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Allstar 1 (9 & up) 5:30-6:30 p.m.

SuperStar (9 & up) 6:30-7:45 p.m.

Thursday

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CLUES ACROSS

- 1. A way to pick up
- 5. Presents
- 10. Type of guitar
- 14. Actor Idris
- 15. A citizen of Iran
- 16. Creative
- 17. Harness
- 18. Weight unit
- 19. You better call him
- 20. Utterly devoted 22. Male cat
- 23. Spiritual leader of a Jewish congregation
- 24. Risk-taker 27. A team's best pitcher
- 30. Cool!
- 31. Women's _ movement
- 32. Georgia rockers
- 35. Step-shaped recess 37. The princess could detect its presence
- 38. Type of truck
- 39. Butterhead lettuces
- 40. Angry people see it
- 41. Lines where two fabrics are sewn together
- 42. Soviet city
- 43. Carpet
- 44. Traveled all over
- 45. Thin, straight bar
- 46. Body art (slang)
- 47. Congressman (abbr.)
- 48. No seats available
- 49. Breaks apart
- 52. Arabic name
- 55. Ballplayer's tool
- 56. Type of sword
- 60. Baseball team
- 61. Upper bract of grass floret
- 63. Italian Seaport
- 64. Ancient Syrian city
- 65. Shoelace tube
- 66. The Miami mascot is one
- 67. South American nation
- 68. Popular video game "Max __"
- 69. Body part
- German courtesy title
- 2. Ancient Greek City 3. Ancient Hebrew calendar
- **CLUES DOWN**

- 4. Long-legged frog family 5. Photo
- 6. Delivered a speech
- 7. Lute in classical Indian music
- 8. Decorated
- Take a seat
- 10. Belonging to a bottom layer
- 11. Member of a Semitic people
- 12. Part of a ticket
- 13. Defunct Guinean money
- 21. Challenges
- 23. Popular BBQ food
- 25. Subway dweller
- 26. By way of
- 27. Shady garden alcove
- 28. Egyptian city
- 29. Partner to "flowed"
- 32 Widens
- 33. Old Eurasian wheat
- 34. Act incorrectly

- 36. European pipeline
- 37. Al Bundy's wife
- 38. Ocean
- 40. Root eaten as a vegetable

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- 41. Sound units
- 43. Style of music
- 44. A way to drench 46. Hot beverage
- 47. A cotton fabric with a satiny
- 49. Rumanian city
- 50. Urge to action
- 51. Vaccine developer
- 52. Canadian law enforcers
- 53. Wings
- 54. "Perry Mason" actor Raymond
- 57. Small fry
- _ Clapton, musician 59 Take a chance
- 61. Bland food
- 62. Consumed





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All puzzle answers are found on page 6



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Life is tenuous

The more years I accumulate on this earth, the more I realize life is tenuous.

It is short. It is fleeting. It is fragile. It is ethereal. It is delicate. It is beyond beautiful. It can be abrupt and

unexpected. Unanticipated, not to mention amazing. Unpredictable at its best.

You never know what will

And that is part of the magic, as well as the reality or perhaps the fear.

Life is a miracle - for each of us. Every moment of every

Imagine this. Fathom. Understand. Consider. Contemplate it. Seriously contemplate it - for more than just a second or two.

Our eyes peer out into the world, refracting light rays and transforming them into images, which become electrical impulses that are carried to the brain. Our ears convert sound waves into a format the brain interprets and understands as meaningful sounds.

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Our tongues differentiate between sweet, sour, salty, bitter and savory tastes. Our noses can detect one trillion (with a T) different distinct scents. Our fingers are packed with thousands of nerve endings, allowing us to interpret the size, shape and texture of objects.

We don't often think about (or appreciate) our five senses. They just are.

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and kidneys remove toxins. Our skin regenerates without a thought. Every cell in our body does the same. Our body temperature regulates itself. Fingernails, toenails and hair all grow without any effort on our part.

We breathe. We blink. We heal. We digest food. We poop. All without having to consciously will any of it into being.

We are alive because this amazing system works to keep us afloat without any conscious effort on our part. It's like that pink bunny: it just keeps going.

One wrong turn – one system out of whack - and the whole body is off kilter. One domino down and they all could fall.

Tenuous.

But beautiful. And predictable.

Yet not.

Life is anything but predictable. You think you know what lies ahead. You plan it all out because it seems so simple and obvious - clear as a bell. Clear as hell. How else could it be?

But life is seldom obvious. That would be too easy.

It is obscure. Uncertain. Often unknown and unsure. Vague at best.

But wonderful and wonderfilled. The obscurity keeps us guessing. The uncertainty makes it more beautiful. The unknown and unsure make it exciting. Even vagueness creates wonder and wonderment.

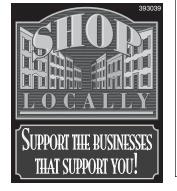
If life were predictable, if it were promised and secure it wouldn't be as valuable. It wouldn't be as precious.

And the more you notice - really notice and become aware of the miracles right within you – the more you appreciate it all. Your sight, hearing, sense of taste, touch and smell.

Your beating heart. Your breath. The beautiful, tenuous truth of life.

All of it.

Jill Pertler is an awardwinning syndicated columnist, published playwright and author. Don't miss a slice; follow the Slices of Life page on Facebook



Gas prices continue to rise in the stateline

Average gasoline prices in Rockford have risen 9.2 cents per gallon in the last week, averaging \$3.98/g as of last Sunday, according to GasBuddy's survey of 139 stations in Rockford. Prices in Rockford are 37.9 cents per gallon higher

than a month ago and stand 6.9 cents per gallon lower than a year ago. The national average price of diesel has risen 12.3 cents in the last week and stands at \$4.270 per

According to GasBuddy price reports, the cheapest station in Rockford was priced at \$3.49/g while the most expensive was \$4.23/g, a difference of 74.0 cents per gallon.

The lowest price in the state was \$3.37/g while the highest was \$5.29/g, a difference of \$1.92/g. The national average price of gasoline has risen 2.5 cents per gallon in the last week, averaging \$3.82/g.

The national average is up 29.1 cents per gallon from a month ago and stands 9.6 cents per gallon lower than a year ago, according to GasBuddy data compiled from more than 11 million weekly price reports covering over 150,000 gas stations across the country.

Historical gasoline prices in Rockford and the national average going back 10 years:

Aug. 14, 2022: \$4.05/g (U.S. Average: \$3.92/g) Aug. 14, 2021: \$3.24/g (U.S. Average: \$3.17/g) Aug. 14, 2020: \$2.21/g (U.S. Average: \$2.18/g) Aug. 14, 2019: \$2.73/g (U.S. Average: \$2.64/g) Aug. 14, 2018: \$2.80/g (U.S. Average: \$2.86/g) Aug. 14, 2017: \$2.31/g (U.S. Average: \$2.34/g) Aug. 14, 2016: \$2.15/g (U.S. Average: \$2.12/g)

Aug. 14, 2015: \$2.93/g (U.S. Average: \$2.66/g) Aug. 14, 2014: \$3.48/g (U.S. Average: \$3.47/g) Aug. 14, 2013: \$3.46/g (U.S. Average: \$3.52/g)

Neighboring areas and their current gas prices: Milwaukee - \$3.88/g, up 23.5 cents per gallon from last week's \$3.64/g.

Madison - \$3.66/g, up 22.7 cents per gallon from last

Chicago - \$4.48/g, up 17.3 cents per gallon from last

"The national average price of gasoline continues to hold near the highest level we've seen since last October, touching \$3.84 per gallon. It could climb slightly higher as we get closer to Labor Day, as oil prices remain under pressure from recent OPEC+ production cuts," said Patrick De Haan, head of petroleum analysis at GasBuddy.

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Loves Park

July 27 Jared Ware, 33, 8:38 a.m., W. State St., Rockford, charged with Unauthorized Video Recording/Transmit Live Video

July 26

Jacob Pitthan, 30, 11:32 p.m., Clifford Ave./N. Second St., Loves Park, charged withPossession Adult Use Cannabis In Passenger Area of Motor Vehicle - Driver, Operation of a Vehicle With Cancelled, Suspended or Revoked Registration, Operation of Uninsured Motor Vehicle

July 25

Pamela Wilson, 35, 9:32 p.m. Riverside Blvd./Mulford Road, Loves Park, charged with Driving While Driver's License, is Suspended or Revoked

Whittington, Cameron 18, 12:10 a.m., Riverside Blvd./N. Second St., Loves Park, charged with Possession Adult Use Cannabis In Passenger Area of Motor Vehicle - Driver, Other moving violations, Illegal Transportation or Possession of Alcoholic Liquor by Driver in Motor Vehicle, Speeding

July 24 Frederick Hulmes,

10:10 a.m., Forest Hills Road/ Rockberry Road, Loves Park, Driving While Driver's License, is Suspended or Revoked, Speeding

Jenali Alvarado, 19, Forest Hills Road/Landstrom Road, Loves Park, charged with Operation of a Vehicle With Cancelled, Suspended or Revoked Registration, Driving While Driver's License, is Suspended or Revoked

Roberto Murillo Morales, 18, 11:30 p.m., Harlem Road/ Roys Ridge, Loves Park, charged with Operating a Motor Vehicle With No Valid License, Failing to signal/Improper signal

Travon Green-Barkley, 20, 7:38 p.m., E. Riverside Blvd./ Wilson Ave., Loves Park, Warrant service proven guilty in a court of law

Machesney Park July 31

7:35 p.m., Victory Lane/E. Harlem Road, Machesney Park, Sheila Louise Foerster, 56, charged with Failure to Remain at the Scene of a Vehicle Damage Accident Aug. 2

8:23 a.m., N. Second St./ Shoreland Road, Machesney Park, Michael Shain Holub, 52, charged with Illegal Transportation or Possession of Alcoholic Liquor by Driver in Motor Vehicle Aug. 3

3:31 a.m., N. Second St./ Marie Ave., Machesney Park, Jason L. Guzman, 40, charged with Forgery

Gas (Continued from page 4)

'While July CPI data looked pretty good with energy prices well below their year-ago level, Aug. data isn't going to look nearly as friendly. Gasoline prices stand just over a dime away from rising back above their year ago level - something that is definitely possible by the closing summer holiday. In addition, the largest refinery in the Midwest moved up its seasonal maintenance to several weeks earlier than expected, causing a somewhat unexpected jump at the pump in the Great Lakes. Motorists will likely see a mixed bag at the pump this week, with a few states seeing prices fall slightly, while others will see the opposite." GasBuddy is the

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authoritative voice for gas prices and the only source for station-level data. GasBuddy's survey updates 288 times every day from the most diverse list of sources covering nearly 150,000 stations nationwide. the most comprehensive and up-to-date in the country. GasBuddy data is accessible at http://prices.GasBuddy.



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Answers

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A B C D E F G H i J K L M N O P Q R S T U V W X Y Z Determine the code to reveal the answer!

Solve the code to discover words related to immunizations. Each number corresponds to a letter. (Hint: 18 = E)

14 12 11 11 25 15 18 Α.

Clue: Protects against illness

В. 10 19 11 23 19 9

Clue: Medical professional

15 18 18 10 3 18

Clue: Pointy instrument

D. 16 9 19 23 18 11 23 25 19 15

Clue: Provides safeguards



SATURDAY, AUGUST 26 • 9 A.M. SCHRADERS' FALL CONSIGNMENT AUCTION 5995 IL 75 E. • Dakota, IL

Sale order: tools & small items, fencing, auto, hay, field equip.

EQUIP:: Case 1070 D with loader; tractor wts; gd 9' x 16' bale cage on JD gear; NH 519 spreader with endgate; JD 640 rake; JD gear; 2 3pt 7' blades

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LÁWN EQUIPMENT: Simplicity 4040 compact tractor, 3 range trans, 3 pt fr hydr with Honda 24 hp engine, 60" deck; 40" Ariens snow blower; 54" JD snow blade; 2'x4' 3pt carryall box; Bachtold 24" walk behind brush cutter, very good; Stihl 034 AV electronic Quickstop with carry case, 2 chains, ex. condition; LT 250 zero turn, 44" cut; lawn cultipacker; many lawn mowers; 2 loads of tools; lumber;

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Roger & Donna Recoy Estate

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