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### **Positive Thought**

"An optimist is the human personification of spring." —Susan J. Bissonette

### **Remember When: Silly Putty**

During World War II, a rubber shortage prompted a search for a synthetic substitute. Two chemists—one at General Electric and the other with Dow Corning—combined boric acid and silicone oil. Though they were working independently, they got the same result: a bouncy, stretchy material. It wasn't a good rubber replacement, but it was entertaining to play with. A toy marketer packaged 1-ounce balls of the putty in plastic eggs and sold them for a dollar apiece, and Silly Putty became one of the most popular toys of the 20th century.

### **March Madness**

It means office pools. Heartbreak. Buzzer beaters. Braggin' rights. "March Madness" strikes this month each year. The goal is to crown a national champion in college basketball. But did you know "March Madness" originally was coined in relation to high school hoops?

In 1939, Henry V. Porter, an administrator with the Illinois High School Association, referred to "March Madness" in an article he wrote describing the hoopla surrounding the Illinois state tournament.

When TV broadcaster Brent Musburger used the phrase "March Madness" during the 1982 NCAA tournament, it ignited an association with what has become a much-anticipated March staple.

### March 2025



### **Lucky Charms**

Do you have a lucky coin or a pair of socks that you believe brings you good fortune? You may be on to something. Studies show that simply believing a lucky charm works can boost a person's confidence, helping them perform a task better.

### **Fat Tuesday**

Mardi Gras, or the last day of Shrovetide, is the final celebration of feasting before the fast of Lent. It originated in Rome as a pagan carnival and spring fertility rite. The first American Mardi Gras was celebrated in 1699, 60 miles south of present-day New Orleans. Today, some of the most well-known parades occur in New Orleans, Brazil, France and Belgium.



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Classes

CW Special Events
Religious

Clubs

Meetings

Trips/Outings

# **Word Search**

Category: Spring

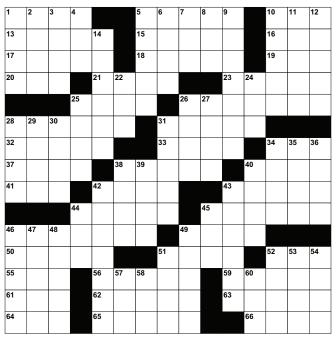
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1. Crisp	8	15
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20. Warming	13. Rainy	6. Garden		
19. Unpredictable	\lambda \lamb	5. Flourish		
9nidanu2 .81	11. Plant	4. Energized		
17. Sprouting	10. Outdoors	3. Crisp		
16. Spring	9. Newborn	2. Breezy		
15. Renewal	8. Melting	1. Awakening		
Word Search Solution:				

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### **Crossword Puzzle**



### **ACROSS**

- 1. Compass point
- First letter in Hebrew alphabet
- 10. Irritate
- 13. Notre Dame, Louvre and Eiffel Tower
- 15. Upper body
- 16. Poem of praise
- 17. Scots' neighbors
- 18. Month
- 19. Decompose
- 20. Ball holder
- 21. Govern 23. Oblivion
- 25. Location of the Vatican and Coliseum 26. Song
- 28. Take refuge (2 wds.)
- 31. Cut of beef
- 32. Concede
- 33. Given salarv
- 34. Propel with oars
- 37. What kids do 38. Ocean gem
- 40. Honey storage
- 41. Sixth sense
- 42. Egg-shaped fruit
- 43. Asian nation
- 44. Got out of bed
- 45. Gag 46. Lecture
- 49. Commune
- 50. Test copy
- 51. Vote in a law
- 52. Digit

- 55. Vase
- 56. Old 59. A vacation (2 wds.)
- 61. Fish eggs
- 62. Being deceitful
- 63. River Valley famous for vineyards and castles
- 64. Test
- 65. Soft drink brand 66. Harness

### **DOWN**

- Skewer 1.
- Item for sale
- Soft cheese
- Bro.'s sibling Dickens' "\_\_\_ \_ of Two Cities"
- (2 wds.)
- Make a mistake
- Pressure unit Country of tulips and windmills
- 10. Averages
- 11. Philippine dish with
- marinated chicken or pork
- 12. Mount (2 wds.)
- 14. Envelop
- 22. Sports official
- 24. Writing liquid
- 25. Depend
- 26. Scorch 27. Frozen rain
- 28. Publicity
- 29. Lubricates 30. Spring

- 31. Country known for bullfighting, Picasso and Hernán Cortés
- 34. Round cracker brand
- 35. Elliptic
- 36. "as you\_ 38. Leaning tower in Italy 39. Pitcher
- 40. Smoggy
- 42. Relative
- 43. Celestial radiation emitter
- 44. Rio de Janeiro
- 45 Mr 's wife 46. Sudden stream with force
- 47. Blunder
- 48. Legal tender
- 49. Sharp pains
- 51. Pennsylvania (abbr.)
- 52. Three
- 53. Squeal
- 54. Dueling sword
- 57. Caustic substance 58. Directory (abbr.)
- 60. Scriptural your



