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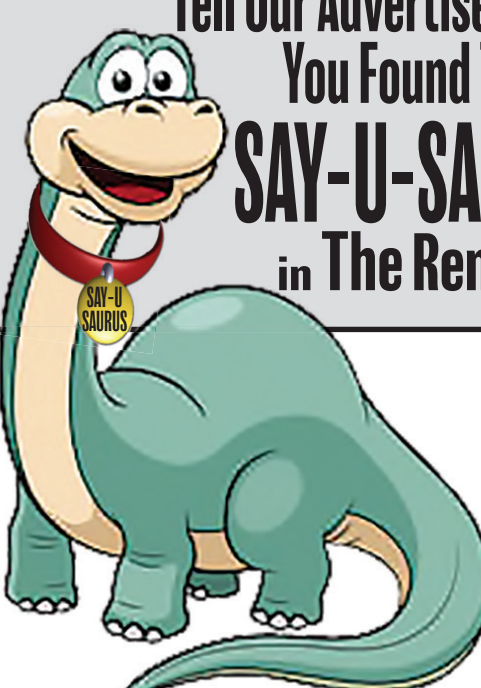
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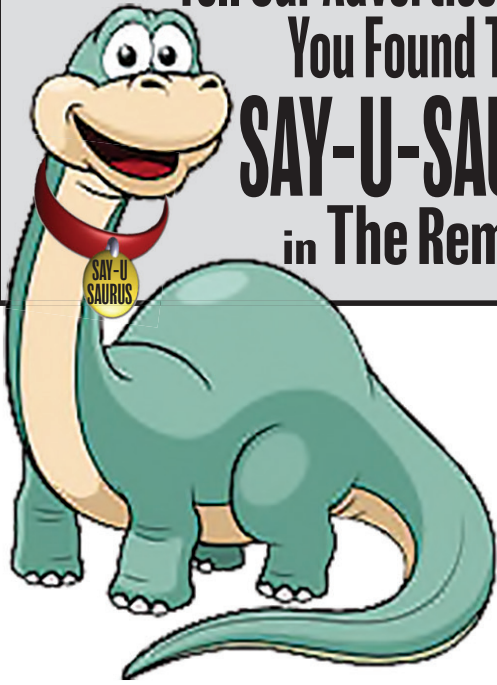
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**ACROSS**

1 \$ dispenser

4 " — Miserables"

7 Trounce

12 Commonest English word

13 Matterhorn

14 Worn unevenly

15 2012 movie bear

16 Savage

18 Midafternoon, in a way

19 Long-legged shorebird

20 Pull an all-nighter

22 Freudian concept

23 Use a key-board

27 Moreover

29 Rodeo outcries

31 Strong adhesive

34 Meal for Oliver Twist

35 Moral principles

37 Larry's pal

38 Runs from the fuzz

39 Shooter ammo

41 Sharpen

45 Tureen accessory

47 Inseparable

48 Marian, in "The Music Man"

52 "Monty Python" opener

53 Wanted-poster datum

54 Hi-tech SFX

55 Prepared

56 Thick-soled shoes

57 Slight amount

58 Attempt

**DOWN**

1 Storage story

2 " — Finest Hour"

3 TV, radio, etc.

4 Chemistry classrooms

5 On cloud nine

6 Parsley serving

7 Vegan's no-no

8 Bobby of hockey

9 Luau side dish

10 "Born in the —"

11 Corral

17 Huff and puff

21 Long skirts

23 Pitched

24 Second person

25 "Ulalume" writer

26 Immigrant's study (Abbr.)

28 Big Apple letters

30 Past

31 Moray or conger

32 Sch. org.

33 Resistance measure

36 Practice pugilism

37 Sweet Spanish wine

40 Proclamation

42 Jack

43 Go in

44 Irritable

45 Glaswegian girl

46 Novelist

48 Varnish ingredient

49 Under the weather

50 Life story, for short

51 Tatter

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Good leaders often share a key array of skills. Below are some of the qualities that make strong workplace leaders.

### Communication

Being able to communicate effectively with all of the people in your work environment and beyond is one of the most essential leadership skills you can possess. Honest communication can build trust and being open to feedback can ensure that everyone is working toward a common goal. Effectively communicating means knowing when to speak and when to listen.

### Self-management

It can be challenging to manage or oversee others if you can't effectively take charge of your own tasks. Being able to self-manage involves gaining control and prioritizing goals and actions. However, it also extends to being able to manage emotions, recognize weaknesses and strengths and focus attention where it's needed.

### Integrity

Great leaders are trusted by

others. Consistently acting with decorum and respect and delivering on your promises will inspire others to trust you. Stick to your core beliefs and values.

### Confidence

Effective leaders have the confidence to make decisions and stand by them. Note that there is a fine line between assertive confidence and being boastful or cocky. It may take a little while to develop the right balance that encourages others to support your efforts.

### Delegation

Delegating tasks is not a sign of weakness. In fact, it is a quality consistently found in strong leaders. Being able to delegate means you have the confidence in others to share responsibilities based on their skill sets. Delegating also promotes teamwork and lets others know you're not afraid to share success.

### Accountability

Leaders make mistakes just like everyone else. Owning your mistakes like you own accomplishments is a good trait to have. Placing blame elsewhere when it's not warranted can diminish others' trust in you, while taking blame when it's due will only increase that trust in you.

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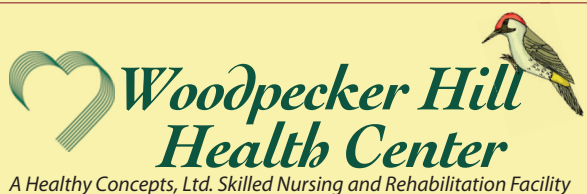
• On **April 16, 1943**, researcher Albert Hofmann, a Swiss chemist, hallucinates after accidentally consuming LSD-25, a synthetic drug he had created. LSD was made illegal in the U.S. in 1965.

• On **April 21, 1967**, General Motors celebrates the manufacture of its 100 millionth American-made car. At the time, GM was the world's largest automaker.

• On **April 17, 1970**, Apollo 13, the U.S. lunar spacecraft that suffered a severe malfunction on its journey to the moon, safely returns to Earth. Disaster struck 200,000 miles from Earth when an oxygen tank blew up in the spacecraft, disrupting the supply of electricity, light, oxygen and water. Astronaut John Swigert reported to mission control on Earth, "Houston, we've had a problem here."

• On **April 18, 1983**, American runner Joan Benoit wins her second Boston Marathon in the women's division with a time of 2:22:43. The following year, she won the first-ever women's marathon at the Summer Games in Los Angeles, becoming the first person to win Boston as well as Olympic gold.

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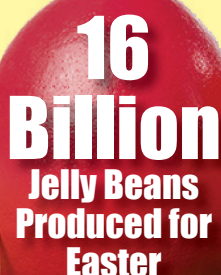
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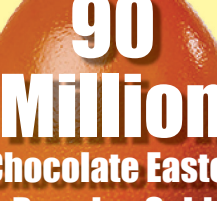
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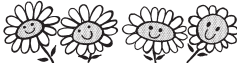
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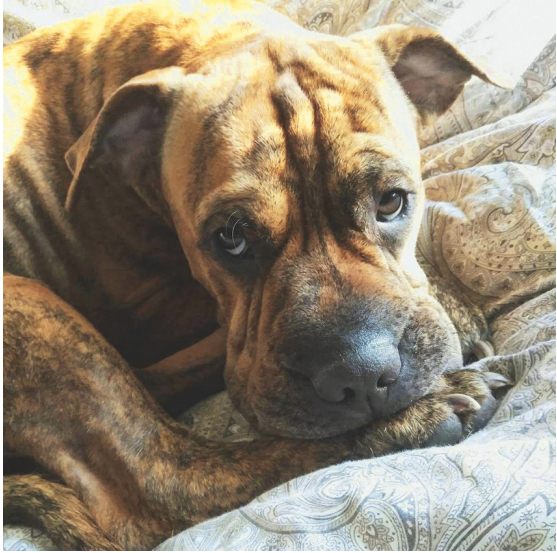
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## Learn To Downsize Before A Move



Before moving, men and women can go room by room, making piles of items that will be kept, donated, sold, or discarded. This can be a tedious task, but it is necessary to avoid clutter in a new home.

People downsizing can attempt to sell items they do not need via newspaper classified sections or online classified sites. Appliances and furniture in excellent shape may fetch good prices. Any extra cash can be put toward buying new items that are size-appropriate for the smaller home.

Another way to clear out clutter is to sort duplicates from the stock of items. A person may no longer need multiple

sets of dishes or silverware. If the move involves switching from a king-sized to a queen-sized bed, donate or trash bed linens that will no longer fit. Pay close attention to kitchen and bathroom items, which tend to accumulate over time but might not be discarded when clearing a home of clutter.

People moving from a detached home to a condominium or a townhouse may learn that homeowner's association fees cover everything from snow removal to lawn maintenance to pool upkeep. If so, it's unnecessary to bring lawn and garden supplies.

Homeowners are advised to look at the floor plan of their new dwellings and pay attention to storage space. This can make it easier to plan ahead for what may fit, what will need to be purchased new and which storage solutions may be needed. Having a plan in place can make unpacking and settling in go smoothly. The organizing company Organize Me says that homeowners should consider how cabinets and closets will be used before moving in.

Downsizing can free up time and money. When done right, downsizing can make retirement easier and create more leisure time for retirees

Aging men and women often take inventory of their lives in an effort to focus on activities or lifestyle changes that can ensure happy retirements. Data from the U.S. Census Bureau shows there are some 76 million baby boomers — those people born between 1946 to 1964 — across the country. With the youngest of the boomers in their mid-50s and the majority having already reached retirement age, many boomers are trying to decide if it's time to move out of their family homes and into smaller, more manageable abodes.

Many older adults find they do not need the same amount of space as they did when they had children living at home. Retirees and those on the cusp of retirement may find that downsizing is a smart financial move that frees up more time for recreation.

However, it can be challenging to cut down on living space and then deal with figuring out how to make furniture, belongings and stored items fit in more condensed areas. Moving can be stressful even without having to cut down on prized items. Taking an inventory of belongings can help the process go smoothly.

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## Town of Coventry 2019 Failed Septic/Cesspool & Housing Rehabilitation Grant Funding Programs Notice For Low/Moderate Income Homeowners

The Town of Coventry continually applies for grant/loan funds which become available through the Community Development Block Grant Program to assist qualified homeowners with necessary home repairs through grant funding. Up to \$10,000 can be awarded to income qualified households. Typically the awards are in the form of grants rather than loans. A forgivable lien, in the amount of the award, is placed on the property for 5 years.

Here are a few of the qualifications:

- The property must be owner occupied and current on your monthly mortgage payments for at least the last 12 months;
- Taxes and Homeowners Insurance must be current;
- There must be enough equity in the property to support the amount of the lien and the home must be in otherwise good repair;
- The entire household gross income must be within the program guidelines of low-to-moderate for example:
  - o A 3 person household must have a gross yearly income added to 2% of their asset value to equal less than \$57,850.
- The following items qualify if the Program Inspector agrees they are at the end of their service years:
  - o Leaking or inadequate roofs;
  - o Failed septic system/cesspools and wells;
  - o Old furnaces not maintaining adequate heating;
  - o Old windows allowing for heated or cooled air to escape

Due to program administration requirements - minor; emergency; routine maintenance; mold related; electrical and hidden damage repairs do not qualify.

If you think you qualify, or for further details, contact Gail Hardink at 822-6246 or email [ghardink@coventryri.org](mailto:ghardink@coventryri.org). (Confidentiality applies where required by law.)

Qualifying criteria is subject to change at any time.

# AT THE LIBRARIES

## COVENTRY PUBLIC LIBRARY HOMEBOUND SERVICES

The Library Homebound Service is a program for Coventry residents who have a temporary or permanent physical impairment that prevents them from coming to the Library. The Homebound Coordinator visits private homes & Nursing Facilities, delivering books, music CD's & magazines. Visits are typically made every 3 weeks. Books are available in regular print, large print & disc format. Contact the Library at 822-9463 or email [homebound@coventrylibrary.org](mailto:homebound@coventrylibrary.org) for more information.

## WEST WARWICK PUBLIC LIBRARY PRESENTS...

West Warwick Public Library, 1043 Main Street, West Warwick will host Master Kora Player, Burkina Yacouba on April 13 at 11AM in celebration of RI Library Day. Yacouba, from Burkina Faso has been in the US since 2009, touring & splitting his time between New York City and West Warwick. His performance on this 21-string instrument is a transporting experience. For more information, call 828-3750, Ext. 1.

## WEST WARWICK PUBLIC LIBRARY PRESENTS...

West Warwick Public Library, 1043 Main Street, West Warwick, will host a presentation on the Armenian Genocide on April 23 from 7-8:30PM. Pauline & Esther, members of the Armenian community in RI will discuss labeling, identity and historical facts. Registration is required by calling 828-3750, Ext. 1.

## HOPE LIBRARY STORY TIME

Hope Library, 374 North Road, Hope, is taking registrations for their Story Times. Programs are available to children from birth-age 5. Programs for the Spring session begin the week of April 8. Call 821-7910 for schedules & registration.

## WEST WARWICK PUBLIC LIBRARY FOOD FOR FINES

The West Warwick Public Library, 1043 Main Street, West Warwick will hold a "Food For Fines" Amnesty Week from April 8-13. Bring in any non-perishable food item & have your overdue fines removed from your Library Card. This does not apply to lost or damaged materials or charges on accounts sent to Unique Collections. Get rid of those nasty fines and help restock the West Warwick Senior Center Food Pantry!

## PASSPORT APPLICATIONS ACCEPTED AT THE WEST WARWICK PUBLIC LIBRARY

The West Warwick Public Library, 1043 Main Street, West Warwick is accepting Passport Applications (DS-11 Forms only) on behalf of the US Dept. of State. Please contact Information Services at 828-3750, Ext. 1 or email [ref@wwpl.org](mailto:ref@wwpl.org) to schedule an appointment or for more information. For even more information, you can call 1-577-487-2778 or visit [travel.state.gov](http://travel.state.gov)

## APRIL CHILDREN'S PROGRAMS AT HOPE LIBRARY

Hope Library, 374 North Road, Hope will offer the following programs: **LEGO Time** (ages 4 & up) on April 13 & 27 at 10:30AM. **Casey Farms "Project Chick!"** on April 15 at 2PM. All ages are invited to see a hen & chicks, learn how chickens are raised & much more. **Movie Time!** on April 18 at 1:30PM. **Drop In Craft Time!** April 9 & 23 from 3-4:30PM. Call 821-7910 to register and/or for more information.

## COVENTRY PUBLIC LIBRARY EVENING STORYTIMES

The Coventry Public Library, 1672 Flat River Road, Coventry, will offer **Family Evening Storytimes** on April 10 & May 8 at 6:30PM. Stories, activities and crafts will be featured. Children may wear their PJ's and slippers. No registration required. Call 822-9102 for more information.

## 55+ FITNESS CLASS AT HOPE LIBRARY

Hope Library, 374 North Road, Hope is offering 55+ Fitness Classes on Mondays & Fridays from 2-3PM. Certified Senior Fitness Specialist, Myrna Moore will lead these classes that welcome all fitness levels. Class consists of stretching, body movement, light weight lifting, chair exercises, nutritional guidance & a touch of Yoga. Donation of \$1/class is requested. Please bring a 2-3 lb. weight for the weight training. For more information, call 821-7910.

## LITERACY VOLUNTEERS OF KENT COUNTY OFFERS ENGLISH LESSONS

Learn to speak, read & write English. Enroll in Literacy Volunteers of Kent County's free learning program. In just a few hours per week, you can improve your English skills in speaking, reading and writing. You will be paired with a Tutor who will instruct you, one-on-one according to your individual needs. Lessons are scheduled at your convenience and all information exchanged remains confidential. Please call 822-9103 or email [lvkc@coventrylibrary.org](mailto:lvkc@coventrylibrary.org) for more information.

## KIDS' ACTIVITIES AT GREENE PUBLIC LIBRARY

Greene Public Library, 179 Hopkins Hollow Road, Greene, is hosting the following programs - Kids Story & Craft Hour is open to children of all ages to hear stories & create crafts every Tuesday at 5:30PM. Kids' Playtime is for all ages on Friday mornings from 10AM-12PM. Please call 397-3873 for more information and/or to register.

## COLORING FOR ADULTS AT HOPE LIBRARY

Hope Library, 374 North Road, Hope, invites adults to join them for Adult Coloring on Thursdays from 6:30-7:30PM. They supply the pencil crayons and coloring pages, you supply the inspiration!

## COVENTRY PUBLIC LIBRARY PRESENTS...

Gail Tatangelo, URI Master Gardener, will be at the Coventry Public Library, 1672 Flat River Road, Coventry, on April 18 at 7PM. Gail will talk about the purpose of the Coventry Community Garden & will also give advice on growing your own vegetables. Registration required by calling Jane at 822-9104 or email [js@coventrylibrary.org](mailto:js@coventrylibrary.org)

# Yard Sales

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Coventry: April 13, 8AM-1PM. Household, furniture, hardware & much more. Rain date April 14.

## DAVE'S BARN & YARSALE! 35 Pilgrim Avenue, Coventry:

Friday-Sunday, April 12-14, 9AM-3PM. Toys, furniture, tools, snow blowers, bikes, household items & much more!!! There will be lots of \$1 goodies & **FREE STUFF TOO!** Don't miss this one, it's going to be big! We hope to see you there. Thanks, Dave.

## GIANT BASEMENT SALE! 108 Clubhouse Road (street behind Mishnock Barn), West Greenwich: April 13, 7AM-1PM. Rain or shine. New toys! Monster High, Barbies, Melissa & Doug, Disney, baby toys, Play-Doh sets, clothes, games, used toys, activity sets, household, DVD's & Blu-Rays, puzzles, kid's books, summer toys, battery operated cars. Toys are new, in packages. Also used toys. You don't want to miss this one!

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# Donna's Day

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## Make Fresh Ricotta Cheese in Your Kitchen

When I hear "I made it from scratch!" at a gathering, my first instinct is to assume it must have taken a lot of time



er 'round the pot with your kids and watch it curdle. Within a half-hour of draining away the whey in a separate bowl, you'll have a lovely ricotta with a light consistency and mild, sweet flavor for using in a favorite Italian recipe like lasagna, or for spreading on crackers or toast sliced from a baguette.

### HOMEMADE RICOTTA

4 cups whole milk (not ultra-pasteurized)  
1 cup heavy cream (not ultra-pasteurized)  
1/2 teaspoon salt  
2 tablespoons freshly squeezed lemon juice or white wine vinegar

**To prepare sieve for draining:**  
Set a fine sieve or colander lined with a double thickness of cheesecloth over a deep bowl.

**To prepare ricotta mixture:**  
Combine milk, cream and salt in a large pot and bring to a boil over medium heat, stirring occasionally. Watch carefully. Just as the mixture reaches a boil, turn off the heat, remove from burner and stir in the lemon juice. The mixture will separate and curdle. Let it set about a minute.

Pour into the cheesecloth-lined sieve and let the watery whey drain into the bowl.

Discard the liquid that drips through. Let the curds continue to drain for about 25 minutes, until cool. The longer it drains, the thicker the ricotta.

Spoon the ricotta out of the cheesecloth and use immediately, or refrigerate in a covered storage container until ready to use within five days. Makes about 1 1/4 cups.

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*Donna Erickson's award-winning series "Donna's Day" is airing on public television nationwide. To find more of her creative family recipes and activities, visit [www.donnasday.com](http://www.donnasday.com) and link to the NEW Donna's Day Facebook fan page. Her latest book is "Donna Erickson's Fabulous Funstuff for Families."*

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# Entertainment

## SHOPPING EXTRAVAGANZA!

Western Coventry Elementary School, 4588 Flat River Road, Coventry, Shopping Extravaganza on April 27 from 9AM-2PM. This rain or shine event features Vendors, Crafters & Raffles, as well as Food Trucks from 11AM-2PM. For more information, email [wccopresident@gmail.com](mailto:wccopresident@gmail.com)

## GRACE FAMILY CHURCH OF RI SPAGHETTI DINNER

Grace Family Church of RI will hold their 2019 Annual Spaghetti Dinner on April 13 from 5:30-7PM at the West Warwick Senior Center, 145 Washington Street, West Warwick. Suggested donation is \$10/adult, \$5/child (under 12), children under 3 are guests of the church or \$25/family. There will be entertainment, raffles and a visit by a Care Bear, so bring your camera! proceeds to benefit the church's ministries. For more information, call 603-3336 or visit [gfcir.org](http://gfcir.org)

## COVENTRY MEN'S CLUB STEAK FRY

The Coventry Men's Club, Phillips Hill Road, Coventry, will hold a Steak Fry & Chicken Dinner on April 19 at 7PM. Live music will follow. Steak Dinner \$15, Chicken Dinner \$12. Reservations MUST be made by April 17 by calling 385-3536.

## RICHMOND GRANGE ROAST BEEF SUPPER

A Roast Beef Supper will be held at the Richmond Grange Hall, Rte. 138 in West Kingston on April 13 with seatings at 5 & 6:30PM. Menu includes Roast Beef, mashed potatoes, cole slaw, green beans, Johnny Cakes & homemade pie. Cost is \$13/person. Proceeds from this Supper benefit the Grange Scholarship & Building Fund.

## BUS TRIP TO FOXWOODS

The Friends of the Exeter Animal Shelter are sponsoring a Bus Trip to Foxwoods on April 20. Bus leaves at 6PM from from Oak Harbor on Rte. 2 in Exeter & at 6:15 from the Richmond Park & Ride on Rte. 138. Cost is \$30 and includes \$10 in slot play & \$10 towards food. Bus departs Foxwoods at midnight. Call Joyce at 465-9571 for more information.

## AARP CHAPTER 2210 ATLANTIC CITY TRIP

AARP Chapter 2210 has planned a trip to Resorts Casino Hotel in Atlantic City from January 6-8. The Tour includes 2 nights accommodations, 4 Meal Vouchers, \$20 Slot Bonus, 2 Revue Shows, Driver Escorted Deluxe Motorcoach Transportation. Cost is \$235/person (double occupancy), \$229/person (triple occupancy) or \$319/person (single occupancy). Deposit due by October 30. For more information call Maureen at 828-5188 or Madeline at 821-8766.

## AARP CHAPTER 2210

### GLOUCESTER LOBSTERBAKE CRUISE

AARP 2210 is sponsoring a Gloucester Lobsterbake Cruise on July 7. The trip includes a traditional New England Lobsterbake & cruise aboard the Beauport Princess in Gloucester, MA followed by shopping & browsing in Rockport, MA. Motorcoach transportation provided by Conway Tours. Cost is \$106/person. Call Maureen, 828-5188 or Madeline, 821-8766 for reservations or for more information.

## AARP 2210

### WINNIPESAUKEE SCENIC RAILROAD TRIP

AARP 2210 is offering Winnepesaukee Scenic Railroad Trip on October 12. Trip includes lunch at Hart's Turkey Farm & a 2-hour ride on the railroad. Motor Coach transportation provided by Conway Tours. Cost is \$103/person. Call Maureen, 828-5188 or Madeline, 821-8766 for reservations and more information.

## AARP CHAPTER 2210

### NORMAN ROCKWELL MUSEUM TRIP

AARP 2210 is sponsoring a Norman Rockwell Museum & Red Lion Inn Trip on April 17. The trip includes Museum admission, lunch at the Red Lion Inn and shopping/browsing on Main Street in Stockbridge, MA. Motorcoach transportation provided by Conway Tours. Cost is \$120/person. Call Maureen, 828-5188 or Madeline, 821-8766 for reservations or for more information.

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**ARIES** (March 21 to April 19) Professional relationships grow stronger. But you might still need to ease some problems with someone in your personal life. One way could be to try to be less rigid in your views.

**TAURUS** (April 20 to May 20) You might be too close to that perplexing personal situation to even attempt to make a rational decision about it right now. Stepping back could help you gain a wider perspective.

**GEMINI** (May 21 to June 20) Being asked to choose between the positions of two friends is an unfair imposition on you. It's best to reject the "demands" and insist they try harder to work things out on their own.

**CANCER** (June 21 to July 22) A change of mind about a workplace decision might be called for once you hear more arguments, pro and con. A personal event suddenly takes an unexpected (but pleasant!) turn.

**LEO** (July 23 to August 22) Romance once again looms large for single Leos and Leonas, with Cupid favoring Taurus and Libra to inspire those warm and fuzzy Leonine feelings. Expect another workplace change.

**VIRGO** (August 23 to September 22) A surprise gift — and, happily, with no strings attached — could come just when you need it to avoid a delay in getting your project done. Expect education to dominate the week.

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1. In "You Don't Mess Around with Jim," what was Jim's occupation?
2. Which artist wrote and released "I Wanna Learn a Love Song"?
3. Which group had a double-sided hit single with "Blessed Is the Rain" and "Welcome Me Love"?
4. Who wrote and released "Just Like a Woman," and when?
5. Name the song that contains this lyric: "Just when I thought I was over you, And just when I thought I could stand on my own."

Answers

1. In the 1972 song by Jim Croce, Big Jim Walker is a pool hustler, a large guy with a bad temper.
2. Harry Chapin, in 1974. Legend says the song is true: Chapin met his wife-to-be when he gave her guitar lessons and they fell in love.
3. The Brooklyn Bridge, in 1969.
4. Bob Dylan, in 1966, on his first album, "Blonde on Blonde." He never released the song as a single in the U.K., but Manfred Mann did it the same year.
5. "Here I Am," by Air Supply in 1981. The single had a longer title, "Here I Am (Just When I Thought I Was Over You)," to avoid confusion with another of their songs that had the lyric "Here I am."

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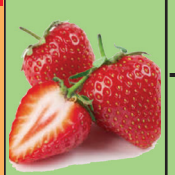
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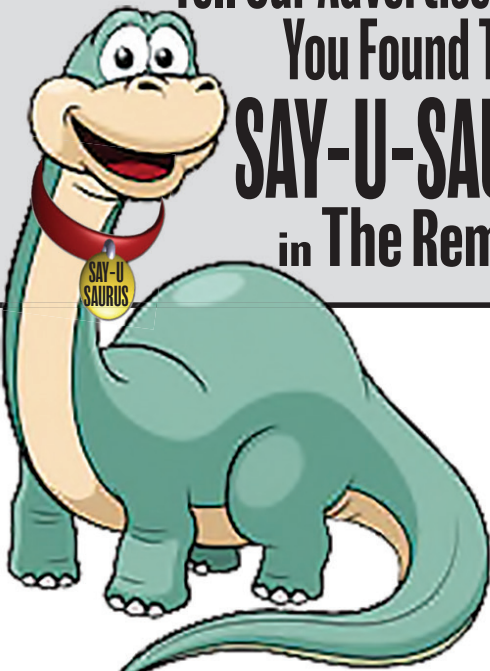
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Be wary of companies that will quote you an offer over the phone without seeing your property in person. Understand which types of services and treatments will be included in the weekly, monthly or annual plan. Discuss the types of fertilizers and herbicides used and whether they fit with your lifestyle and environmental consciousness.

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When you find a business that offers the type of work you need done at the right price, be sure that a contract is worked up and both parties sign it. This protects you as a homeowner and could help you in the long run if guarantees are not met or work is unsatisfactory.

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Landscaping is more than just mowing the lawn. However, some lawn companies may only mow lawns and will plant flowers or perform spring and fall cleanup. If a company cannot fill all of your needs, find one that can; otherwise, you may need to hire specialists in each area of yard maintenance.

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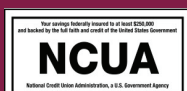
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## Outdoor improvements that boost home value



Whether home improvement projects are design to improve the interior or exterior of a house, focusing on renovations that make the most financial sense can benefit homeowners in the long run. The right renovations can be assets if and when homeowners decide to sell their homes.

So how does one get started? First and foremost, speak to a local real estate agent who is knowledgeable about trends in the community. While a swimming pool may be something coveted in one area, it may impede sales in another. It also helps to study generalized trends and data from various home improvement industry analysts to guide upcoming projects.

The following outdoor projects are just a few renovations that tend to add value.

**Fire pit:** A fire pit is a great place to gather most months of the year. Bob Vila and CBS news report that a fire pit realizes a 78 percent return on investment, or ROI.

**Outdoor kitchen:** Many buyers are looking to utilize their yards as an extension of interior living areas. Cooking, dining and even watching TV outdoors is increasingly popular. Outdoor living areas can be custom designed and built. In addition, prefabricated modular units that require a much smaller commitment of time and money are available.

**Patio:** Homeowners who do not already have a patio will find that adding one can increase a home's value. Patios help a home look neat, add useable space and may help a home to sell quickly. The experts at Space Wise, a division of Extra Space Storage, say that refinishing, repairing and building a new patio offers strong ROI.

**Deck:** Deck can be as valuable as patios. A deck is another outdoor space that can be used for entertaining, dining and more. Remodeling magazine's 2018 "Cost vs. Value" report indicates that an \$11,000 deck can add about \$9,000 in resale value to the home, recouping around 82 percent of the project's costs.

**Door update:** Improve curb appeal with a new, high-end front door and garage doors. If that's too expensive, a good cleaning and new coat of paint can make an old door look brand new. These easy fixes can improve a home's look instantly.

**New landscaping:** The National Association of Realtors says an outdoor makeover that includes well-thought out landscaping can net 105 percent ROI. Installing a walkway, adding stone planters, mulching, and planting shrubs are ideas to consider.

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## Get ready: Early spring landscaping tips



**D**uring the cold months of winter, many people stare longingly out of the window dreaming of spring and time spent outdoors. For those with green thumbs, images of tending to the garden and other aspects of their landscapes no doubt dominate such daydreams.

Draw inspiration from those budding crocuses and daffodils pushing through the last remnants of snow and employ these tips to prepare for the upcoming gardening season.

- One of the first steps is to apply a preemergent weed killer to get a head start knocking out weeds that can plague the lawn during the growing season. Killing weeds at the roots early on can mean far fewer hassles in spring and summer, and may prevent new generations of weeds from cropping up each year.

- While it may be tempting to take a prematurely warm day as a sign that spring is in full force and purchase a bunch of annuals, it's better to know the last of the possible frost dates (check "The Farmer's Almanac"); otherwise, you may waste time and money planting flowers or vegetables only to have them zapped by another frosty day.

- Amend the soil so that it is the right consistency — just crumbling when lifting it. Soil that is too muddy after spring thaw can harden, making it difficult for plants to flourish later on. Speak with representatives at a local lawn and garden center about which types of amendments you can add to the soil in your particular area to enrich it.

- Lawn and garden experts at The Home Depot suggest filling in bare patches of lawn now by mixing a few shovelfuls of soil with grass seed. Then apply this patch to the bare areas, water, and continue to care for the area until the spot fills in.

- Spend a day in the garage or shed tending to the lawn mower and other gardening equipment. Clean all tools and ensure that everything works, repairing parts as needed.

- Give outdoor entertaining spaces a good scrubbing, clearing away dirt and grime that may have accumulated over the winter. Use a leaf blower to blow away any leftover leaves.

- Check if the front porch, railings or decking need painting and/or staining. Tackle these projects when the weather is cooler so everything will be ready for those peak spring days.

- Think about any annuals you might want to plant in the landscape this year that will complement any existing shrubbery or perennials. Come up with a theme so that the entire yard is cohesive.

Before homeowners know it, winter is gone and it is time to once again enjoy long days spent outdoors. Get a jump start on spring lawn prep as soon as you can.

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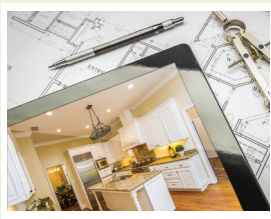
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Investing in a home renovation project not only requires money, but also time and patience. While contractors, architects and designers can estimate how long a project may take, it is impossible to anticipate all of the scenarios that can affect that estimated timeline. Information from the real estate firm Keller Williams indicates an **average kitchen remodel involving installation of new countertops, cabinets, appliances, and floors can take three to six months.** But if ductwork, plumbing or wiring must be addressed, the job may take longer. **A midline bathroom remodel may take two to three months. Adding a room to a house can take a month or two.** The home improvement resource Renovation Junkies offers similar estimates, with the **average home renovation taking between four and eight months.** Homeowners need to consider time when planning their home projects.



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**Communal zones**  
Unlike the days of yore when the kitchen was utilitarian, today's home floor plans make kitchens a focal point of a home. Food preparation also is no longer a solitary task. Thanks to larger kitchen footprints and multiple zones set up for meal creation, a greater number of people can hang out in the kitchen and help with meals. You'll find multiple sinks, large islands and more counter space are key components of modern kitchen layouts.

**Dining nooks**  
Kitchen designs are bringing back banquette seating in a cozy nook. This design is a practical use of space, and can fit in large and small kitchens alike. It also can give a kitchen a high-end look, as built-in banquettes can highlight a bay window or seem custom-made for the space. Banquette seating can fit a number of people comfortably and provides a sensible and casual dining spot solution.

**Family table**  
The trend experts at Southern Living magazine indicate that formal dining and living rooms are now used infrequently. As a result, kitchens have evolved to accommodate meal prep and dining. A large family table in the center of the room brings people into the kitchen to get more involved with food, according to San Francisco designer David Kensington.

**Counter culture**  
Taking a page out of a favorite corner diner or bar, kitchens are increasingly outfitted with a large island flanked by chic counter stools, according to the design pros at Domino. Family members can pull up a stool and grab a quick snack. It's also a great place for friends to engage in conversation while a host or hostess prepares cocktails and appetizers for an evening soiree.

**Work zone**  
Many families like to have an area of the kitchen set up as a tech zone where kids can do their homework and even parents can do some work, such as paying bills. Setting aside an area of counter space as a small desk area can be a great idea. Such areas also help parents keep a watchful eye on children while they're surfing the internet. Kitchens are the hub of the household, and modern design trends cater to a growing need for a multipurpose space.

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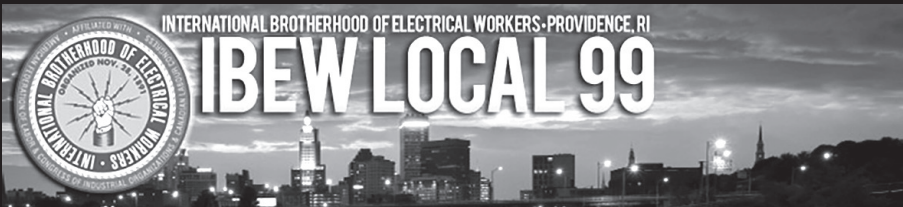
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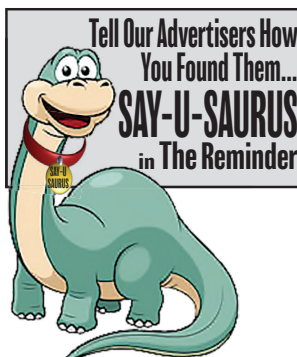
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