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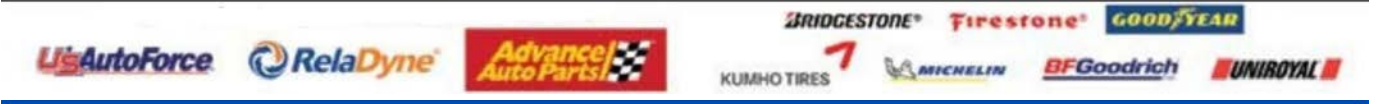
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March: The Month That Can't Decide What It Wants to Be

Well, it's March again, and I don't know about you, but I'm ready for it. March is that weird month where winter's holding on like a dog to a bone, and spring is trying to sneak up like a neighbor who knows you've got good snacks in the cupboard. March is the fickle woman of months. It's got a mind of its own. The wind's blowing one minute, and the next minute, you're staring at a blue sky wondering if winter ever existed.

But then, March brings us March Madness, and suddenly the weather doesn't matter. College basketball takes over like it's the only thing on Earth that matters, and for good reason. If you've ever watched the NCAA Tournament, you know that it's about more than just basketball. It's about yelling at the T.V. in a way that's completely inappropriate for someone your age and stature. It's about those underdog teams that make you feel like the little guy can win sometimes.

Even if it's just for one game. And if you've never filled out a bracket, well, you are missing out. Nothing beats the pure joy of picking a Cinderella team and watching them make a run all the way to the Final Four. Even if you don't have a clue what you're doing.

But let's not forget about March 17th, St. Patrick's Day. Now, I've got nothing against the Irish, but I'm still not sure why we all wear green, drink Guinness, and pretend like we've got shamrocks tattooed on our souls. It's a fun day, no doubt about it. Parades, corned beef, and a few too many green beers. It's the one day of the year when it's socially acceptable to act like you just stumbled off the boat from Dublin, even if the closest you've ever been to Ireland is watching The Quiet Man on T.V. And, let's face it, we could all use a little bit more carefree spirit now and then.

So, March may be unpredictable. Cold one day, warm the next. But it's also full of hope. It's the month when basketball dreams come true, when we all pretend to be Irish for a day, and when you start to feel like spring's just around the corner. It's the month where, no matter what the weather does, you know something exciting is about to happen.

Now go grab a cold one, fill out your bracket, and don't forget to wear green on the 17th. After all, it's March. And anything can happen. *By Leland Shipp www.lelandshipp.com*



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7th & 8th

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Call 727-415-2709 for donation drop-offs at other times.

7th & 8th

The Garden Club of Crystal will be holding their annual yard sale on Fri, 8am-3pm & on Sat, 8am-12pm at 7227 W. Avocado Street in Crystal River. Proceeds will go towards a scholarship for a Crystal River High School senior who plans to further their education in horticulture, environmental sciences, forestry, conservation or allied studies. Camperships will also be awarded to a child who plans to attend Camp Wekiva. Camp Wekiva is run by the Florida Federation of Garden Clubs and runs summer programs for children from grades 1 through 8. Camp Wekiva's motto is Campers Today -- Environmental Leaders Tomorrow. In addition to the yard sale at 7227 W. Avocado Street neighbors in the Crystal Paradise Estate neighborhood will be holding their own yard sales at the same time.

9th

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 9, 2025 at 3:00 pm. Featured presentations will include "Theme from Swan Lake" and "Dance of the Little Swans." The Ocala Youth Symphony is in its 26th year and has been under the direction of Cindy Warringer since its inception. Johnathan Couch is the assistant director. We are always grateful to the young musicians for sharing their enthusiasm and talent. The concert is free. A love offering will be taken. For further information call 352-237-4633.

11th

The Citrus County Genealogical Society will meet at 10:00 a.m. at the Church of Jesus Christ of the Latter-day Saints, 3474 W. Southern St., Lecanto. The speaker will be Michael John Neill. He will be talking about "Researching the Entire Family and Beyond." This lecture discusses the importance of researching the siblings, extended family, and associates of your ancestor. Guests are welcome to attend. For info contact Mary Ann Machonkin himary@tampabay.rr.com

15th

Citrus Wellness Seekers, Inc. is a nonprofit established to provide awareness about holistic health services available in Citrus County. Our event will be Saturday, March 15th, 2025 from 10 AM - 3 PM at the Central Ridge Community Center 77 Civic Circle, Beverly Hills. There will be a variety of local businesses and organizations providing information, services, and goods. There is an entrance donation of \$5 and children under 12 are free.

22nd

The Garden Club of Crystal River is hosting a Craft & Art Fair at the Crystal Oaks Civic Association Club House at 4958 W. Crystal Oaks Drive in Lecanto from 9am-3pm. Monies will go towards their community activities (see post above on the 7th & 8th to learn how proceeds are being spent). The Craft and Arts Fair will feature 20 Plus Vendors, Basket Raffles, a Share Wealth Drawing, Bake Sale, and Coffee and donuts will also be available for sale. There are still a few tables available, if you would like to join us please call Sherry at 603-523-4551 for more information.

24th-28th

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Citrus Sertoma-meets every 1st and 3rd Wednesday at the Inverness Moose Lodge 2112 on 221 S Haid Terrace, Lecanto. Dinner at 5:30 - Meeting at 6:30pm Visitors and New Members are welcome.

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The 1st & 3rd Tues of each month The Citrus Library Coping Connection offers Online dementia support groups hosted by Certified Dementia Practitioner Debbie Selsavage. The meeting is conducted through on-line, real-time video communication The connection hub will be located at the Central Ridge Library at 425 W. Roosevelt Blvd in Beverly Hills. Participants will need to arrive at the Central Ridge Library by 12:50 p.m. on the day of the meeting which is from 1 pm to 3 pm. The program is free and available to anyone. For more information, call 352-746-6622 or 352-422-3663.

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ALZHEIMER'S CAREGIVERS COMMUNITY SUPPORT The Floral City Alzheimer's/Dementia Caregivers Support Group meets on the third Friday of every month in the Floral City Methodist Church on Marvin St. Meeting starts at 10:30am. There is no charge and all caregivers are welcome to attend with no pressure to speak. For more info. contact Helen Ciampi 352-341-2867 or Marcia Beasley at 352-726-7740
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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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Fish and chips is an ideal meal throughout Lent

Lent is an important time of year for Christians across the globe. Lent is a season of sacrifice, and many practicing Christians abstain from consuming flesh meat on Fridays in the weeks preceding Easter.

Abstaining from meat on Fridays throughout Lent does not require devoted Christians to avoid flavor. In fact, there are many flavorful non-meat dishes for Christians to choose from each Friday during Lent. One particularly flavorful option is this recipe for "Gourmet Fish and Chips" from Lines+Angles.

Gourmet Fish and Chips (Makes 4 servings)

For the mushy peas:

- 12 ounces green dried peas, split
- 1 tablespoon baking soda
- 2 tablespoons butter, softened
- Salt
- Freshly ground black peppercorns

For the fries:

- 2 1/4 lbs. white potatoes, peeled
- 8 cups vegetable oil, for deep-frying
- 4 tablespoons cornstarch
- 1 teaspoon onion powder or onion salt

For the fish:

- 4 large white fish fillets, approximately 2 lbs., such as cod or haddock, skinless, pin-boned
- 1 cup flour
- 1 large egg, beaten
- 12 fluid ounces beer, chilled
- Salt to taste
- Pepper to taste

To serve:

- 2 gherkins pickles, sliced lengthwise
- 2 lemons
- Sprig curly parsley

1. For the mushy peas: Combine the peas with the baking soda in a large saucepan. Cover with 8" water. Cover and chill overnight.
2. The next day, drain and rinse thoroughly with cold water.
3. Return the peas to a large saucepan and cover with about 0.5" water. Bring to a boil over a high heat before reducing to a simmer until tender to the bite, about 30 to 40 minutes; skim away any froth that rises to the surface and edges.
4. Remove from the heat and stir in the butter. Season to taste with salt and pepper. Cover and set aside until ready to serve.
5. For the chips/fries: Cut the potatoes into fries. Submerge in a large bowl of water as you heat the oil.
6. Heat the oil in a large, heavy-based saucepan to 285 F; use a thermometer to accurately measure the temperature.
7. Remove the potatoes from the water and pat dry with a paper towel. Place in a large mixing bowl and sprinkle over the corn starch, onion powder and some salt, tossing well to combine.
8. Deep-fry the potatoes until soft and starting to color, about 10 minutes. Drain on paper towel and cover loosely with aluminum foil to keep warm.
9. Increase the temperature of the oil to 355 F. Working in two batches, return the fries to the oil and fry until golden-brown and crisp all over.
10. Remove from the oil and drain on paper towels. Season with salt and cover loosely with aluminum foil to keep warm; reserve the oil.
11. For the fish: Return the frying oil to 355 F; use a kitchen thermometer to accurately gauge the temperature.
12. In the meantime, season the fish with salt and pepper
13. Combine the flour, egg, 1 teaspoon salt, and some freshly ground black pepper in a large mixing bowl. Whisk briefly to combine before slowly whisking in enough of the beer to make a thick, smooth batter.
14. Working one by one, drop the fish fillets into the batter, turning to coat evenly.
15. Let the excess batter drip off the fish before carefully lowering into the hot oil. Deep-fry until golden-brown and crisp, about 4 minutes. Remove from the hot oil and drain on paper towel, covering loosely with aluminum foil.
16. Repeat steps 14 and 15 for the remaining fish.
17. Reheat the fries in the hot oil if needed, draining well.
18. To serve: Divide the mushy peas between ramekins and place on plates. Divide the fries into individual serving baskets and arrange next to the fish on the plates.
19. Cut the lemons in half, scoring a zig-zag pattern into them with a paring knife. Serve alongside the fish and fries, garnishing the fish with gherkin slices and some parsley sprigs.



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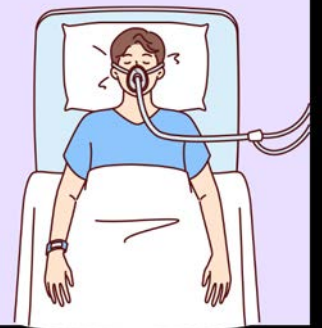


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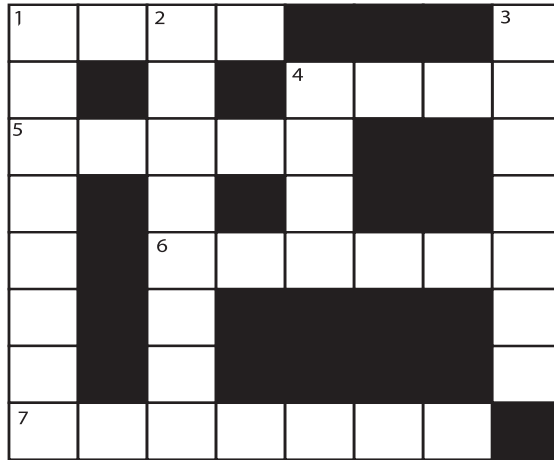
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Crossword Puzzle



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1918: The US Congress establishes time zones.

2003: U.S. President George W. Bush announces the invasion of Iraq in an address to the nation.

Health FACT:

This type of activity keeps the brain active and can be relaxing and reduce stress.

Answer: Crafts/hobbies

ACROSS

1. Infant
4. Uncultivated land
5. Without other people
6. A popular "Cap'n"
7. Unique

DOWN

1. Bed coverings
2. Holds books and items
3. Yarn craft
4. Lists restaurant offerings

Answers:
 Across
 1. Baby 4. Moor 5. Alone 6. Crunch 7. Special
 Down
 1. Blankets 2. Bookcase 3. Crochet 4. Menu

NEW WORD CHAIN

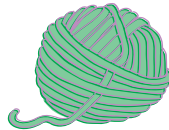
starting stitches of crochet projects

How they say that in...

- English:** Yarn
Spanish: Hilo
Italian: Filo
French: Fil
German: Garn

Did You Know?

Crochet patterns feature a lot of abbreviations for stitches. Learning them can make projects easier.



Get the PICTURE?



Can you guess what the bigger picture is?

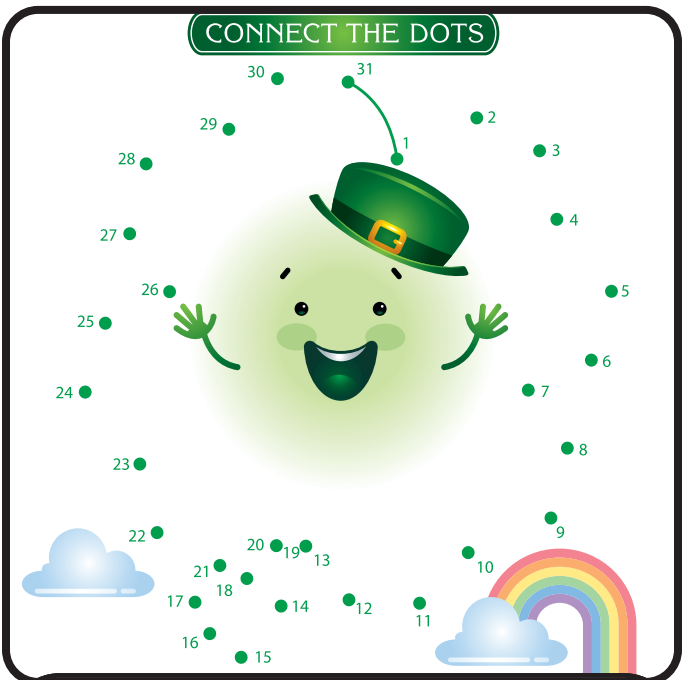
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Level: Beginner

Did you know?

4% of the world's 10- to 14-year-olds & 5.5% of 15- to 19-year-olds across the globe will experience an anxiety disorder.



Data from the United States Department of Health and Human Services indicates nearly one in two adolescents has had a mental health disorder at some point in their lives. According to the Canadian Paediatric Society, one in five Canadian children and youth will experience mental illness. The World Health Organization reports that anxiety disorders, which can involve panic or excessive worry, are the most prevalent mental health issues among adolescents. In fact, data from the Institute of Health Metrics and Evaluation indicates about 4 percent of the world's 10- to 14-year-olds and 5.5 percent of 15- to 19-year-olds across the globe will experience an anxiety disorder.

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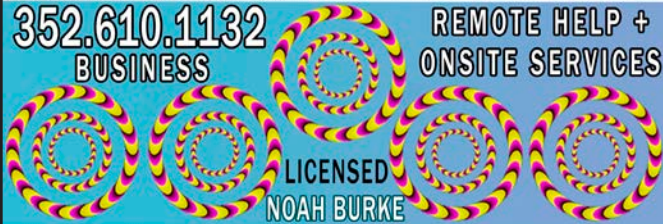
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March 2nd 1933 "King Kong" film directed by Merian C. Cooper and Ernest B. Schoedsack, starring Fay Wray premieres at Radio City Music Hall and RKO Roxy in NYC

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

March 4th 1922 1st vampire film "Nosferatu", an un-authorized adaptation of Bram Stoker's Dracula, premieres at the Berlin Zoological Garden, Germany

March 5th 1971 "Stairway to Heaven" by Led Zeppelin first played live at Ulster Hall, Belfast by Robert Plant, Jimmy Page, John Bonham and John Paul Jones

March 6th 1921 Police in Sunbury, Pennsylvania, issue an edict requiring Women to wear skirts at least 4 inches below the knee



March 7th 321 Roman Emperor Constantine I decrees that the dies Solis Invicti (sun-day) is the day of rest in the Empire

March 8th 1861 St Augustine Florida surrenders to Union armies

March 9th 1959 Barbie makes her debut at the American Toy Fair in New York. Over a billion have been sold worldwide since.

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 1971 Jim Morrison leaves for Paris to re-orient himself emotionally and creatively, and to avoid the jail sentence given to him in Miami, Florida. He never returns to the US.



March 12th 1894 Coca-Cola is sold in bottles for the first time in a candy store in Vicksburg, Mississippi

March 13th 1877 American Chester Greenwood patents earmuffs after inventing them at age 15

March 14th 1923 US President Warren G. Harding becomes 1st president to pay taxes

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 1850 Nathaniel Hawthorne's "The Scarlet Letter" published by Ticknor, Reed and Fields in Boston

March 17th 432 Saint Patrick, aged about 16 is captured by Irish pirates from his home in Great Britain and taken as a slave to Ireland



March 18th 1881 Barnum & Bailey Circus, traveling as "The Greatest Show on Earth", debuts at Madison Square Garden in New York City following the merger of two existing circus groups

March 19th 1882 1st stone laid for the Sagrada Familia basilica in Barcelona, designed by Antoni Gaudí

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

March 21st 1871 Journalist Henry Morton Stanley begins his famous expedition to Africa

March 22nd 1622 First American Indian (Powhatan) massacre of Europeans around Jamestown, Virginia, 347 killed

March 23rd 1922 1st airplane lands at the US Capitol in Washington, D.C.

March 24th 1958 Elvis Presley joins the U.S. Army (serial number 53310761)

March 25th 1807 British Parliament abolishes the slave trade throughout the British Empire; penalty of £120 per slave introduced for ship captains



March 26th 1986 Geffen records signs Guns & Roses

March 27th 1513 Spaniard Juan Ponce de León and his expedition first sight Florida

March 28th 1964 Madame Tussauds Wax Museum in London unveils figures of The Beatles; they later appear on the Sgt. Pepper album cover

March 29th 1848 Niagara Falls stops flowing for 30 hours due to an ice jam in the river upstream

March 30th 1981 US President Ronald Reagan is shot and wounded in an assassination attempt by John Hinckley, three others are also wounded

March 31st 1889 Eiffel Tower opens, for dignitaries and an award ceremony, in Paris, France



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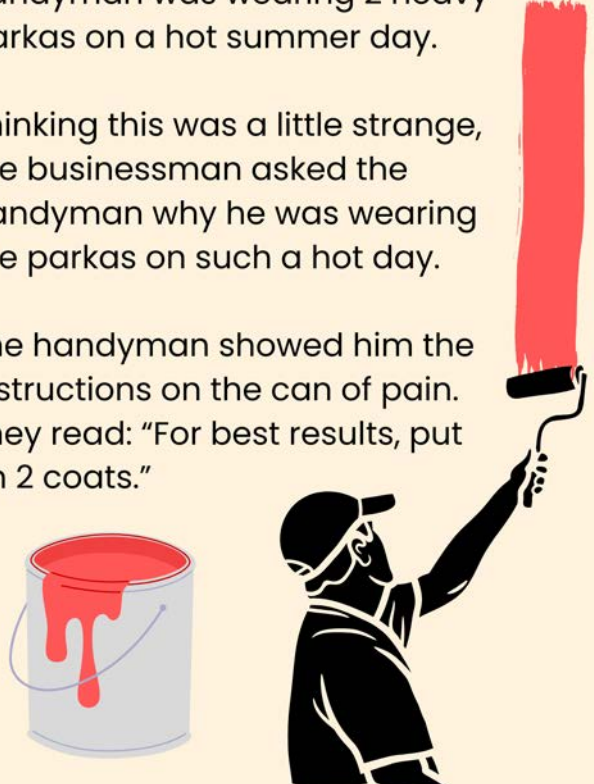
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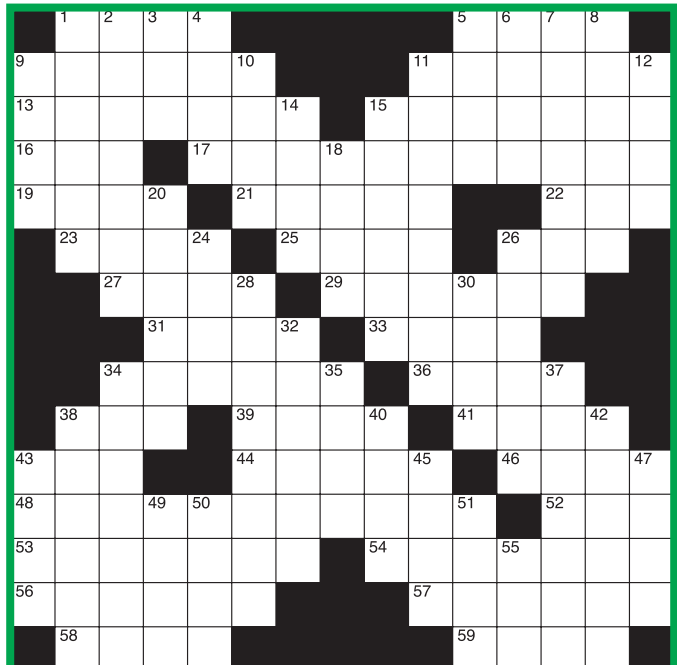
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WHAT'S THE DIFFERENCE?

There are four differences between Picture A and Picture B.



Answers:
 1. "For Sale" sign on box 2. Bird bath in lawn 3. Missing box up front
 4. Address number is different



CLUES ACROSS

1. Take heed
5. One's superior
9. Prepped meat
11. Tighten anew
13. Type of textile fiber
15. Animalistic
16. When you hope to get somewhere
17. Offender
19. Former NYC mayor Ed
21. Type of cryptocurrency
22. Mauna ____, Hawaiian volcano
23. Herring-like fish
25. Popular PBS program
26. Congressman (abbr.)
27. Flightless Australian birds
29. Defrosted
31. Prior Yankee sensation Kevin
33. Nasal mucus
34. Some are southern
36. A place to construct
38. Popular beer brand
39. Shouts of farewell
41. Network of nerves
43. Make a mistake
44. Showed old movie
46. Body parts
48. A divisor
52. Congressional investigatory body
53. Papers
54. Most unnatural
56. Judge the worth of something
57. Makes sounds while sleeping

58. Which
59. Hungarian Violinist

CLUES DOWN

1. Pages
2. Head pain
3. A loud utterance
4. Large brown seaweed
5. Hulu's chef Carmine
6. Greek mountain
7. Made final
8. Bar
9. Tai subgroup
10. What you eat
11. Teaches again
12. Small constellation
14. Type of berry
15. Cows fattened for meat
18. A way to hoof it
20. Exaggerated a role
24. About two
26. Long upholstered seat
28. What employees earn
30. Fiber from a coconut husk
32. Digits
34. Polish by rubbing
35. Liquid body substances
37. Furniture with open shelves
38. Edible part of a chicken
40. Satisfy
42. Tool used to remove
43. Icelandic poems
45. Swiss village
47. Drunks
49. Evergreen plant genus
50. Light precipitation
51. Ribosomal ribonucleic acid
55. An informal debt instrument

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- ~ **St. Patrick's Day:** Though the holiday itself occurs on one of the final days of winter, St. Patrick's Day celebrations tend to take place throughout the month of March. Many communities host St. Patrick's Day parades after the spring equinox, and celebrations of the patron saint of the Emerald Isle have a reputation for being especially convivial. A St. Patrick's Day celebration at a local Irish pub featuring live music and food that would be at home on any dinner table in Ireland can mark the perfect way to close out winter and usher in spring.
- ~ **March Madness:** Basketball fans get their fix and then some each March, when the 68-team, single-elimination NCAA Tournament tips off. Affectionately known as March Madness, the college basketball tournament that unfolds over three weeks from mid-March to early April features its fair share of buzzer beaters, upsets and, of course, busted brackets. Regional contests ensure that just about everyone across the United States is within driving distance of the exciting, if maddening, action.
- ~ **Major League Baseball Opening Day:** Another hallmark of early spring, Opening Day of the baseball season embodies the seasonal spirit of rejuvenation. Baseball fans across the globe know that every team has a chance come Opening Day, when millions of fans return to stadiums to see their favorite teams kick off the six-month campaign.
- ~ **Spring flower festivals:** Spring flower festivals dot the landscape every year. Many occur between mid-March and mid-April and serve as beautiful, awe-inspiring reminders of the blooms that make spring such a colorful and enjoyable time of year.
- ~ **Kentucky Derby:** The annual "Run for the Roses" is held on the first Saturday in May and attracts more than 100,000 visitors to the race track at Churchill Downs. Often referred to as "The Fastest Two Minutes in Sports," the Kentucky Derby serves as the first leg of the Triple Crown and inspires men to don their best seersucker suits and women to showcase their most elaborate, and typically largest, hats as they sip a mint julep and watch the thrilling race unfold.
- ~ **Memorial Day weekend:** Memorial Day is an American holiday that honors and mourns United States military personnel who died while serving in the nation's Armed Forces. Though there's a solemnity to Memorial Day events that is not present with other notable celebrations each spring, the weekend itself also has become a time to gather with friends and family for backyard barbecues. Beachside communities also have come to see Memorial Day weekend as the unofficial beginning of summer.

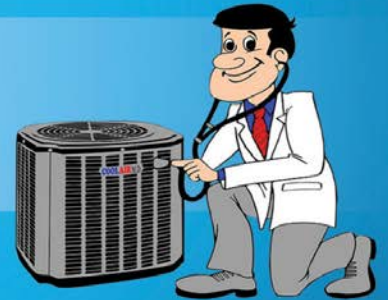
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Cuisine is a big part of Irish culture, even if it's not the first thing people think of when pondering the Emerald Isle. This St. Patrick's Day, celebrants can bring a touch of Irish cuisine to their celebrations by preparing the following recipe for "Irish Guinness Stew with Lamb" courtesy of Lines+Angles.

Irish Guinness Stew with Lamb (Makes 6 servings)

- 8 cups lamb or beef stock; divided
- 1 cup pearl barley
- 3 lb. lamb shoulder, cubed
- Salt, to taste
- Freshly ground black pepper, to taste
- 3 tablespoons oil
- 1/2 cup unbleached all-purpose flour
- 4 stalks of celery, washed, trimmed and chopped
- 2 large yellow onions, peeled and chopped
- 3 cloves of garlic, minced
- 3 large carrots, peeled and roughly chopped
- 12 fluid ounces Guinness stout
- 1 bunch fresh parsley
- 1 bunch fresh thyme
- 1 bunch fresh rosemary
- 3 large potatoes, peeled and cubed
- 2 teaspoons cornstarch
- 4 teaspoons water

1. In a medium saucepan set over medium heat, bring 3 cups of stock to a boil; add barley. Reduce heat to low and gently simmer for 20 minutes. Set aside.
2. Meanwhile, pat the meat dry with paper towels. Season the meat with salt and pepper. Heat the oil in a 6-quart Dutch oven. Brown the meat on all sides over medium-high heat. Using a slotted spoon, remove the meat from the pot. Sprinkle flour over the meat, shaking off any excess; set aside.
3. Add the celery, onions, garlic and carrots to the pot and saute until onions are soft and translucent. Add Guinness and deglaze the pot, scraping up all the caramelized bits on the bottom and sides of the pan.
4. Chop the leaves of the parsley, reserving the stems. Tie the parsley stems and several sprigs of thyme and rosemary into a bundle; drop the bundle into the pot. Chop the remaining thyme and rosemary; set chopped herbs aside.
5. Return the meat to the pot. Add the potatoes, barley and enough stock to cover the meat and vegetables. Bring to a boil over medium heat. Reduce heat to very low and simmer for 2 to 3 hours, or until meat is fork tender. Stir occasionally, adding remaining stock as necessary.
6. Check seasoning; adjust to taste. Stir in chopped parsley, thyme and rosemary. Mix cornstarch in water and stir. Add to stew, stirring to incorporate. Cook over low heat for 5 to 10 minutes or until stew thickens. Ladle into bowls. Serve with crusty bread and of course more Guinness if desired.



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Popular books have a way of finding their way into homes across the globe. Indeed, certain books transcend geographical boundaries and entice readers from all walks of life and cultural backgrounds. But which books have earned their place among the best-selling tomes of all time? Though it's hard to compile an indisputable list of history's best-selling books, as sales of religious texts such as The Bible and the Quran, which are routinely distributed for free, are hard to quantify, the following are some of the best-selling non-religious texts to ever find their way onto a shelf.

- ~ "Don Quixote" by Miguel de Cervantes: This tragicomedy initially published in 1605 (part two was published a decade later) is estimated to have sold half a billion copies.
- ~ "A Tale of Two Cities" by Charles Dickens: This novel with the famed opening line of "It was the best of times, it was the worst of times" has sold an estimated 200 million copies since it was first published in 1859.
- ~ "The Little Prince" by Antoine de Saint-Exupery: This tale, published in 1943, was written for children but has proven equally popular with adult audiences, which no doubt accounts for its sales estimated at around 140 million copies.
- ~ "Harry Potter and the Sorcerers' Stone" by J.K. Rowling: This is just one of a handful of books in Rowling's Harry Potter series that are among the best-selling titles of all time. Estimates indicate this first book in the series is the best-selling Harry Potter title to date, with roughly 120 million copies sold since its initial publication in 1997.
- ~ "And Then There Were None" by Agatha Christie: English mystery master Agatha Christie was a prolific writer, with more than 66 detective novels to her credit. None sold more than this classic murder mystery, which has sales of around 100 million copies since it was first published in 1939.
- ~ "Dream of the Red Chamber" by Cao Xueqin: Western audiences may not recognize this title as readily as the other books that qualify for the list of the best-selling works of all time, but this classic Chinese novel written in 1791 has sold roughly 100 million copies over the centuries.
- ~ "The Hobbit" by J.R.R. Tolkien: "The Hobbit" preceded Tolkien's "The Lord of the Rings Trilogy," sales of which are believed to have exceeded 150 million copies (the trilogy was serialized, but many copies have since been sold in a single-volume work, making it difficult to determine where each book ranks on a list of best-selling titles of all time). Popular in its own right, "The Hobbit" has sold an estimated 100 million copies since Tolkien first introduced the world to "Bilbo Baggins" in 1937.
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The Perfect Tissue Box

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Ugh, that meant the dreaded paper product aisle.

The floor smelled like commercial-grade cleaning chemicals. People were talking, kids were running, parents were reprimanding, and our shopping cart with its wobbly wheel thump-thumping stopped in front of the wall of tissues.

I remember standing in the Pathmark supermarket aisle in front of the tissues for what seemed to be forever. There were probably hundreds of choices; ones with lotion, 2-ply, 3-ply, ultra soft, multi-pack, scented, unscented, name brand, store brand, cube-shaped boxes, and even travel size.

My mom always had to get just the right tissue box for each and every room of the house. The colors had to match the bedroom, bathroom, or wherever the tissues would be put.

For the tissue box going in the bathroom, certain things must be considered. The tissue box had to match the bathroom decor. In the bathroom, the shower curtain would be swapped out multiple times per year. The shower curtain matched the toothbrush holder, and the toothbrush holder matched the soap dispenser, and the soap dispenser matched the hand towels. And depending on the season, special hand towels would be set out. You know the kind that you see in other people's houses and you're afraid to use them so you wind up drying your hands on your pants and walking out like it didn't matter.

My mom would stand there in the aisle and hold her hand to her chin when she was deep in thought trying to choose the perfect tissue box because she wanted everything to look perfect for company. And I would always tell her that when people come to the house to see us. They are here to see us, not how clean our house is. And they certainly don't care about the tissue boxes. I told her no one was going to notice if the tissue box matches the shower curtain or if there's a tiny dent on the bottom of the box.

I would roll my eyes as she stood there picking up and examining the 6th or 7th or even 8th box. I wanted to go home and go swimming or just be anywhere other than that store waiting for her to pick out a box of stupid tissues.

A crushed or dented box would go back on the shelf immediately. Crushed or dented boxes were always rejects! It was like there was a hierarchy of importance to picking out just the right box. The condition was equally or more important than the color.

It wouldn't even be just us involved in this. My mom would often find someone who worked in the supermarket or some taller customer passing by to get one of the boxes on the top shelf.

While shopping, I think even she would get tired of everything. I remember her saying "I would love to have someone put it all away for me." Like there was a magical fairy or something. Or that she would snap her fingers when we got home and it would be done.

And then there was the task of getting the best deal, one that could be combined with a store sale, or a coupon that could be doubled, or stacked, or a coupon that just had to be used because it was about to expire soon, and she didn't want it to be wasted. I think sometimes she would even cut the date off of the coupon if it expired already. Shhhhh, don't tell anyone.

I can still hear the click of her nails tapping on the calculator seeing what we had spent so far. And I would watch her rustle through each of her many coupon files that were placed meticulously in the top part of the cart. Her nails were always nicely manicured and always some shade of mauve.

And then paying for the groceries was a whole 'nother thing. Yep, my mom would be the one who held up the line, by writing a check, using all sorts of coupons, and schooling the cashier on their sales.

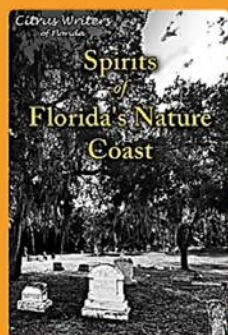
Who would have known that standing in the grocery store picking out tissues would be one of my most cherished memories? I didn't realize then that one of the things I hated most would be one of the things I miss the most. My mom passed away 27 years ago and I sometimes hear her voice when I'm picking out tissues.

I wanted to be anywhere else but there, but what I wouldn't give to be standing in that aisle right now. I want to be right back there looking for the perfect tissue box, no matter how long it takes. Maybe there is no such thing as the perfect tissue box, but I do know I had the perfect mother.



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Spring is a time of rebirth when flowers and trees bloom anew and animals bear new young. Spring is an exciting and busy time, and one that people can commemorate in many unique ways. Here are seven ideas to usher in spring this March.

1. Fill a home or business with flowers. Collect some early tulip or daffodil blooms and place them around the house. Offer bouquets of dandelions to children or weave them into flower crowns.
2. Spend time in nature. It's time to get outside, and there is no better time to do so than the beginning of spring. Soak up the sun and temperate climate, which can be good for your physical and mental well-being.
3. Visit a loved one. Bring some sunshine to an elderly relative by visiting with him or her. Take a stroll outside or sit on a bench and enjoy a picnic.
4. Prepare the garden by cleaning out weeds and tilling the soil. Some early spring preparation ensures everything will be ready when planting time arrives.
5. Prepare an outdoor feast. Whether it's a picnic or a barbecue, serve up a warm-weather feast with salads, sandwiches and other dishes that are normally served outdoors.
6. Sow some seeds. Encourage each member of your household to pick a favorite plant or flower and sow it in celebration of the first day of spring. It's possible to make a special spring garden with perennials that will bloom each year.
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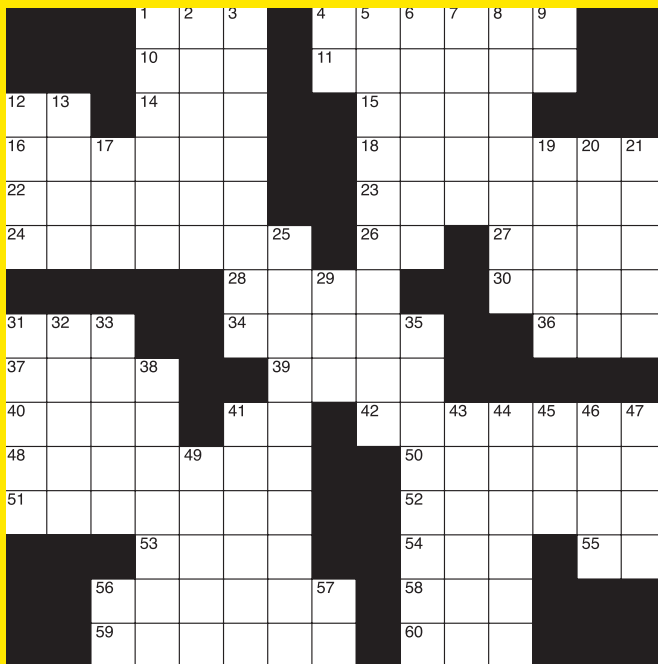
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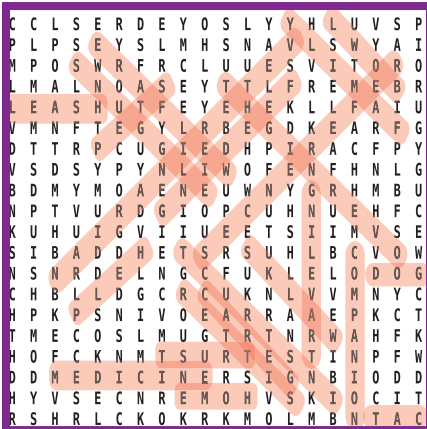
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Help us Congratulate Linda, one of our February Scavenger Hunt Winners! Matt met up with Linda over at Dan's Clam Stand yesterday to deliver her new Penny the Paper Peddler Hat!
 Linda picked up her February copy of the Peddler's Post at the Beef 'O' Brady's Crystal River but sees it everywhere. Linda's favorite part of the Peddler's Post is how it makes her laugh with all the jokes. She also likes the monthly scavenger hunt. She loves all the articles and the fun facts, and it does draw her to some of the advertisements, she says.
 Linda is newer to Citrus County moving here about 6 months ago from Michigan but has been avid visitor for years prior. Her favorite thing to do is go thrift shopping and head out to the beach when she can. She loves Citrus County and she Loves the Peddler's Post.



Help us Congratulate Mark, one of our February Scavenger Hunt Winners! Matt met up with Mark over at Argento's Italian Bistro & Pastry Shoppe a couple days ago to deliver his hat and take this awesome picture!
 Mark gets his Peddler's Post at the Winn Dixie in Hudson Florida, right off of US 19. Mark and his wife Julie moved to Hudson in beautiful Pasco County from Michigan eight years ago. Mark and Julie enjoy taking their electric bikes out to places like Starkey Ranch and other places where they can enjoy the outdoors.
 Mark's favorite part of the Peddler's Post is the puzzles. Mark says this about the Peddler's Post, " He finds the Peddler's Post fun to read and enjoy. it's a unique way of entertaining his mid-morning coffee and I enjoy it."



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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