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Thank you to all the people who have contributed to this edition, as well as our managers, activities directors, and coordinators.

Please submit your ideas or articles in writing or by email with your name, address, and phone number.

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Manager's corner

By Bill & Lois Brimmer

The new leaves are pushing off the old, the bluebells are blooming in Texas, the azaleas are blossoming in South Carolina, the dogwood are budding in West Virginia, the tulips are showing in D.C., the crocus are up in New York, and the grass is showing between patches of snow in Michigan and Canada. With all of this the Snowbirds are taking flight!

We bid y'all a safe journey until we meet again.

Bill & Lois

Activities Directors

Prudy and Dave Hodsdon

By: Prudy Hodsdon (603) 312-1461

There is no way I can thank everyone who has helped to make this 2023-24 season one of the best. Without all your help & support there would be no activities.

So, your 'job' over the summer is to come up with ideas of what you'd like for season 2024-25. This is your park and Sylvia, Bonnie and I want to have activities that will make the upcoming season a success. So let us know what changes or additions you'd like.

Have a fun filled, safe and healthy summer. See you in the fall!

SUMMER COFFEE HOUR

By: Floyd Anderson

With the departure of all our wonderful Snowbird friends – don't despair, coffee hour will continue! We meet each Friday morning starting at 7:45am with free coffee and \$1 donuts. An informational meeting will be held at 8:30am to discuss plans for the ensuing week and exchange ideas and news in the park.

I am looking forward to seeing many of you there beginning April 3rd!



MARCH YARD OF THE MONTH

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EDITORIAL

By: Robin Vaughan

Hello fellow Sunbirds! Yes, we do know who we are! We've reached that time of year when we step back, slow down, and take stock of our liquor cabinets. We'll clean up the pollen from our patio furniture and screens, get ready for love bug season part 1, and put away our sweatshirts and socks. Next thing you know the thunderstorms will be back and we'll be worrying about the possibility of severe weather coming our way. We'll start working on our summer projects (actually, I never got to my winter projects!), and scale back our time outdoors. But before we know it – we'll be planning parties and get-togethers with our northern friends and eagerly anticipating their arrival! Such is the circle of life in Rice Creek! It truly is a great place to be!

BULLETIN BOARD

At the back of the hall, post notices on 3"x5" cards. Write the date posted on card. This board will be checked and kept neat. The cards will be removed every month. For more information see Prudy.

FUN FACTS ABOUT APRIL

By: Robin Vaughan

Not only does April bring a profusion of flowers (in areas not in the State of Florida) but a profusion of fun and meaningful days!

April 1 – the ever-popular April Fool's Day

April 3 – National Walking Day

April 6 – New Beer's Eve

April 7 – National Beer Day

April 10 – National Siblings Day

April 11 – National Pet Day

April 16 – National Stress Awareness Day
(the first working day after tax day)

April 17 – National Cheese ball Day

April 20 – Husband Appreciation Day

April 22 – National Jellybean Day

April 27 – National Prime Rib Day (Yum!)

April 30 – National Honesty Day

April is also National Card and Letter Writing Month, Lawn and Garden Month, National Poetry Month and National Welding Month! Knock yourselves out celebrating these special times!

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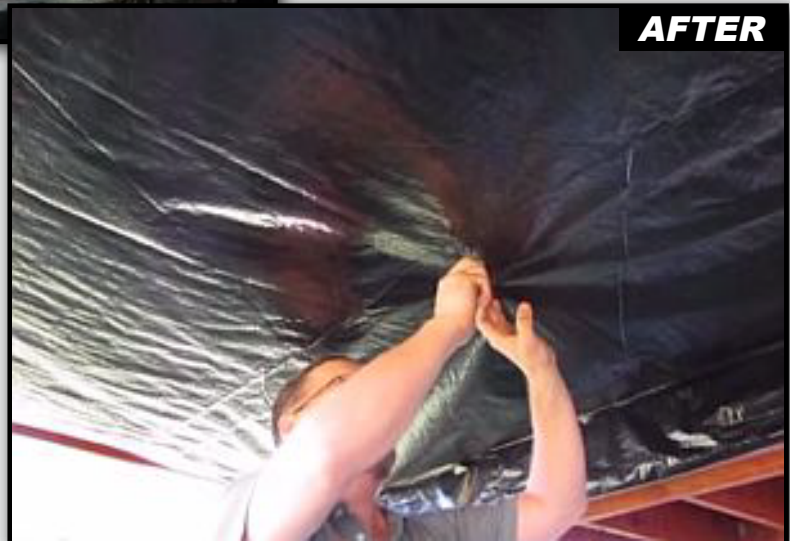
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BINGO

By: Paul Albert

Every Thursday nickel bingo begins at 6:00pm.

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25 nickels, 5 dimes and 6 quarters is all you need for this entertaining night. If you want, add a dollar for each 'jug' ticket.



BILLIARDS

Billiards tournament is every Wednesday at 6:30pm, up to 20 people. 11 people or less we play singles. 12 people or more and we draw cards for partners. \$5 entry fee -- All money is paid out as follows:

1 50/50 drawing, plus 1st, 2nd and 3rd place
- Doug Moorhouse is the Administrator (503) 320-1453

8-Ball singles tournament every other Saturday at 6:00pm. Limited to 10 people, \$10 entry fee. All money is paid out as a 60/40 split for 1st and 2nd place.

This month's will be on March 2nd, 16th and 30th
- "JJ" Johnson is the Administrator (843) 599-3885

All are welcome! There are no separate divisions for women and men.

Sign-up sheets are in the billiards room on the bulletin board. Park residents will always take precedence over non-residents, but non-residents are welcome if not enough residents are playing! Those on the sign-up sheets will have precedence over those that just show up to play.

So, sign up!!!

Let's all HAVE FUN!!!!



TRIVIA CORNER

- What was the name of Butch Cassidy's gang in Butch Cassidy and the Sundance Kid?
- In what year did the Woodstock Festival take place?
- Which Olympic athlete set a record in 1972 by winning seven gold medals?
- Who created the Muppets?
- What musical genre peaked with the 1977 release of the film Saturday Night Fever?

(ANSWERS ON PAGE 7)

BOWLING

THANK YOU, BOWLERS!

This has been our best Season ever, we have welcomed so many new bowlers, and all the bowlers who have been with us over the past seasons, it has been an AMAZING SEASON.

So, to all our Snowbirds, SAFE TRAVELS TO YOUR SUMMER HOMES, HURRY BACK TO YOUR WINTER GET AWAY. We will leave the light on for your SAFE RETURN.

To all the Sunbirds, have a great summer and before you know it the Snowbirds will be BACK to their RC family and we can start Making all that Money at the Alley not to mention LAUGHTER.

THANK YOU AGAIN FOR MAKING OUR JOB SUCH A PLEASURE!

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CARDS ♠️♥️♣️♦️

If you like to play cards (or would like to learn), the following are options you might consider. There are sign up sheets in the hall.

Court Whist on Sunday nights at 6:30pm in the craft room.

Hand, Foot & Elbow on Monday nights at 6:30pm in the hall.

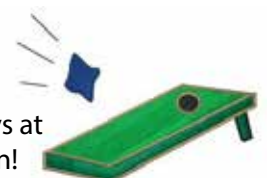
Euchre Mondays at 6:30pm in the craft room. If there is another activity scheduled, we will find somewhere else to play! The cost is \$1.00, and all prize money is distributed at the end of the night. Please come out to join us and have a good time. All are welcome even if you are new to the game!

Pinochle on Tuesday and Wednesday nights at 6:30pm in the craft room.

5 Crowns Fridays, 10:30am -12noon in the craft room. New players and experienced players are welcome! It's an easy game to learn and fun to play! Join us! Make a new friend or two!

CORNHOLE

Come join us on Mondays and Fridays at 9:30am. Learn the game and have fun!





CHAPEL

"April Can Make Old Things New"

(Isaiah 43:18-19)

"And let us not grow weary in well doing. For in due season, we shall reap if we do not lose heart "

God will do a new thing in our lives. What could this new thing be as children of God? He restores lost time, bestows new identities, and creates new life. Our past failures, brokenness and pain no longer define us, condemn us or rule over us. We are completely new creations and have a new Spirit living in us. Embrace the newness of life as you continue to do wonderful, marvelous and great things on your spiritual journey. Join us in the hall for



*****SOMETHING NEW FOR SUMMER AT RICE CREEK*****

SUMMER CHAPEL

starts **April 14, 2024.**

Join us in the hall every Sunday from **9:30am-10:30am** for Nondenominational Services.

BIBLE STUDIES

Opportunities for growth and fellowship. Everyone is invited and welcome!

LADIES BIBLE STUDY

All ladies are invited to the hall on Wednesdays at 10:00am.



MENS BIBLE STUDY

Mondays @1:00pm in the Library.

REVELATION DISCUSSION

Wednesdays @ 2:00pm in the Card/Craft Room



DRIVEWAY SALE

Permitted on the first Saturday of every month. This month's will be on April 6th.

EXERCISE CLASS

By: Jackie T.

We're looking for folks to join us every morning, Monday through Thursday at 8:00am for exercise in the hall. We do an aerobic tape that lasts about 30 minutes. We don't care how you're dressed or how you look. This is a great way to start the day!



LADIES GOLF

By: Margie Pintek

Wednesdays @ 9:30am at Bloomingdale Golf Club. There's a sign-up sheet in the hall.

MENS GOLF

By: Mike Pintek

Mondays @ 9:00am at Bloomingdale Golf Club.

Wednesdays @ 9:00am at Summerfield Golf Club.

Sign-up sheets are in the hall.



HORSESHOES



ATTENTION ALL HORSESHOE PLAYERS! We will be pitching at 9:00am everyday Monday through Friday, with a tournament every other Saturday. You do not need to have your own shoes to participate. Come have some fun!

LINE DANCING

By: Gwendolyn Donnell

Come learn some new moves in the hall Wednesdays at 3:00pm.



RICE CREEK CRAFTERS & STITCHERS

By: Linda Seese (480) 516-7333

What a lovely winter season we have had! Some of us finished projects, some of us started new projects, and some of us have a never ending project (You know who you are, Gwen! 😊). Planning to continue meeting through April and then we'll discuss our summer schedule. It is never too late to stop in to see what we're doing and join us for a bit if you'd like! And to all of you stitchers?? I sure love and enjoy your ideas, enthusiasm, creativity, friendship, and flexibility... Have a great summer, wherever your life takes you! Stay safe and healthy. Hurry back to us!! Tuesday -Arts and Craft Room 1:30pm-4pm (or whatever fits your schedule!!).



SHUFFLEBOARD

by: Dave Hodson (603) 312-1461
or (603)341-6673

Come join us on Tuesday, Thursday, and Saturday at 9:00am for a morning of shuffling! We are having a great time! If you would like to learn the game without having to participate in the regular scheduled times, please give me a call. Pucks and cues are available to anyone who wishes to play.

If you have any questions, please call me at any of the numbers above.

YARD GAMES

Bocce ball, ladder ball and corn hole games are available for your use and are located in the library.



TRIVIA ANSWERS

- A. Hole in the Wall Gang
- B. 1969
- C. Mark Spitz
- D. Jim Henson
- E. Disco

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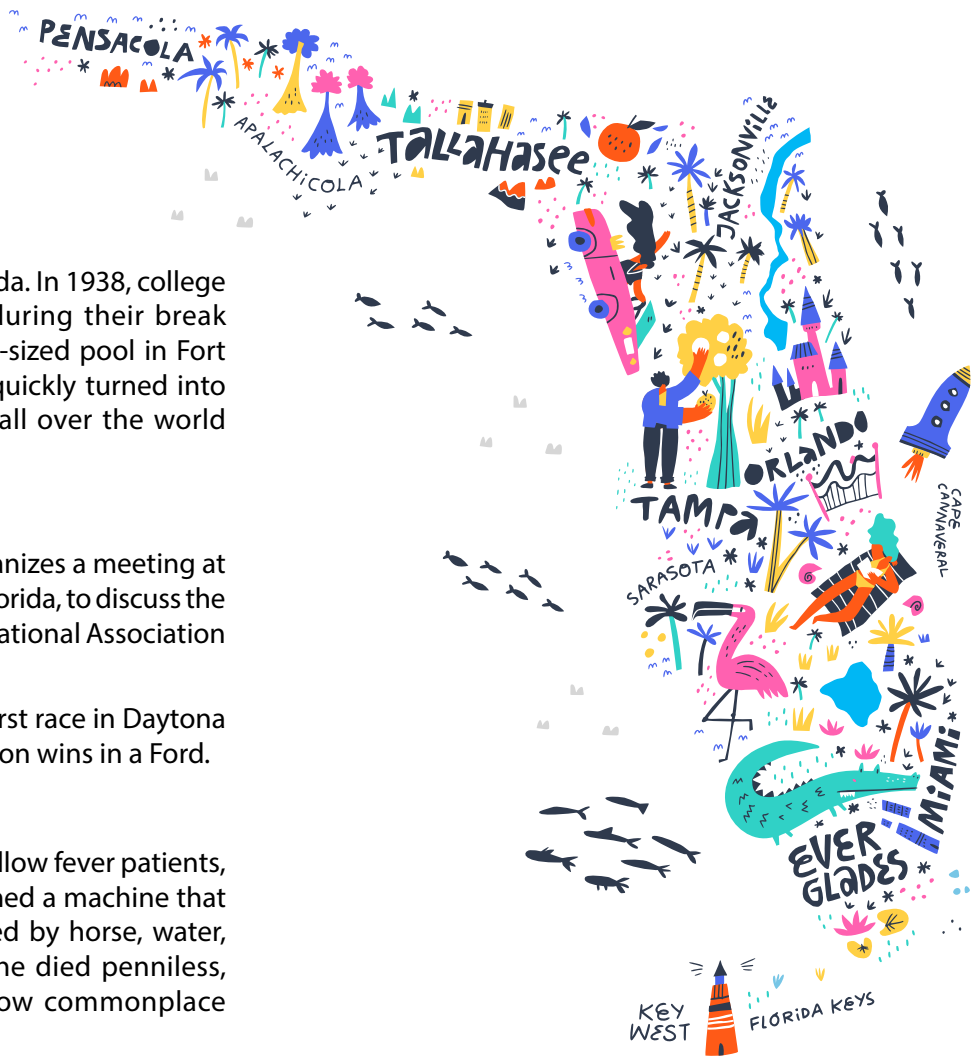
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Some Awesome Things Florida Gave The World

By: Doug Vaughan



SPRING BREAK

Believe it or not, the ritual began in Florida. In 1938, college swimmers were invited to the state during their break from classes to swim in a new Olympic-sized pool in Fort Lauderdale. The innocent study break quickly turned into the beach bacchanal wreaking havoc all over the world every spring.

NASCAR

DECEMBER 14, 1947 – Bill France Sr. organizes a meeting at the Streamline Hotel in Daytona Beach, Florida, to discuss the future of stock car racing. NASCAR, the National Association for Stock Car Auto Racing, is conceived.

FEBRUARY 15, 1948 – NASCAR runs its first race in Daytona Beach at the beach road course. Red Byron wins in a Ford.

AIR CONDITIONING

In an attempt to cool the room for his yellow fever patients, in 1851 Dr. John Gorrie of Florida designed a machine that created ice using a compressor powered by horse, water, wind-driven sails or steam. Although he died penniless, his invention was the basis for this now commonplace convenience.

HOOTERS

The restaurant notorious for its bombshell servers was incorporated in Clearwater, Florida, in 1983. Now, there are Hooters locations in 44 U.S. states and 28 other countries.

KEY LIME PIE

The tangy dessert made with Key lime juice is a Florida staple, but the jury's still out on who concocted the thing. Botanist Jack Simons is often cited as having created the pie (named after the Key limes found in the Florida Keys), but the recipe was supposedly first mentioned by Key West millionaire William Curry. Whoever was responsible, Key Lime Pie is the official dessert of the state of Florida and a worldwide favorite.

FROZEN ORANGE JUICE CONCENTRATE

You may not want to buy concentrate, but the concoction was developed in 1948 at the University of Florida's Citrus Research and Education Center.

GATORADE

A team of scientists at the University of Florida, in an effort to create a beverage that replaced the lost carbohydrates and electrolytes in the university's Gator football players, a coach and the scientists made Gatorade.

HURRICANE SCALE

Miami engineer Herbert Saffir and meteorologist Robert Simpson developed a system to classify a hurricane's wind intensity in the 1970s. The 1–5 categorization is all thanks to them.

SUNSCREEN

While international pioneers had already conceived the formula for sunscreen, the first sunscreen lotion invented in the U.S. was crafted by Florida-based pharmacist Benjamin Green in 1944. The patent was sold to Coppertone.

BREAKING NEWS!

By: Robin Vaughan

It's time to spring into the new fashion trends for 2024! Fringe is back! Fringed jackets, skirts, boots and dresses. Do these people understand that zippers and fringe are not simpatico? Whether you call it maroon, burgundy or oxblood, this deep red is the color dominating the fashion scene. Dressing to impress this year includes a statement belt. Why didn't I save all those chain belts and wide leather belts from the 70s? Animal prints are also all the rage – I always feel like I'm not showing the proper respect for nature if I wear animal patterns. Just a hang-up of mine. Get this – Peep-toe sandals are in! Wait, don't your toes always show when you're wearing sandals? Maybe I'm wearing them wrong. My thoughts on fashion have not changed since I was young. If I feel comfortable in it, I'll wear it. Have fun! Be comfortable!



SOME LOCAL AND NOT SO LOCAL HAPPENINGS

3/29 to 4/14 SUGAR SAND FESTIVAL – Clearwater Beach
<https://www.sugarsandfestival.com/>

4/6 DUNEDIN HIGHLAND GAMES & FESTIVAL – Dunedin
<https://www.dunedinscottisharts.com/highland-games/>

4/9 to 4/13 TAMPA BAY WINE AND FOOD FESTIVAL – Tampa
<https://tampabaywff.com/>

4/12 to 4/14 TAMPA BAY BLUES FESTIVAL – St. Petersburg
<https://www.tampabaybluesfest.com/>

4/13 to 4/14 PINELLAS PEPPER FEST – Pinellas Park
<https://www.sikpromotions.com/applicants/spring/pinellas-pepper-fest>

4/20 to 4/21 MAINSAIL ART FESTIVAL – St. Petersburg
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Looking To The Sky


By: Robin Vaughan



Remember Don McLean's song *Total Eclipse of the Sun*? It might be fun to sing it out on April 8 when parts of North America will be able to view the first total solar eclipse seen since 2017. A solar eclipse happens when the moon passes between the sun and the Earth, casting a shadow on the Earth. A total eclipse can be viewed along a diagonal path from Mexico, then into Texas, Oklahoma, Arkansas, Missouri, Illinois, Kentucky, Indiana, Ohio, Pennsylvania, New York, Vermont, New Hampshire and Maine. The Niagara region of Ontario will be the best place in Canada to see the total eclipse for the longest time. Montreal will also see a brief total eclipse.

Here in the Tampa Bay area we'll see about 60% of the eclipse starting about 1:35 p.m. with the midpoint at 2:55 p.m. Even though we won't get the total eclipse, we must still take precautions. Never look directly at the sun even if it is partially covered. Viewing any part of the sun with binoculars, a telescope, or through a camera lens without a special solar filter will result in severe eye injury! Remember those pinhole projector boxes we made as kids? Yep – still one of the best ways to view the eclipse.

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Cooking Corner



Rhubarb is the vegetable of April! It can be difficult to grow in Florida because it doesn't do well in extreme heat. But a diligent Florida gardener can grow rhubarb as an annual. A lot of us remember rhubarb that was grown by our grandparents when we were kids. Granddad and his joke – "here – take a bite of this red celery – it's great" Blah.



Rhubarb Crumble

Filling:

- 2 pounds rhubarb, cut into 1-inch pieces (about 6 cups)
- 1 ¼ cups white sugar
- ¼ cup all-purpose flour
- 1 tsp vanilla extract
- ¼ tsp ground cardamom

Crumble Topping:

- 1 cup all-purpose flour
- ½ tsp salt
- 1 cup light brown sugar
- 8 tablespoons (1 stick) butter, cut into cubes

Instructions:

1. Preheat oven to 375 degrees; grease a 9x13 baking dish
2. Prepare the filling: In a medium-sized bowl, mix together all the filling ingredients. Spoon into greased baking dish.
3. In a food processor, pulse together the flour, salt and brown sugar. Add the butter cubes and pulse until the pieces of butter are pea-sized. Or, mix all the dry ingredients in a bowl and cut the butter in with 2 knives or a pastry cutter. Spread the topping over the rhubarb mixture.
4. Bake for 35 to 45 minutes, until the filling is bubbling and the topping is lightly browned. Let cool for at least 30 minutes before serving.

Serve with vanilla ice cream or whipped topping.

Cocktail Of The Month

One of the theories for the origination of the Gimlet, is that Sir Thomas Gimlette, a surgeon (1857-1943) was the first to add lime cordial to gin to help combat the ravages of scurvy on long voyages back in the 19th century. Whatever the origin, it's delicious!

Gimlet

Ingredients:

- 2 ½ ounces gin
- ½ ounce fresh lime juice
- ½ ounce simple syrup

Directions:

Add all ingredients to a shaker with ice and shake until well-chilled. Strain into a chilled cocktail glass or a rocks glass filled with fresh ice. Garnish with lime wheel.



COMEDY CORNER

Some fun April Fool's Day jokes:



A and C were going to prank their friend ... but they just letter B.

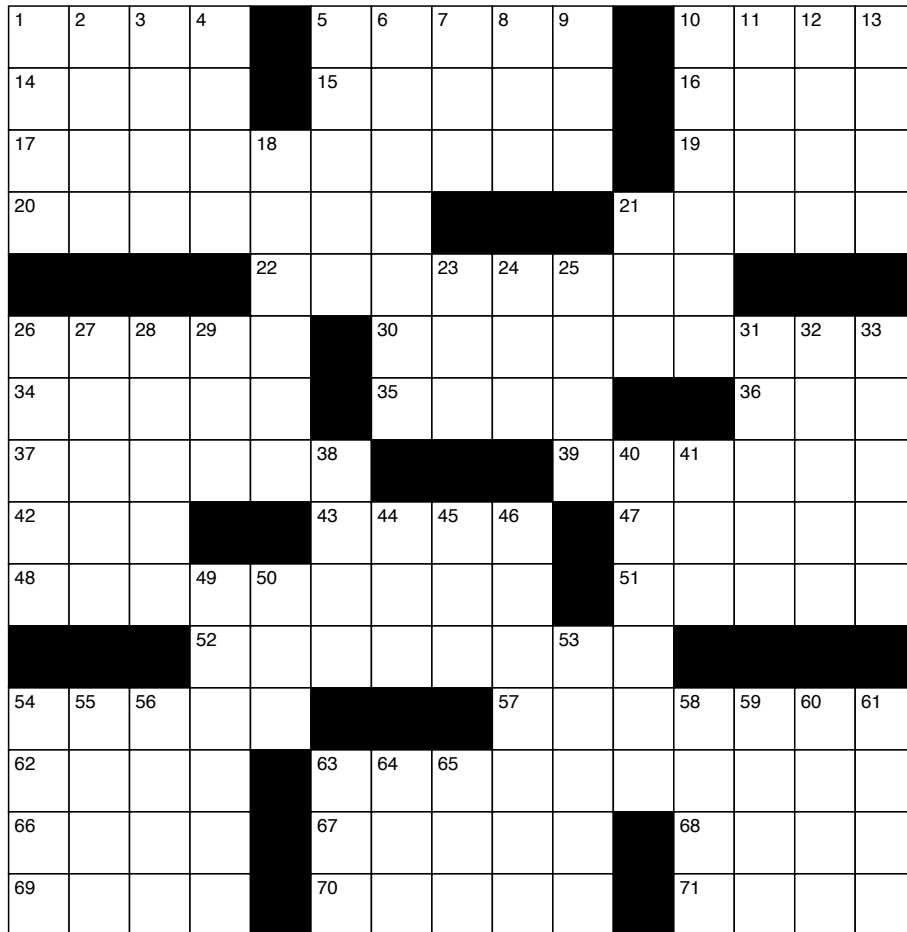
Why was everyone so tired on April 1st?
Because they just finished a long 31-day March.

What do you call a bear wet in April showers?
A Drizzly Bear.

Which is the worst day to propose?
April Fool's Day!

April showers bring May flowers.
What do May flowers bring? Pilgrims.

CROSSWORD



Down

1. Before, in short
2. " ____ help you?"
3. "Inside Your Heaven" singer Bo
4. Opening for a coin
5. Grammy winner Jones
6. House paint varieties
7. Ph.D., for example
8. 2000 Nobelist Kim ____ Jung
9. Paid pitches
10. Kind of truth
11. Thought prefix
12. Machu Picchu's land
13. Warm-up exam for H.S. students
18. Made up
21. Dictionary abbr.
23. Not square
24. Before now
25. Wild ruminant?
26. Sports awards
27. Give ____ (care)
28. Gainesville player
29. CPR provider
31. Ghostly pale
32. Rumba relative
33. Donkey calls
38. Tour of ____
40. Beach souvenir
41. Bag-screening gp.
44. A sibling, briefly
45. Vitamin supplements brand
46. Suffer
49. Congo border river
50. Alley prowler
53. WWII sub
54. Duet
55. See red
56. Greek god of love
58. Striplings
59. "The Forgotten" novelist Wiesel
60. Haley or Trebek
61. "Well!"
63. Blvds. and sts.
64. Towing org.
65. "Star Trek: ____"

Across

1. Environmental toxins, for short
5. Character in "I, Pagliacci"
10. Rockne's star player George
14. Marsh bird
15. Beginning of the "Common Era"
16. Poetic compositions
17. Eggs on
19. Antitoxins
20. Miss Saigon's homeland
21. Pontificate
22. Where Dutch royals live
26. All fired up
30. National dish of Australia
34. Famous orca
35. Location
36. Isl. west of Naples
37. Like some plants
39. Cause of wheezing
42. ____-hoo (chocolate drink)
43. Links-governing org.
47. Food package words
48. Swaggering
51. iPods available in 1GB versions
52. Three-fingered saluter
54. Sleep phenomenon
57. The Heat or the Bulls
62. Kitten's ball
63. In a sane manner
66. Keenly eager
67. Who's the Boss? star
68. Per ____ (daily)
69. An Arnaz
70. "Full House" dad portrayer
71. Hot, like a hunk

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