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HIGHLIGHTS

Savannah St. Patrick's Day 2018

This year the St. Patrick's Day Parade will be held on Saturday, March 17. As is tradition, the Parade begins at 10:15 a.m. following celebration of Mass at the Cathedral of St. John the Baptist.

The parade begins at Gwinnett and Abercorn Streets, just east of Forsyth Park and will travel along Abercorn Street to Broughton Street, where it will turn right toward East Broad Street. It will continue north on East Broad Street to East Bay Street and proceed down Bay until it reaches Bull Street, which it will turn on and continue down until it reaches Madison Square on Harris Street. The 2018 parade route has not been announced this year, but it tends to go along the same streets each year, with only slight changes from from year to year.

The Meaning of Easter:

Easter, also called Pascha or Resurrection Sunday, is a festival and holiday celebrating the resurrection of Jesus from the dead, described in the New Testament as having occurred on the third day of his burial after his crucifixion by the Romans at Calvary c. 30 AD. It is the culmination of the Passion of Jesus, preceded by Lent, a forty-day period of fasting, prayer, and penance.

Blue Moon

When two full Moons occur in a single calendar month, the second is called a **Blue Moon**. In March 2018, a Blue Moon will occur on the 31st.



TRIVIA WHIZ

Go Green on March 17

St. Patrick's Day on March 17 is a time when many people claim kinship with the Emerald Isle and hope for the luck of the Irish. No matter your ancestry, you may be interested in the following facts and figures.

- The first New York City
 St. Patrick's Day parade
 occurred in 1762. The current
 parade lasts five to six hours
 and is attended by nearly
 2 million spectators every year.
- In addition to a parade, Chicago celebrates St. Paddy's Day by turning the Chicago River green. It takes 45 pounds of powdered dye to accomplish the festive feat.
- About 55 percent of people in the U.S. celebrate St. Patrick's Day in some way, spending a total of \$5 billion on the holiday.
- An estimated 34 million
 Americans have Irish ancestry.
 That's more than seven times the population of Ireland.
- Towns that seem especially suited to celebrate the holiday include Shamrock, Texas; St. Patrick, Mo.; Dublin, Ohio; Ireland, W.Va.; Emerald Isle, N.C.; and Irishtown, Ill.
- Over 650,000 babies born in the U.S. in the last century have been named Patrick. The name means "nobleman."
- Your odds of finding a four-leaf clover are about 1 in 10,000.
- According to legend, when they aren't guarding their pots of gold, leprechauns spend their days making and mending shoes.

True Treasure

- Q. How is a best friend like a four-leaf clover?
- A. They are hard to find and lucky to have.









Make Your Home Sparkle

Parts of the country may still be in a deep freeze, but spring sprouts this month. Consider getting your spring cleaning done now so you can enjoy the outdoors when the sun is shining and the birds are singing.

Here are a few tips to make the process go smoother:

Declutter first. There will be less stuff to clean, you'll have room to work, and you'll be able to reach areas that the clutter was covering.

Plan ahead. Make sure you have

the supplies you need so you don't run out in the middle of your cleaning frenzy. Assemble the items in a caddy or bucket that you can carry from room to room. Suggested supplies include: gloves, all-purpose spray cleaner, paper towels, scrub brush, microfiber cloths, trash bags, glass cleaner and carpet stain remover.

Make it fun. Open your windows if the weather allows, put on some upbeat music, and have your favorite snacks on hand.

Follow a routine. Start with the ceiling and work your way down. A vacuum with a hose is best for tackling cobwebs and dust on ceilings, fans and light fixtures. Clean walls and windows next. Then dust your furniture and other items before vacuuming and mopping floors.

Don't forget. Some spots that tend to get overlooked are baseboards, doorknobs, light switches, heating vents and wastebaskets.

Meatless Meals

There are many reasons to prepare a meal without meat. Whether you want to save money, improve your health, help the environment or just try something new, the options for using meat alternatives are many, and so are the benefits.

Meat is one of the most expensive sources of protein. Many people save money by focusing on other proteinrich foods, such as whole grains, beans, nuts, eggs and cheese.

Eating less meat can also increase longevity. A diet rich in vegetables, fruits and whole grains has been shown to decrease the risk of diabetes and several types of cancers and to protect against heart disease.

If weight loss is a goal, keep in mind that research shows people on plant-based diets tend to have lower body weight and body mass index. Experts think this is because they consume more fiber and fewer calories.

Buying less meat can also reduce your carbon footprint and save fuel and water, since raising animals for food takes large amounts of natural resources.

Trying a new ingredient or using it in a different way will add variety to your meals, and you just might discover some new favorites.

Here are a few ideas for meatless meals to get you started: eggplant Parmesan panini, broccoli cheddar brown rice casserole, black bean and quinoa burritos, and spinach artichoke lasagna.











The Wings of Spring

If you need a signal that spring is just around the corner, look to the skies. Many migrating birds are now making their way to nesting grounds and rest areas, including these feathered favorites:

Cliff swallows. One of the most famous symbols of spring is the return of these birds to Mission San Juan Capistrano in Southern California. Flying 6,000 miles from Argentina, the swallows reach the area around March 19, when tourists flock to the city to celebrate Swallows Day.

Sandhill cranes. In late February, these cranes begin leaving their winter homes in the Southern U.S. and Mexico to set up camp in Canada, Alaska and Siberia. Throughout March and early April, half a million of the birds will make a pit stop in Nebraska's Platte River valley to rest and fuel up on food before continuing north.

Long-billed curlews. As temperatures turn warmer, these shorebirds—the largest in North America—move from the coastlines and Mexico to the continent's westcentral grasslands. Bird-watchers are in for a spectacular show as male curlews perform looping flight patterns while making their sharp "whit-whit" calls.

Red knots. Their 9,300-mile spring migration from South America to the Arctic is one of the longest trips of any bird, and a ready supply of eggs spawned by horseshoe crabs draws thousands of red knots to stop in Delaware Bay.

Grain Bowls With Roasted Vegetables

Ingredients:

- 2 yellow onions, cut into 1/2-inch wedges
- 1/2 head of red or purple cabbage, cut into wedges
- 2 red potatoes, cut into 1/2-inch wedges
- 1 small butternut squash, peeled and diced
- 1 pound Brussels sprouts, cut in half
- Olive oil
- Salt and pepper
- 1 1/2 cups uncooked quinoa
- 2 avocados, peeled and sliced
- Fresh parsley

Tahini sauce:

- 1 tablespoon tahini
- Juice of 1/2 lemon
- 1 teaspoon Dijon mustard
- 1/2 to 1 teaspoon maple syrup

Directions:

Heat oven to 400° F. Line a sheet pan with parchment paper.

Place onions, cabbage, potatoes, squash and Brussels sprouts in single layer on pan. Drizzle with olive oil and season with salt and pepper. Roast vegetables 40 minutes, or until tender.

While vegetables roast, cook quinoa according to package directions.

In small bowl, whisk tahini, lemon juice, mustard and syrup until smooth.

Spoon quinoa into bowls. Add roasted vegetables and garnish with avocado and parsley. Drizzle tahini sauce over each bowl and serve.

For more recipes, visit www.Onions-USA.org.



WIT & **WISDOM**

"Are you looking for gold, friend? Look around you; anything useful to you is pure gold, pure silver!" -Mehmet Murat Ildan

"The man who treasures his friends is usually solid gold himself." -Marjorie Holmes

"Fire is the test of gold; adversity, of strong men."

-Seneca

"If more of us valued food and cheer and song above hoarded gold, it would be a merrier world."

-J.R.R. Tolkien

"Truth, like gold, is to be obtained not by its growth, but by washing away from it all that is not gold."

-Leo Tolstoy

"Gold is good in its place; but living, brave, patriotic men are better than gold."

-Abraham Lincoln

"Wealth stays with us a little moment if at all; only our characters are steadfast, not our gold." -Euripides

"Gold may shine: but it has no true light." -Kristian Goldmund Aumann

"The finest compliment you can pay a man is that his word was as good as gold."

-Evel Knievel

"Every man has within himself a gold mine whose riches are limited only by his own industry."

—Thomas Bailey Aldrich

"As every thread of gold is valuable, so is every moment of time."

-English proverb

March 2018

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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4	5	6 Oh, No! Late Fees Begin Today	7	8 Happy Birthday Alex McCant!	9	10
11 Happy Birthday Randy Wargula!	Happy Birthday MonaLiza Antonio!	13	14	15	Happy Birthday Marion Decastro!	17
18	19	Pest Control Outside	21	Happy Birthday Joseph Wong!	23	24
25	26	27	28	29 Happy Birthday Phillip Dickson!	Good Friday Office Closed	31 Happy Birthday George Stevenson!

April 2018

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Happy Easter! April Fools' Day!	2	3	4	Don't Miss It! Last Day to Pay Rent Before Late Fees Begin!	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
Happy Birthday Sean and Russell Lenzen	16	Pest Control Inside	18	19	20	21
Happy Birthday Antonio Smith Rowe!	Happy Birthday Lou Sandrea LaFrance!	24	25	26 Happy Birthday Bennie Brown	27	28
29	30					