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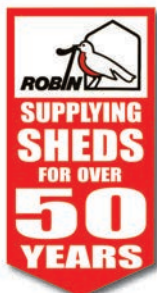
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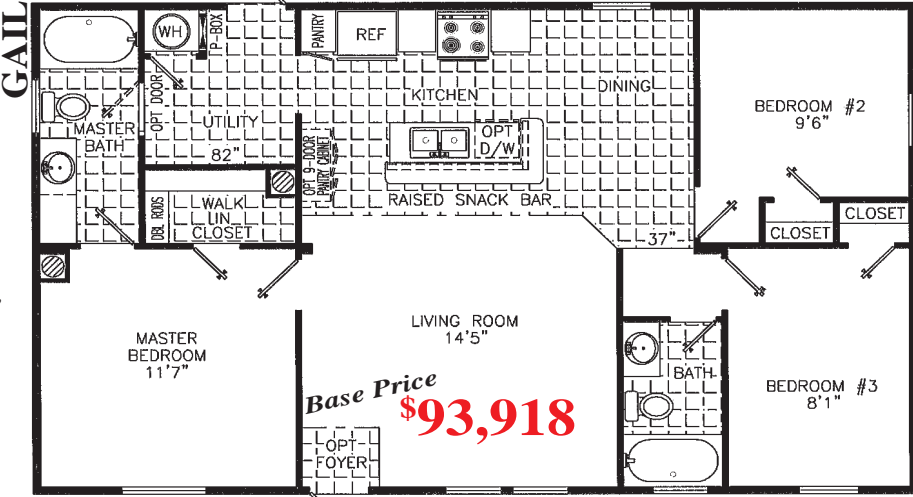
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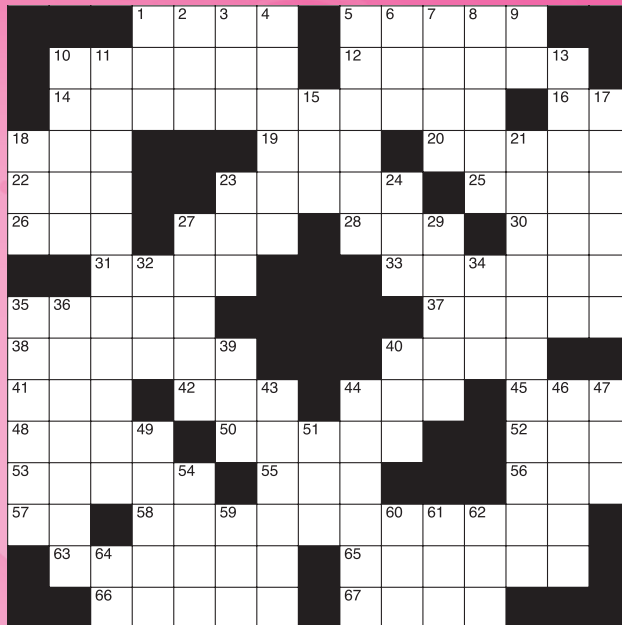
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10. Goddess of wisdom
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14. Working-class people
16. It borders Canada (abbr.)
18. A princess can detect its presence
19. Red-brown sea bream
20. Defunct retail empire
22. Vase
23. Demeter's equivalent
25. Monetary unit of the Maldives
26. French and Belgian river
27. Small amount
28. High schoolers' test
30. Animal's foot
31. Some is red
33. Per \_\_\_: each
35. Swedish jazz pop duo
37. Plate for Eucharist
38. Train line
40. Russian pop duo
41. Stake
42. Plant by scattering
44. Female sibling
45. City of Angels hoopsters (abbr.)
48. Popular cookie brand
50. Group of Niger-Congo languages
52. A team's best pitcher
53. Vomits
55. 19th letter of Greek alphabet
56. Men's fashion accessory
57. Its capital is Pierre (abbr.)
58. Expensive cut of steak
63. Popular James Cameron film
65. A \_\_\_: relating to knowl-  
edge gleaned from deduction
66. Kids' snow toys
67. Flip side to yin

**CLUES DOWN**

1. Global public health agency
2. Snake-like fish
3. Midway between northeast and east
4. Dabbed
5. TV show
6. Folk singer DiFranco
7. Canadian flyers
8. Of the dowry
9. Commercial
10. The act of imitating
11. Equipment used to broad-  
cast radio or TV signals
13. Lands of an emir
15. Swiss river
17. Island
18. Monetary unit of Afghanistan
21. One who surrenders under  
agreed conditions
23. Garfield is one
24. A baglike structure in a plant or animal
27. Small boats used in the Black Sea
29. Small savory Spanish dishes
32. Body part
34. Touch lightly
35. Popular grilled foods on a stick
36. \_\_\_ Hess: oil company
39. Antelope with a reddish coat
40. Pharaoh of Lower Egypt
43. Pink Floyd's Roger
44. Short and thick
46. Small, sac-like cavities
47. Performer \_\_\_-Lo
49. Entrails of animal used as food
51. \_\_\_ King Cole, musician
54. Where construction is done
59. Chap
60. Investment vehicle
61. Often mixed with tonic
62. Holiday beverage egg \_\_\_
64. Against

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# COMMUNITY BOARD

## FEBRUARY

**4th**

The St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Catholic Church's Community of Catholic Women will conduct the annual Elite Repeat Clothing and Jewelry Sale on: Friday, February 3rd, Saturday, February 4th and Sunday, February 5th from 9:00am -1:00pm each day. This fabulous event will be held in the parish hall located at 1401 West Country Club Blvd., Citrus Springs. Please join us and do some shopping. Bring a friend!

**10th & 11th**

Faith Lutheran Church's SPRING RUMMAGE and BAKE SALE! from 9 am to 2 pm. at 935 S Crystal Glen Drive, Lecanto, FL 34461 (Inside Crystal Glen subdivision) Items that will be available are handmade quilts, knick-knacks, household items, jewelry, books, clothing, etc. Proceeds will go to missions and charity.

**11th**

The First Christian Church of Inverness, located at 2018 Colonade Street in Inverness, Florida, will host an ABC of Dementia workshop from 10:00 to noon. The workshop, to be conducted by Debbie Selsavage, President of Coping with Dementia LLC, will define Alzheimer's and dementia, explain how dementia affects individuals, discuss ways to interpret dementia behaviors for better communication, and show how compassion and the proper use of voice, approach, and appropriate touch can result in more effective and less stressful caregiving. While the workshop is designed for care partners of loved ones living with dementia, people already experiencing dementia are welcome to attend. Though the workshop is free and open to the public, registration is requested for planning purposes. To make reservations, call 352-422-3663 or e-mail deb@coping.today.

**11th**

The Citrus County Craft Council is proud to present the Cupid's Showcase Arts and Crafts Show on Saturday, from 9am to 3pm at the Crystal River Armory located at 8551 W Venable St, Crystal River, FL 34429. There will be a large assortment of talented, local vendors selling their wonderfully handmade goods. The prizes that will be raffled off at the event will benefit the BFF Society, who provide scholarships to local high school graduates. Admission and parking for this event is free!

**14th**

The Citrus County Genealogical Society will have a webinar at 10:00 a.m. by Zoom and at the Church of Jesus Christ of the Latter-day Saints, 3474 W. Southern St., Lecanto. Guests are welcome to attend. Gena Philibert-Ortega will talk about "Researching Your Ancestors in Periodicals." She goes over what type of periodicals family historians should search, what articles they include, and where to find those articles. To get a link, contact Mary Ann Machonkin at himary@tampabay.rr.com

**18th**

1st ANNUAL FRANK SMITH Community Cruise In. FREE REGISTRATION SPONSORED BY THE HERNANDO UNITED METHODIST CHURCH 2125 East Norvell Bryant Hwy, Hernando FL 34442. SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 18TH 10:00am -- 2:00pm Bake Sale- Get some sweets for your sweetie! CRUISE ON IN! ALL VEHICLES WELCOME! RAIN OR SHINE! Lunch for Purchase (FREE hot dog & drink per registered car!)

**18th**

FREE PANCAKE BREAKFAST February 18, 2023 8AM-11AM First Presbyterian Church 206 Washington Ave Inverness, FL.

**25th**

George Albright Marion County Tax Collector presents the 13th Annual Charity Car Show (Proceeds Support Marion County Charities). Show Open to all vehicles- past & present -9am-3pm at the McPherson Gov. Complex located at 503 SE 25th Ave Ocala, Florida. For More information on how to participate please contact Jacob Wicklein at 352-368-8206 or email at jwicklein@mariontax.com.

**25th**

Annual LOE FLEA MARKET is back! at the West Citrus Elks Lodge on Grover Cleveland Blvd. Don't miss the fantastic deals and treasures during this 6 1/2 hour event! Doors open at 8:30 am and close at 2:30 pm. All are welcome and there is no admission fee. Items for sale will include artwork, books, clothing, seasonal items, household items, tools and furniture. Proceeds will go to local charities. Information: Anyone desiring to donate items for the flea market or volunteer to assist with the sale may contact Terri Harrison at 352-410-9215, the Ladies of the Elks

## MARCH

**11th**

1st Annual Nature Coast Holistic Health Expo, Sat 11 March 2023 from 10-3 pm at the First United Methodist Church of Homosassa 8831 W Bradshaw St. A variety of local businesses and organizations providing information, services, goods, and demonstrations. Entrance donation \$5. Kids under 12 free. Proceeds will support the following programs: food pantry, respite and hospice programs.

**11th and 12th**

Marion County Master Gardeners Spring Festival 2023 presents "The Area's Largest all-in-one plant sale & Garden Expo March 11th 8-4 and March 12th 9-4 located at 2232 NE Jacksonville Road (Southeastern Livestock Pavilion). \$3 admission (12 and under FREE) Florida Friendly and Tropical trees, shrubs, flowers, and herbs. Vegetable and plant seeds. Expanded Kidzone with live butterflies. Garden Décor. Food Trucks, Certified Vendors, & Mobile Plant Clinic. No Pets/Service Animals Permitted.

**14th**

The Citrus County Genealogical Society will meet March 14 for a webinar at 10:00 a.m. by Zoom and a meeting at the Church of Jesus Christ of the Latter-day Saints, 3474 W Southern St., Lecanto. Paula Stuart-Warren will present "County and State Archives: What Have You Been Missing." Many records found in state archives are one-of-a-kind items, including original wills, civil and criminal case files, governors' pardons, legislative records, vital records, and military records. The websites, research services, online databases, range of holdings, and finding aids show big differences. Guests are welcome to attend. To get a link contact Mary Ann Machonkin at himary@tampabay.rr.com

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## COMMUNITY BOARD SUBMISSIONS DETAILS ---->

Send us your events via email at [office@peddlers-post.com](mailto:office@peddlers-post.com) or you can submit them online at <https://peddlers-post.com/community-board/%2fsubmit>



**ONGOING**

Looking for fun, low impact exercise to add to your routine? Citrus County Parks & Recreation's Bicentennial Park Pool (located at 8145 W Bicentennial Park Dr, Crystal River, FL 34429) offers Water Aerobics classes with a certified instructor weekly on Monday, Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday from 11:30am - 12:30pm. The cost is \$3.00 per person per class. These classes offer a fun, healthy fitness workout without added stress on your joints. Must be 16 years or older to participate. For more information, please call (352) 795-1478.

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Citrus Sertoma-meets every 1st and 3rd Wednesday at the Inverness Moose Lodge 2112 on 221 S Haid Terrace, Lecanto, FL 34461 - Off Hwy 44 Dinner at 5:30 - Meeting at 6:30pm Visitors and New Members are welcome.

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LEARN TO SQUARE DANCE Every Monday Starting January 3rd, 2022 6PM till 9PM WHISPERING PINES PARK 1700 Forest Dr, Inverness FL 34453 Cost \$5.00 p/p Western Wear Optional-NEW CLASS STARTING OCT 3, 2022

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Springs Masonic Lodge No. 378 Meets the 3rd Tuesday of each month at 7:30 pm at Springs Masonic Lodge located at 5030 S. Memorial Dr., Homosassa, Fl. All Masons are welcome to join us for dinner at 6:30 pm. Snowbirds are always welcome.

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The 1st & 3rd Tuesdays of each month The Citrus Library Coping Connection offers Online demintia support groups hosted by Certified Dementia Practitioner Debbie Selsavage. The meeting is conducted through on-line, real-time video communication The connection hub will be located at the Central Ridge Library at 425 W. Roosevelt Blvd in Beverly Hills. Participants will need to arrive at the Central Ridge Library by 12:50 p.m. on the day of the meeting which is from 1 pm to 3 pm. The program is free and available to anyone. For more information, call 352-746-6622 or 352-422-3663.

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Celebrate Recovery at Hills Church , 2 Civic Circle, Beverly Hills, FL. Every Monday Night at 6:00  
For more information please call 410-353-7857

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ALZHEIMER'S CAREGIVERS COMMUNITY SUPPORT The Floral City Alzheimer's/Dementia Caregivers Support Group meets on the third Friday of every month in the Floral City United Methodist Church on Marvin St. Meeting starts at 10:30am. There is no charge and all caregivers are welcome to attend with no pressure to speak. For more info. contact Helen Ciampi 352-341-2867 or Marcia Beasley at 352-726-7740

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Hands on Woodturners meetings on 3rd Wednesday of each month at 7pm at Beverly Hills Lion Club 72 Civic Circle Beverly Hills Blvd Visitors are always welcome, members are all levels of turnings A woodturner demonstration given by experienced craftsper-son contact email: Howturners.com or call Denis Cap 352-489-4374

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Come Join Us For An Afternoon Of Fun and support a local not for profit as Floral City Lions Club Community House located at 8370 E Orange Street, Floral City hosts Bingo every Wednesday 1-3 pm. Admission is free/cost for card (12-3 game cards \$12 OR 12-9 game cards \$24) Proceeds Split 50% Winner /50% Lions Club Charities.

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FCGC meets the 2nd Friday of every month starting at 11:00 am at the Floral City community center (October we meet on Thurs- day) and we are looking for new members. If your interested in gaining friendships, gaining knowledge through speakers, going on field trips, and advice on all things in a garden, then come and see what we're all about. Committed opportunities available. All are welcome. Contact us at: President@FloralCityGardenClub.com

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The German/American Social Club of West Central Florida extends an invitation to visit our next gathering. Please be our guest- We meet every 2nd Mon. of the month, (summers excluded), at 4 PM at the Knights of Columbus Hall located at 2389 W. Norvell Bryant Hwy, (CR486) in Lecanto. We will resume meetings on Sept. 12, 22, at 4 PM. The Meeting for Oct. will be the third Mon. Oct. 17th at 4 PM. We have many exciting events throughout the year, like Spring Dance, Anniversary Dinner Dance, Fall Festival, Christ- mas Dinner Dance and more. Contact Sigi Strak for further info. at: 352-854-9616 or email: sigistrak@centurylink.net

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The New York Club meets every 3rd Tues. of the month for lunch at The American Legion, 6585 W. GTL (Hwy. 44W) at 12 noon at \$18 pp. Drinks available from the bar. Dues are \$10 pp per year from Oct., 2022 thru May, 2023. Join us on trips, listen to interesting speakers & special holiday parties. Call Marie @ 845-667-290

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The Homosassa River Garden welcomes the public to its monthly meetings at the Fellowship Hall of the First United Methodist Church of Homosassa, 8831 W. Bradshaw Street in Homosassa, 34448. The club meets October through May beginning at 10:00 am with social time beginning at 9:30 am and is free. For further information, please look at our website <https://homosassariv- ergardenclub.wordpress.com> or call Ms. Lorry at 630-269-1096.

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A GriefShare support group begins January 9th at the Hernando Church of the Nazarene, 2101 North Florida Ave. ( Highway 41) Hernando on Mondays' from 10:00 to 12 noon this event will continue through April. All are Welcome. Call the church office at 352-726-6144 or Ruth Brincefield at 352-212-0570 for more information.

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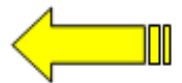


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- Not much is actually known about St. Valentine because records are sparse. However, these facts have emerged.
- ~ St. Valentine could be one of at least three individuals who were martyred. In fact, some believe there were about a dozen St. Valentines.
- ~ Of course St. Valentine is known for presiding over lovers. However, he's also the patron saint of epilepsy, watching over those who experience seizures associated with the disease.
- ~ Visitors to the Basilica of Santa Maria in Rome can find the flower-adorned skull of St. Valentine on display. Other parts of St. Valentine's skeleton are on display in the Czech Republic, England, France, and Ireland.
- ~ Some people think Geoffrey Chaucer may have invented Valentine's Day. In his "Parlement of Foules," he speaks of a tradition of courtly love with the celebration of St. Valentine's Day. This association became more established after Chaucer's poem received widespread attention.

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*Solution*

## THIS DAY IN...



## HISTORY

- **1653:** THE CITY OF NEW AMSTERDAM, WHICH WILL LATER BE RENAMED THE CITY OF NEW YORK, IS INCORPORATED.
- **1876:** THE NATIONAL LEAGUE OF PROFESSIONAL BASEBALL CLUBS IS FORMED.
- **1922:** "ULYSSES" BY JAMES JOYCE IS PUBLISHED.

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ANSWER: WHALES

## Get Scrambled

Unscramble the words to determine the phrase.

T H A R E N T O H M

*Answer: Heart month*



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*How they SAY that in...*

**ENGLISH:** Vein  
**SPANISH:** Vena  
**ITALIAN:** Vena  
**FRENCH:** Veine  
**GERMAN:** Vene

**Did you know?**

THE BEATING SOUND OF THE HEART IS CAUSED BY THE VALVES OF THE HEART OPENING AND CLOSING.

**GET THE PICTURE?**

Can you guess what the bigger picture is?

ANSWER: STETHOSCOPE

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**What did the calculator say  
to the pencil on Valentine's  
Day? You can count on me.**



**What do you get when you kiss  
a dragon on Valentine's Day?  
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**Did you know?**

The Alzheimer's Association reports that remaining socially active throughout adulthood can possibly delay the onset of dementia. And that's not the only benefit to remaining socially engaged as an adult, which researchers have linked to reduced rates of disability and mortality. The Alzheimer's Association also indicates that social engagement may reduce the risk for depression in older adults. That's a significant benefit, as the National Council on Aging notes that the risk for depression is elevated among older adults compared to young adults. Retirees can consider a host of ways to remain socially engaged, whether it's volunteering, participating in clubs or moving to communities tailored to individuals 55 and older. Such communities may facilitate social engagement among residents by establishing or promoting clubs, organizing group sightseeing trips and arranging for other opportunities for inhabitants to get to know their neighbors.

# FEBRUARY Days Past

**February 1st 1884** 1st volume of the Oxford English Dictionary, A-Ant, published

**February 2nd 1653** New Amsterdam becomes a city (later renamed New York)

**February 3rd 1863** Samuel Clemens first uses the pen name Mark Twain in a Virginia City newspaper, the "Territorial Enterprise"



**February 4th 2004** Mark Zuckerberg launches Facebook from his Harvard dormitory room

**February 5th 1924** 1st Winter Olympic Games close at Chamonix

**February 6th 1952** Queen Elizabeth II succeeds King George VI to the British throne and proclaimed Queen of the United Kingdom and the other Commonwealth realms including Canada, Australia and New Zealand

**February 7th 1974** Mel Brooks' western spoof film "Blazing Saddles", starring Cleavon

Little and Gene Wilder premieres at the Pickwick Drive-In in Burbank, California; patrons watched from horseback rather than cars

**February 8th 1912** 1st eastbound US transcontinental flight lands in Jacksonville, Florida

**February 9th 1871** Federal fish protection office authorized by US Congress

**February 10th 1940** "Tom & Jerry" cartoon created by William Hanna & Joseph Barbera debut by MGM

**February 11th 1990** Nelson Mandela released after 27 years imprisonment in South Africa

**February 12th 1947** French fashion designer Christian Dior presents his first influential collection, named the "New Look"



**February 13th 1945** Allied planes begin bombing Dresden, Germany; a firestorm results and over 22,000 die

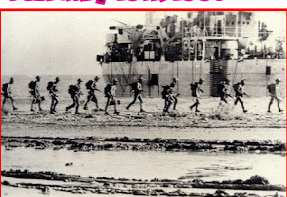
**February 14th 1929** St Valentine's Day Massacre in Chicago, 7 gangsters killed, allegedly on Al Capone's orders

**February 15th 399** BC Philosopher Socrates is sentenced to death by the city of Athens for corrupting the minds of the youth of the city and for impiety

**February 16th 1659** 1st known cheque written (£400), now on display at Westminster Abbey

**February 17th 1936** The world's first superhero, The Phantom, a cartoon strip by Lee Falk, makes his first appearance in comics

**February 18th 1885** Mark Twain publishes the "Adventures of Huckleberry Finn" in the US



**February 19th 1945** US 5th Fleet launches invasion of Iwo Jima against the Japanese with 30,000 US Marines

**February 20th 1792** US postal service created, postage 6-12 cents depending on distance

**February 21st 1972** Richard Nixon becomes the first US President to visit China, normalizing relations between the countries in a meeting with Chinese

leader Mao Zedong in Beijing

**February 22nd 1907** 1st cabs with taxi meters begin operating in London

**February 23rd 1945** US Marines raise American flag on top of Mt. Suribachi, Iwo Jima. Pulitzer Prize winning photo of which by Joe Rosenthal later became iconic, inspiring the Marine Corps War Memorial sculpture

**February 24th 2008** Fidel Castro retires as the President of Cuba due to ill health after nearly fifty years

**February 25th 1957** Buddy Holly and the Crickets record their smash hit "That'll Be the Day" in Clovis, New Mexico



**February 26th 1797** Bank of England issues first £1 note

**February 27th 1996** First ever appearance of Pokémon in role-playing video game "Pocket Monsters Red and Green" for Game Boy in Japan

**February 28th 1983** Final TV episode of "M\*A\*S\*H", a 2-hour special directed by series star Alan Alda titled "Goodbye, Farewell, and Amen", airs (CBS); record 125 million watch in the US



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## Ceviche makes Valentine's Day dinner special

Valentine's Day dinners out on the town can be special. However, there is no denying that reservations can be difficult to come by and some establishments must limit their menus for this busy night to make it easier to serve a packed house. Because restaurants can be so busy on February 14, some couples may opt to stay in and enjoy a special home-cooked, romantic meal. Shellfish may not be served at home on a regular basis, which makes it an option for a memorable Valentine's Day dinner. Ceviche is popular along Mexico's western seaboard and consists of very fresh raw seafood that is "cooked" by the action of lime juice. This Valentine's Day, romance-minded home cooks can whip up this recipe for "Ceviche" from "The Complete Mexican, South American & Caribbean Cookbook" (Metro Books) by Jane Milton, Jenni Fleetwood and Marina Filippelli.

### Ceviche (Serves 6)

- 7 ounces raw peeled shrimp
- 7 ounces shelled scallops
- 7 ounces squid, cleaned and cut into serving pieces
- 7 limes
- 3 tomatoes
- 1 small onion
- 1 ripe avocado
- 1/4 cup chopped fresh oregano, or 2 teaspoons dried
- 1 teaspoon salt
- Ground black pepper
- Fresh oregano sprigs, to garnish
- Crusty bread and lime wedges to serve (optional)



1. Spread out the shrimp, scallops and squid in a non-metallic bowl. Squeeze six of the limes and pour the juice on the mixed seafood to cover it completely. Cover the dish with plastic wrap and set aside in the refrigerator for 8 hours or overnight.
2. Drain the seafood in a colander to remove the excess lime juice, then pat it dry with paper towels. Place the shrimp, scallops and squid in a bowl.
3. Cut the tomatoes in half, squeeze out the seeds, then dice the flesh. Cut the onion in half, then slice it thinly. Cut the avocado in half lengthwise, remove the pit and peel, then cut the flesh into 1/2-inch dice.
4. Add the tomatoes, onion, and avocado to the seafood with the oregano and seasoning. Squeeze the remaining lime and pour on the juice. Garnish with oregano and serve with crusty bread and lime wedges, if desired.

# Educational and meaningful ways to celebrate Black History Month



Each February, the United States commemorates the impressive contributions of Black individuals. Black History Month traces its origins to 1915, 50 years after the Thirteenth Amendment abolished slavery in the United States. In that same year, the Association for the Study of Negro Life and History (later known as ASALH) was founded to promote the achievement of Black Americans and others of African descent. In 1926, a more formal holiday was established by Dr. Carter G. Woodson with a national Negro History Week, which evolved into today's Black History Month. February was chosen because it coordinates with the birthdays of Abraham Lincoln and Frederick Douglass, two individuals who were essential to the fight for equal rights for Black people. Black History Month is loaded with opportunities to learn more about influential Black individuals. Local libraries, television channels and schools often focus on such individuals throughout the month of February, providing ample chances for individuals from all walks of life to learn more about people and events that have shaped the nation.

~ Watch documentaries. During Black History Month, many networks feature documentaries on influential figures who made their marks in the Black community and beyond. Streaming services also may have documentaries or special interview series available that highlight certain Black figures.

~ Visit a cultural center. Museums and other cultural or community centers emphasize Black history in February. Even in smaller towns one may be able to attend speeches or readings at local libraries.

~ Watch movies. Curate a collection of films that were directed by Black directors or feature Black actors in lead roles. Films that chronicle the biographies of Black historical figures also can be educational.

~ Learn about local Black history. There may be specific Black individuals in your local community who are notable for their accomplishments or efforts. In addition, many people might be surprised to learn about events in their own communities that helped to shape Black history.

~ Read MLK Jr's famous letter. People can revisit the words of Martin Luther King, Jr. by reading his "Letter From Birmingham Jail." The letter is considered vital for anyone hoping to understand the Civil Rights movement in the United States.

Black History Month provides plenty of chances to learn about influential figures and historical events.

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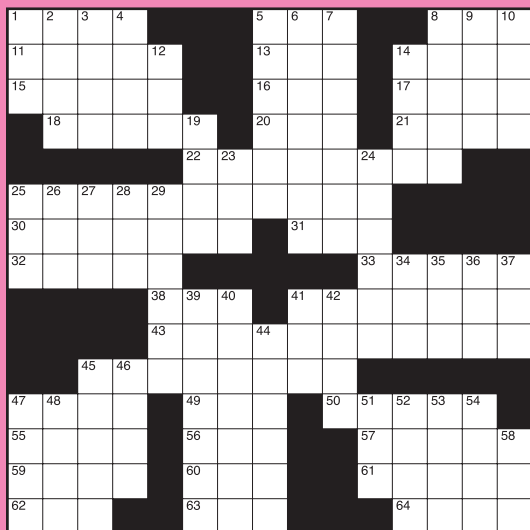
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**CLUES ACROSS**

- 1. Functions
- 5. Records electric currents associated with contractions of the heart
- 8. Trigonometric function (abbr.)
- 11. Secret political clique
- 13. Type of gibbon
- 14. Nocturnal S. American rodent
- 15. Famed American playwright
- 16. Mesopotamian goddess
- 17. Abba \_\_\_, Israeli politician
- 18. Long ridge of gravel and

**sediment**

- 20. A place to stay
- 21. Actor Idris
- 22. One who behaves in a rebellious way
- 25. A way to measure movement
- 30. Distinguish oneself
- 31. Type of drug (abbr.)
- 32. Basketball great Baylor
- 33. Masses of salivary matter
- 38. Calls balls and strikes
- 41. Plant that grows along the ground
- 43. A recreational activity in

- the air
- 45. Consumes too much
- 47. Island nation
- 49. Pistol
- 50. Mixtures of soul and calypso
- 55. Ancient Greek City
- 56. Similar
- 57. Roughly trimmed tree trunk used in a Scottish game
- 59. Semitic fertility god
- 60. Born of
- 61. Frogs, toads, tree toads
- 62. School in the northeast (abbr.)
- 63. Soviet Socialist Republic
- 64. "\_\_\_ the Man" Musical, baseball player

**CLUES DOWN**

- 1. Fiddler crabs
- 2. Discount
- 3. Partner to "flows"
- 4. Ethnic group of Laos
- 5. Beloved "Seinfeld" character
- 6. Book of tickets
- 7. The last name of "Hermione"
- 8. Type of TV package
- 9. Helps to heal a cut
- 10. Town in Galilee
- 12. Actor Horsley
- 14. "Hocus Pocus 2" actor Ed

- 19. Bird-loving group (abbr.)
- 23. They respond when someone is sick
- 24. Emerged
- 25. Midway between south and southeast
- 26. Monetary unit of Afghanistan
- 27. Unit of work or energy
- 28. Indicates near
- 29. Famed river
- 34. For each
- 35. News organization
- 36. CNN's founder
- 37. They \_\_
- 39. Areas off to the side
- 40. Satisfies
- 41. A spare bed
- 42. Legendary singer Diana
- 44. Frothy mass of bubbles
- 45. A kind of sorcery
- 46. River in South Africa
- 47. Philippine Island
- 48. County in China
- 51. S. American plant
- 52. Beverage containers
- 53. Edge
- 54. Protein-rich liquids
- 58. Moved quickly on foot

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With so much time spent in the kitchen, it's easy to see how homeowners might grow a little bored by these rooms. The cost of a kitchen remodel won't be cheap, as the home improvement resource Angi.com notes that the typical cost of such a project in the United States is between \$13,000 and \$38,000. Angi.com estimates even indicate that a high-end remodel could cost homeowners as much as \$61,000. That's beyond many homeowners' budgets. But the good news is that there are many quick and easy, not to mention less expensive, ways to give a kitchen a new look.

~ Repaint and restyle the cabinets. Cabinet space is an undeniably precious commodity in a kitchen, especially as more and more homeowners embrace their inner chef and cook more complicated meals at home. After all, the more expansive a home chef's culinary repertoire, the more space that person needs to store all the tools of the cooking trade. A full cabinet replacement is unnecessary if the cabinets are still functional and not overcrowded, so repainting them can be a great way to give the kitchen a new look while keeping costs reasonable. During the painting project, homeowners can install new cabinet knobs and/or drawer pulls to freshen up the style of the cabinets even further.

~ Install under-cabinet lighting. Another inexpensive way to give a kitchen a new look is to install under-cabinet lighting. Under-cabinet lighting serves both an aesthetic and practical purpose. From a purely aesthetic standpoint, under-cabinet lighting can make a kitchen feel more warm and keep the kitchen illuminated when meals aren't being prepared and homeowners don't want to have their overhead lights on but still want to be able to navigate the kitchen safely. During meal prep, under-cabinet lighting can illuminate counters so it's easier to chop, peel and perform other prep tasks.

~ Replace existing backsplash. Replacing backsplash is another simple, inexpensive and effective way to give a kitchen a new feel. Homeowners can opt for something neutral that won't upset their existing decor or go with a more bold backsplash that immediately draws the attention of anyone who enters the room. This simple job can be done by the average do-it-yourselfer and the cost of new backsplash won't break the bank.

~ Replace existing seating. Whether you have an island countertop with bar stools or a breakfast nook with cushioned seats, replacing the seating is a budget-friendly job that can create a new look when entering the room. Countertop bar stools come in many styles, so giving this area of the kitchen a new feel can be as simple as shifting from classic, high-back stools to more modern swivel stools with a chrome base. For the breakfast nook, replacing a light-colored bench cushion with a bolder alternative can instantly transform the look of the space. Kitchen remodels can break the bank. But there's a host of budget-friendly ways for cost-conscious homeowners to revitalize these popular spaces in their homes.



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- Romance is in the air come Valentine's Day. Though chocolate, oysters and honey are often seen as aphrodisiacs, there is no evidence to back such perceptions up. However, Healthline reports that fenugreek, saffron, red ginseng, and pistachios might boast the properties often associated with aphrodisiacs.
- People have been eating pistachio nuts since 6,000 B.C. Pistachios improve blood cholesterol and stimulate better blood flow throughout the body. They're also tasty, which makes them a worthy addition to Valentine's Day recipes. such as this one for "Pistachio Cardamom Cheesecake," courtesy of the American Pistachio Growers. It's a rich, creamy, vegan no-bake dessert to share with that special someone.

**Pistachio Cardamom Cheesecake (6 servings)**

- 20 Biscoff cookies, crushed
- 16 ounces vegan cream cheese, softened at room temperature
- 2/3 cup organic white sugar
- 9 ounces coco whip (vegan whipped topping)
- 3 teaspoons masala chai spice
- 1 teaspoon lemon juice
- 3 tablespoons roasted and salted pistachios, crushed



- Blitz Biscoff cookies in food processor. Press into the bottom of six 8-ounce ramekins. Set aside.
- In a food processor or blender, add softened cream cheese, lemon juice, sugar, and chai spices.
- Transfer cream cheese mixture to a mixing bowl and gently fold in coco whip. Do not over mix; you want it to be light and airy.
- Pour mixture into prepared ramekins.
- Chill in fridge for an hour to set before serving.
- Garnish with crushed pistachios.

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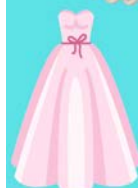


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**Gus's Animal Gossip**

Hey Guys, Gus Here! This month I want to talk about Dental Health for your furry friends. Here is some helpful tips on when it may be a good idea to go to the vet for a dental check up. My favorite way to keep my chompers pearly white is ..... **CHEW TOYS!**

**Gracie Says....**

Out of all the chew toys in the whole world, I'd still chews you!



**6 signs your pet has dental issues**

Pets use body language and other cues to let their owners know how they are feeling. While certain actions, such as a vigorously wagging tail signaling that a dog is quite happy, are easy to read, it's not always so easy to determine how a pet is feeling.

Pet parents who are trying to provide the best care possible recognize that pets may make them aware of certain health issues.

Diseases of the mouth may cause issues elsewhere in the body if left untreated. Fortunately for pet owners, dental issues are often easily recognized.

**1. Halitosis**

Bad breath is a strong indicator of a dental problem. Halitosis may stem from tooth decay and gum issues, as well as gastrointestinal problems. In either case, it's best to address a pet's bad breath with a veterinarian.

**2. Visible problems**

Take a peek inside of the pet's mouth. Animal Wellness magazine says that if there's a significant accumulation of tartar (yellow or brown patches on the tops of teeth along the gum line), or if the gums are inflamed and red, periodontal disease may be to blame. Traces of blood in the mouth also can indicate that there is a problem. Pets don't always like their mouths touched, so if your pet is being difficult, have a vet conduct a comprehensive oral health and treatment appointment (COHAT).

**3. Refusing to eat**

There are many reasons a pet may not want to eat, and a dental problem may be one of them. Painful teeth and gums can make eating challenging, so the animal may avoid food. Refusing to eat can lead to weight loss and malnutrition, so it's best to nip this issue in the bud.

**4. Sensitive mouth**

Your pet may yelp, bite or scratch if you touch around the mouth area when there is a dental problem at play. Drooling excessively or dropping food from the mouth also are signs that things are awry.

**5. Less grooming**

Cats spend around 10 to 15 percent of their days grooming. Dental pain can make grooming challenging. Therefore, if your cat is grooming less or looks unkempt, it may be due to dental problems. Great Vet says 85 percent of cats over the age of three have some form of dental disease.

**6. Overgrowth**

Rodents' incisors (front, gnawing teeth) grow continuously throughout their lives. Typically the incisors receive continuous wear as the upper and lower incisors contact each other. However, if incisors are misaligned, they may not wear down effectively. Some incisors can grow out of control, piercing the roof of the mouth and into the nasal cavity. If a rodent's teeth look long, that could warrant a vet check.

Pets can experience periodontal disease and other dental conditions. Staying aware of signs of dental issues can keep pets healthy.



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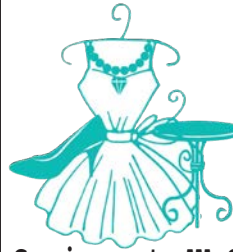
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