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We would like to take this opportunity to thank you so much for choosing *DISCOVERY INN & SUITES* as your “home away from home.” Please know that we value you as our guest, and our goal is to ensure that your stay with us is to your utmost satisfaction.



HAPPY ST. PATRICK’S DAY (Wednesday, March 17)! And if my calculations are correct, it’s been approximately one year since COVID hit us! Can you believe it’s been that long? So, what has changed in this one-year anniversary of COVID hitting us? Have we grown closer together or have we drifted further apart? Have we been living in faith or have we been living in fear? Is there a God or not? I have to answer, as I always do, the first two questions with “BOTH!” Yes, I think we have grown closer together AND I think we have drifted further apart. I think we have been living in faith AND I think we have been living in fear. The only question that I don’t think there is a ‘BOTH’ answer to is the last question: Is there a God or not? There IS a God, and whether you call that God the Father God of the Bible or a Higher Power of your own understanding or some other name of your own understanding, there IS a God, and I think this God has not abandoned us during this one year. In fact, this God has held us just a little bit tighter (and that means a WHOLE lot with this “no hugging” from COVID), believed in us just a little bit stronger, and loved us just a little bit better. And not just a little bit better but a whole lot better! So, “welcome, St. Pattie!” and even though it’s been one year since COVID, it’s also been one year of God having our backs (and our fronts)! We, at *DISCOVERY INN & SUITES*, have your backs (and fronts), too!



At *DISCOVERY INN & SUITES*, we offer our guests the best in affordability, comfort and care. We hope you will find that our rooms are most accommodating, as they have been recently remodeled to offer the most up-to-date interior design and decorum. Our housekeepers and front desk clerks welcome each and every guest with a smile; they are here to provide you with the best in care so you can relax and unwind in the luxury of your room.




“Come through our Front Lobby Arch and check in with us in March!”


Have a wonderful stay here at DISCOVERY INN & SUITES!

"DISCOVER" ST. PATRICK'S DAY CROSSWORD PUZZLE

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Across

- capital of Ireland
- a type of Irish dance
- if you do not wear green on March 17 this will happen
- the day St. Patrick's Day falls on
- the national emblem of Ireland
- yellow and blue make _____
- from Ireland

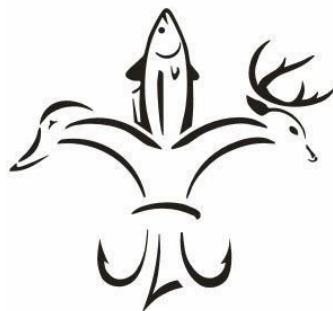
Down

- the 3rd month of the year
- good fortune
- nonsense or misleading talk
- called the Emerald Isle
- a starchy vegetable
- a sprite
- 4 leaf _____

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Did you "get 'er done?" Way to go! As Kermit the Frog would say, it ain't easy being green, is it? Bring your completed puzzle to the front desk for a free can of soda from our mart!

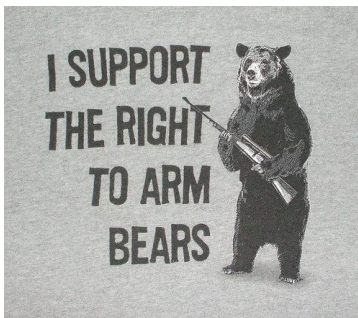
DISCOVER "HUNTING" FOR A HOTEL?



When I drive to and from *DISCOVERY INN & SUITES* for work, I see this pro-hunting bumper sticker on many a car. I also get "many a" frustrated when I see it, because I am an animal welfare advocate and not the least bit pleased that Louisiana's fleur-de-lis, a "religious, political, dynastic, and artistic" representation, is being used for the hunting of innocent animals. I apologize that I used a little trickery here in calling this blog post, "*Hunting*" For A *Hotel?*, as a way to cleverly attract you to a talk about hunting animals and not so much "hunting" hotels. Yeah, I sure am one "sly fox" (pun intended)! 😊

I also have a bumper sticker on my car, but it's not this pro-hunting fleur-de-lis. My bumper sticker says, "**Hunting...the coward's sport.**" Because I am clearly in the minority here in Louisiana with this bumper sticker, I can't tell you how many people tail gate me with a vengeance because of this bumper sticker, probably the very same ones who have the pro-hunting fleur-de-lis bumper sticker. They can tail gate me all they won't, because I won't remove my "cowardly hunting" sticker anymore than they would probably remove their "proudly hunting" sticker.

And please don't get me started on anyone calling hunting "a sport." I know what "a sport" is: It's two opposing teams, equally armed and skilled, vying in competitive forums for entertainment with eventual victory. Hunting is ***NOT*** a sport, because the two opposing teams are ***NOT*** equally armed and skilled, and the entertainment with eventual victory is one-sided, and that "one side" ***ALWAYS*** favors the hunter. How does any animal stand a chance in "a sport" like this? They don't because hunting is ***NOT*** "a sport."



Yes, that picture right there would make hunting "a sport," because the bear would be armed just like the hunter. Until a bear or any animal can be armed, hunting just ain't nor will it ever be "a sport."

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"Oh, but I hunt animals only for food!" Oh, really? I don't mean to be rude (I will, though, be assertive), but why do you think God made grocery stores and fast-food restaurants? Can we just stop all this nonsense of "but I hunt animals only for food" and get down to the nitty gritty, i.e., hunters hunt animals because they like the kill. They like the power that they think they have holding a gun. They like the actual "hunt" of the animal, as far as being clever and unobtrusive while the hunted animal is clueless to the kill. The animal just wants to live wild and free with his or her family but when a hunter kills an animal, they are also killing a member of that animal's family. How would hunters feel if someone killed a member of their human family? And based on so many pictures I see online, parent hunters seem to like when they can start their kids killing animals young. Is a kid killing an innocent animal something to be proud of? "He or she shot his or her first buck!" And you're proud of THAT????

"I hunt so animals won't be running all over the place!" Oh, really? Any plot of land, even the smallest, gets taken over by "property people," those who just have to build something on any plot of land unoccupied. The problem with this is that the plot of land already **IS** occupied; it's occupied by the animals who have made it their home. I'm not saying I want animals running everywhere, but I also don't think we should go around shooting humans so they won't be running all over the place. What I am saying is excuses like "I hunt animals only for food" and "I hunt so animals won't be running all over the place" are ludicrous and are lies. Even if any of these had any semblance of truth to them, would that still give hunters a license to hunt?

The question I get asked all the time is, "Well, Timothy, if you were living out in the wild, what would you eat?" This is a completely irrelevant question, because I'm currently not living out in the wild. But even if I were, I would hope I would eat what this Bible verse tells me to eat: **"Then God said, 'I give you every seed-bearing plant on the face of the whole earth and every tree that has fruit with seed in it. They will be yours for food'" (Genesis 1:29).**

Now, ALL THAT SAID, there is this part of me that actually would prefer hunting for food than where 99% of meat consumed by humans comes from, which are factory farms. These are windowless warehouses where farm animals never get to experience the sun on their skin or the wind on their coats or feathers. These are farms where farm animals are treated as nonfeeling, inanimate "machines." These are farms where chickens have their beaks cut off so they won't peck each other to death from close confinement, where baby calves are torn from their mother the minute they are born and her milk given to humans, where nursing pigs are kept in gestation crates where they can't even move around. If you don't believe anything I just said, then be my guest to "meet your meat" (<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=TfODSszZT-B0>). And these are farms that torture and slaughter 10 BILLION ANIMALS EVERY YEAR IN THE U.S. ALONE (that's 317 farm animals tortured and slaughtered EVERY SECOND for food)!!!! While hunting animals is certainly cruel, it just can't seem to hold a candle to the cruelty inflicted on farm animals in factory farms. And did I mention that is where 99% of meat consumed by humans comes from?

So, "hunting" for a hotel? Then **PLEASE** stay with us but **PLEASE** leave your hunting rifles at home. 🙄

-Timothy J. Verret, Front Desk Clerk and Creative Marketing Rep

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“If you find a four-leaf clover, make a wish and let that wish be love, compassion and mercy for All God’s Creatures, great and small.”

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