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## **Crystal Lake Management and Staff**

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4th St. – Kim Gaines

5th St. - Kim Gaines

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#### NOTE TO OUR BLOCK CAPTAINS

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## **MONTHLY**

Financial Literacy Month. It's a chance to reflect on the state of your personal finances and an opportunity to improve them one step at a time. Step one: Commit to change. Are you ready to accept responsibility for changing your financial situation? Do you believe that you can and will change the way you make financial decisions? Can you identify at least one benefit you hope to gain by changing your money management behavior?



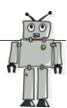
**Jazz Appreciation Month.** A music festival held every April in recognition of the significant contribution that jazz music has made to society. The aim of this annual event is to pay tribute to jazz for its historic and cultural significance by encouraging schools, governments, and organizations to participate in free jazz concerts and educational programs.



**National Garden Month.** Nothing says springtime more than the sprouts and shoots of a garden. Remember that gardens are not just for the enjoyment of people. They are important habitats for pollinators like bees, bats, birds, beetles, butterflies, and other animals.

### WEEKLY

ational Robotics Week, April 3–11. "RoboWeek" is a series of grassroots events and activities aimed at increasing public awareness of the strength and importance of the U.S. robotics industry and the tremendous social and cultural impact that robotics will have on the future.



National Dental Hygienists Week, April 4–10. Focusing on the importance of maintaining good oral health practices and helping people understand the role and importance of the dental hygiene profession, this year's theme, "Oral Health for Total Health" reminds all of us that taking care of our mouth, teeth, and gums has a positive impact on other aspects of our lives.

National Park Week, April 17–25. National Park Week is a special time to celebrate national parks and programs across the country, and to encourage everyone to discover the nation's diverse natural and cultural heritage.

Medical Laboratory Professionals Week, April 19–24. Now in its 44th year, Medical Laboratory Professionals Week provides the profession with a unique opportunity to increase public understanding of and appreciation for clinical laboratory personnel.

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## **DAILY**

**pril Fool's Day, April 1.** Play a (playful) prank on your friends and family today.





**Easter, April 4.** Christian celebration of the resurrection of Jesus Christ.

**National Pet Day, April 11.** Celebrate the joy pets bring to our lives and remember the plight of animals in shelters waiting for a forever home.

**Jackie Robinson Day, April 15.** On this day Jackie Robinson became the first Black man to play major league baseball in the modern era.

Take Our Daughters and Sons to Work Day, April 22. A virtual event. Exposing girls and boys to what a parent or mentor in their lives does during the workday is important to their future success.



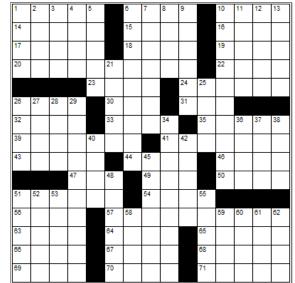


#### ACROSS

- 1. Splotches
- 6. Tussock
- 10. Vipers
- 14. 67 in Roman numerals
- 15. Dwarf buffalo
- 16. A D-Day beach
- 17. Stave off
- 18. Blend
- 19. Roman robe
- 20. A language of India
- 22. Egg-shaped
- 23. Verse
- 24. Agitate
- 26. At the peak of
- 30. Beer
- 31. To and
- 32. A temple (archaic)
- 33. Start over
- 35. Assists
- 39. She plays roles
- 41. Enrapture
- 43. Spacious
- 44. Not barefoot
- 46. 53 in Roman numerals
- 47. Bother
- 49. French for "Friend"
- 50. Being
- 51. A dwarfed ornamental tree
- 54. Blend
- 56. God of love
- 57. A society of women
- 63. Medium-sized tubular pasta
- 64. Bit of dust
- 65. A tea-like beverage
- 66. River of Spain
- 67. Pitcher
- 68. Cambered
- 69. Mortgage
- 70. Sailors

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71. Low heavy horse carts



- 1. Ho-hum
- 2. 66 in Roman numerals
- 3. Baking appliance
- 4. Fowl
- 5. A stomach exercise
- 6. Trashy
- 7. Wild
- 8. Thrust with a knife
- 9. A government tax
- 10. Car
- 11. Kitchen appliance

- **DOWN** 13. Second person
- singular of shall 21. Rise rapidly
- 25. By mouth
- 26. Distant
- 27. Meal in a shell
- 28. Savvy about
- 29. Approval
- 34. Mileage meters
- 36. Auspices
- 37. Not that
- 38. Anagram of "Ties"
- 40. Tropical American wildcat

- 42. Ancient Roman magistrate
- 45. A type of rodent
- 48. Fate

- antelope

- 59. German for

- 62. Fathers







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- 1. Is your doctor's office still open?
- 2. Have you heard from your doctor in the past two weeks?
- 3. Is your doctor personally calling and texting to check on you?
- 4. Has your doctor called you to explain your risk of coronavirus?
- 5. Is your doctor's office offering doctor phone visits?
- 6. Does your doctor allow walk-in visits?

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- 7. Are you able to call your doctor anytime, day or night?
- 8. Do you have any difficulty getting to and from your doctor?
- 9. Is your doctor helping to make sure you receive all of your prescription refills?
- 10. Is your doctor offering to help you get your medications delivered?

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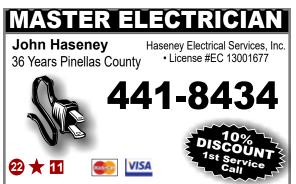
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## **Enough is enough**

nvestor John Bogle, founder of Vanguard, once told a profound story about the value of money:

"At a party given by a billionaire on Shelter Island, Kurt Vonnegut informs his pal, Joseph Heller, that their host, a hedge fund manager, had made more money in a single day than Heller had earned from his wildly popular novel Catch-22 over its whole history. Heller responds, 'Yes, but I have something he will never have—enough."



## **Legend of the touchstone**

Then the library of Alexandria burned centuries ago, only one insignificant book was saved. A poor man who could read a little bought it for a few coppers. The book wasn't very interesting, but between its pages he found something very interesting indeed—a thin strip of parchment on which was written the secret of the touchstone.

The touchstone, according to the document, was a small pebble that could turn any common metal into pure gold. The writing explained that it was lying among thousands and thousands of other pebbles on a beach. The real stone would feel warm to the touch, while

ordinary pebbles are cold.

The man sold his few belongings, went to the seashore described on the parchment, and began testing pebbles. Figuring that if he picked up ordinary pebbles and threw them down again because they were cold, he might pick up the same pebble hundreds of times. So, when he felt one that was cold, he threw

it into the sea.

He spent days at his search, picking up a pebble—cold—then throwing it into the sea. Picking up another and throwing it into the sea.

One day, after weeks and months, the man picked up a pebble and threw it into the sea. Then he realized that the pebble had been warm—the touchstone! But he had formed such a strong habit of throwing each pebble into the sea that when the one he wanted came along he still threw it away.

Don't let your habits trick you into throwing away your opportunities.

Storytelling is among the oldest forms of communication. Storytelling is the commonality of all human beings, in all places, in all times.

—Rives Collins



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## Last will

Respectively. The lawyer and said, "I'd like to make a will, but I don't know exactly how to go about it."

The lawyer smiled at Robert and replied, "Not a problem, just leave

The lawyer smiled at Robert and replied, "Not a problem, just leave everything to me."

Robert looked upset. "I knew you were going to take a big portion, but I would like to leave a little to my family, too!"



## **Happy landing**

n airline had a policy that required the pilot to stand at the door while the passengers exited, smile, and say, "Thanks for flying with our airline!" The landing on one particular flight was particularly rough, and the pilot had difficulty looking the passengers in the eye, expecting that one or two would have a smart comment for him. However, it seemed that all the passengers were too shaken to say anything.

Finally, everyone had gotten off except for one little old lady walking with a cane. At the door she said, "Sonny, mind if I ask you

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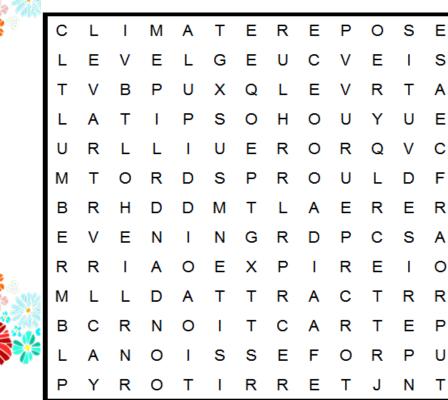
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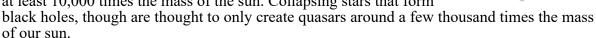




Tt's the biggest and oldest black hole ever discovered. And it's nowhere near close to giving up all its secrets, according to the Science News website.

The black hole, J0313-1806, has a mass equal to 1.6 billion suns. It's at the center of a galaxy more than 1.3 billion light-years from Earth, and it comes from a time when the universe was only 670 billion years old—about five percent of its age now.

How did it get so large? That's the mystery. Supermassive black holes—also known as quasars—are typically thought to grow from smaller black holes pulling in matter. However, astronomers estimate that if this quasar formed right after the universe's oldest stars and grew as fast as possible, it would have needed to start out with at least 10,000 times the mass of the sun. Collapsing stars that form



Scientists theorize that a huge black hole could have formed from the collapse of primordial hydrogen gas in vast amounts. On the other hand, this black hole could have been produced by stellar collapse and grown more quickly than previously thought.

Which explanation is correct? Scientists will have to look further back through time toward the birth of the universe for smaller black holes and measure how they grow.

## Yikes! Electric eels hunt in packs

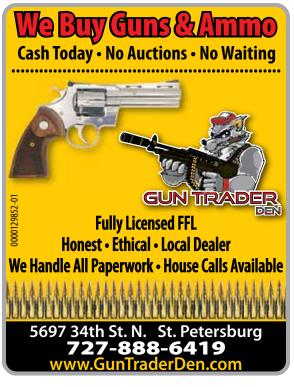
Imagine fleeing from an electric eel. Pretty scary, right? Now imagine trying to escape a pack of them.

It's not a horror movie (yet). But The New York Times reports that scientists have discovered that eels, long considered to be loners of the deep, actually congregate in packs to hunt other fish. The behavior was actually first observed in 2013, when a Brazilian diver exploring an Amazon waterway came upon a "writhing mass" of 100 or more eels ganging up to prey on a group of tetra fish. The eels nudged them into tight balls and then hit them with a series of synchronized shocks.

The discovery was confirmed by other researchers and recently written up in a scientific journal. The eels have been identified as the Volta electric eel, which can grow to eight feet long and deliver a shock of 860 volts. Ten of them working together could produce enough electricity to power 100 light bulbs. Researchers speculate that they coordinate their attacks by communicating with low-voltage energy discharges.

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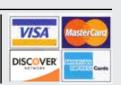
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The usual explanation involves the calendar. The Julian calendar began the New Year on March 25, and festivals celebrat-

ing it were typically held on April 1. When the world began changing over to the Gregorian calendar, which places New Year's Day on Jan. 1, pranksters sometimes tried to fool their friends and neighbors into thinking that April 1 was still the first day of the year.

In the 18th century, some believed that April Fools' Day dated back to the days of Noah and the flood. A newspaper article published in 1789 suggested that Noah sent the first birds off to look for land too soon, and that he launched them on the first day of the Hebrew month corresponding with April.

Coincidentally, in 1933 a newspaper in Cologne ran a story about the discovery of Noah's Ark by an expedition sponsored by the "Royal Yalevard University" in Massachusetts, led by "Professor Mud" and "Professor Stoneass." The story appeared on April 1; on April 8, the paper admitted the joke, but other publications printed the story as if it was genuine.

## From hare to eternity: origins of the Easter Bunny

ext to Santa Claus, the Easter Bunny is probably the most beloved bringer of gifts to small children. This famous symbol of spring was originally associated with Eostre, a German goddess of fertility who was often depicted with a rabbit companion.

Both rabbits and eggs, not surprisingly, are considered symbolic of fertility.

The bunny as a symbol of Easter was first mentioned in German writings during the 16th century, and edible bunnies made of pastry and sugar were made in Germany during the 19th century. The Easter Bunny was introduced to American children by German settlers in the Pennsylvania Dutch region in the 1700s.

Children were encouraged to build colorful nests and hide them in their homes. If the children had been good, the Osterhase would leave brightly colored eggs in the nests.

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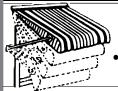
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