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"Two weeks ago when I went to the races, Laura Lou was the name of one of the horses I bet on," he explained.

"Oh honey, I'm sorry," she said. "I should have known there was a good explanation."

Three days later he was watching a ball game on TV when she walked up and hit him in the head again, this time with the iron skillet, which knocked him out cold. When he came to, he asked, "What in the world was that for?"

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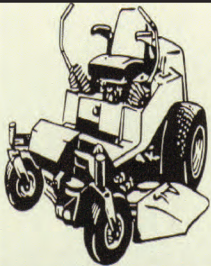
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St. Patrick's Day party pointers

St. Patrick's Day is a beloved holiday, and that popularity is reflected in celebrations that take place across the globe. According to World Population Review, more than 200 countries celebrate St. Patrick's Day.

Russia, Singapore and Japan are among the nations that celebrate St. Patrick's Day each March, proving that proximity to Ireland is not a prerequisite for partying on March 17. With that in mind, anyone in the mood to celebrate St. Patrick's Day need not hesitate to plan a party this March. The following St. Patrick's Day party pointers can make the festivities even more fun this year.

~ Go green. It goes without saying that green is the color of St. Patrick's Day. St. Patrick is the primary patron saint of Ireland, a country known for its rolling green hills. Hosts can decorate party spaces in green, hanging green streamers and green balloons. Encourage guests to wear green and keep the theme going with the menu, serving green baked goods and beverages.



~ Curate a St. Patrick's Day playlist. In addition to its rolling green hills, Ireland is known for music. It's hard to find a pub anywhere on the Emerald Isle without a local musician playing traditional Irish music for a captivated crowd. Hosts can keep that in mind when curating their St. Patrick's Day play list, which can include music from artists and bands such as Finbar Furey, The Dubliners, The Clancy Brothers, The Chieftains, The Pogues, The High Kings, The Dropkick Murphys, Flogging Molly, and more.

~ Serve traditional Irish fare. It might take some advanced planning and effort to provide a menu one might find in Ireland. Blood pudding is served in many pubs across the Emerald Isle, but it might be hard, though not necessarily impossible, to find outside the country. Some large chain grocery stores might carry blood pudding in March, and it might be possible to find it in specialty grocery stores around this time of year. Irish soda bread, bacon and cabbage, Irish stew, and boxty are some additional dishes to give a menu some traditional Irish flavor.

~ Cut an Irish rug. Irish dancing is another of Ireland's many exports, as dancers across the globe have embraced traditional Irish dance. Hosts can learn a dance or two and teach guests a few simple steps during the party. Keep it light and fun and allow even non-dancers to tap their toes. These are just a few of the ways hosts can make their St. Patrick's Day parties more fun this March.



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9th & 10th

UF/IFAS Master Gardener Volunteers will present the 28th annual Spring Festival on March 9th & 10th, 2024. Spring Festival brings together more than 100 commercial and educational vendors as well as representatives from community services - all in one place. There will be 10 educational seminars for adults. Topics range from Native plants to low-maintenance landscapes. For a complete list of Educational seminars and Vendor - visit our website at: <https://sfyl.ufl.edu/marion/master-gardeners/>. This year there will also be emphasis on the "Southeast Pollinator Census Project". There will be a live 'Butterfly Encounter' for all ages. Walk through, feed a butterfly some nectar, and hope one will land on you! The KidZone is back to provide education and activities for children. UF Health mobile bus and OneBlood donation bus will also be on-site.

9th

Citrus Wellness Seekers, Inc. and in partnership with the First United Methodist Church we will be hosting our 2nd Annual Holistic Health Expo on Sat, 9 Mar 2024 from 10am-3pm at the First United Methodist Church on 8331 W Bradshaw St in Homosassa. We invite the community to take charge of their wellbeing and learn about various modalities for reducing stress and improving one's over all health. There are numerous workshops and vendors to interact with. A donation of \$5 for adults and children are free. The donation remains with the church.

10th

THE OCALA YOUTH SYMPHONY, with musicians ranging in age from 10 years to adults, will present a concert at Countryside Presbyterian Church, 7768 SW Highway 200, Ocala, FL on March 10, 2024 at 3:00 PM. Featured presentations will be Beethoven's Edgement Overture; Russian Sailors Dance and Overture to the Magic Flute. The Ocala Youth Symphony is in its 25TH year and has been under the direction of Cindy Warringer since its inception. Come see what is right with our local youth and spend a delightful afternoon of music and fellowship. For further information, call 352-237-4633.

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22nd

Citrus Springs Library will have an Easter Basket Raffle on Friday March 22 at 12 noon. Items will be display the week of Monday March 18. There will also be a 50/50 drawing. Tickets for both are \$1.00 for one, and \$5.00 for 6.

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26th

Paranormal researcher Maxim Furek will conduct a program titled Flying Saucer Esoteric: The Altered States of Ufology on Tuesday, March 26, from 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. The event will be held at the Coastal Region Library, 8619 West Crystal Street, Crystal River, FL 34428. The program is free and open to the public. Please contact the Coastal Region Library at (352) 795-3716 for additional information.

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Hands on Woodturners meet on 3rd Wed. of each month at 7pm at Beverly Hills Lion Club 72 Civic Circle Beverly Hills Blvd Visitors are welcome, members are all levels of turnings A woodturner demonstration given by experienced craftsperson contact email: Howturners.com or call Denis Cap 352-489-4374

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The Homosassa River Garden Club invites the public to our membership meeting on Monday, November 20, 2023. Our Speaker is a Master Gardener from University of Florida/Institute for Food and Agricultural Sciences. We meet at First United Methodist Church on 8831 W Bradshaw, Homosassa on the 3rd Monday of each month. Please join us at 9:30 am for light refreshments and socializing. 10:00 am our speaker will give a presentation. At 11 am our Membership meeting begins. Open to the public. Please contact Ms. Lorry Davies for more information at 630-269-1096.

A GriefShare support group begins January 9th at the Hernando Church of the Nazarene, 2101 North Florida Ave. (Highway 41) Hernando on Mondays' from 10:00 to 12 noon this event will continue through April. All are Welcome. Call the church office at 352-726-6144 or Ruth Brincefield at 352-212-0570 for more information.

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Citrus coin club meeting has moved to crystal river national guard armory 8551 w Venable st crystal river. Meetings are first Thursday of the month at 7pm. All are welcome. Talk, shop, buy or sell coins.

The Woman's Club of Beverly Hills invites you to join them. Located at the Central Citrus Community Center, 2804 W. Marc Knighton Ct, Lecanto. Meetings are held on the 3rd Thurs. of the month at 1 pm with guest speakers and light refreshments. Our Lunch Bunch continues each month, different dates, times and locations. We hope you will be a part of our non-profit, community service organization. Need more information? all us at 203-915-7407. Ladies, hope to see you!

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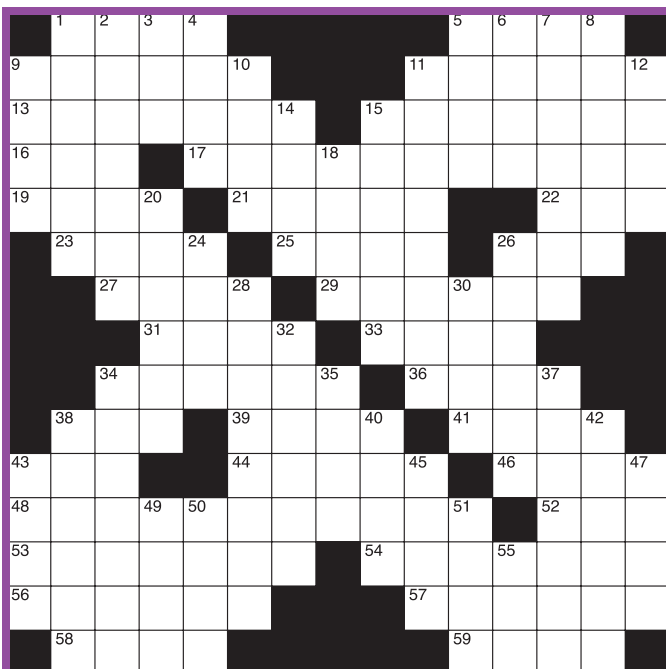
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The Floral City American Legion (Hubert Suber) Post 225 is located at 6535 S Withlapopka Dr, Floral City, FL 34436. We meet the 3rd (third) Thursday each month at 1:00 PM. All veterans are welcome and invited to attend. For further info call: Commander Fred Daniels @ 352-422-2449.

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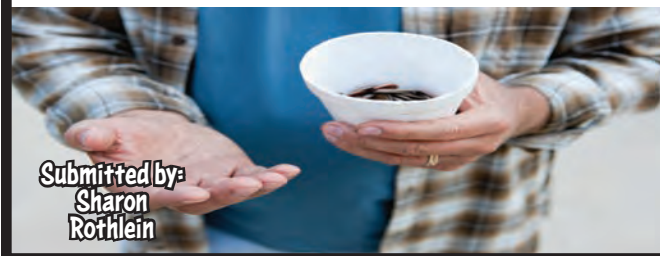
CLUES ACROSS

1. Chaps
5. Currently fashionable
9. Collision
11. More slim
13. European city
15. Implicitly
16. The side of something that is sheltered from the wind
17. The Mount Rushmore State
19. Gold or silver wire cord
21. Muscles along insects' diaphragm
22. Trent Reznor's band
23. Sweet juicy gritty-textured fruit
25. Broken branch
26. Indicates ten
27. Expression of annoyance
29. Brings together
31. Ancient city in Thrace
33. Sailors' spirit
34. Looked into
36. Muckraking woman journalist Rheta
38. A type of cast
39. One's responsibility
41. Where golfers begin
43. Make a mistake
44. Semitic Sun god
46. Ancient Italian-Greek colony
48. Beheaded
52. A place to stay
53. Unwise
54. Most supernatural
56. "Dennis" is a famous one
57. Ointments
58. Exam
59. Leaked blood

CLUES DOWN

1. Baseball managers assemble it
2. Revised
3. Mountain is a popular kind
4. Takes to civil court
5. Pouches
6. A type of veil
7. Chants
8. Boston hoopster
9. Elongated appendage
10. Sailboat
11. 2017 Oscar-winning film
12. Actor Gosling
14. Monetary units
15. Assembly
18. Russian pop duo
20. Embellished with expressions
24. Infrequent
26. Temperature unit
28. Hydrophilic amino acid
30. Honk
32. Legislative body
34. Swinish
35. Russian assembly
37. Take over for
38. Put in advance
40. Satisfy
42. Felt
43. Dutch cheese
45. Witnesses
47. Strong insects
49. Gasteyer and de Armas are two
50. Ancient people of Scotland
51. Cheerless
55. Sick

A very well dressed man, a real toff, is walking along the street when he is approached by a filthy old beggar.
 "Please sir, can you spare me a couple of pounds?" the man looks the fellow up and down and says,
 "I will not, chances are you'll spend it on drink!"
 "I haven't touched drink in all my life!" says the tramp.
 "Well, you'll probably spend it on cigarettes then" the man persists.
 "Never smoked in my life sir!" the tramp exclaims.
 "Ha, I know what you'll do with it," the man says triumphantly, "you'll gamble it away on some hopeless horse!"
 "But sir," the tramp protests, "I never gamble!"
 "So, if you don't do these things, how come you ended up a tramp?" asks the rich man.
 "Why sir, I once was as wealthy as you, I had shares in some big companies. However, my wife said I should take them out and invest in a business. I did, but the business never worked out and I ended up as you see me now sir, penniless."
 "Then," says the man, "come along with me to my house, where you will have dinner, a new suit of clothes and I'll give you some money to help you start up again."
 "But sir," the tramp says, "surely your wife will go mad at you bringing home a dirty old tramp like me, feeding him, clothing him and giving him money."
 "Oh she will," says the man, "but I want her to see what happens to a man who doesn't drink, smoke or gamble and always does what his wife tells him!"



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FRENCH: Bourgeon

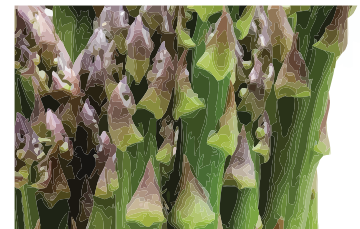
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Did you know?

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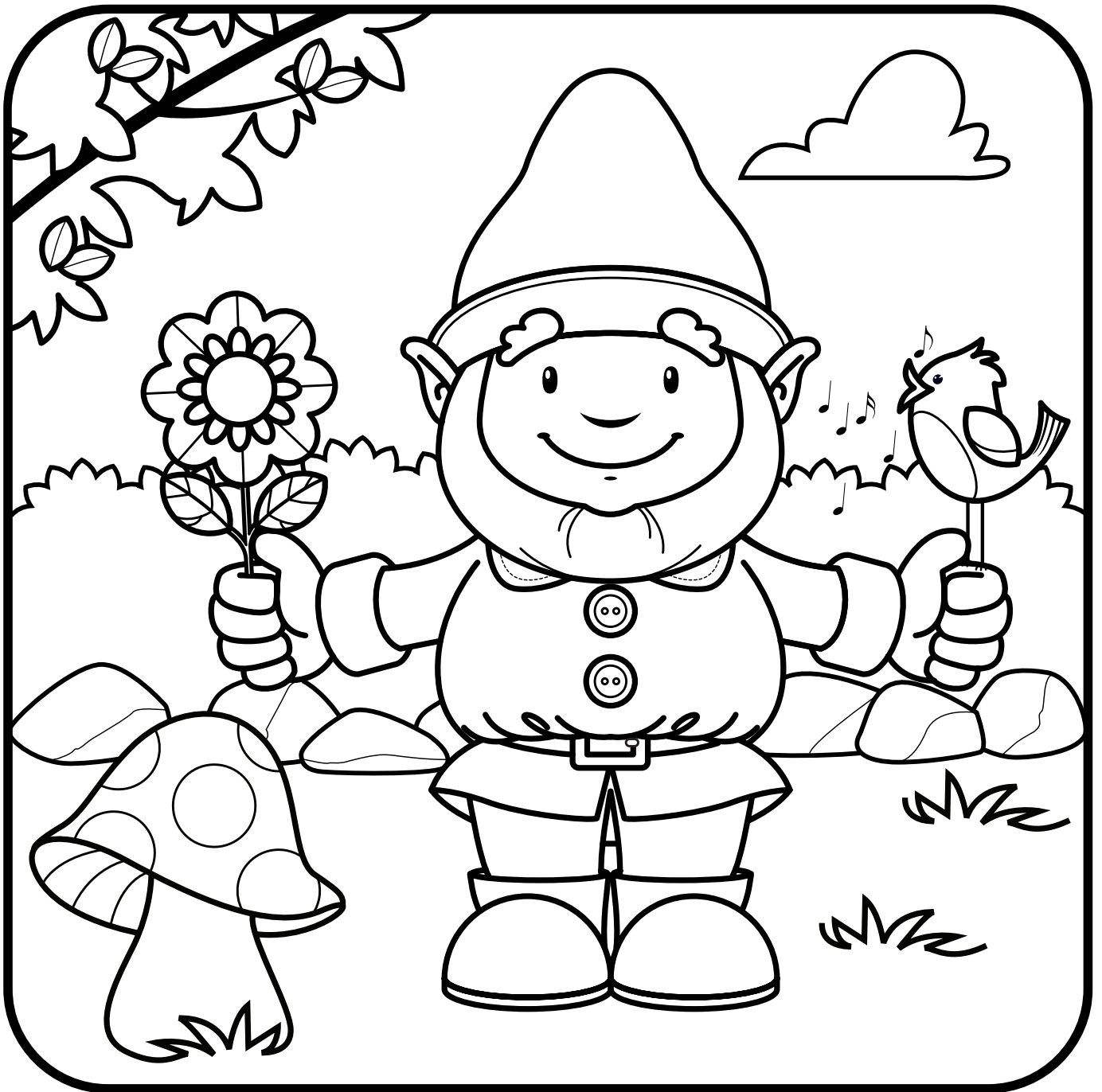
Can you guess what the bigger picture is?

ANSWER: ASPARAGUS



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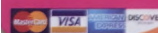
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MARCH DAYS PAST

March 1st 1975 Colour television transmissions begin in Australia

March 2nd 1933 "King Kong" film directed by Merian C. Cooper and Ernest B. Schoedsack, starring Fay Wray premieres at Radio City Music Hall and RKO Roxy in NYC

March 3rd 1887 Anne Sullivan begins teaching 6-year-old blind-deaf Helen Keller

March 4th 1936 1st flight of the airship Hindenburg at Friedrichshafen, Germany



March 5th 1770 Boston Massacre (Incident on King Street): British soldiers kill 5 men in a crowd throwing snowballs, stones and sticks at them. African American Crispus Attucks 1st to die; later held up as early black martyr. Massacre galvanizes anti-British feelings

March 6th 1836 Battle of the Alamo: After 13 days of fighting 1,500-3,000 Mexican soldiers overwhelm the Texan defenders, killing 182-257 Texans including William Travis, Jim Bowie and Davy Crockett

March 7th 1530 English King Henry VIII's divorce request is denied by the Pope

March 8th 2014 Malaysia Airlines Flight MH370 with 239 people loses contact and disappears, prompting the most expensive search effort in history and one of the most enduring aviation mysteries

March 9th 1961 Soviet flight Sputnik 9 carries and returns from orbit a dog named Chernushka (Blackie), frogs and a guinea pig

March 10th 1945 Deadliest air raid of World War II sets Tokyo on fire after night time B-29 bombings, more than 100,000 people die, mostly civilians



March 11th 1986 1 million days since the foundation of Rome on April 21st, 753 BC

March 12th 1930 Mahatma Gandhi begins his famous 200 mile (300km) protest march against the widely hated British salt tax

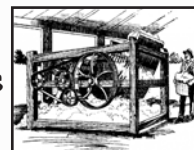
March 13th 1781 William Herschel sees what he thinks is a "comet" but is actually the discovery of the planet Uranus



March 14th 1794 Eli Whitney patents the cotton gin machine revolutionizing the cotton industry in the southern US states

March 15th 44 BC Julius Caesar is stabbed to death by Brutus, Cassius and several other Roman senators on the Ides of March in Rome

March 16th 1900 Sir Arthur Evans rediscovers the bronze age city of Knossos in Crete, home of the legendary Minotaur



March 17th 1905 Albert Einstein finishes his scientific paper detailing his Quantum Theory of Light, one of the foundations of modern physics

March 18th 1922 British magistrates in India sentence Mahatma Gandhi to 6 years imprisonment for disobedience

March 19th 1863 Confederate cruiser SS Georgiana destroyed on her maiden voyage with a cargo of munitions, and medicines then valued over \$1,000,000. Wreck discovered exactly 102 years later by teenage diver and pioneer underwater archaeologist E. Lee Spence



March 20th 1933 Dachau the first Nazi concentration camp, is completed

March 21st 2013 The European Space Agency reveals new data that indicates that the universe is 13.82 billion years old

March 22nd 1965 US confirms its troops used chemical warfare against the Vietcong

March 23rd 1775 Patrick Henry proclaims "Give me liberty or give me death" in speech in favour of Virginian troops joining US Revolutionary war



March 24th 1837 Canada gives its black citizens the right to vote

March 25th 31st Easter, according to calendar-maker Dionysius Exiguus

March 26th 1953 Dr. Jonas Salk announces that he has successfully tested a vaccine to prevent Polio, clinical trials began the next year

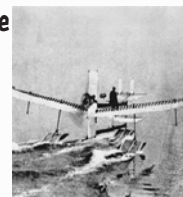
March 27th 1977 583 die in aviation's worst ever disaster when two Boeing 747s collide at Tenerife airport in Spain

March 28th 1910 1st seaplane to take off from water under its own power is piloted by Henri Fabre from the Étang de Berre lagoon at Martigues, France

March 29th 1974 Chinese farmers discover the Terracotta Army near Xi'an, 8,000 clay warrior statues buried to guard the tomb of China's 1st emperor, Qin Shi Huang

March 30th 240 BC 1st recorded perihelion passage of Halley's Comet

March 31st 1889 Eiffel Tower officially opens in Paris. Designed by Gustave Eiffel and built for the Exposition Universelle, at 300m high it retains the record for the tallest man made structure for 41 years.



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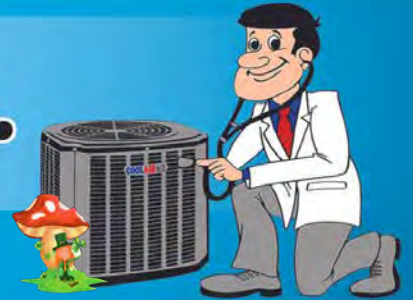
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Irish soda bread makes the perfect St. Patrick's Day appetizer

Irish cuisine may not be as widely recognizable or familiar across North America as Chinese, Italian or Mexican fare. But that doesn't mean Irish food lacks fans and flavor. As the world prepares to celebrate St. Patrick's Day on or around March 17, individuals who want to include some popular Irish fare in their festivities won't want to exclude this recipe for "Irish Soda Bread" from AllRecipes.com.

Irish Soda Bread

Yields 1 1/2 loaf (20 servings)

- 4 cups all-purpose flour
- 1/2 cup margarine, softened
- 4 tablespoons white sugar
- 1 teaspoon baking soda
- 1 tablespoon baking powder
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 1 cup buttermilk
- 1 egg
- 1/4 cup butter, melted
- 1/4 cup buttermilk



Preheat the oven to 375 degrees F. Lightly grease a large baking sheet.

Mix flour, softened margarine, sugar, baking soda, baking powder, and salt together in a large bowl. Stir in 1 cup of buttermilk and egg. Turn dough out onto a lightly floured surface and knead slightly. Form dough into a round and place on the prepared baking sheet.

Combine melted butter with 1/4 cup buttermilk in a small bowl; brush loaf with this mixture. Use a sharp knife to cut an "X" into the top of the loaf.

Bake in preheated oven until a toothpick inserted into the center of the loaf comes out clean, 45 to 50 minutes. Check for doneness after 30 minutes. You may continue to brush the loaf with the butter mixture while it bakes.

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Warning signs of developing mental health issues

Various mental illnesses are more common among women than men, including depression and anxiety. The Mayo Clinic says it's common to have mental health concerns from time to time, but when one of those concerns becomes frequent or affects one's ability to function, it becomes an illness.

According to Clearview Treatment Programs, women often live with mental illness for months, even years before seeking treatment. Individuals may not realize the severity of their conditions, or they may mistake mental illness for stress or feeling overwhelmed. Even though the stigma surrounding mental health issues has decreased considerably in recent years, women still face societal barriers, says McLean Mass General Brigham Hospital. Women may not be inclined to discuss their issues and, in turn, fail to receive prompt care.

Signs of mental illness vary, depending on the disorder and additional variables. A condition may affect a person's emotions, behaviors and thoughts. Some signs of a burgeoning mental illness include:

- ~ Significant changes in sleep habits, which may include sleeping more or not at all.
- ~ Changes in eating behaviors, which may include binge eating or going without food.
- ~ Women tend to internalize mental illness, and symptoms can include ruminating, withdrawal from activities and generally retreating from life.
- ~ Physical conditions that cannot be explained, such as headaches, stomach aches, chronic pain, and even high blood pressure.
- ~ Emotional lability, which means rapid mood swings from happiness to anger and sadness.
- ~ Confused thinking or a reduced ability to concentrate.
- ~ Excessive fears or worries.
- ~ Detachment from reality, resulting in delusions.
- ~ Trouble relating to situations and people.
- ~ Changes to sex drive.
- ~ Excessive anger or hostility.
- ~ Suicidal thoughts or attempts.



Mental illness can affect anyone. According to research, women may have a higher propensity to develop certain mental health conditions and thus need to be aware of the symptoms of those disorders. Anyone in crisis should call 911 or their local emergency number immediately. In the United States and Canada, women can call or text 988 to reach suicide and crisis support.

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The magician was furious but couldn't do anything, it was the captain's parrot after all.

One day the ship had an accident and sank. The magician found himself on a piece of wood, in the middle of the ocean, and of course the parrot was by his side.

They stared at each other with hate, but did not utter a word. This went on for several days.

After a week the parrot finally said, "Okay, I give up. What'd you do with the boat?"



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Determine the code to reveal the answer!

Solve the code to discover words related to St. Patrick's Day.
Each number corresponds to a letter.
(Hint: 15 = E)

A. 16 7 12 2 15 22

Clue: Little plant

B. 9 22 15 15 26

Clue: Color associated with nature

C. 17 24 8 26 1

Clue: Holy being

D. 11 24 1 22 12 26

Clue: Someone who supports a cause

Answers: A. clover B. green C. saint D. patron

Try a new meat and potatoes dish this St. Patrick's Day

St. Patrick's Day presents the perfect opportunity to try authentic Irish cuisine as well as foods and beverages that have become associated strictly with the holiday (like green beer). It's likely someone you know will be cooking corned beef and cabbage this St. Patrick's Day. But what if you're among those who just doesn't fancy the salted and pickled flavoring of this familiar favorite? "Zesty Braised Beef with New Potatoes" isn't exactly corned beef, but it can be a worthy alternative. It's warm, filling and flavorful, and can be just the thing to eat on a chilly March day. What's more, this rich beef can pair well with a dark stout like Guinness. Enjoy this recipe, courtesy of "The Healthy Slow Cooker" (Robert Rose) by Judith Finlayson.

Zesty Braised Beef with New Potatoes (Serves 8)

- 2 tablespoons olive oil, divided
- 2 ounces chunk pancetta, preferably hot pancetta, diced
- 2 pounds trimmed stewing beef, cut into 1-inch cubes and patted dry
- 2 onions, finely chopped
- 4 cloves garlic, minced
- 1 teaspoon dried thyme
- 1/2 teaspoon sea salt
- 1/2 teaspoon cracked black peppercorns
- 1/2 cup dry white wine
- 2 cups chicken stock
- 2 pounds small new potatoes, scrubbed and thinly sliced (about 30 tiny ones)
- 1/4 teaspoon cayenne pepper, dissolved in 1 tablespoon freshly squeezed lemon juice
- 1/4 cup finely chopped parsley leaves.



1. In a skillet, heat 1 tablespoon of the oil over medium-high heat. Add pancetta and cook, stirring, until nicely browned, about 3 minutes. Transfer to slow cooker stoneware (3 1/2 to 5 quart).
2. Add beef to skillet, in batches, and cook, stirring until browned, about 4 minutes per batch. Transfer to stoneware as completed.
3. Reduce heat to medium. Add remaining tablespoon of oil to pan. Add onions and cook, stirring, until softened, about 3 minutes. Add garlic, thyme, salt and peppercorns and cook, stirring, for 1 minute. Add wine, bring to a boil and boil, stirring and scraping up brown bits from bottom of pan for 2 minutes. Add stock and potatoes and bring to a boil. Simmer for 2 minutes.
4. Transfer to stoneware. Cover and cook on low for 8 hours or on high for 4 hours, until potatoes are tender. Stir in cayenne solution. Cover and cook on high for 10 minutes. Transfer to a server dish and garnish with parsley. Serve with a big platter of roasted carrots.



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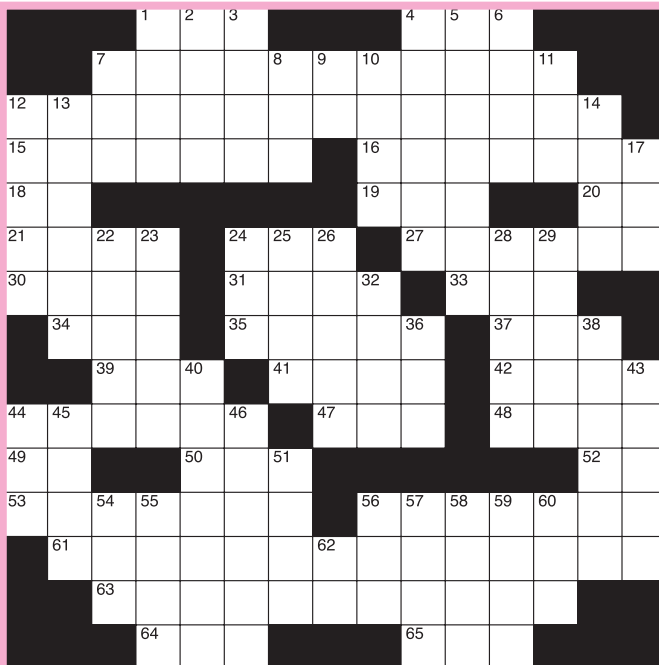
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- 15. Open
- 16. He had a notable lamp
- 18. Promotional material
- 19. Domesticated animal
- 20. Larry and Curly's buddy
- 21. The best ever
- 24. TV network
- 27. Checked for
- 30. Dry or withered
- 31. Expression of annoyance
- 33. Dash
- 34. Fifth note of a major scale
- 35. A secret clique
- 37. Partner to cheese
- 39. ___ school: where to learn healing
- 41. City in ancient Syria
- 42. Gasteyer and de Armas are two
- 44. Established practice
- 47. Thanksgiving side dish
- 48. District in Peru
- 49. It's becoming more prevalent
- 50. State in India
- 52. Measure of illumination
- 53. Raised platform
- 56. Japanese warrior
- 61. R.L. Stevenson novel
- 63. Transitory
- 64. Advanced degree
- 65. Fiddler crabs

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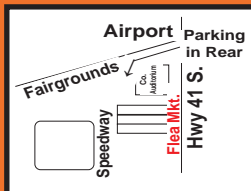
- 1. Prevent from seeing
- 2. Czech city

- 3. ___ and Andy, TV show
- 4. A young pig
- 5. Removed surgically
- 6. Covered with
- 7. Chest muscle (slang)
- 8. Nigerian City
- 9. Midway between south and east
- 10. A way to shut
- 11. Stop playing
- 12. Marshy places
- 13. Takes apart
- 14. Ten cents
- 17. A gesture of assent
- 22. Scent
- 23. Teletypewriter
- 24. General's assistant (abbr.)
- 25. Hillside
- 26. Taxi driver
- 28. Semitic Sun god
- 29. Town in India
- 32. Traditional rhythmic pattern
- 36. Fugitives are on the ___
- 38. Type of dance
- 40. Two letters, one sound
- 43. Having a strong, pleasant taste
- 44. Golf score
- 45. Mayhem
- 46. Drenched
- 51. River in northeastern Asia
- 54. Drug to treat anxiety (abbr.)
- 55. Part-time employee
- 56. A very large body of water
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According to the World Bank, as of 2022, 49.7 percent of the world was made up of women. Here are some ways to commemorate Women's History Month this year.

1. Support women entrepreneurs. Make it a point to shop at stores owned and run by women, or purchase products that were developed by women.
2. Mentor young or adolescent girls. People can make a difference in the lives of young women and set them on the course for success by sharing their own experiences through mentored guidance.
3. Express personal gratitude. Send a thoughtful letter of gratitude to a woman who has made an impact on your life and explain how her influence helped you in some way.
4. Celebrate women artists and authors. Take the time to view and experience creative works by women, which may include reading books authored by women or viewing crafts and artwork made by women.
5. Start a business resource group. Woman entrepreneurs can encourage others to start their own businesses by hosting a business resource group that meets periodically and enables others to network easily.
6. Learn about women's rights. Take a step back into history and read up on the journey to establish women's rights, starting with the right to vote.
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According to Healthline, nutritional deficiencies can effect aging individuals, which can decrease quality of life and lead to poor health outcomes. Individuals should pay attention to their vitamin and mineral intake at various ages so they do not miss out on important nutrients. As a person ages, here are some approaches to consider.

- ~ Consume fewer calories: According to Connie Bales, PhD, RD, associate director of the Geriatric Research, Education, and Clinical Center at Durham VA Medical Center, people need fewer calories every decade. That's because individuals are moving around less and have less muscle. This causes a decline in metabolic rate.
- ~ Include more nutrient-dense foods: Even though caloric needs go down with age, it's important to pack as much nutrition into the calories a person does consume. That means finding nutrient-rich foods like whole grains, fruits, nuts, beans, vegetables, fish, and lean cuts of meat.
- ~ Consume more lean protein: Muscle loss and loss of strength can develop as a person ages. Healthline says the average adult loses 3 to 8 percent of their muscle mass each decade after age 30. Eating more protein could help aging bodies maintain muscle.
- ~ Eat fortified cereals and grains: The ability to absorb vitamin B12 can decrease as one gets older and with the use of certain medicines. Many health professionals recommend patients get more vitamin B12 by consuming foods enriched with this vitamin. Vitamin supplements may be needed in addition to food.
- ~ Drink more fluids: Health.com says sensation of thirst declines with age. Drinking water and other fluids becomes a priority to stay hydrated. It also helps with digestion.
- ~ Prioritize bone health: Osteoporosis is a concern for older adults, particularly women who have reached menopause. Osteoporosis occurs when bones become brittle and can break from only the slightest bump or fall, says the Mayo Clinic. Vitamin D and calcium help strengthen bones, and older adults may need more of these nutrients.

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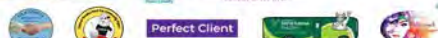
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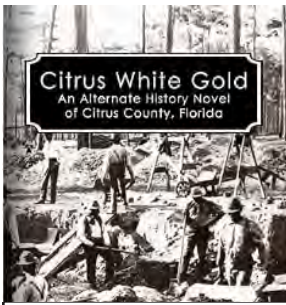
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CITRUS COUNTY GHOST TOWNS

GHOST TOWNS bring out an often intense curiosity in many people. Those visiting the West or watching old Western movies with their classical movie sets are entranced by them. On such trips, many will take a long, rough side trip up a dusty road to wander through a tumbleweed-covered street bordered by graying houses and stores, imagining how things might have looked, long ago, with ghosts walking through them. Some are tourist traps, others emptied of life for more than 100-125 years.

Florida also has such ghost towns to visit (Google "Florida ghost towns"). Some in Florida are complete with old "haunted" structures; others have left little behind. That is the case for the ghost towns of Citrus County.

Except for limestone or brick house foundations, or perhaps a large marble slab remaining on the ground from the old entrance-way to a house, Citrus County ghost towns have little to tell us of the past. Often found are metal scraps, rusty car or truck parts or frames, or farm equipment covered with weeds. Much was carried away to build later homes as these communities shriveled up and disappeared. Tombstones poke up through weeds in uncared-for cemeteries.

The following map taken from my historical time-travel novel, CITRUS WHITE GOLD, shows some of the towns and roads in existence in Citrus County from 1891 to 1899. Recognizable today with residual remains are some, others with nothing to show.

Arlington, Bridgers, Citronelle, Fairmount, Mannfield, Mt. Lee, Oakdale, Orleans, Rosehill, Stage Pond, and Viana are some of our ghost towns.

Except for abandoned cemeteries at Bridgers, Mannfield, and an active one at Stage Pond, there is not much to see, except for the bricks and stones of the foundations, or an old concrete cattle dip that can be seen in Mannfield.

Many people call it Mansfield. That is not the correct name. It is Mannfield, named after Florida State Senator Austin Shuey Mann (1847-1914). Mann was responsible for dividing Hernando County into three new countries, Citrus, Hernando, and Pasco.

Try to find these old Citrus County towns using Google or old USGS topographic maps available in the files of the Citrus County Historical Society located in the Old Citrus Courthouse Museum in Inverness. And, if you locate them in the field, close your eyes to a squint and imagine what these small towns might have looked like those many years ago, with their inhabitants going about their daily lives.

However, more than ghost towns, there is other evidence of the daily activity of our early settlers and workers in Citrus County. Citrus and mining played a big role in the county's development and growth. Not much remains of the Citrus production activity as most of the Citrus groves were killed off in the great back-to-back freezes of 1894-95.

Many of you have biked, roller-bladed, or walked along the Withlacoochee State Trail running from Trilby in northeastmost Pasco County, through Hernando County, and stopping at Citrus Springs in Citrus County.

In a narrow stretch of land running from southeast of Floral City to Dunnellon, on both sides of US Highway 41 and also along State Road 200, there are countless old phosphate mine pits, some with leftover remains, mainly pipes used for processing the phosphate ore. Also, along, County Road 581 (South Pleasant Grove Road) there are two phosphate-mining locations to visit within the Withlacoochee State Forest: (1) Holder Mine and (2) Mutual Mine, with their abandoned deep pits.

One particular area of interest, readily accessible, is in Hernando, Florida.

Let's say, after breakfast at Chicken King (the best sausage biscuit and gravy), you hop on your bike or walk northwest from where the Withlacoochee State Trail crosses West Norvell Bryant Highway (County Road 486). When you reach the point where the trail crosses East Lake Lane (about 600 feet), look on the corner to your right. Here there is a large, rusty steel tank and related structures left over from the 1890s to early 1900s phosphate-mining operations. This tall tank held water used to wash impurities from the phosphate ore before being loaded on trains to be carried to the Withlacoochee River for water transport on barges to the Gulf of Mexico and ships, with most of the ore going to Germany.

Biking/walking further northwest on the trail, note the number of deep old phosphate mining pits on both sides, some with abandoned large-diameter steel pipes at their bottoms.

However, if you prefer a walk in the woods to that of riding a bicycle down the paved trail, there is another rewarding location to visit: Old Mannfield, Citrus County's first county seat, established by Senator Mann.

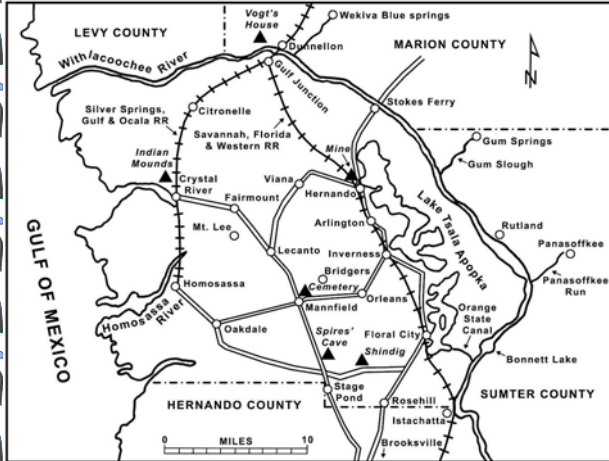
From Lecanto, Florida start at the intersection of Highway 44 and South Lecanto Highway (county road 491) and drive about 5 miles south until around the second curve you come to West Nobel Street. Across 491 you can park your vehicle and with a compass start your walk due southeast on a sandy road (don't go on the road leading north) until you come to the willow-filled former pond and abandoned town of Mannfield. Walk around, and look for signs of former habitation. The old cattle dip tank

(about 30 feet long, 3 feet wide, and 7 feet deep, and used for eliminating ticks on the cattle) is readily seen, as is a pipe from an old well, sticking up. In the 1890s the pond contained water, but is now choked with willows.

If you have the time, try to locate the old Mannfield Cemetery, to the north of Mannfield (it is shown on Google Maps). In the small fenced-in plot are weathered tombstones and a newer, coarse-grained white marble monument streaked diagonally with black, the tomb of Lucinda Wilson (1824-1897). It reads: Shall ever be a Guiding Star in Heaven.

Mannfield no longer existed after 1917, when it was no longer shown on USGS maps. Mannfield, Hernando, and other Citrus County towns are featured in CITRUS WHITE GOLD.

One way to further feel this intimacy with the past is to read CITRUS WHITE GOLD, set in the late 1800s of Citrus County's phosphate mining years. It is available on Amazon.com in both eBook and paperback versions. Follow-ups to this book are THE GATHERERS and DEEP FLORIDA. These three books use time travel to tell some of Florida's history.



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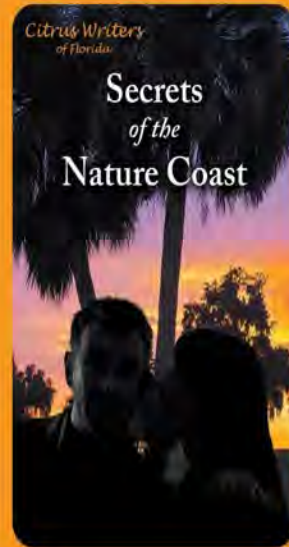
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Help me congratulate our 1st February T-Shirt winner Patricia Aguanno. Patricia (Pat) has been a loyal fan of the Peddler's Post since before Matt and I even knew it existed and was kind enough to welcome Matt, I and the pups to her lovely home yesterday.

Pat moved to Florida in 1959. Her and her Husband Tony both retired from the Pinellas County Sheriff's Office. They have great life experience and are a wonderful couple to visit with. They love going out to eat at all the local mom and pop shop restaurants our community has to offer. Pat picks up her Peddler's Post at Touch of Glass by Susan (you can find her in the business classified section) in Historic Floral City, Florida or at the The Diner located in Inverness, Florida. Pat can't wait to pick up the new monthly Peddler's Post each month. She likes all the information, fun articles, and puzzles.

Tony, Hank is sorry about the accident that happened on your shoe, he was just really excited to meet you. Pat, Gus was so happy to get some love from you.

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Nancy has been a resident of Weeki Wachee in Hernando County Florida since 2005. Prior to that they lived in Masaryktown, Florida which is also in Hernando County.

Her favorite thing to do in Hernando County is to visit the local Flea Markets and to shop! A girl after my own heart! She snagged her copy of the Peddler's Post at her local Winn-Dixie or the West Hernando Diagnostic Center

Nancy's favorite part of the Peddler's Post is all the games, she just loves the games!



Nikki has been a resident of Citrus County for 2 months now. She lives in Crystal River, Florida but works in Inverness, Florida. She recently relocated here from her hometown of Hillsborough County, Florida. Nikki likes to hike and is looking forward to trying out some of the local hiking trails. She also enjoys taking her little people to Inverness Liberty Park.

She works at Everybody Hears Professional Hearing Centers and that is also where she picks up her copy of the Peddler's Post.

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St. Patrick's Day and a pint of beer go hand in hand. When drinking responsibly, a good beer can enhance the festive atmosphere of St. Patrick's Day. According to Vine Pair, beer is the most popular alcoholic beverage in the world. The global beer market is valued at more than \$790 billion dollars. Beer brand popularity depends on the system of measurement. Data from Brand Finance, a leading brand valuation consultancy firm, shows that Heineken is the most valuable beer brand in the world, followed closely by Corona Extra. However, when utilizing the methodology of the popular beer app "Untapped," which measures the number of times users have "checked in" with a particular beer, the most popular brew is different. In 2023, Guinness Draught earned the top spot, followed by Bud Light. Again, measuring a different way, this time according to sales data available, and taking into consideration global sales by volume as estimated by GlobalData Consumer, Snow, a beer only sold in China, is the best-selling beer in the world. Snow sold 101.2 million hectoliters of beer in 2017, the most recent year for data. Budweiser came in second place at nearly half the volume sold (49.2 million).

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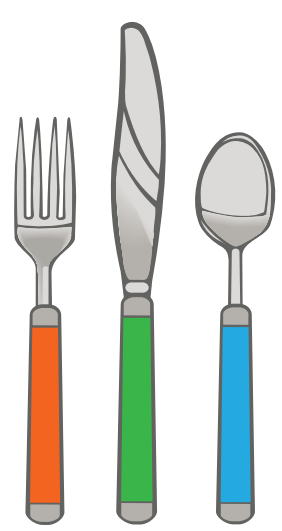


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**HOW MANY VALENTINE
DINO'S WERE HIDDEN IN
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Creative hobbies can lead to personal and professional growth

Much has been made of the value of hobbies in providing a distraction from the daily grind. The value of escapism is hard to define, but many successful professionals find that having a hobby that has nothing to do with their profession provides a much-needed respite during those times when work becomes overwhelming.

Hobbies might provide an invaluable escape for busy professionals, but those professionals should know that creative hobbies also could benefit their careers. A 2014 study published in the Journal of Occupational and Organizational Psychology found that non-work creative activity was positively associated with performance-related professional outcomes, including job creativity.

With so much to gain from engaging in creative hobbies, individuals looking for valuable ways to spend their time away from the office can take up activities such as painting, writing, sculpting, dancing, and/or knitting, among others. It's worth noting that the value of taking up such activities goes beyond personal and professional growth. According to the experts at Solara Mental Health, creative pursuits such as art increase brain plasticity, which is the brain's ability to grow and change over time. Increased brain plasticity can make it easier to learn new skills and maintain flexibility of thinking into old age. Increased brain plasticity also has been linked to a greater ability to maintain a high IQ.

Creative hobbies are often characterized as a valuable way to blow off steam and reduce stress associated with the many responsibilities of adulthood. Though such characterizations are accurate, the value of creative hobbies extends much further and can positively affect individuals' careers and long-term health.





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Paws off! Practice pet poison prevention

Companion animals typically do not understand that certain items in their environments can be harmful. Pets' innate curiosity coupled with unique aromas produced by common household items can put them in jeopardy of potentially deadly poisoning.

According to veterinary experts at WebMD Pet Health Center, an estimated 232,000 cases of pet poisoning occur annually in the United States. In March 2022, the ASPCA Animal Poison Control Center hotline fielded 22 percent more calls stemming from incidents of pet toxicity than in 2021. The following are some steps pet owners can take to protect their companion animals against poisoning.

- ~ Don't leave out human food. Dogs, cats and other animals may be lured by the sweet temptation of their owners' food. Many food scraps can be toxic to pets, including alcoholic beverages, chocolate, coffee beans, moldy foods, and raisins, among others. Keep the kitchen tidy and trash cans (indoor and outdoor) secured.
- ~ Be careful with houseplants. While they may look beautiful and filter indoor air, certain houseplants can be toxic to pets if ingested. Before bringing any new plants into your home, check the ASPCA Toxic and Non-Toxic Plant Guide. Lilies may be pretty, but they also are quite toxic. The smallest nibble can be fatal to cats.
- ~ Keep medications locked away. Be sure that over-the-counter and prescription medications are locked away and cannot be accessed by curious pets. Even seemingly mild medications, like human pain relievers, can be toxic to pets.
- ~ Be safe when spring cleaning. Keep pets out of rooms when they are being cleaned by chemical products or when using insecticides. Wait a day or more before letting pets back into the area. Store products beyond a pet's reach when they're not in use.

With diligence, a significant percentage of pet poisonings can be prevented. Pet owners should do their homework about toxic items in and around their homes and do their best to keep pets safe.



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