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March Holidays

S top the Bad Service Day. March 6. To celebrate those companies that give exceptional service. Includes a contest for consumers who submit excellent customer service stories. For more information, browse www.MargoCheevers.com.



Middle Name Pride Day. March 8. To celebrate middle names tell three people who don't already know what your middle name is. For more information, browse www.jerryhill.com.

St. Patrick's Day. March 17. Commemorates the patron saint of Ireland, Bishop Patrick (A.D. 389–461) who about A.D. 432 left his home in the Severn valley, England, and introduced Christianity to Ireland.

Monthly

International Ideas Month. March 1–31. Everybody has ideas. To encourage and motivate people to build skills in order to communicate their ideas and get them out into the world. For more information, browse www.springboardtraining.com.

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International Mirth Month. March 1–31. The merry month of March is set aside to encourage mirthful moments. To show people how to use humor to deal with not-so-funny stuff. For more information, browse www.allenklein.com.

National Caffeine Awareness Month. March 1–31. To reduce dependency on caffeine through education. For more information, browse www.caffeineawareness.org.

National Colorectal Cancer Awareness Month. March 1–31. To generate widespread awareness about colorectal cancer and to encourage people to learn more about how to prevent the disease through a healthy lifestyle and regular screening. For more information, browse www.preventcancer.org.

Spiritual Wellness Month. March 1–31. A time for new beginnings (as spring approaches), spiritual renewal and inner peace. To focus on telling the truth and being honest in all endeavors. For more information, browse www.wordsofwellness.com.

Workplace Eye Health and Safety Month. March 1–31.

Can you see the dangers of your workplace? Accidents at work are a major cause of preventable blindness. For more information, browse www.preventblindness.org.

What to do I arise in the morning torn between the desire to improve the world, and a desire to enjoy the world. — *E.B. White*

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Tidbits for your pleasure

r. Roger Andersen, the author of Some Days You're the Pigeon ... Some Days You're the Statue, shares these tidbits of humor:

- Once an airline ticket agent was asked why there was mistletoe hanging over the luggage conveyor belt— since it wasn't even holiday time, the decoration was especially perplexing. The ticket agent answered: "So you can kiss your bags goodbye."
- Once a young boy grabbed his coat and gloves and asked his mother for permission to go outside and help his father put a spare tire on the car. "Can I go help him, mom? I already know all the words."
- Once a college president was giving a speech at an outdoor venue. Suddenly he noticed a large dog heading his way. The dog walked up to the speaker, raised his leg and relieved himself for a long time and then walked quietly away. The president looked down at his soaked leg and then back out to the audience and said, "I would appreciate it if everyone else would wait until after I finish my remarks to express their opinions."

Handle a difficult person

ccording to a story on Jim Huggins' Humor page (and attributed to W. Craig Trader), during the last days of old Stapleton Airport in Denver a flight was canceled. The airline that canceled the flight had only

one agent to rebook a long line of inconvenienced travelers. Suddenly, an unhappy traveler pushed his way to the head of the line. He slapped his ticket down and said, "I have to be on this next flight and it has to be first class!"

The ticket agent politely told the man, "I'm sorry sir. I'll be happy to help you, but I've got to help these folks first, and I'm sure we'll be able to work something out."

This did not satisfy the customer and he said loud¬ly, "Do you have any idea who I am?" The agent smiled and grabbed his public address microphone: "May I have your attention, please. We have a passenger who does not know who he is. If anyone can help him find his identity, please come to the gate."

The angry man retreated, and the crowd applauded.

Writers on writing I love being a writer. What I can't stand is the paperwork. — *Peter De Vries*

About the most originality that any writer can hope to achieve honestly is to steal with good judgment. — Josh Billings







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Blunders as blessings

A lexander Graham Bell was born in 1847. His grandfather was an actor and wanted to unleash the power of the spoken word with all his

A heart. He was especially interested in helping people for whom speaking well was a challenge. He published writing on such topics as practical elocution, stammering and other speech impediments. His son Melville was also interested in elocution, and joined his father in his endeavors.

Melville fell in love with a deaf woman—married her—and she became the mother of Alexander Graham Bell. A painter of miniatures, she lived in a world of almost total silence. She eventually developed a talent for the piano. She was determined to "hear." His mother's desire would affect the path of Alexander's life.

Though others spoke to his mother through her ear, Alexander chose to speak to his mother using low voice tones and placing his mouth very close to her forehead. The young boy thought that his mother would be able to hear him through the vibrations his deep tones would make. Later this would play in his work with sound waves. Alexander also became aware that with technology came improvement of lifestyle— and he wanted to use technology to help those like his mother, who could not hear. As Alexander grew older his intellect also grew. A German physicist intrigued him, and though he could not read German, he didn't let that stop him from studying the physicist's work. The physicist's thesis was that vowel sounds could be produced by a combination of electrical tuning forks and resonators. However, when bell read the work he mistakenly interpreted what the physicist said, and believed the text said that vowel sounds could be transmitted over a wire. Eventually this misunderstanding would lead him to his electrical work, and of the invention he is most famous for—the telephone. Bell said of his blunder: "It gave me confidence. If I had been able to read German, I might never have begun my experiments in electricity."

The power of words

e all have the chance to influence other people's lives. Sometimes it just takes a few well-chosen words to plot the path a life will take. And there's no better example of this than the story of the great boxer Muhammad Ali.

According to Gregory Allen Howard on the official Muhammad Ali Web site, in 1954 in Louisville, Ky., Ali—then 12 years old and known as Cassius Marcellus Clay—was the victim of a petty crime: His bike was stolen while he was at a gym.

The young Cassius located a policeman in the gym. That policeman's name was Joe Martin. Cassius was ranting and saying that he was going to "whup" whoever had stolen his beloved bike. Martin, not knowing he was about to set the trajectory of a young boy's life said: "You better learn to box first." In just a few weeks, Cassius, at 89 pounds had won his first bout.

Muhammad continued in that ring for 27 years, winning an Olympic gold medal, becoming the heavy-weight champion of the world and inspiring millions.









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- 16. Therefore
- 17. Respond
- 18. Big bash
- 19. Annual high school dand
- 20. The criminal class
- 22. Pitch
- 23. Anagram of "One"
- 24. Fatigued
- 26. Highway divider
- 30. Musical genre
- 32. Occurrence
- 33. Stalemates
- 37. Dispatched
- 38. Villain
- 39. Egyptian river
- 40. Comes before
- 42. Small and light boat
- 43. Avarice
- 44. Aureate
- 45. Transparent green gemstone
- 47. Male child
- 48. Fizzy drink
- 49. Ouenchless
- 56. He writes in stanzas
- 57. Neophyte, in modern slang
- 58. Cloudless
- 59. Ammunition
- 60. Chutzpah
- 61. Once more
- 62. Russian emperor
- 63. Footwear
- 64. Spear

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- 1. Beige
- 2. Bearing
- 3. Small fastener
- 4. Behold, in old Rome
- 5. Withdrawal
- 6. Cart
- 7. Winglike
- 8. Peddle
- 9. Oncoming breeze
- 10. Having seven sides
- 11. Mistake
- 12. Suffering
- 13. Covered stadium

- 21. Was victorious 25. Finish
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Do what you love

T teve Jobs started Apple Computers when he was 20. He started the company in his parents' garage and in 10 years Apple grew to be a \$2 J billion company with 4,000 employees. At age 30, one year after cre-

ating the Macintosh, Jobs got fired. How did he get fired from his own company? As Apple grew, Jobs hired someone he thought to be very talented to run the company with him. And at first things were great. But then their visions of the future of the company started to diverge and Apple's Board of Directors sided with the other guy. At the age of 30, Jobs found himself fired.

Jobs' failure was very public. And he thought about getting out of Silicon Valley altogether. But then something happened. It began to dawn on him that he still loved what he did. And so he decided to start all over again.

"I didn't see it then, but it turned out that getting fired from Apple was the best thing that could have ever happened to me. The heaviness of being successful was replaced by the lightness of being a beginner again, less sure about everything. It freed me to enter one of the most creative periods of my life."

Jobs went on to found two more successful companies, met his wife and started a family. "I'm pretty sure none of this would have happened if I hadn't been fired from Apple. It

was awful tasting medicine. But I guess I needed it. Sometimes life hits you in the head with a brick. Don't lose faith. I'm convinced that the only thing that kept me going was that I loved what I did. You've got to find what you love."

The history of the noodle is changing

4,000 - year - old pot of thin yellow noodles might finally solve the riddle of who invented these delightful, tasty strings. Arabs, Italians and Let the Chinese have all laid claim to the invention of the noodle, but the discovery of the ancient pot of noodles in the silt of the Yellow River, may have just given the nod to China. The discovery of this pot of noodles means that people were eating noodles more than 1,000 years earlier than previously believed by scientists.

The noodles were found buried 3 meters deep in northeastern China. The noodles themselves were about 50 centimeters long. The bowl had been sealed by silt following a major earthquake and flood. The noodles were made out of the grain known as millet.

> **On** life We are all apprentices in a craft where no one ever becomes a master. — Ernest Hemingway





Museums and emotions naturally intertwined

an going to a museum and viewing beautiful art be making some people mentally unbalanced? The president of Italy's Art and Psychology Association thinks so. Graziella Magherini reported on her yearlong study at a symposium at the Galleria

dell'Accademia in Florence. During the study she looked at the impact that staring at Michelangelo's David sculpture had on some of the 1.2 million tourists who visit the statue annually. She found that looking at the masterpiece overwhelmed some people. She's calling it the David Syndrome, and sufferers report a dizzying and disorienting feeling when they look at the statue. The syndrome usually only strikes those traveling alone or with one other person, according to Discovery News. Some people suffer panic attacks, heart palpitations and even bouts of madness.

Why? Magherini studied 100 viewers who were overcome and rushed to the hospital while they were immersed in viewing an artwork. She says that viewers must remember that art can have a powerful effect on the subconscious, and that hidden memories can be stimulated and cause an immediate crisis.

Another syndrome documented by psychologists is the Rubens Syndrome; a study by the Roman Institute of Psychology looked at 2,000 museum visitors and found that 20 percent of those visitors embarked on an "erotic adventure" after viewing art. And while that might indicate that some museum goers are finding art truly "irresistible," it seems that some folks are finding trains (22 percent) and beaches (43 percent) stimulating as well.

An electronic complaint box that's fun to use

A nnoyed when he learned that a hotel was smacking him with a surcharge for making toll-free calls, Mark Hurst was inspired to write about it in his weekly e-mail newsletter about consumer experiences. To his surprise people responded with their own consumer horror stories and from

that ThisIsBroken.com was born. The Web site provides a place where consumers can grouse about things that are not working right in the world.

Hurst tries to keep the tone of his Web site fun and hopes that companies will pay attention to consumer experience. Entries are often accompanied by photo¬graphs that illustrate the amusing quality or irony of what is being complained about. Hurst hopes to raise awareness in corporate America of things that go wrong in the eyes of consumers that the companies might not otherwise know about.

On ambition

At the age of six years I wanted to be a chef. At the age of seven I wanted to be Napoleon. My ambitions have continued to grow at the same rate ever since. —Salvador Dali









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IT'S THE START OF FALL IN SOUTHERN HEMISPHERE. Spring may be springing here, but March 20 means it is time for those in the Southern Hemisphere to begin winter preparations?



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Be careful what you say

ne night a tired father came home to his inquisitive and energetic little daughter. The father had a very busy day and was not in the mood to answer the many usual questions from his daughter.

True to her nature, the little girl started off with a question for her daddy. "Papa," she said, "What do you do all day long at the office?"

"Nothing," her father replied.

After a moment the little girl asked: "Then how do you know when you're finished for the day?"

Create Tom Swifties



Tom Swifty is a sentence that ends in an adverb or a phrase serving as an adverb that describes what Tom says and is related to the content of the sentence. Here's an example: "Use your own toothbrush!" Tom bristled. Or "The doctor had to remove my left ventricle," said Tom half-heartedly.

Tom Swift was an adventure hero created by Edward

L. Stratemeyer, an American writer. Stratemeyer wrote under the pen name Victor Appleton, and his character Tom Swift rarely used dialogue without using a qualifying adverb such as "Tom said happily" or "Tom said sternly." Not all Tom Swifties use adverbial forms to achieve their wordplay, sometimes the effect is created with a verb or other grammatical constructions. "I hate milking cows," Tom uttered. Often the joke is made by breaking words down into smaller parts called morphemes in order to make the joke. "I hate taking out the trash," Tom said literally. Other times homophones and homonyms are used for fun: "My grape juice has fermented," Tom whined.

The wordplay known as Tom Swifties, actually is a later form of wordplay called Wellerism that developed from Charles Dickens' novel Pickwick Papers. Sam Weller was a Dickens character, and he and his father usually spoke in clever proverbial puns. Here are some examples of what would be considered Wellerisms: "Prevention is better than cure," said the pig when it ran away from the butcher. Or "We'll have to rehearse that," said the undertaker as the coffin fell out of the car. A list of our favorites from fun-with-words.com and Wutka's Weird Works:

- "I cut my dog's toenails down too far," Tom said quickly.
- "The river has gotten rough," Tom said rapidly.
- "Rowing hurts my hands," Tom said callously.
- "Don't add too much water," Tom said concentratedly.

On the importance of word choice Why shouldn't we quarrel about a word? What is the good of words if they aren't important enough to quarrel over? Why do we choose one word more than another if there isn't any difference between them? — G. K. Chesterton



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History of windshield wipers

Did you know that a woman invented the windshield wiper? According to EnchantedLearning.com, Mary Anderson invented the device in 1903 to help streetcars operate more safely in the rain. She patented her idea in 1905. Her device allowed the streetcar operator to control the

external, swinging arm wipers from within the car. Ten years later windshield wipers became a standard device that was included on all cars.

How to make sure the food in your refrigerator is safe

r. Michael Doyle is director of the Center for Food Safety at the University of Georgia, and he recently looked through a refrigerator to help determine what was safe and what was not. He says that leaving deli meats in the refrigerator for too long can lead to spoilage. He recently tested deli turkey that had been left in a refrigerator for six days and found it teeming with bacteria. He said that the turkey was close to spoilage. He recommends keeping deli meats for a maximum of four days. He says that if you buy meat from a deli that it is a bit riskier than buying prepack aged meats, because the meat is not put



that it is a bit riskier than buying prepack aged meats, because the meat is not put through heat treatments to keep the bacterial counts very low.

The doctor also looked at eggs that had expired. He found that they were fine, probably due to the fact, he said, that eggs that are commercially sold are treated with disinfectant that keeps the bacteria count low. Pasteurized milk has low bacteria counts as well, and Doyle says that even though it might taste a little bad after a week or so, it won't hurt you.

He says that the reason that mayonnaise and ketchup will keep in your refrigerator for up to a year is that they are made with vinegar, which kills bacteria.

One item of caution for busy folks though, he says, are those packages of lettuce mixes already chopped up for salad. He says bags of salad mixes should be used up as soon as they are opened because once the air hits the contents bacteria will start to form.

When it comes to leftovers, Doyle says it can be tricky. For instance you could have leftovers from just the night before, perhaps string beans and chicken, and they could already be covered with tens of thousands of bacteria because of their high perishablity factor. However, some other foods hold up much better, like cheese pizza. Doyle says leftover meat dishes or products should not be kept in the refrigerator for more than three or four days.

The doctor also says that aluminum foil and plastic wrap will not extend the life of your leftovers, though it may preserve better taste.

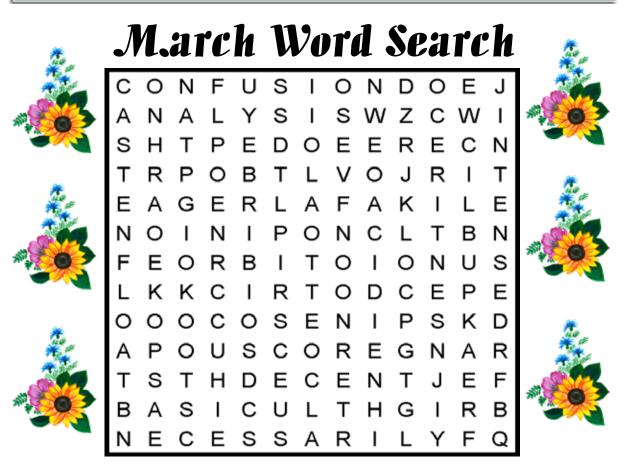
He says that making sure your refrigerator is set at 40 degrees or below is very important. Otherwise you could just be incubating bacteria.

> On life You have come here to find what you already have. — Buddhist Aphorism









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Palm Hill Country Club Annual Bazaar. Saturday, March 2nd, 8am- 1pm. 1800 Seminole Blvd, Largo.

Lake Seminole Resort Spring Flea Market, Bake Sale and Lunch on Saturday, March 2nd, 9:00am -1:00pm. Located at 10245 110th Ave. N., Largo Florida

Penny Raffle Bazaar. 3/2 9-12pm. Golden Acres ROA Park, 1040 Main St, Dunedin. Jewelry - Bake Sale. Lunch Available

Paradise Island Annual Flea Market is March 2, 9am -2pm. 1001 Starkey Rd, Largo, 8am early entrance is \$1.00. Largo selection of home goods, tools, furniture, linens, clothes, bake sale and more. Follow signs for Clubhouse.

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

Americana Cove Tag Sale in Clubhouse. Saturday, March 4th 8am -1pm. 7201 1st Street NE, St. Petersburg

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Blue Jay Estates-Annual Community Rummage Sale. Friday, 3/8 and Saturday, 3/9. 8am-1pm. Bake Sale and Lunch available Saturday only. Clubhouse and deck. 2755 Curlew Road, Palm Harbor, FL

Park Royale Carport Sale, Saturday March 9, 8:00am-12:00pm, 10611 6th St. N, Pinellas Park. Look for balloons!

Craft Fair, 3-16-24. 8-1pm. Palm Hill Country Club, 8th Ave Clubhouse. Crafts, food, & Baked Goods

Serendipity Mobile Home Park Community Yard Sale. Saturday, March 16, 2024, 8 AM - 2 PM. 29081 US Highway 19N, Clearwater. Drive around the park and check driveways for sales.

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