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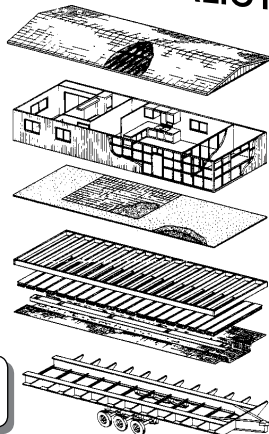
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Pi Day, March 14. Divide any circle's circumference by its diameter and the answer is always approximately 3.14. Keep calculating, as mathematicians have been doing for 4,000 years, and you'll discover it goes on with no pattern literally forever.

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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- 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."

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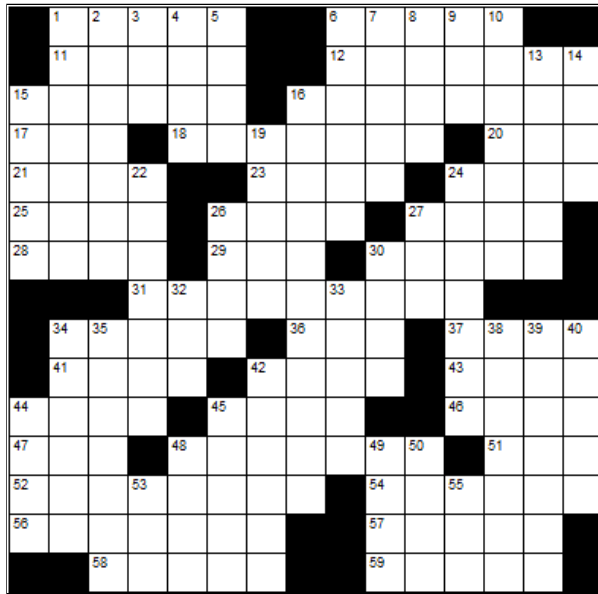
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- 6. A type of coffee
- 11. Hemp
- 12. Scholarly
- 15. Jubilant
- 16. An eating disorder
- 17. Woman
- 18. Journal keeper
- 20. Explosive
- 21. Violent disturbance
- 23. To endure (archaic)
- 24. Clothing
- 25. Feudal worker
- 26. Teller of untruths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



DOWN

- 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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The wooden sword



One night a king changed out of his fancy robes for a walk outside his palace. On the edge of town he saw a man sitting in a small house singing as he cooked his modest dinner. Curious, the king knocked at the door, and the man let him in.

“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.”

Annoyed, the next day the king passed a law against carrying water for pay.

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.

The man, needing money, carved a sword from wood and sold his own sword to a peasant. But the next day the king spotted the peasant carrying a sword. Enraged, he arrested the man and then ordered his guards to the palace. Spotting the man he’d been talking to, he pointed his finger and said, “I order you to cut off this thief’s head.”

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.

He lifted his head and cried, “Oh, God, if this man is guilty, let my sword slice his head clean off. But if he is innocent, turn my sword to wood so that I may spare him!”

He drew his sword, and the people cheered, believing they had seen a miracle.

The king was suddenly moved by the man’s cleverness. Calling him over, he revealed that he had been the man’s visitor, and said, “Now that I see how wise you are, I would like you to come live in the palace and be my chief advisor. I have much to learn from you.”

Storytelling is the commonality of all human beings, in all places, in all times.

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Look! Over there! A leprechaun!



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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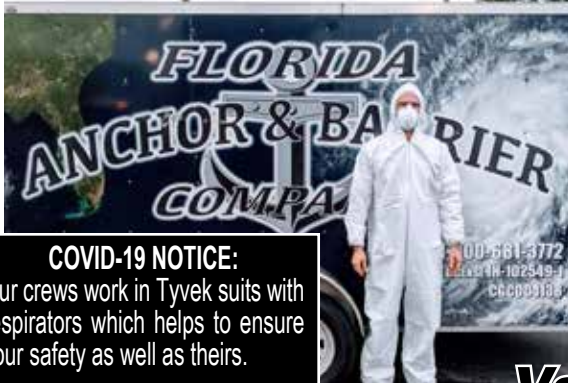
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The professor

A professor was taking a boat across a wide river. The boatman, humming a happy tune as he rowed, was clearly no scholar, so the professor decided to test him.

“My man, can you read?” he asked.

“Nope.” The boatman shook his head. “Never had time to learn.”

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“No, sir. Too busy making a living.”

“Then you’ve lost another quarter of your life. Can you do arithmetic?”

“No. Never saw much use for it on the river.”

“Pity. Now you’ve lost another quarter of your life. Do you know how much that is?”

“No, sir. But may I ask you a question?”

“Certainly, my man.”

“Can you swim?”

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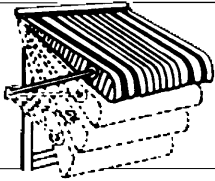
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March Calendar



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 Sudoku

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Bingo.....	Jeannette Lortie.....	Lot 1A.....	727-258-7875
Bridge.....	Heather Hachey	Lot 525	
Chair Yoga for Seniors...	Susan McKay.....	#5	727-289-1101
Coffee Hour.....	(The birdgroups are responsible for organizing the coffee hour for the month that is assigned to their group. See Birdgroups)		
Crafts.....	Suzanne Roy	Lot 413.....	705-561-2928
Cribbage.....	Jeannette Lortie.....	Lot 1A.....	727-258-7875
Darts.....	Helen Russell and Denise Keay...	Lot 845.....	413-626-7037
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Golf (Men).....	Gordon McFarlane.....	#328	258-7666
Line Dancing.....	Jeannette Lortie.....	#1	727-528-7875
Open Mic	George O'Donnell.....	#636	546-4930
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Red Hat Society Chap..	Marsha Keiths		
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