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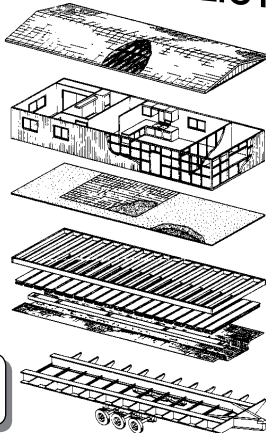
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Daily

April Fools’ Day. April 1. A tradition that began in France in 1564. April 1 used to be New Year’s Day, but it was changed to Jan. 1 that year. People who insisted on celebrating the old New Year date became known as April fools, and it became common to play jokes and tricks on them.



Reconciliation Day. April 2. Columnist Ann Landers suggested in 1989 that this day be set aside for writing that letter or making that phone call to mend a broken relationship.

Earth Day. April 22. First observed in 1970, Earth Day was an attempt to accelerate the transition to renewable energy worldwide. The efforts continue. For more information, browse www.earthday.net.

Take Our Sons and Daughters to Work Day. April 27. A national public education campaign sponsored by the Ms. Foundation in which children from ages 8 to 12 go to work with adult hosts. For more information, browse www.daughtersandsonstowork.org.

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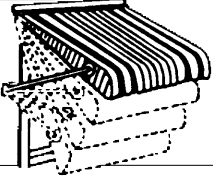
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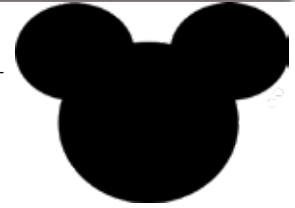
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How Mickey Mouse was born



The legacy of Walt Disney is now a \$20 billion media giant. It includes film studios, TV networks, publishing houses, famous theme parks and hundreds of retail stores.

Disney was the last of five children born in 1901 to parents who lived in Chicago. Disney became enamored with drawing and started a company with his brother Roy to try and build an animation business. Disney was barely making it financially.

On a long train ride back from a disastrous business setback in which he lost the rights to a character he had created, the idea came to Disney to create another character based on a mouse that scampered across his drawing board. This idea blossomed into the character of Mickey Mouse.

Later, when Disney spent an unprecedented \$1.5 million to produce the masterpiece Snow White, critics and naysayers dubbed the project “Disney’s Folly.” However, the animated film became the most profitable ever released and set Disney on the path of creating animated classics, and he became known as the father of the animated-film genre. — adapted from the Los Angeles Times article “50 people who most influenced business this century”

The devil’s secret weapon

There is an old-time fable that the devil once held a sale and offered all the tools of his trade to anyone who would pay their price.



They were spread out on the table, with each one labeled — hatred, malice, envy, despair, sickness, sensuality — all the weapons that everyone knows so well.

But off on one side, apart from the rest, lay a harmless looking, wedge-shaped instrument marked “DISCOURAGEMENT.” It was old and worn looking, but it was priced far above all the rest.

When asked the reason why, the devil explained: “Because I can use this one so much more easily than the others. No one knows that it belongs to me, so with it I can open doors that are tightly bolted against the others. Once I get inside, I can use any tool that suits me best.” — from IdeaBank

On vision

I had an almost intolerable awareness that every morning began with infinite promise. Any book may be read, any idea thought, any action taken. Anything that has ever been possible to human beings is possible to most of us every time the clock says six in the morning. On a day no different from the one now breaking, Shakespeare sat down to begin Hamlet.

— *Ralph Waldo Emerson*

April Word Search



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A problem-solving legend

In 333 B.C., the famous Macedonian general Alexander and his army arrived in Phrygia to spend the winter. According to Greek legend, a farmer named Gordius became king of Phrygia by fulfilling a prediction made by an oracle that the next king of the country would ride into the public square on an oxcart. In gratitude, Gordius tied his cart in the temple of the oracle's god, using a knot so intricate that no one was able to untie it, though many tried. A legend arose that whoever untied the "Gordian Knot" would rule Asia.



When Alexander the Great encountered the challenge of the Gordian Knot, he was fascinated. He studied the problem.

Finally, in a burst of inspiration (or was it frustration), Alexander pulled out his sword and sliced the knot in half, solving the complex problem with a simple solution and becoming part of the legend himself. He and his armies went on to capture and rule more territories in the ancient world than anyone who had gone before him. This included Asia, although in Alexander's day that extended only as far as India.

Sometimes, the best way to solve a difficult problem is to slice away some of the complexities with a single stroke, despite opposition and advice to do otherwise. — adapted from IdeaBank

On men

If men can run the world, why can't they stop wearing neckties? How intelligent is it to start the day by tying a little noose around your neck?

— **Linda Ellerbee**

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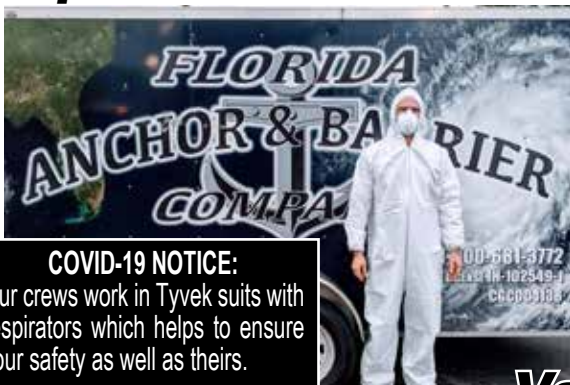
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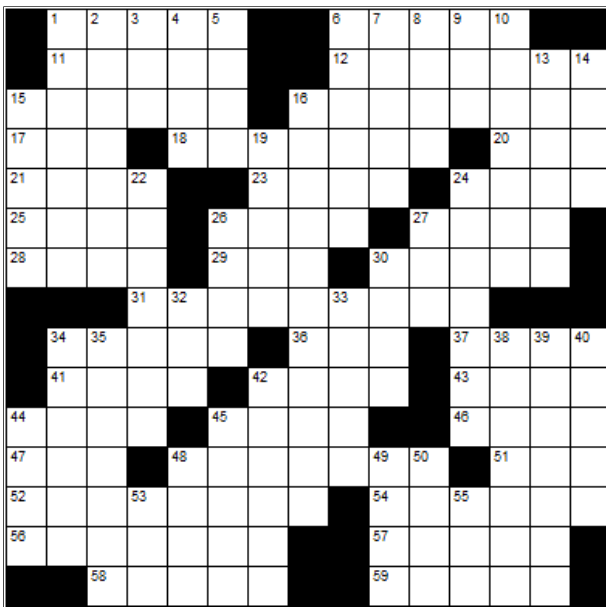


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- 1. Secret meeting
- 6. Manila hemp
- 11. Oozing
- 12. Drive crazy
- 15. Jogger
- 16. Breaks into many pieces
- 17. Half of a pair
- 18. Employees
- 20. Male adult
- 21. Make a raucous noise
- 23. Difficult
- 24. Memorization method
- 25. Asian nurse
- 26. Memory unit
- 27. Rational
- 28. Easter flower
- 29. An uncle
- 30. Might
- 31. Western shrub
- 34. Rewrites
- 36. Buffoon
- 37. Thought
- 41. Oriental grain
- 42. Credulous
- 43. Lairs
- 44. Euphemism for death
- 45. Not his
- 46. Carve in stone
- 47. Flowery verse
- 48. Book lovers
- 51. Beer
- 52. Caulks
- 54. Choice
- 56. Perfume
- 57. Affaires d'honneur
- 58. Consumed
- 59. Eliminate



DOWN

- 1. Destructive sea wave
- 2. Reclamation
- 3. Craving
- 4. Gush forth
- 5. Apprentice
- 6. Stick
- 7. Whiskers
- 8. Cultural doings
- 9. Feline
- 10. Windflower
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- 14. Feudal worker
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- 22. Science of matter and energy
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- 26. Pleads
- 27. Mayday
- 30. Breathe noisily
- 32. Consumed
- 33. Lift
- 34. Wears away
- 35. Illness
- 38. Specifics
- 39. Surround completely
- 40. Pale
- 42. Tidy up
- 44. Fail to win
- 45. Therefore
- 48. Tirade
- 49. Was a passenger
- 50. Urge (on)
- 53. Grassland
- 55. Darjeeling or oolong



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Treating bee stings



Bee stings can be extremely dangerous if you are allergic. So if you are and you get stung, go immediately to the hospital.

If you do not have an allergy, then you can treat most bee stings yourself.

Remember, if you are stung you should scrape the stinger out. You can do this using a credit card, the side of a knife blade or the edge of a long fingernail. Never try to pull the stinger straight out.

You can neutralize some of the swelling that occurs because of inflammatory agents in the venom by rubbing a wet aspirin directly on the sting. However, if you can't take aspirin normally, you should not use it for bee stings either.

Taking an antihistamine can ease pain and swelling for adults. For children, cough syrups that contain antihistamines work better. — *adapted from Tyco Wellness*

How to avoid blisters on your feet

If you are a walker, you have probably had a few blisters on your feet. The faster you walk the more likely that you will sweat and perspire — and moisture is what makes blisters occur. Here are a few tips to avoid blisters.

- Before setting out on your walk, swab your feet with rubbing alcohol. The alcohol is a drying agent and will help control sweating. Make sure your feet are completely dry after you swab them before you put on your socks and shoes.
- Well-fitting shoes and socks that are made to absorb moisture also help reduce the occurrence of blisters.
- Take an extra pair of socks with you, and when your feet feel like they're getting wet, stop and put the dry pair on.



— adapted from *Weight Watchers Magazine*

On staying active

If I had to live my life again I would have made a rule to read some poetry and listen to some music at least once a week; for perhaps the parts of my brain now atrophied could thus have been kept active through use.

— **Charles Darwin**

On meaningfulness

I suppose the moments one most enjoys are moments alone when one unexpectedly stretches something inside you that needs stretching.

— **Georgia O'Keeffe**



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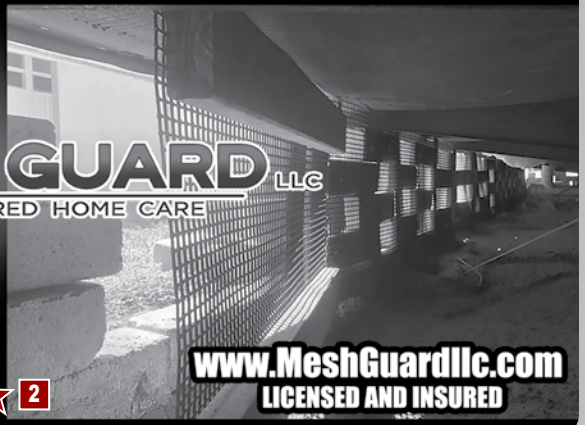


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A little Zen ... thoughts for people who take life too seriously

- He who laughs last thinks slowest.
- Remember, half the people you know are below average.
- Save the whales. Collect the whole set.
- A day without sunshine is like, night.
- On the other hand, you have different fingers.
- 42.7 percent of all statistics are made up on the spot.
- Ninety-nine percent of lawyers give the rest a bad name.
- Clones are people two.
- I feel like I'm diagonally parked in a parallel universe.
- Honk if you love peace and quiet.
- Depression is merely anger without enthusiasm.
- The early bird may get the worm, but the second mouse gets the cheese.
- I drive way too fast to worry about cholesterol.
- Support bacteria. They're the only culture some people have.
- Monday is an awful way to spend 1/7 of your week.
- A clear conscience is usually the sign of a bad memory.
- Change is inevitable, except from vending machines.
- Get a new car for your spouse. It'll be a great trade!
- Plan to be spontaneous tomorrow.
- Always try to be modest, and be proud of it!
- If you think nobody cares, try missing a couple of payments.
- How many of you believe in telekinesis? Raise my hand ...
- OK, so what's the speed of dark?
- How do you tell when you're out of invisible ink?
- If everything seems to be going well, you have obviously overlooked something.
- When everything is coming your way, you're in the wrong lane.
- Hard work pays off in the future. Laziness pays off now.



—from www.a-guide-for-seniors.com

A guy ought to be very careful in making predictions, especially about the future.
— **Yogi Berra**

I thank you for all the things you have said of me. If I believed them I would not be sane, and since I know I am sane, I do not believe them.
— **Albert Einstein**

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- Ladies Bible Study will be held Thursday morning at 10. All ladies are invited to lunch in the Fellowship Hall after the B.S. is done.
- The pastor would appreciate it if the ladies of the congregation would lend him their electric girdles for the pancake breakfast next Sunday morning.
- The pastor will preach his farewell message, after which the choir will sing, “Break Forth Into Joy.”
- Remember in prayer the many who are sick of our church and community.
- The eighth graders will be presenting Shakespeare’s Hamlet in the church basement Friday at 7 p.m. The congregation is invited to attend this tragedy.
- Thursday night Potluck Supper. Prayer and medication to follow.
- Weight Watchers will meet at 7 p.m. at the First Presbyterian Church. Please use large double door at the side entrance.
- The Lutheran Men’s group will meet at 6 p.m. Steak, mashed potatoes, green beans, bread and dessert will be served for a nominal fee.
- Don’t let worry kill you, let the church help.
- This being Easter Sunday, we will ask Mrs. Lewis to come forward and lay an egg on the altar.
- Irving Benson and Jessie Carter were married on Oct. 24 in the church. So ends a friendship that began in their school days.
- Announcement for a National Prayer and Fasting Conference: “The cost for attending the Fasting and Prayer conference includes meals.”
- Miss Charlene Mason sang “I will not pass this way again” giving obvious pleasure to the congregation. — from www.a-guide-for-seniors.com

On monopolies

How come there’s only one Monopolies Commission?

— ***Nigel Rees***

On locks

I have six locks on my door all in a row. When I go out, I lock every other one. I figure no matter how long somebody stands there picking the locks, they are always locking three.

— ***Elayne Boosler***



On fathers

My Father had a profound influence on me, he was a lunatic.

— ***Spike Milligan***

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How to plant a great herb garden



If you love having fresh herbs at your fingertips here are a few suggestions on setting up a herb garden you will use and love.

- Plant your herb garden as close to the kitchen as you can manage. Your herb garden can be grown in a series of containers if that helps you locate it where it will be most convenient. If you have to go to too much trouble to get to and pick the herbs, you won't use them as much.
- If you want to get the most pleasure you can from your herbs, plant them along walkways and where people will brush up against them. They won't release their fragrances until something brushes or bruises them.
- Make sure to place your marjoram, parsley and thyme along borders. These plants only grow a few inches high and they will get lost among taller plants.
- Dill, tarragon and coriander grow up to 2 feet high. If you have a walkaround garden, the center is the best place. If your garden is up against a wall or object then you will want to place these plants at the back of the garden.
- Grow bay leaves and rosemary in clay pots just beneath the soil of your garden. When the weather turns cold, just dig them up and take them inside. They will continue to grow and you can enjoy their fragrance and flavor year round.
- Remember some herbs spread (like mint, wild marjoram and tarragon). Each year they will take more and more room. To contain their growth, confine their roots by burying a section of stovepipe. The pipe will keep them from spreading.
- Cut your herbs just before they flower for optimum flavor. That's when their oils peak. If you're going to store your herbs, it's best to cut them midmorning on a sunny day.
- Store your herbs by freezing or drying or in oil or vinegar. You can use the oil and vinegar as seasonings when you cook.
- If you have refrigerator space, keep your dried herbs there, as they will keep better.
— adapted from the Big Book of Hints from Heloise by Heloise



On love

If love is the answer, could you please rephrase the question?

— ***Lily Tomlin***

On truth

If truth is beauty, how come no one has their hair done in the library?

— ***Lily Tomlin***

On batteries

I bought some batteries, but they weren't included.

— ***Steven Wright***

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