

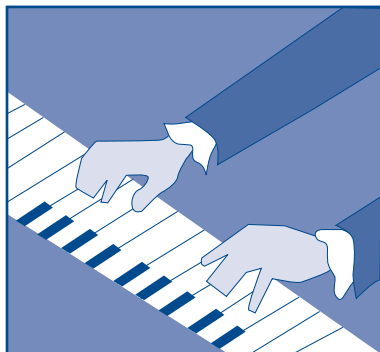
Memory Corner

Musical Memories

Jack P. recently began playing the piano. "It wasn't entirely new," he explains. "I took lessons years ago, but it was at least twenty years since I'd last played."

Jack was surprised by how quickly his piano-playing skills came back to him. "It's an entirely different way of thinking, and it's both stimulating and relaxing. It uses a different part of the brain, and it engages you emotionally too. I'm amazed at the free association that goes on in my brain while I play."

Jack remembers when his grandmother heard him play. "By chance I played a piece that her husband, my grandfather, had played. He died in his forties. And when she heard that music, it brought her right back to those happy times."



Diane says... June is a month of beginnings. It's the beginning of new lives for high school and college graduates. It's the beginning of summer. For me, it's time to go to the nursery and see what new flowers I can find to plant in my garden.

Diane Johnson, President & CEO, VIP HomeCare, Inc.

The Joy of Surprises

Try Something New

A popular way to greet someone is to ask, "So, what's new?" You just hope the reply isn't a discouraging "Same old, same old." It's what's new that's fun to hear about. It's what's new that's surprising, that's cheerful, that adds a bit of zing to everyone's life.

People find a lot of ways to try something new. How about cooking a recipe from a country you may never be able to visit in person? A new flavor – or even the discovery that some foods aren't so different after all – brings a sense of newness to the dinner table. Another way to visit a new country is to go to the library and check out a travelogue video or DVD. How do people live in the spiny-tree desert of Madagascar? In the mountain villages of the Pyrenees? In the valleys of Scotland? What do they eat? What do they wear?

A new activity is another way to add some zing to your life. Would participating in a new group at your church give you a new perspective? A study group often brings acquaintances together as friends. Volunteering in a service program makes a difference in the community – and it's also a chance to make new friends. What could be a better addition to your life?

In the season of summer, Mother Nature renews herself. The land is green and beautiful. Make the choice to plant something new and beautiful in your own mind and spirit.

Croissant Bread Pudding

A new take on an old favorite!

1 can (14 oz) sweetened condensed milk

1 can (15 oz) sliced peaches in juice or light syrup

5 or 6 cups torn croissants

1 teaspoon cinnamon

2 eggs, beaten

Grease a 9x5-inch loaf pan. Preheat oven to 350 degrees.

Combine croissants, condensed milk, eggs and cinnamon. Add peaches with juice or syrup. Stir well. Pour into prepared pan and bake for 30 to 40 minutes until browned and set.

VIP Spotlight

Meet DeAnna Cioffi



DeAnna is in charge of payroll and accounting at VIP. She started with the company in June 1995,

but in a different role.

"I started as a Home Health Aide," DeAnna says. "I worked in the field for a short period of time, and then they asked me to work in the office." After three or four years working in scheduling, she began assisting Diane, VIP's president and CEO. "That's when I started to get a little into payroll."

Accounting work was new to DeAnna, but she soon began to enjoy it. "Diane was very patient with me while I was learning – and she still is!" she says. "I can pace myself, so it isn't as stressful as scheduling."

DeAnna also appreciates the flexibility that her job allows her. Two mornings a week she babysits her two grandchildren, aged six and four. Those days, she comes into the office in the afternoon and works late into the evening.

"I do enjoy my work," says DeAnna, "but I miss seeing the patients. I loved doing the Aide work. The clients were very appreciative, and that was rewarding. I still get some patient contact now, and that's always a plus."

Crossword

NEW in June

Answers will be in next month's newsletter.

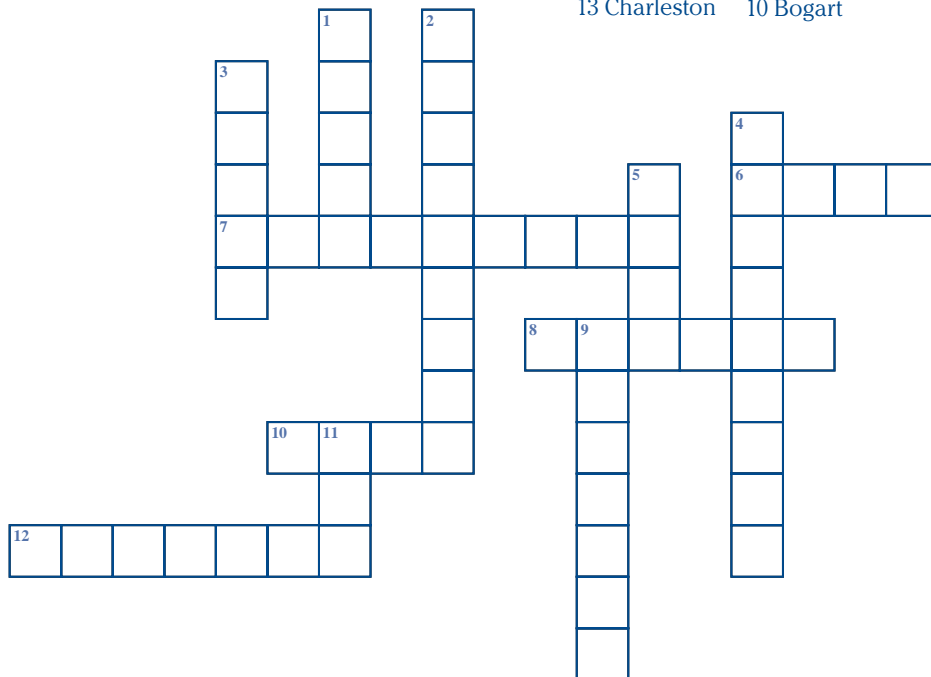
May puzzle answers

Across

- 4 Temple
- 6 Panama
- 7 Radio
- 9 Jitterbug
- 11 Model T
- 12 Charlie
- 13 Charleston

Down

- 1 Snapshot
- 2 Eleanor
- 3 Steam engine
- 5 Spirit
- 8 Mickey
- 10 Bogart



Down

- 1 New _____, sweeps everything clean
- 2 New _____, Canadian province
- 3 New _____, capital of India
- 4 New _____, the Dutch name for Manhattan
- 5 New _____, begins in January
- 9 New _____, the Patriots play here
- 11 Out with the _____, in with the new

Across

- 6 New _____, crescent in the sky
- 7 New _____, state between Maine and Vermont
- 8 New _____, the Garden State
- 10 New _____, the Yankees play here
- 12 New _____, island nation near Australia