



The Twain Times

We Don't Teach People to be Nice
~ We Simply Hire Nice People

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Mardi Gras 2011 falls on Tuesday, March 8. Mardi Gras, "Fat Tuesday", is the last day of the Carnival season as it always falls the day before Ash Wednesday, the first day of Lent.



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St. Patrick: The Myth and the Man...

For Some, St. Patrick's Day (March 17) is a reason to wear green, go to the parade, and drink more Irish whiskey than usual. But just who was this St. Patrick fellow?

The most common belief is that he drove the snakes out of Ireland. Ireland probably never had snakes though and the myth may refer to Patrick's efforts to stamp out the serpent imagery used by the Druids. He also may have used the three-leafed shamrock to illustrate the concept of the Holy Trinity to the people he was trying to convert to Christianity as a missionary in Ireland during the fifth century.

Historians agree that Patrick was born in Roman-occupied Britain, the son of a Christian deacon. At age 16 he was captured and taken to Ireland, where he was a slave for six years. During this time, his Christian faith strengthened, and one day heard a voice (according to a letter he wrote about his early life) promising he would soon return home. Shortly afterward he escaped, found his way to a ship, and went back to his family. An angel appeared to him in a dream, he later wrote, telling him to return to Ireland as a missionary. After a long period of religious training, Patrick went back to the land where he had been a slave to convert the Irish and to minister to those Christians living there.

March 17 is believed to be the date of his death. Although never formally canonized, Patrick came to be considered a Saint and March 17 was celebrated as a religious holiday until 1903, when it became a public holiday in Ireland by an act of the British Parliament.



Beyond the Normal Pancetta and Potato Pizza

What You Will Need:

- One 14-inch pizza shell
- 1/4 pound lean pancetta, coarsely chopped
- 2 tablespoons extra-virgin olive oil
- 1 tablespoon minced garlic
- 2 large redskin potatoes (about 1 pound), peeled and sliced almost paper-thin
- 1/2 cup chopped scallions, white part only
- 1/2 teaspoon dried rosemary, or 2 teaspoons fresh, chopped
- 1/2 teaspoon dried thyme, or 2 teaspoons fresh, chopped
- 1 teaspoon red pepper flakes (optional)
- 1/4 cup grated Parmesan cheese



In a small saute pan over low heat, cook the pancetta until it renders most of its fat and starts to get crispy, about 7 minutes. Reserve. **B**rush the crust, including the edge, with the olive oil. Sprinkle on the minced garlic. **A**rrange the sliced potatoes, slightly overlapping them, up to the border of the crust (leave about a half-inch border). **S**prinkle on the scallions, rosemary, thyme and red pepper flakes. **P**our the reserved pancetta, including the fat in the pan, evenly over the pizza. **S**prinkle on the Parmesan cheese. **S**lice &

Words of Wisdom.... Can You Relate?

"I've learned that our dog doesn't want to eat my broccoli either." (Age 7)

"If you want to cheer yourself up, you should try cheering someone else up." (Age 14)

"I've learned that silent company is often more healing than words of advice." (Age 24)

"If someone says something unkind about me, I must live so that no one will believe it." (Age 30)

"The greater a person's sense of guilt, the greater his or her need to cast blame on others." (Age 46)

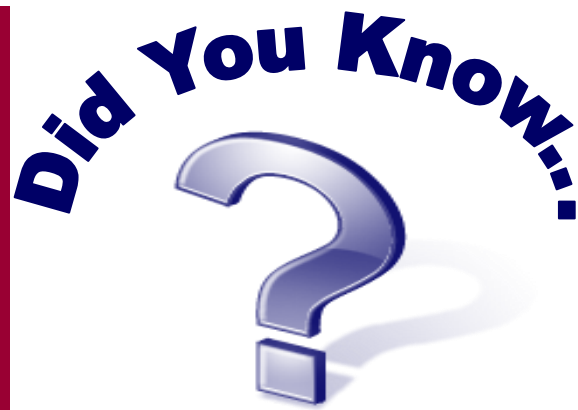
"I've learned that motel mattresses are better on the side away from the phone." (Age 50)

"Regardless of your relationship with your parents, you miss them terribly after they die." (Age 53)

"You shouldn't go through life with a catcher's mitt on both hands. Sometimes you need to be able to throw something back." (Age 64)

"I've learned that whenever I decide something with kindness, I usually make the right decision." (Age 66)

"I've learned that I still have a lot to learn." (Age 92)



...That West Virginia has 559 pizzerias.
...That in 2011 5.5 Billion pizzas will be sold in the United States.

...That according to pizzatoday.com web poll, 42% of pizzerias say that they offer wheat crust.

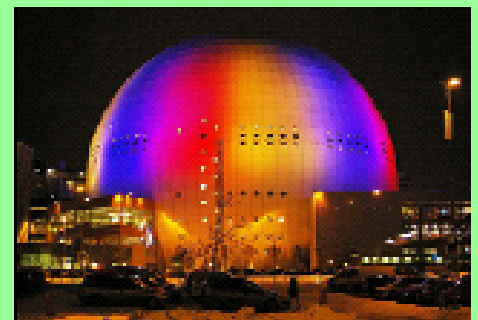
...An earthquake on Dec. 16, 1811 caused parts of the Mississippi River to flow backwards.

...There are over 25 million bubbles waiting to burst out of each bottle of Champagne.

...Gold is the only metal that doesn't rust, even if it's buried in the ground for thousands of years.

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WORLD?



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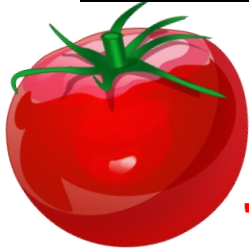
Last months answer:

The uninhabited island is only 130,000 square yards and is called Galesnjak. It is located in the Adriatic off the Croatia coast.



Archbishop Rummel High School

On February 8th I had an opportunity to attend Career Day at Rummel High School. The Alumni Association and Guidance Office sponsor the annual Career Day where many Archbishop Rummel alumni return to school to speak with members of the Junior Class. Students attend three sessions to hear about professions they are considering for future work. It is an enjoyable time to return to Archbishop Rummel and chat with both teachers and students.



Do you know where your tomatoes come from?
Mark Twain's buys exclusively "Escalon" Tomatoes from California.

There is a major scandal in Italy concerning Chinese tomatoes being repackaged as "Italian imported tomatoes" with changed expiration dates. The Italian customs department has seized TONS (articles of which I have in Italian and English) of fake (Chinese) imported tomatoes.

You Missed Work Because Of... What?

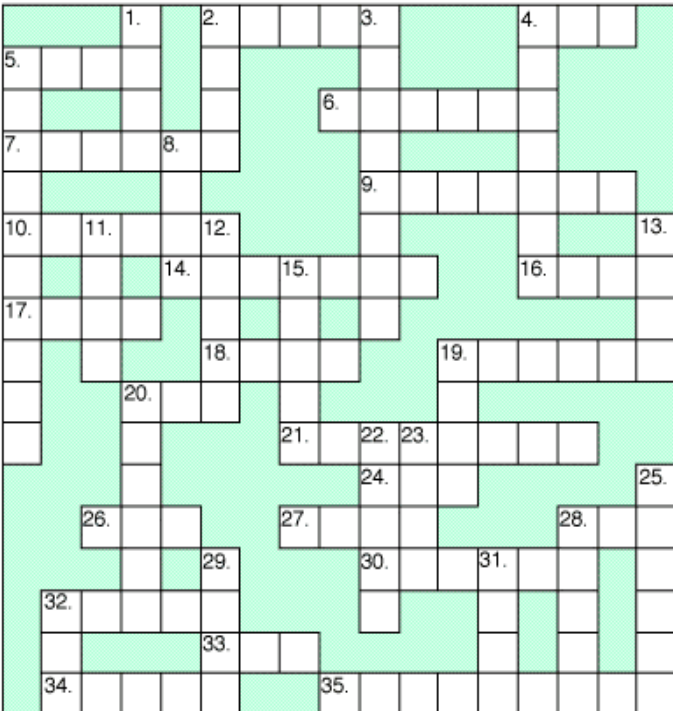
A survey by CareerBuilder.com collected some of employees' more unusual excuses for missing work. Here are some highlights:



- One employee said his mother had been "attacked by a chicken."
- Another employee reported that his "finger had gotten stuck in a bowling ball."
- One employee simply told the boss he "wasn't feeling too clever that day."
- An employee said he needed to miss work so he could "mow my lawn right away in order to avoid a lawsuit from his homeowner's association."
- Another employee said his "foot got caught in a garbage disposal."
- One employee had to call in sick because "she'd burned her mouth on a piece of pumpkin pie."



Crossword



- Down**
1. Body covering?
 2. Heal
 3. 3 leaved clover
 4. St. Patrick was a missionary there
 5. Mystical being
 8. Short form for corporal
 11. Actor's part
 12. _____ Patrick
 13. X marks the _____
 15. Peels of fruits
 19. Layer
 20. Procession or march
 22. To arrive at a final destination
 23. Walkway
 25. Wrist or ankle injury
 28. Household task
 29. Measurement
 31. Destroy
 32. Valuable stone

- Across**
2. Loose change
 4. Pens need this
 5. Good _____
 6. Conditional release
 7. King's son
 9. Let go
 10. Mistakes
 14. Saint _____
 16. Let fall, rain _____
 17. Give aid
 18. Number less than 10
 19. Leprechaun's head wear
 20. _____ of gold
 21. St. Patrick rid Ireland of these
 24. Hearing organ
 26. Opposite of good
 27. One of the food groups
 28. Drink container
 30. God's house
 32. St. Patrick's Day colour
 33. Feline
 34. St. Patrick's month
 35. St. Patrick's day #



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