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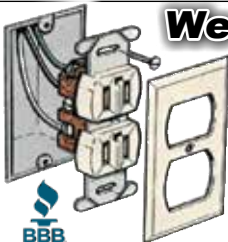
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Friendship club meeting from February 8 was a Valentine's Day pot luck luncheon. Members each brought a dish to share and we enjoyed a delicious variety of food items. The next meeting will be Tuesday, March 9th and will be a Funky Fashion Show. We welcome all residents, just bring a dollar and a cup for cake and coffee. Show up and enjoy the friendship.



SOCIAL CLUB

submitted by Pat Jones

Wow, March already! February was an active month with a Super Bowl party, followed by a Valentine's dance featuring Darrell as the entertainer. At the end of the month was the ELS sponsored Pig Roast, although there isn't actually a pig, there is lots of pork.



March activities will include St. Patrick's Day. The entertainer for this event is Tracy Borgatti. Pot Luck will be serving a corned beef and cabbage dinner that evening beginning at 5:30 due to the dance following. Be sure to sign up by Tuesday March 15th and then remember to bring your own place setting and a side dish.

BINGO!

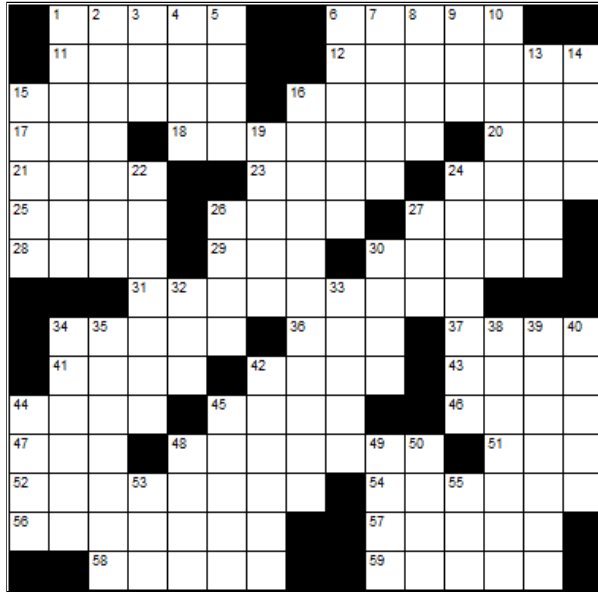
FUN BINGO will be held on Sunday March 13. Doors open at noon and games begin at 1 pm. Helpers will be needed to sell cards, call back numbers, payout winners, snack organizer. If you can help please text or see Pat Jones.





ACROSS

- 1. Long-tailed parrot
- 6. A type of coffee
- 11. Hemp
- 12. Scholarly
- 15. Jubilant
- 16. An eating disorder
- 17. Woman
- 18. Journal keeper
- 20. Explosive
- 21. Violent disturbance
- 23. To endure (archaic)
- 24. Clothing
- 25. Feudal worker
- 26. Teller of untruths
- 27. Not there
- 28. Adolescent
- 29. Hankering
- 30. Silly mistake
- 31. Fights
- 34. Steeple
- 36. Before, poetically



DOWN

- 37. Skin irritation
- 41. Paris airport
- 42. Exclude
- 43. "Iliad" city
- 44. Run away
- 45. Engendered
- 46. Harvard rival
- 47. Record (abbrev.)
- 48. A window above a door
- 51. Religious sister
- 52. Emigree
- 54. Unhealthy vapors
- 56. Resulting
- 57. Shoemaker's awl
- 58. Overact
- 59. Homes for birds
- 1. Listlessness
- 2. Type of shellfish
- 3. Feline
- 4. Brezed through
- 5. Dry riverbed
- 6. One who denies
- 7. Jagged
- 8. Brusque
- 9. Citrus drink
- 10. Something firmly attached
- 13. Kindling
- 14. Dines
- 15. Everglades bird
- 16. An orderly grouping
- 19. French farewell
- 22. Ductile
- 24. Compactness
- 26. Stringed instrument
- 27. Furrow maker
- 30. Decay from overripening
- 32. Attempt
- 33. Gratings
- 34. Earnest
- 35. Exact
- 38. A surveying instrument
- 39. Pillars
- 40. Doglike nocturnal mammal
- 42. A citrus fruit
- 44. No charge
- 45. Small goose
- 48. Threesome
- 49. Portent
- 50. 5280 feet
- 53. Some people chew this
- 55. Donkey



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March Calendar



Brain Injury Awareness Month. More than 5.3 million adults and children are living with a permanent brain injury-related disability in the United States. If you know someone who is living with a brain injury, or if you have one yourself, join the #MoreThanMyBrainInjury campaign to help educate people about what it's like to live with a brain injury.

Red Cross Month. Red Cross Month has been an annual tradition since 1943, when President Franklin D. Roosevelt issued the first Red Cross Month proclamation. Join the Red Cross mission by volunteering, donating blood, learning lifesaving skills, or making a financial contribution.

Social Work Month. The theme for Social Work Month 2022 is “The Time is Right for Social Work.” During Social Work Month, take time to learn more about the positive contributions of the profession and celebrate the social workers you know.

Women’s History Month. Since 1995, presidents have issued a series of annual proclamations designating March “Women’s History Month.” These proclamations celebrate the contributions women have made to the United States and recognize the specific achievements women have made over the course of American history in a variety of fields.

Weekly



LGBT Health Awareness Week, March 1-7. Lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender people encounter discrimination in employment, relationship recognition, and insurance coverage on a regular basis; consequently, they are less likely to be able to afford vital health care than their straight and non-transgender neighbors.

National Consumer Protection Week, March 6-12. National Consumer Protection Week (NCPW) is a time to help people understand their consumer rights and make well-informed decisions about money.

Save Your Vision Week, March 6-12. Few realize how many people lose their sight every year. Many forms of blindness can be cured if discovered soon enough, and many people blinded by accident could have kept their sight had they taken minor eye safety precautions. Our eyesight and the eyesight of our children should be paramount on our list of personal responsibilities. Money can't buy it, but a checkup and early care can preserve it.

National Poison Prevention Week, March 20-26. National Poison Prevention Week raises awareness of poison prevention nationwide. The week is an opportunity to highlight the dangers of poisoning for people of all ages and promote community involvement in poisoning prevention.



March Days



World Wildlife Day, March 3. This year's theme, "Recovering key species for ecosystem restoration," seeks to draw attention to the status of some of the most endangered species of wild fauna and flora, and to drive discussions towards imagining and implementing solutions to conserve them.

Pi Day, March 14. Divide any circle's circumference by its diameter and the answer is always approximately 3.14. Keep calculating, as mathematicians have been doing for 4,000 years, and you'll discover it goes on with no pattern literally forever.

St. Patrick's Day, March 17. The luck of the Irish be with you!

World Storytelling Day, March 20. A global celebration of the art of oral storytelling, celebrated every year on the March equinox.

National Agriculture Day, March 22. This year's theme: "Growing a Climate for Tomorrow."

NUMBERS IN THE NEWS



City or somewhere else? The pandemic changed minds

The pandemic has fueled a change of attitude about where people want to live, according to the Courthouse News Service website. In research conducted by the Pew Research Center, 23% of participants said they preferred living in the city in 2018, a number that declined to 19% in 2021. The number of people who expressed a preference for living in the suburbs was 46% in 2021, a 4% increase from 2018.

Forty-three percent of city residents said they wanted to move in 2021, up from 37% in 2018. Forty percent of suburb dwellers, and 50% of rural residents, said they had no desire to move in 2021, a shift from 36% of suburbanites and 43% of those in rural areas in 2018. Only 8% of any Americans actually moved in 2020, the lowest number since the 1950s, according to U.S. Census Bureau data.

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— **Thomas Paine**

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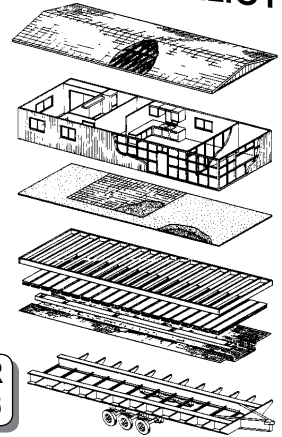
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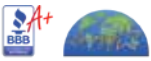
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- What's the opposite of artificial intelligence? Natural stupidity.
- What did the nearsighted optometrist say when he was sick? I can't see myself coming in today.
- Why are fewer people going into archeology? Career advancement is in ruins.
- What do you call 12 people doing the work of one? A committee.
- What's the problem with unemployment jokes? They don't work.
- Why are chemists great at solving problems? Because they have all the solutions.
- Have you heard about the guy who stole a calendar? He got 12 months.
- Why don't scientists trust atoms? They make up everything.
- Why did the taxi driver get fired? Passengers didn't like it when he went the extra mile.

Could be worse



James was walking down the street one day, and he happened to see his old high school friend, Harry. "Harry, Harry, how are you?"

"Not so good," said Harry.

"Why? What happened?"

"I just went bankrupt," Harry said, "and I don't know what I'm going to do."

"Could be worse," James replied calmly. "Could be worse."

A month or so later, James again encountered Harry, this time in a restaurant. "How are things now?" he asked.

"Terrible!" said Harry. "Our house burned down last night."

"Could be worse," said James again, and he went to sit down at his table.

A month later, James ran into Harry a third time. "Well, how goes it?" he inquired.

"Oh!" said Harry. "Things just get worse and worse. Now my wife has left me."

Harry nodded his head. "Could be worse."

This time, Harry grabbed James by the shoulders. "Wait a minute!" he said. "I'm not letting you off so easy this time. Every time I tell you about the latest disaster in my life you say the same thing: 'Could be worse.' This time, Harry, I want you to tell me: How in heaven's name could it have been any worse?"

James looked at Harry with a little wisp of a smile. "Could have happened to me."

At the height of laughter, the universe is flung into a kaleidoscope of new possibilities.

— **Jean Houston**

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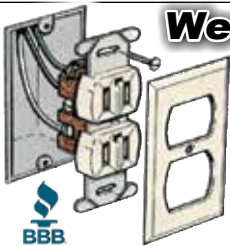
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“How can you be so happy with such a small house and small meal?” the king asked.

“I make just enough money fixing people’s shoes to get by,” the man explained.

The king thought this poor man was very foolish. The next day he signed a law forbidding anyone to fix shoes for pay.

That night he visited the man again. “The king passed a law against fixing shoes,” the man explained, “so I got a job carrying water from the river.”

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The man took a job as a woodcutter. Losing patience, the king ordered all woodcutters to report to his palace and serve as guards. He gave them all swords.

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At first the man protested. “I have never killed even a fly.”

But the king insisted. So the man approached the peasant, his hands trembling. Then he had an idea.

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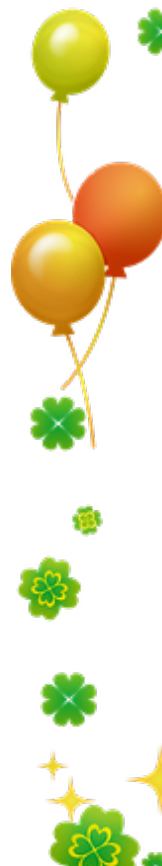
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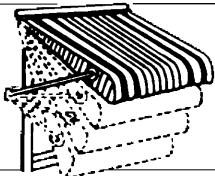
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With spring coming, lots of us are planning a cleanup of our homes and offices. How about some spring cleaning for your health? Follow these tips from the Everyday Health website for cleaning up your health habits as the weather turns warmer:

- **Get back to fruits and vegetables.** Fresh fruits and veggies start coming into season during the springtime months. Visit your local farmer's market when it reopens and look for organic produce in your grocery store. Mushrooms, bell peppers, zucchini, berries and more will become more plentiful as the year goes on.
- **Stay hydrated.** As temperatures grow warmer you may be outside more, exercising, running errands, and doing chores. You can easily sweat away moisture from your body without realizing it, so make sure to drink plenty of water throughout the day to ward off the fatigue, headaches, and low energy that can result from dehydration.
- **Get moving.** Take advantage of the milder weather to get outside and get your blood pumping. Even light exercise can do your body good after a sedentary winter. Take a walk or do some gardening to improve your muscle and bone health.
- **Enjoy the sun — cautiously.** Sunshine boosts your skin's production of vitamin D, which is good for bone health and increases serotonin levels, which elevates your mood. Just remember to protect your skin from UV radiation by covering up and using sunscreen when you're outside. Safeguard your eyes with sunglasses and hats.
- **Watch for allergens.** Unfortunately, springtime is allergy season for many people. Aside from pollen outdoors, many allergens can be found indoors—dust, mold, and the like. A thorough spring cleaning of your house can eradicate many of them. Visit an allergist to discuss problems and seek treatment.
- **Get a spring checkup.** Schedule an exam with your doctor. An annual physical can alert you to potential problems before they grow out of control. Review your medications and overall health history to make sure you're on the right track for good health throughout the year.

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The leprechaun is one of the most popular and enduring symbols of Ireland and St. Patrick's Day. Leprechauns are seen in cartoons, on cereal boxes, and in horror movies. (Trivia: The 1993 movie *Leprechaun* was future *Friends* star Jennifer Aniston's first feature film.)

In Irish folklore, the leprechaun is a little old man, typically dressed in a coat of red or green. As a group they're sneaky and mischievous, and when they're not jealously guarding their gold and treasure, they make shoes. The word "leprechaun" may come from *leath bhrogan*, shoemaker, although some say it's from the word *luacharma 'n* (pygmy), since they're known as the "wee folk."

If you happen to catch a leprechaun, you may be in luck. But be very careful—he'll promise you anything if you set him free, including all his gold, but leprechauns are famous for their cunning and will likely trick you out of any treasure they offer.

Follow these suggestions for a successful yard sale

Do you have too much clutter in your garage or in your closets? With spring coming, it may be time to hold a yard sale to turn your unwanted stuff into a little extra cash.

The most successful yard sales take some preparation, so here's a checklist to help you get started:

- **Permits.** Determine whether you need a permit from your local government and what, if any, restrictions are placed on signage, location, and times.
- **Advertising.** Make brightly colored signs to advertise your sale, using thick black markers to write your address. Also, use arrows to give directions. Try posting the signs the night before the sale, and don't forget to remove them once the sale is over.
- **Cash.** Have plenty of coins and small bills on hand so that you can easily make change. Store the money in a fanny pack where it will be readily accessible but not easy to steal.
- **Pricing.** Use little stickers from office supply stores to place a price on each item. If the object is used, it should be priced around 10-25% of its retail value. If it has never been used or unwrapped, you can ask 50%. But be prepared to haggle.
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-Monthly Media Staff



EVENTS & PROGRAMS

Oakcrest Acorn Community Carport Sale: March 12th from 9am - 2pm. 9925 Ulmerton Rd and 16th Ave. SE. Furniture, collectibles, tools & lots more.

Ranch Mobile Park, Park-Wide Yard Sale, Saturday, March 19th, 8:00am - 2:00pm at 6800 - 150th Ave. N., Clearwater (Largo).

Paradise Island Annual Flea Market & Bake Sale: March 5th, 2022. Paradise Island Clubhouse, 1001 Starkey Rd. 33771. 9am - 2pm, Early Entry \$1 @ 8am. Huge Inventory (Entire clubhouse utilized). Furniture, Household, Tools, Clothing, etc. Canteen open for food Coffee & water. Questions call Ken 727-330-3417.

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Doral Village Carport Sale: Saturday, March 12th. 8am-3pm. 29250 US Hwy 19 N. Lot 573 Clearwater. Alternate entrance through Spanish Vistas off of Belcher, signs will be posted.

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Community Wide Yard Sale: 30 + homes, maps provided. Bake Sale at Clubhouse. March 5th & 6th, 8am - 2pm. Down Yonder 7001 142nd Ave., Largo

Yard Sale, March 5th, from 10am - 2pm. 67 Redwood Ln. N., Largo, FL.

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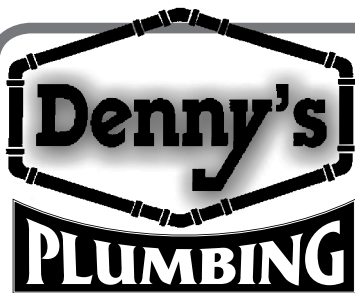
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