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Mark Twain's Very Own Helps with Oil Spill



Meghan Calhoun, left, and Sarah Gomez, with the Audubon Nature Institute, examine a Kemp's ridley turtle, one of dozens of animals affected by the oil spill that are still being cared for at centers along the Gulf Coast.

A baby sea turtle escaped from the jaws of a shark, only to get stuck in oil spilled from BP's well in the Gulf of Mexico. A young dolphin apparently was attacked by his mother, then swam into oil.

The animals are among thousands rescued since more than 200 million gallons of oil began gushing from the Macondo well about 50 miles southeast of the Mississippi River Delta, and among dozens that remain at Gulf Coast rescue centers five months after the well was capped.

Since the Deepwater Horizon rig exploded April 20, rescue officials say 2,079 birds, 456 sea turtles, some terrapins and two dolphins have been plucked from the oil.

Another 2,263 birds, 18 turtles and four dolphins were found dead with oil on them. All are being dissected to tell whether it was the crude from the BP well that killed them.

Caring for the animals can be time-consuming and costly, an ongoing legacy of the massive oil spill in the Gulf of Mexico, and identifying whether BP is at fault is a complex matter for those working at the centers. *The Associated Press—Published: December 19, 2010*



How New Year's is Celebrated in France...

In France, New Year's Eve (31 December) is called *la Saint-Sylvestre* and is usually celebrated with a feast, called *le Réveillon de Saint-Sylvestre*. The feast tends to include special items like champagne and *foie gras*, and the accompanying party can range from an intimate dinner with friends to *une soirée dansante* (ball).

At midnight, everyone kisses under the mistletoe and offers their best wishes for the new year.

On New Year's Day, *le Jour de l'An*, friends and family share their New Year's resolutions and may also exchange cards and gifts.

The end of the holiday season is Epiphany, on 6 January, which in France includes a traditional cake called *la galette des rois*.



Beyond the Normal Garden Vegetable Pizza

What You Will Need:

- One 14-inch pizza shell, ready to use
- 1 teaspoon fresh garlic, finely chopped
- 6 ounces mozzarella
- 6 ounces provolone
- 1 cup fresh tomatoes, coarsely chopped and drained of excess liquid
- ½ cup zucchini slices
- ½ cup cooked drained spinach
- ½ cup roasted eggplant cubes
- ½ roasted squash]
- 8 asparagus spears
- 8 thin slices (½-inch by 3-inches) roasted red peppers
- ¼ cup blanched peas
- ¼ cup blanched corn
- 2 tablespoons grated parmesan cheese
- Garnish: slivers of fresh basil leaves



Spread the garlic out evenly over the empty shell and cover with mozzarella and provolone. Layer the vegetables attractively on top of the pizza in the order listed. Bake the pizza until golden and bubbly and garnish with fresh basil. Slice & Serve.

Did You Know...



... That on December 31 (New Year's Eve) is one of the five busiest sales days of the year for American Pizzerias?

... That according to a recent pizzatoday.com poll, 75% of pizzeria operators anticipate experiencing a sales increase over the next 12 months?

... That Delaware has 235 Pizzerias?



Resolutions

It is a time of resolutions. Let's resolved to no longer make resolutions. The following are some alternative affirmations for a new year.

- ♦ I assume full responsibility for my actions, except the ones that are someone else's fault.
- ♦ In some cultures what I do would be considered normal.

♦ I need not suffer in silence while I can still moan, whimper, and complain.

♦ I am at one with my duality.

♦ Blessed are the flexible, for they can tie themselves in knots.

♦ A scapegoat is almost as good as a solution.

♦ Just for today, I will not sit in my living room all day in my underwear. Instead, I will move my computer into the bedroom.

♦ I will no longer waste my time reliving the past; I will spend it worrying about the future!

♦ The complete lack of evidence is the surest proof that the conspiracy is working.

♦ Before I criticize a man, I walk a mile in his shoes. That way, if he gets angry, he's a mile away and barefoot.

SNOWFLAKES

Every snowflake is a unique, six-sided crystal. But how they manifest themselves can be quite different, from a light, powdery shower to a raging blizzard. Wet snow is the type that will form a snowball or a snowman, and is usually the most popular snow for children of all ages. Powdered snow is what skiers look for light and fluffy. When sunlight or freezing rain melts then refreezes the top layer of snow, it's called crust. Surt is a combination snow and dirt, most commonly found when winds pick up dirt and drop it on top of fresh snowfall.

January

January is named after Janus (Ianuarius), the god of the doorway; the name has its beginnings in Roman mythology, coming from the Latin word for door (ianua). January is the door to the year. Traditionally, the original Roman calendar consisted of 10 months, totalling 304 days, winter being considered a monthless period. Around 713 BC, the semi-mythical successor of Romulus, King Numa Pompilius, is supposed to have added the months of January and February, allowing the calendar to equal a standard lunar year (355 days). Although March was originally the first month in the old Roman Calendar, January became the first month of the calendar year either under Numa or under the Decemvirs about 450 BC (Roman writers differ).



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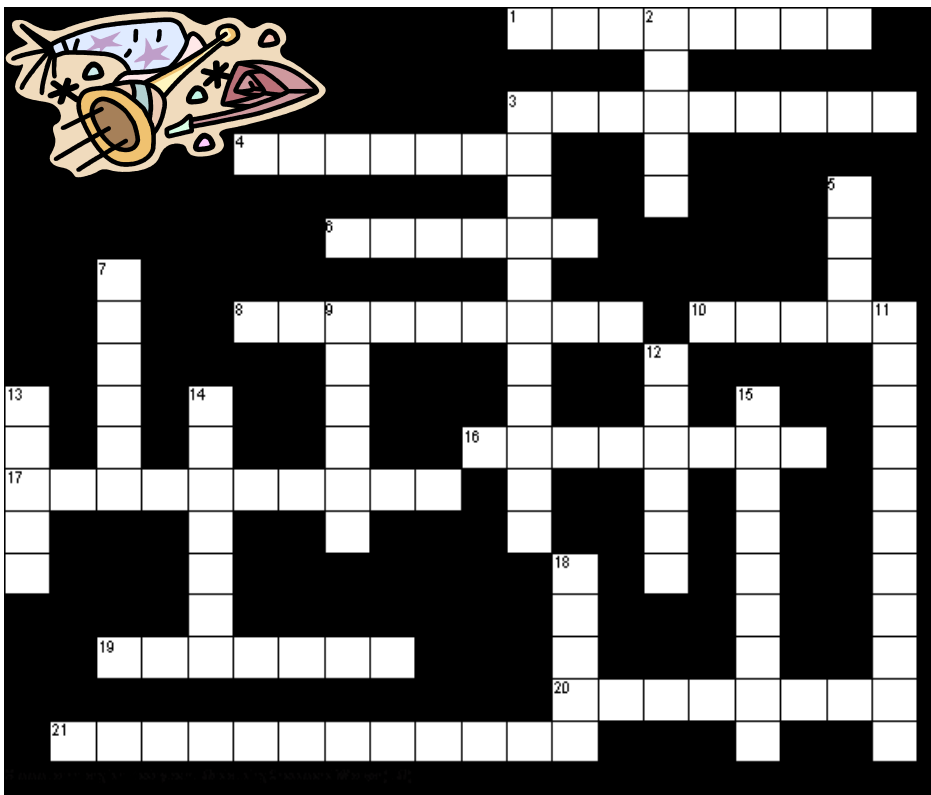
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Last months answer:
Great Mosque of Djenne (Djenne, Mali)



ACROSS

- 1 new year in Scotland
- 3 enumeration of final moments
- 4 greet warmly
- 6 famous London clock
- 8 explosion of lights
- 10 day of new year
- 16 12 o'clock at night
- 17 promise you make
- 19 new year month
- 20 shows the date
- 21 traditional New Year song

DOWN

- 2 there are 12 in the year
- 3 festivity to mark an event
- 5 couples do this at midnight
- 7 expression of goodwill
- 9 celebrate the arrival
- 11 where crowds gather in New York
- 12 noise produced by clock
- 13 get-together to celebrate
- 14 used for decoration at parties
- 15 celebration drink
- 18 move to music

