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Sensing chip in frames automatically detects eyesight distances

Do you know the annoying feeling of having to shift your eyes through your eyeglasses or move your head to go from close up vision—like reading a book or looking at your computer screen—to looking at objects in the distance? Or even worse are you constantly putting on and taking off reading glasses? A new technological innovation promises to make these annoyances a thing of the past. Nearly one billion people worldwide suffer from an age-related condition called presbyopia which prevents the eyes' ability to focus on



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nearby objects. The condition mostly affects people over 50 and is caused by the eyeball changing shape over time. Up to now the best solution for presbyopia has been progressive lenses, but you have to move your head or shift your glasses to see through the different focus areas.

Now a new breakthrough in wearable technology will allow you to instantly shift your focus from close up to far away without putting a strain on your neck. Called Dynafocals, these smart glasses are eyeglass frames fitted with your prescription progressive bifocal lenses. "A sensing chip built into the frames detects the distance to a book, screen or other object and then communicates with the glasses' nose pads. They then subtly inflate and adjust a few millimeters, just enough to lift the lens to the proper angle for the wearer to see more clearly," according to a recent report from AARP.

Developed by the Dallas-based PH Technical Labs, Dynafocals won one of the Innovation Awards at the January 2018 Consumer Electronics Show in Las Vegas. The *Indian News* says that "the company is said to have chosen the lightest cellulose acetate propionate plastic for the smart glasses. The pneumatic design of Dynafocals avoids any moving parts in the front of the glasses. It packs a 100mAh battery, which is claimed to offer about five to seven days of regular usage. Dynafocals is water resistant and can be worn in the rain."

The smart glasses are expected to retail for around \$150 and will include instructions for your optometrist on how to make the lenses to fit these new frames. On its website, PH Technical Labs says Dynafocals will be available for purchase later this year.

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## Question of the Month



### My disability is temporary. Am I still eligible for Social Security disability?

To qualify under Social Security's regulations, you must have a disability that has lasted for 12 months or more, is expected to last for 12 months or more, or is expected to result in death.

(This is only a general overview. Qualifying for Social Security disability benefits is subject to a long and complex set of rules and regulations. For advice on your particular situation, contact Cuddigan Law.)

## Insider Tips on Winning Disability Benefits

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## Comfort Food From the kitchen of Janet Cuddigan

At last spring is here! Let's head outdoors and celebrate with this tasty grilling recipe.

### Savory Grilled Wings

- 1/2 cup soy sauce
- 1/2 cup Italian-style salad dressing
- 3 pounds chicken wings, cut apart at joints, wing tips discarded
- 1/4 cup butter
- 1 teaspoon soy sauce
- 1/4 cup hot pepper sauce (or adjust to taste)

Combine the 1/2 cup soy sauce, Italian dressing, and chicken wings in a large, zip-top bag and refrigerate 4 hours to overnight.

Preheat an outdoor grill for medium heat. In a small saucepan, melt the butter. Stir in the 1 teaspoon of soy sauce and the hot pepper sauce.

Remove the chicken wings from the marinade and pat dry. Cook the wings on the preheated grill, turning occasionally, until the chicken is well browned and no longer pink, 25 to 30 minutes. Place grilled wings in a large bowl. Pour butter sauce over wings; toss to mix well.

Adapted from [allrecipes.com](http://allrecipes.com)

## Drop Quote



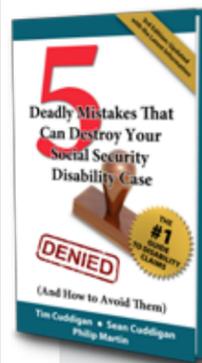
Solve the Drop Quote to reveal a hidden quote. A black-and-white crossword-style grid is set up for each quote, with a number of letters "hovering" above each column. Your task is to "drop" each of those letters into the appropriate square in each column, until the entire quote is revealed. All punctuation (commas, periods, dashes, etc.) has been removed. Good luck!

Source: Laura Ingalls Wilder

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## Thousands of Veterans Who Suffer Chronic Pain May Now be Eligible for Benefits

A recent court ruling may open the door to VA disability benefits for thousands of veterans suffering from pain related to their military service. Until last month the VA took the position that to be eligible for disability payments veterans had to have a clear diagnosis of an injury and, regardless of how much pain a vet was suffering, pain in and of itself was not a disability. This was a 19-year precedent used by the VA in denying more than 11,000 disability claims.



However, on April 3 the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit changed all of that with a ruling which said that pain, even without any underlying disability, may be a valid reason for awarding compensation. The ruling came in court challenge brought by the National Veterans Legal Services Program on behalf of Army veteran Melba Saunders. Ms. Saunders served for seven years including a tour of duty in

the first Gulf War. The *Military Times* noted "she injured her knees during her...service, a fact that military doctors noted in her files without determining a specific medical diagnosis of the issue. When she left the service and applied for veterans disability benefits, her claim was denied. VA officials acknowledged the problem stemmed from her time in service but the Board of Veterans' Appeals cited a 1999 Veterans Court decision which held that 'pain alone is not a disability for the purpose of VA disability compensation.'"

The court disagreed. It cited the definition of a disability as "an impairment in the enjoyment of life or earning ability" and said that "pain is a form of functional impairment." The three-judge panel concluded "the board [of Veterans' Appeals] legally erred as to its interpretation of the meaning of disability...as pain alone, without an accompanying diagnosis of a present disease, can qualify as a disability."

In a statement reported by the *Military Times*, Saunders' lawyer, Mel Bostwick, called the court case "a significant victory for disabled veterans" and a long-overdue correction in VA policy."

VA officials can appeal this decision, but it is unknown if they will or not. The *Military Times* points out that "[v]eterans still need to show a clear connection between their pain and their military service to be eligible, but would not longer have to have a specific medical reason for the pain to apply for benefits." Veterans suffering from service-related chronic pain that were turned down for benefits in the past and those who did not apply at all because they believed they would not qualify should reapply to see if they are now eligible for benefits under this new ruling.

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