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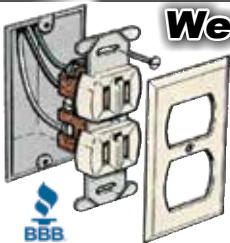
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| 3/1 | Karen Payne | 413 |
| 3/3 | Karen Berthold | 361 |
| 3/3 | Kim Fasciano | 363 |
| 3/9 | Pat McGowan | 408 |
| 3/10 | Eloise Blanchard | 469 |
| 3/10 | Linda Kleier | 395 |
| 3/11 | Lana Wiberg | 385 |
| 3/12 | John Scaffardi | 337 |
| 3/15 | Stan Jelic | 386 |
| 3/16 | Robert Rowles | 402 |
| 3/16 | Tammy Smay | 369 |
| 3/17 | Jeff Airhardt | 315 |
| 3/17 | Ernesto Gonzales | 474 |
| 3/18 | Jeffrey Burdian | 406 |
| 3/18 | Kathy Denten | 393 |
| 3/18 | Pam VanBeusekom | 420 |
| 3/19 | Tom Nordhof | 459 |
| 3/19 | Susie Safford | 415 |
| 3/21 | Cindy Abell | 458 |
| 3/23 | Tina Consolo | 476 |
| 3/24 | Linda Ferris | 461 |
| 3/25 | Renate Dulmage | 463 |
| 3/28 | Orlando Munoz | 390 |
| 3/29 | Robert Poggi | 451 |





The season March(es) on!!

And even before March could come in like a lion, we experienced wind and weather changes. Let's hope we enjoy a month of lamb weather. Regardless of the weather outside, the Golden Crest annual Chili Competition and Chili Community Dinner will warm us up in March.

Back for a second year, the Golf Cart (bicycle or walking) Poker Run will be held on Saturday, March 7. Exciting plans at each of the five stops to gather your cards.

A special shout out to Doug Smay for his community volunteerism leading Trivia for the past 5 years. He had a steady following and managed to stump the group many times. If anyone else would like to host a Trivia night, let me know.

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Sunny days ahead

Sam was the worst meteorologist in the history of the science. When he forecast sunshine it would rain, if he said it would rain it would snow. After a miserable run on a local TV station in the Pacific Northeast, Sam decided to apply for a job in a small town in Arizona.

“So, what prompted your decision to leave Washington?” the Arizona station manager asked.

“The weather didn’t agree with me,” Sam replied.



Just the music

When a famous violinist told a wealthy patron that his fee to perform at her upcoming party would be \$5,000, she balked at the price, but agreed to pay it.

“Please keep in mind,” she added, “I do not expect you to mingle with the guests.”

The violinist replied, “In that case, it will only be \$4,000.”



Dan’s lucky night

Dan had a bad case of stage fright and was nervous about a presentation he was to give at the community business forum. He’d rushed there after supper, and as he took his seat, he realized he’d left his dentures at home.

“I don’t know how I’ll get through this,” he lamented to the man seated next to him. “Without my teeth, people might have a hard time understanding me.”

“You’re in luck,” the man replied. “I happen to have a pair of dentures in my pocket. They won’t be an exact fit, but it’ll be better than nothing.”

Dan tried the dentures and they weren’t too bad a fit. He made it through his presentation and afterward found his new friend. “This was my lucky night, forgetting my dentures and meeting a dentist with an extra set.”

“Oh, I’m not a dentist,” the man replied. “I’m an undertaker.”



Quotes

If you can find humor in your own troubles, you will actually begin to see them in a different light.

Kristine Joy Escarilla

If you could choose one characteristic that could get you through life, choose a sense of humor.
—Jennifer Jones



Be contrary to plumb new ideas

Following the crowd is usually a safe bet, but it doesn't usually lend itself to creative thinking. If you want to be creative, sometimes you have to go against the grain. The trick is figuring out when you have a situation that calls for you to stand out from the crowd and take a contrary point of view from the majority.

The first thing to do before launching your career as a rebel is ask yourself whether you have a good reason for your contrary opinion. Just going against the conventional wisdom for the sake of taking the other side isn't usually smart. For instance, if you think your organization should change the color of a product, but it has a long history of making the product in only one distinct color, you have to be able to back up your opinion with reasons why you think this will benefit the organization. You might believe, for example, that your product needs to be rebranded—that it has grown stale with time and overexposure. Even if you don't ultimately succeed, you'll stretch your creative muscles and show an ability to think independently, which can only boost your career.



Careers for creative types

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It's easy to come up with new ideas; the hard part is letting go of what worked for you two years ago, but will soon be out of date.

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The pastor told him to take a bag full of feathers and place a feather on the doorstep of each individual he'd spoken to, and also those that the news was shared with. The man did as instructed, then returned to the church to find out what he should do next.

"Now return to every place you left a feather and collect them," the pastor said.

As the man walked through his village, he was surprised that he could not find a single feather on any of the doorsteps where they'd been placed. He did find a couple blowing about the yard at a house he had not visited, but they were carried off by a sudden gust. He once again returned to the church.

"Were you able to retrieve any of your feathers?" the pastor asked.

"No," the man replied. "The wind blew them all away."

"We are not always able to retrieve the things we put into the world," the pastor explained. "They can take on an energy all their own and travel great distances. Please keep this in mind and choose your words mindfully the next time you speak of another's character."



Where the magic is hiding

A woman visited a fortuneteller to find out if her future would be successful, but instead of answering any of the questions, the fortuneteller gave the woman a box. She explained that it was a magic box that had the power to make dreams come true. She handed the woman a notepad and told the woman to write down three things she wanted and then place the paper in the box. She told her to take the box home and shake it three times each morning upon waking and three times in the evening before going to bed, making sure to repeat her wishes aloud each time. The fortuneteller also told the woman she'd have to return the box in one year.

A year later, the woman once again visited the fortuneteller. "I followed your instructions, and everything I hoped for came true," the woman said. "This box really does hold powerful magic."

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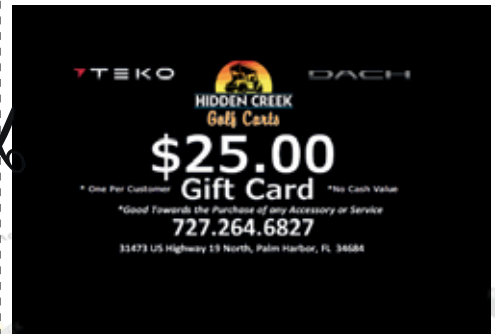


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Here are some tips for both parents and children to follow to help create an atmosphere of positive citizenry on social media channels:



- **Pause before you press “enter.”** You leave a permanent footprint on everything you post, creating the likelihood it can resurface at any time and call your character into question later. Resist the urge to be impulsive, spread gossip, or promote hate.
- **Apply the Golden Rule.** You are what you post, retweet, and share. Ask yourself these three questions of anything you feel inspired to post: Is it true? Will it cause anyone harm? What is my motivation for posting this?
- **Get permission/Give permission.** Before sharing someone else’s photos or content, make sure you have their OK and ask the same of your contacts.
- **Review your privacy settings.** They are there for a reason—to limit who can access your information and how they can use it. You have locks on the doors and windows of your home to keep unwanted guests out; do the same for your social media profiles and feeds.
- **Police the content that appears on your page.** Not everyone is mindful of the content they post. Occasionally, that inappropriate material will make its way onto your social media feed, where it can be viewed by your contacts and misinterpreted as something you favor. Don’t hesitate to block contacts and remove posts from your feed if they are offensive.
- **Exercise caution.** You wouldn’t allow your children to walk around with a sandwich board displaying their legal name, age, address, and other personal information, so don’t allow them to create detailed profiles that can be accessed by strangers the world over. Never divulge too much information about yourself, your current location, or future plans unless you want to fall victim to unscrupulous internet trolls.

One big, happy family

Here are a few tips to keep in mind if you are inheriting a blended family situation:

- **Establish routines.** This can be an emotional and confusing time for all, and it might take some time to figure out how this new dynamic functions. It will be less chaotic if your household and schedules are organized and in sync.
- **Everybody needs space.** To help family members adjust, make sure everyone has sufficient time and space to nurture their needs for privacy.
- **Find common bonds.** Figure out activities that the entire family can enjoy. You’ll also need to find activities that encourage bonding between stepparents and stepchildren.
- **Talk things over.** Check in with family members frequently, listen to what concerns they might have, and be willing to create an environment where dialogue is possible.
- **Don’t forget date night.** It’s easy to get lost in the identity of your roles in your new family, but shift the focus back to your marriage. Keep the romance alive by scheduling a meal away from home at a favorite restaurant or a night out on the town with your spouse.

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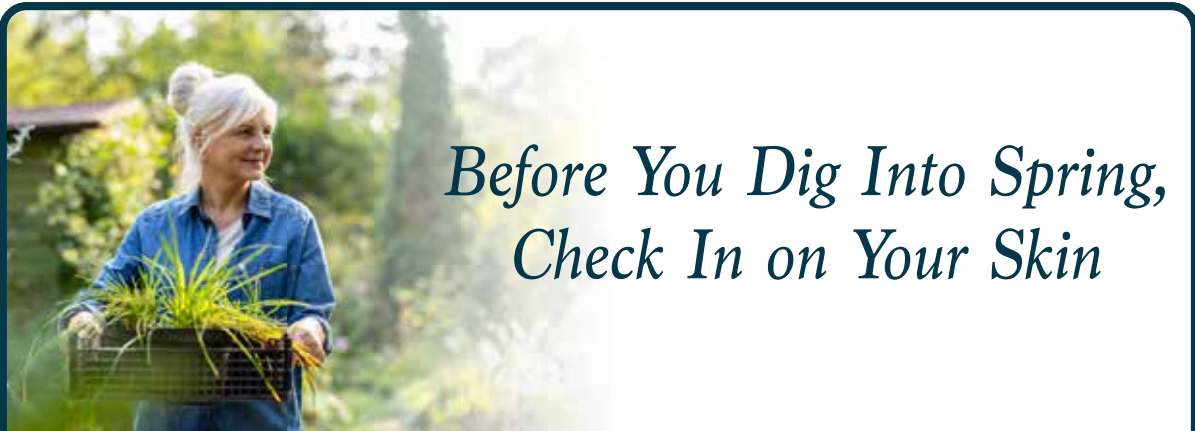
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Insomnia is becoming a problem in our society, and it's attributable to complex interactions among dozens of factors. One in three American adults don't get enough sleep every night, and that number may rise if we don't work collectively to try and improve our sleep patterns. As health care writer Anna Johansson points out, the effects of sleep deprivation are dangerous, both in the short and long term:

- **Lack of focus and memory.** As both a short-term and long-term effect, losing sleep can interfere with your ability to create new memories, and may make it more difficult to focus during the day. This makes it difficult to perform in most professional roles.
- **Declining cognitive abilities.** Sleep loss also hinders your cognitive capacity, making it more difficult to think critically or solve problems. This gets more intense with more sleeplessness over time.
- **Obesity and diabetes.** There's evidence to show that chronic sleeplessness can lead to obesity, as well as diabetes, which in turn can lead to even more serious health complications.
- **Heart disease and mortality.** Chronic lack of sleep may even increase the likelihood and severity of heart disease, and decrease your lifespan.

Coffee may cut risk of death, studies say

Starting the day with a cup of coffee helps many of us wake up. New evidence suggests it may help us live a longer life, too.

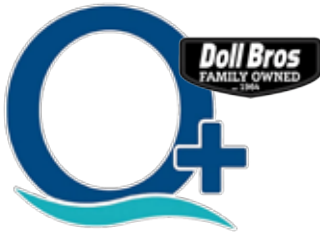
In one study written up in the journal *Annals of Internal Medicine*, researchers at the University of Southern California's Keck School of Medicine surveyed more than 185,000 Americans for 16 years. Their results: People who drank one cup of java a day were 12 percent less likely to die than those who didn't, and people who drank two to three cups were less likely to die by 18 percent—regardless of whether the coffee was caffeinated or not.

In another study reported in the same journal, researchers analyzed data from more than half a million people across Europe, and found that higher levels of coffee drinking were associated with a decrease in the risk of death from many causes, including circulatory and digestive tract diseases.

So enjoy your cup of coffee. It may add years to your life.

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- **Strength training.** Lifting weights has been shown to increase muscle mass and may even reverse the most debilitating effects of muscle loss.
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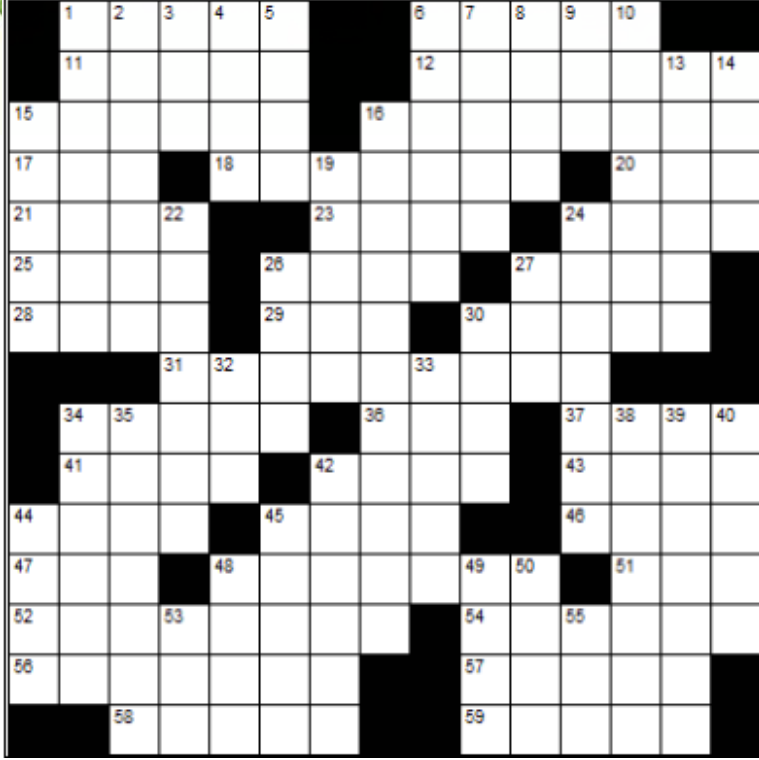
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MARCH CROSSWORD



ACROSS

- 1. Boundary
- 6. Reveals
- 11. Battery terminal
- 12. Futile
- 15. Reply
- 16. Nasal spray, for example
- 17. Decay
- 18. Metal refinery
- 20. Sticky stuff
- 21. Distinctive flair
- 23. Secluded valley
- 24. Belch
- 25. One less than 10
- 26. Dry
- 27. Puncture
- 28. Against
- 29. Animal companion
- 30. Invoices to pay
- 31. Flashy
- 34. Earth tone
- 36. Small piece of cloth
- 37. A cooperative unit
- 41. Jury member
- 42. Chats
- 43. Decorative case
- 44. Darling
- 45. Carry
- 46. Tatters
- 47. N N N
- 48. Kneecap
- 51. Destroy the interior of
- 52. Snobs
- 54. Blood vessel
- 56. Nerve junction
- 57. Tally
- 58. Color of most grasses
- 59. Rip up

DOWN

- 1. Ointment ingredient
- 2. Blink of an eye
- 3. Cut grass
- 4. Mid-month days
- 5. Duration
- 6. Tapped without swinging
- 7. Pale
- 8. Towards the back
- 9. Addition
- 10. Mostly white aquatic bird
- 13. Breathes noisily while sleeping
- 14. Cease
- 15. Sporting venue
- 16. Nonreaders
- 19. Wading bird
- 22. Not one or the other
- 24. Fortify
- 26. Abbey area
- 27. Not hers
- 30. Pleads
- 32. Arrange (abbrev.)
- 33. Record company
- 34. Candidly
- 35. Discontinuing
- 38. Knickknack holder
- 39. Foretold
- 40. Foggy
- 42. Received
- 44. D D D
- 45. Thigh armor
- 48. Tube
- 49. Young woman
- 50. Curve
- 53. Driveway surface
- 55. Craggy peak



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4. Every month we draw new tickets for **CASH PRIZES** and mail winners a check! **Every month is a new chance to win!**

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Pets by the numbers

We love our pets, whether they're dogs, cats, fish, or reptiles. According to the American Pet Products Association National Pet Owners Survey, here's a breakdown of pet ownership in the United States:

Number of U.S. households that own a pet (millions)

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| Dog | 60.2 |
| Cat | 47.1 |
| Freshwater fish | 12.5 |
| Bird | 7.9 |
| Small animal | 6.7 |
| Reptile | 4.7 |
| Horse | 2.6 |
| Saltwater fish | 2.5 |



Total number of pets owned in the U.S. (millions)

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|-----------------|-------|
| Freshwater fish | 139.3 |
| Cat | 94.2 |
| Dog | 89.7 |
| Bird | 20.3 |
| Saltwater fish | 18.8 |
| Small animal | 14.0 |
| Reptile | 9.4 |
| Horse | 7.6 |



Families growing in size as remarriage rises

Family relationships can be complicated these days. The Bloomberg website reports that almost a third of U.S. households headed by adults under 55 have at least one stepchild, and among couples over 55 with adult children, 33 percent have at least one stepchild. Counting stepchildren boosts the size of a family by 55 percent among Americans with grown children.

Divorce and remarriage are driving the growth. The divorce rate for older Americans has almost doubled in the last 20 years, with almost 30 percent of people over 50 having been married more than once.



Quotes

Life it is not just a series of calculations and a sum total of statistics, it's about experience, it's about participation, it is something more complex and more interesting than what is obvious.

- Daniel Libeskind



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