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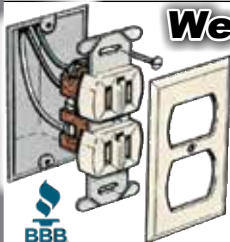
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**Brain Awareness Week, March 15–21.** Brain Awareness Week is a global campaign to foster public enthusiasm and support for brain science. Every March, partners host imaginative activities in their communities that share the wonders of the brain and the impact brain science has on our everyday lives.

**National Poison Prevention Week, March 21–27.** A week dedicated to raising awareness of poison control centers and the Poison Help Hotline (1-800-222-1222).



## Daily

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**S**elf-Injury Awareness Day, March 1. A grassroots annual global awareness initiative in which some people choose to be more open about their own self-harm, and organizations make special efforts to raise awareness about self-harm and self-injury.

**World Wildlife Day, March 3.** A day to celebrate and raise awareness of the world's wild animals and plants.

**Pi Day, March 14.** Divide any circle's circumference by its diameter; the answer is always approximately 3.14, a number represented by the Greek letter  $\pi$ . Keep calculating its digits and you'll discover they go on literally forever.

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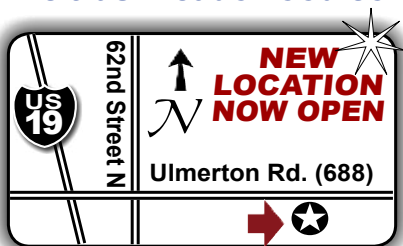


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A marble statue stood in the middle of a large city, surrounded by hundreds of marble tiles that visitors from all over the world stood on to admire the statue's beauty.

One night, when the city square was empty, one of the marble tiles right in front of the statue spoke.

"Hey, statue, don't you think it's not fair that people from all over the world come here to admire you while ignoring and stepping on me?"

The statue replied, "Don't you remember we were actually cut from the same block of marble?"

"Yes, I do! That's why it's even more unfair. Both of us came from that block, and yet the world treats you so differently now!"

The statue said, "Do you remember the day the sculptor tried to work on you, but you resisted his tools?"

"Yes, it hurt! I hated him! How could he use those nasty tools on me?"

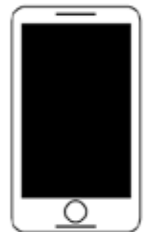
The statue continued: "Well, because you resisted his tools, he couldn't work on you, so he decided to give up and work on me instead. I knew at once that I would be something different and unique after his efforts, so I bore all the painful tools he used on me and allowed him to craft me as he wanted."

"But those tools were so painful!"

The statue said, "My brother, there is a price for everything in life. You decided to resist and give up, so you can't blame anybody who steps on you now."

The marble tile silently listened to the statue's words and started to reflect on them

## The Defective Phone



An elderly gentleman took his cell phone to a repair shop. "I've only had this phone for a few weeks, but it doesn't receive calls. Can you fix it for me?"

The technician took it into the back and came out a few minutes later. "Actually, there's nothing wrong with this phone. I tested it, and it receives calls just fine."

The old man stared at him, then took the phone. "Then why aren't my children calling me?"

The technician didn't know what to say. As the old man turned to leave, he asked quietly, "Do you call your parents?"

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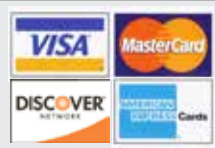
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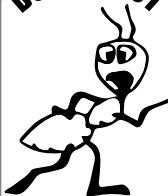
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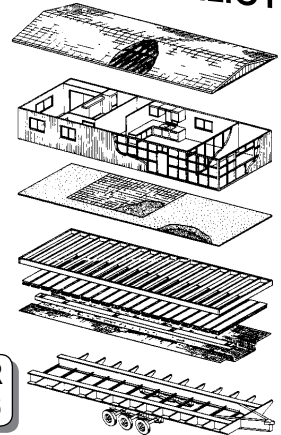
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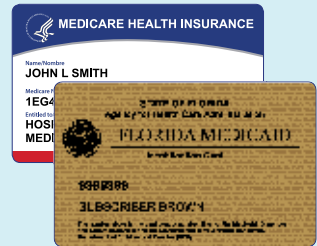
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- Nothing ruins a Friday more than realizing that today is only Tuesday.
- Did you hear about the guy who got fired from the calendar factory? All he did was take a day off.
- There’s a new trend in our office—everyone is putting names on their food. Just today, I ate a sandwich named Kevin.
- A clean desk is a sign of a cluttered desk drawer.
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A man visited his doctor for a checkup. At the end of the exam, the doctor commented, “You certainly seem to get a lot of exercise.”  
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The doctor was impressed. “You seem to be quite the avid outdoor enthusiast.”  
“Not really,” the man replied. “I’m just a lousy golfer.”



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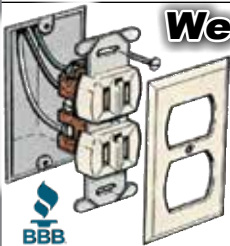
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On the twins' 10th birthday, the father took them on a fishing trip, telling his wife that they would be back in a week. A week passed. Then a month. Then two. Three months passed with no word, and the wife began to lose hope.

However, one day, she saw two figures approaching on the horizon, dragging the biggest fish she'd ever seen. She ran to her husband and said, "Wow! That fish is gigantic!"

The fisherman says, "Well, it's actually a funny story. We spent a week at sea, with no luck. However, on the last day, this beast jumped up on the deck and grabbed Toward in its jaws! For three hours I fought the fish, until eventually I was able to defeat it and cut Toward free."

"That's amazing!" the wife said. Then she realized only one son was with her husband. "Where's your brother?" she asked the boy.

The boy said, "Well, if you think this fish is big, you should have seen the one that got Away!"

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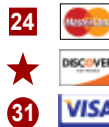
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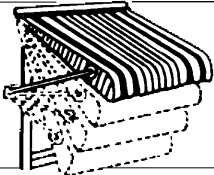
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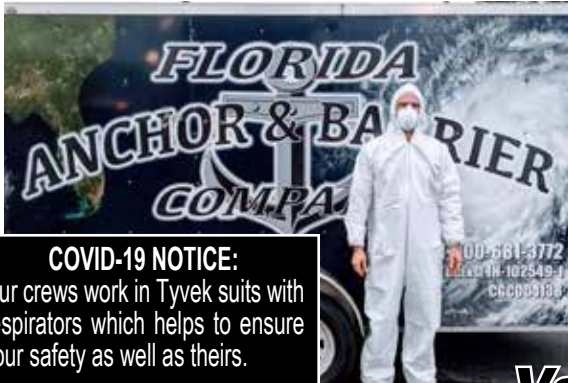
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## St. Patrick: the myth and the man

For some, St. Patrick's Day (March 17) is a reason to wear green, go to a parade, and drink more Irish whiskey than usual. But just who was this St. Patrick fellow?

The most common belief is that he drove the snakes out of Ireland. Ireland probably never had snakes, though, and the myth may refer to Patrick's efforts to stamp out the serpent imagery used by the Druids. He also may have used the three-leafed shamrock to illustrate the concept of the Holy Trinity to the people he was trying to convert to Christianity as a missionary in Ireland during the fifth century.

Historians agree that Patrick was born in Roman-occupied Britain, the son of a Christian deacon. At age 16 he was captured and taken to Ireland, where he was a slave for six years. During this time, his Christian faith strengthened, and one day he heard a voice (according to a letter he wrote about his early life) promising he would soon return home. Shortly afterward he escaped, found his way to a ship, and went back to his family.

An angel appeared to him in a dream, he later wrote, telling him to return to Ireland as a missionary. After a long period of religious training, Patrick went back to the land where he had been a slave to convert the Irish and to minister to those Christians living there.

March 17 is believed to be the date of his death. Although never formally canonized, Patrick came to be considered a saint, and March 17 was celebrated as a religious holiday until 1903, when it became a public holiday in Ireland by an act of the British Parliament.



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The professor frowned. "But I knew that woman on Earth! She ran the cafeteria at the university where I taught! How could she have been the greatest painter in history?"

St. Peter shook his head sadly. "She could have been, if she had ever picked up a brush and tried to paint."



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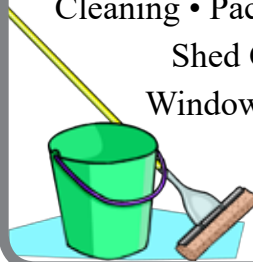
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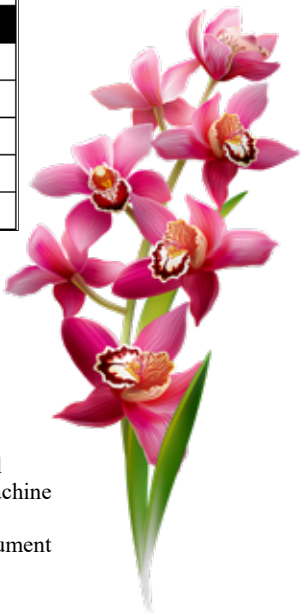
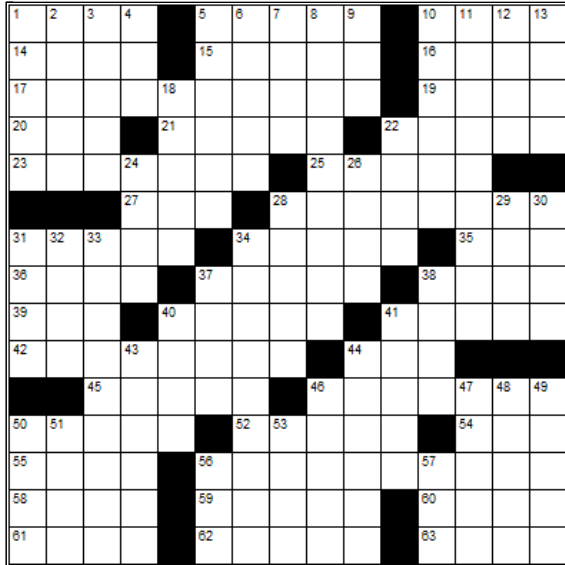
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- 1. Be worthy of
- 5. "The Final Frontier"
- 10. Audition tape
- 14. Portent
- 15. Smidgens
- 16. Arab chieftain
- 17. Onerous
- 19. 1 less than 10
- 20. S
- 21. Cut corners
- 22. Parental sisters
- 23. Sunken
- 25. Comment to the audience
- 27. Hearing organ
- 28. Acts of aggression
- 31. Filler
- 34. Heroic tales
- 35. Bamboozle
- 36. Rectum
- 37. Walked stealthily
- 38. Group of cattle
- 39. Black gunk
- 40. Denims
- 41. Entry permits
- 42. Overexposed to direct sunlight
- 44. Born as
- 45. Aligned
- 46. Residue fragments
- 50. Philippine tribal chief
- 52. Spew
- 54. 7 in Roman numerals
- 55. Module
- 56. Blushing
- 58. Expunge
- 59. Adjust again
- 60. Celestial bear
- 61. Pitcher
- 62. Pretentious
- 63. One who colors cloth



**DOWN**

- 1. Cloaked
- 2. Regale
- 3. Brusque
- 4. Terminate
- 5. A fishing line weight
- 6. Propose
- 7. "Smallest" particle
- 8. Movements
- 9. East southeast
- 10. Lay bare
- 11. People of high status
- 12. Pepper \_\_\_\_
- 13. Mining finds
- 18. An analytic literary composition
- 22. Afflicts
- 24. Animal companions
- 26. Saturate
- 28. Extravagant self-praise
- 29. Daughter of Zeus and Demeter
- 30. Concludes
- 31. Taps
- 32. Two-toed sloth
- 33. Gate
- 34. Libeler
- 37. Arid
- 38. Hotfooted
- 40. Martial art
- 41. Openings
- 43. Bitingly
- 44. Refinement
- 46. Blocks
- 47. Each and all
- 48. Washing machine cycle
- 49. Indian instrument
- 50. Guy
- 51. Afresh
- 53. Iron oxide
- 56. Historic period
- 57. Rechewed food

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