frozen and dried fruits or vegetables, in addition to fresh, are all great options!

2. Get kids involved in using produce to make juices or smoothies. It can be a fun activity for kids to use a blender or juicer to show them there are other ways to eat your fruits and vegetables.

3. Teach kids about produce that's in season and how to select the best produce. Take them to a farmer's market to talk with growers. This also provides a great opportunity to try new produce they didn't know they enjoyed.

4. Starting a backyard garden can be a great way to get kids interested and involved. Monsanto, through its Seminis Home Garden division, is working to make growing backyard produce more accessible for busy families by creating seed varieties that are easy to grow.

Families looking for ways to incorporate more fruits and vegetables in their meals can go to www.morematters.org to find delicious recipes and additional tips.



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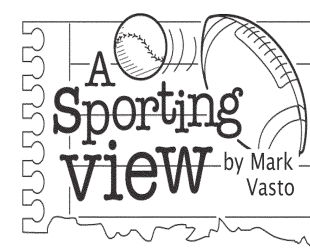
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One of my first "real" newspaper assignments for a small weekly newspaper in a small town was to take a big picture of somebody's big Halloween display in their small front yard. With a clear sense of duty and purpose, I grabbed the house digital camera and marched over to the property, where, as promised, a big pumpkin-head ghost thing awaited. I took the shot and turned it over to the editor.

"That's a page one, right there," I said.

"What's the headline?" he asked.

"Duh... BOO-YAH!"

Nobody else in the room got it but he and I, and that's because we were both avid watchers of ESPN's "SportsCenter."

"BOO-YAH," for the uninitiated, was the catchphrase of ESPN anchor Stuart Scott. He used it as a punctuation during highlight reels, typically basketball ones, and usually at the end of a tremendous slam or celestial three-pointer. It became a catchphrase that was featured on video games ("NBA Jam" comes to mind) and an utterance that could be heard on any wiffleball diamond or basketball court across the country after school from that point on.

It also led to a lot of acrimony and apologetics. Comedians loved to zero in on Scott's self-proclaimed "hip-hop stylings," most notably the acerbic Daniel Tosh. "Easy, Stuart," he would say, pointing out that Scott had little "street cred" in that he had a degree from the University of North Carolina. It also was com-

mon knowledge that early on in his career, the African-American Scott was told to "tone it down" more than once by the brass at ESPN for fear of alienating viewers, as if his brand of commentary was just too hardcore for the home audience to endure ... the audience that mirrored the same demographic that made Eminem, Dr. Dre, NWA and Snoop Dogg household names.

True, it sometimes felt forced, but it never felt unprofessional. For the better part of a decade — and I do mean better part — Scott and his battery mate Rich Eisen held down the early-morning "SportsCenter" slot, and it was just about perfect. The two had a comedic timing that rivaled Abbott & Costello, a presence behind the desk that exceeded McNeil and Lehrer. Eisen, now the lead anchor for the NFL Network, realized it, too.

"Who would have thought that the perfect guy for me, a Jewish kid from Staten Island, would be an African-American guy with North Carolina roots? Sometimes neither one of us knew whom the other was talking about, but it worked. It was always a trip doing a 'SportsCenter' with Stuart."

In 2007, Scott was diagnosed with cancer, and it was a battle he lost a few weeks ago at the age of 49. He leaves behind two teenage daughters, legions of fans — including those who are only now, begrudgingly and belatedly, giving him the respect he deserves, myself included — and a congregation of colleagues that Stuart addressed best in what became his own eulogy upon accepting the Jimmy V Award a few years ago.

"You beat cancer by how you live."

Mr. Stuart, the congregation stood in witness. Well played.

Mark Vasto is a veteran sportswriter who lives in Kansas City.

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AT GREENE PUBLIC LIBRARY

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Hope Library, 374 North Road, Hope, will host Professional Organizer, Kristin MacRae on January 22 at 6:30PM as she presents "Conquer paper Clutter!". Paper management is an issue many people struggle with & creating organized systems can be a challenge. This presentation will give you all the information you need to tame your paper and get it under control permanently. All are welcome to attend. Space is limited. Please call 821-7910 to register.

BREAKFAST IN JANUARY

The Coventry Senior Center, 50 Wood Street, Coventry HAS RESCHEDULED their Breakfast to January 30 from 7:30-9AM. Enjoy eggs, French Toast or English muffin, bacon or sausage, orange juice, coffee or tea for just \$3. All are welcome!

STORYTIME AT TYLER FREE LIBRARY

Tyler Free Library, 81A Moosup Valley Road, Foster, will hold its Storytime for infants or preschoolers on Wednesday mornings at 10AM. Please call 397-7930 to register or for more information.

Donna's Day Creative family fun

by Donna Erickson

Beat the Winter Blahs and Think Spring!

Except for stray pine needles hiding between sofa cushions and under area rugs, our holiday decor with all its warm scents, glitter and glow is out of mind, now stored away for 11 months in our chilly attic.

I miss the sparkle of it all, especially during these long, dark, winter days when I need an extra push to get outside for a charge of energy. While it will take weeks to pick up more hours of daylight, I'm all for tricking my mind into thinking it's spring, even when it's not.

If you are on the same mission, think "perky" with these easy tips and tricks to brighten your home and sweep away the "blahs."

Find new uses for everyday items: You and your kids can create a bright arrangement on your kitchen counter or table. First, pick up a bouquet of the springiest of flowers, tulips! Let the kids trim the stems and arrange them in a bright container. How about a teapot? It doesn't have to sit on a stove all the time, after all. Think toys, too. A bright-yellow truck can haul a fresh new mini pot of growing ivy into the arrangement. Set a few packets

of 2013 veggie seeds in the cab as a reminder of outdoor gardening fun on the horizon.

Clear the clutter and move things around: Get rid of stuff that's no longer used or useful. Give away and recycle books, old and broken toys and furniture. While you are at it, rearrange beds, desks and bookcases together in your kids' rooms. What child doesn't love the feeling of waking up the next morning to a new look?

It's also refreshing on the eyes to move living-room and family-room furniture. Do it while the kids are at school, and watch their eyes pop when they walk in the door.

Wash windows: This one sounds like work, but it's worth it. Grab squeegees, newspaper and rags to scrub and wipe away the grime. It's amazing how looking through a clean window will brighten everyone's day!



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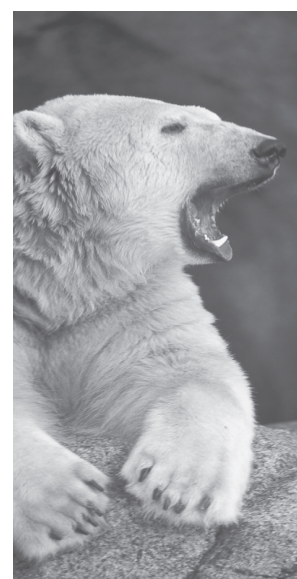
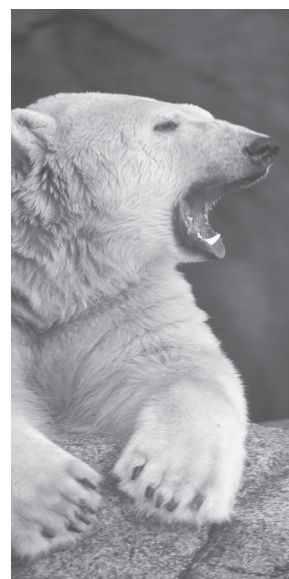
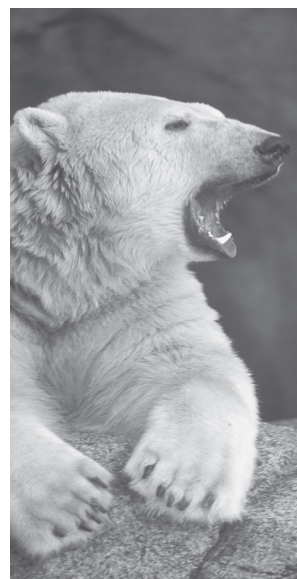
Thank you to all the generous people who helped to make the 2014 Tis the Season Holiday program a GREAT SUCCESS. Over 243 individuals and families received food, toys and clothes. This effort is only possible through the generous efforts of persons within communities of Coventry and West Greenwich. Firefighter Boot Day held on November 22, 2014 resulted in \$9382.00 being raised. This day is supported by the Fire Companies in both towns and has been a fixture with Tis the Season since the beginning in 1992. Thank you to all the men and women who gave their time on that cold Saturday. A special thank you to Chief Frank Brown of Hopkins Hill Fire Department, Deputy Chief Kelly Guastini of Western Coventry Fire Department and Peter Celani of West Greenwich Fire Department for their great job of organizing and scheduling the whole event and assisting with the distribution of all the foods, clothing and toys on distribution day. The recipients of both communities were very appreciative.

Many other organizations and groups also supported this program with their generous donations of clothing, toys, Game Stop Gift Cards and funds which are put toward purchasing clothing for every child included in the program. Gift Cards for food and any child over the age of 12 are possible through these events. Toy donations from St. John and Paul Church with Linda Macomber as our chief contact elf, Walmart with Charlie Rogers our main point person, Bank RI with Liane and her helpers and Coventry High School with Lori Ferguson urging the students, provided all the toys we gave to children and Salvation Army and Toys for Tots for their donations of new toys. Old Theatre Diner and the Kuipers Family surprised us with a donation of all the bicycles requested for children in this year's program. Fire and Iron Motorcycle group also supported Tis the Season with a donation of toys and a promise of continued support next year. 447 Children received requested toys as a result of this undertaking. The monetary donations from members of the community and groups to include Coventry/West Greenwich Emblem Club, Coventry/West Greenwich Lions Club, Hopkins Hill Fire Department Ladies Auxiliary, Back to the Seventies Group, and St. Francis Episcopal Church, Morris Roofing Inc. were amazing in their generosity. We also THANK those individuals who selected Tis the Season as recipients of their generosity with monetary donations. Their continued support certainly adds to the success of this community program. The Tis the Season Adopt a Family Program enjoyed a year of wonderful and generous individuals, families, and groups who chose to support 60 families requesting assistance in the 2014 Tis the Season effort. The Communities of Coventry and West Greenwich truly show the spirit of helping their neighbors with their support and generosity to Tis the Season. Without the support of donors, we would not be able to reach out to fellow residents who found themselves in difficult situations.

The Tis Committee and this year's recipients Thank You All and I know we speak for all when we say you make Tis's mission of "The Light That Shines Year Round" possible.

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By Samantha Weaver

• Those who traveled by air over the recent holiday season may sympathize with political satirist Mark Russell, who made the following sage observation: "The scientific theory I like best is that the rings of Saturn are composed entirely of lost airline luggage."

• If you're planning a visit to rural Texas anytime soon, you might want to keep in mind that in that state, it's against the law to milk a cow that belongs to someone else.

• The elephant shrew is more closely related to the elephant than to the shrew.

• You may have heard of bridezilla, but what about momzilla? In a survey by David's Bridal, 22 percent of respondents claimed that it was the mother of the bride who caused the most conflict when planning the event, while another 22 percent said that it was the mother of the groom. You might want to take these results with a grain of salt, though, considering the fact that the survey respondents were actually brides themselves.

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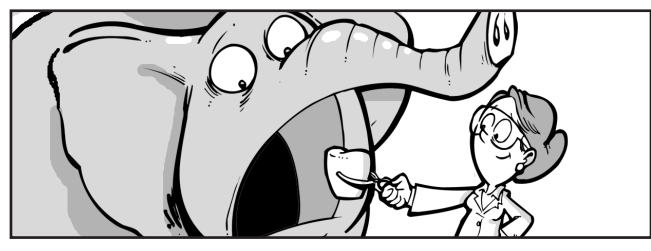
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1. Detroit pitcher Max Scherzer set a major-league record for most starts to begin a career without a complete game. How many was it?
2. Who was the manager of the Houston Astros the first time the franchise won more than 90 games in a season?
3. Name the only Iowa football player to win the Heisman Trophy?
4. In 2014, the East and West squads in the NBA All-Star Game combined to score a record 318 points. What had been the previous mark?
5. The Calgary Flames tied an NHL record in the 2013-14 season for most games decided by one goal in a season (49). Who are the Flames tied with?
6. How many times has Canada's women's team won the Olympic gold medal in curling?
7. In 2014, Kevin Streelman set a record by recording birdies on the final seven holes to win a PGA Tour event. Who had the mark of six straight?



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- Answers**
1. It was 178 games.
 2. Bill Virden led the Astros to a 93-70 mark in 1980.
 3. Quarterback Nile Kinnick, in 1939.
 4. It was 303 points, in 1987.
 5. The Florida Panthers, in the 2010-11 season.
 6. Twice — 1998 and 2014.
 7. Mike Souchak, in the 1956 St. Paul Open.

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By Samantha Mazzotta

Salvaging Old Paint Brushes

Q. Last summer, I repainted the garage. Because I had plans to paint some other rooms, I wrapped up the rollers and brushes in old plastic shopping bags to keep the paint damp. And then ... I forgot about them. This morning while cleaning my workspace, I found them again. The paint has hardened to stone. Can I save the brushes and rollers, or do I need to just buy all new stuff? — Brad C., Kansas City, Missouri

A. I'm not going to judge. I've let far too many paint-laden brushes dry out myself when I got distracted. But you should definitely try to salvage the brushes and rollers before shelling out money for new paint supplies.

First, confirm what kind of paint you used in the garage last summer by checking the label on the cans of leftover paint. It most likely was latex-based interior paint, but oil-based paint is still in use.

The good news is, latex is the easiest paint to clean up, even when it's been dried on for some time. Don't use solvents like turpentine, alcohol, gasoline or anything else to clean latex, and don't listen to anyone who insists you use these chemicals.

To clean latex paint off your brushes and rollers, fill a pail or utility sink with warm, soapy water. (Plain dish soap is fine.) Peel the plastic shopping bags off the brushes and discard them. If pieces of the plastic stick to the rollers or brushes, just leave them on, rather than potentially damaging the brushes by trying to pry them off. Drop the brushes and rollers into the soapy water and let them sit for at least 20 minutes.

Check to see if the dried latex is loosening up, being careful not to bend or tug at the bristles of the paintbrushes.

If they're still stiff with paint, the bristles could fray or break. Keep soaking them, checking every 20 minutes or so, until the latex loosens from the bristles and roller sponges, and you can easily push it off the brushes.

(If the brushes are still stiff or have bits of paint stuck to them, try soaking the bristles in boiling-hot white vinegar for about five minutes, then run a stiff nylon or plastic brush (never metal) through the bristles.)

Rinse the soapy water off, shake or spin the rollers and brushes to get rid of excess water, and let them dry on sheet of newspaper or clean towels.

Oil paint is a different matter. If you used oil-based paint and it has dried, you can try salvaging the brushes by soaking them in mineral spirits or paint thinner for several minutes. Make sure the room is well-ventilated, and that you wear gloves and eye protection during this process.

Roller sponges with oil paint dried on them may not be salvagable but if you need to pry them off the roller handles, apply mineral spirits or paint thinner to the ends to loosen the dried paint.

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Dumbo Cookie Jar

Q. During the 1940s, I received a Dumbo cookie jar. I still have it and wonder if it has any value. — *Lynda, Grand Junction, Colorado*

A. Dumbo is one of my favorite Disney characters. In the 1941 film, a circus elephant was born with ears so big that both he and his mother became objects of humiliation. The film was a major success, and its score by Oliver Wallace and Frank Churchill won an Academy Award.

In all of the years that I have prowled antique shops and malls, I have never seen a Dumbo cookie jar. I did find it referenced in "The Official Price Guide to Disney Collectibles" by Ted Hake and published by House of Collectibles. According to Hake, your cookie jar is valued in the \$65 to \$250 range depending on condition.

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Q. While digging in an old trash dump in Ohio, I found several dozen bottles. The one that has me stumped is an old soda pop bottle for Triple AAA root beer. I have never heard of it and suspect my bottle could be scarce. — *Rob, Canton, Ohio*

A. I found your bottle referenced in "Petretti's Soda Pop Collectibles Price Guide," published by Krause. Allan Petretti is one of the foremost authorities in this field of collecting. His book indicates your bottle is probably from the 1950s, and in good condition (no chips or cracks) could be worth as much as \$235. Not a bad find. Incidentally, the company's slogan was "Makes Thirst a Joy."

Q. In my mother's estate is a coin collection, including an 1883 silver coin that has a face of a lady with a decorative vine of flowers. How much is it worth? Answer me via my email. — *C.W., Brooklyn, New York*

A. It sounds like your coin is a silver dollar. With coins, condition is extremely important. Because I have not seen the coin and am not even certain which one it is, that is about as far as I can go. Since you live in Brooklyn, my advice is to show your coin to several dealers in your area for an idea of current value. I do not answer questions except in my column.

Write to Larry Cox in care of KFWS, P.O. Box 536475, Orlando, FL 32853-6475, or send e-mail to questions-forcox@aol.com. Due to the large volume of mail he receives, Mr. Cox cannot personally answer reader questions, nor do appraisals. Do not send any materials requiring return mail.

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 Slocum Grange, 96 Slocum Road, North Kingstown, will hold their next Meeting on January 23 at 7:30PM. Program for the evening will be "Joke Night", bring a couple of jokes to share. The Grange is now collecting eyeglasses for donation to the Volunteer Optometric Services to Humanity (VOSH). For more information on donating items, please call Carol at 294-2989.

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• On Jan. 28, 1959, the Green Bay Packers of the National Football League sign Vince Lombardi to a five-year contract as the team's coach and general manager. The Brooklyn-born Lombardi played college football at Fordham University as a guard on the offensive line, dubbed the "Seven Blocks of Granite."

• On Jan. 29, 1964, Stanley Kubrick's black comic masterpiece "Dr. Strangelove" opens in theaters to both critical and popular acclaim. The movie focused on the actions of a rogue U.S. military officer who believed that communists are threatening the "precious bodily fluids" of Americans.

• On Jan. 26, 1980, at the request of President Jimmy Carter, the U.S. Olympic Committee votes to ask the International Olympic Committee to cancel or move the Moscow Olympics in response to the Soviet military invasion of Afghanistan.

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