

Hawthorne Place News



May your troubles be less,
And your blessing be more.
And nothing but happiness,
Come through your door.

Irish Blessing



Important Dates

March 1st

Lifeline and In-suite testing

March 17th

St. Patrick's Day

March 20th

Bruce Feltham



Birthdays

March 7th

Carole

March 12th

Mary

March 25th

Marjorie

From all the staff
of Hawthorne Place!



WHAT'S HAPPENING



Rise and Shine!

Armchair Yoga
Every Friday at 11 am!

Sunday Movie

1:30



Second Monday of every month at 1:30

Happy Hour Friday at 4 pm



Tuesday & Thursday at 1:30

Armchair Travel

Every second
Saturday at 2:00 pm



Wednesday's at 1:30

Piano with Lois

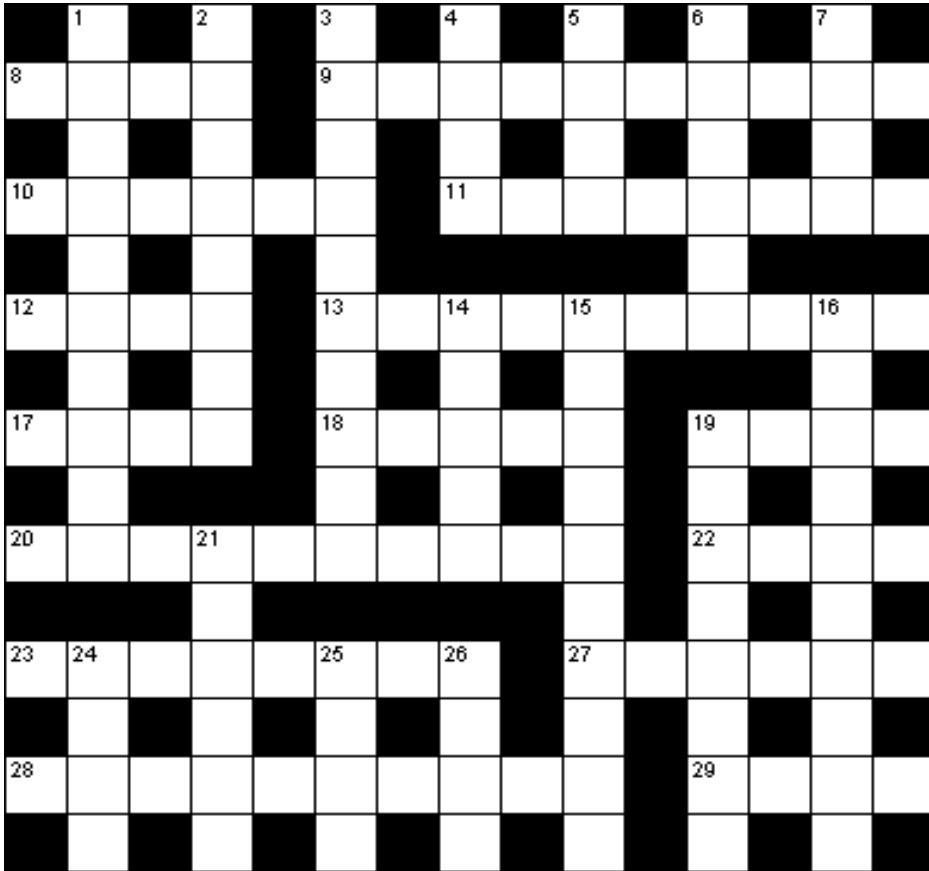


Friday at 2 pm **GAMES!**

every second Friday



Quick Crossword Puzzle #1022



Across

- 8. Former Italian currency (4)
- 9. Outrageous (10)
- 10. A domineering woman (6)
- 11. Languor (8)
- 12. Farewell gesture (4)
- 13. Guide (10)
- 17. Sediment (4)
- 18. Lacquer ingredient (5)
- 19. Smudge (4)
- 20. Fanatic (10)
- 22. Require (4)
- 23. Neither urban nor rural (8)
- 27. Plaid (6)
- 28. Indiscretion (10)
- 29. One-quarter of a bushel (4)

Down

- 1. An annoying or frustrating event (10)
- 2. Budgie (8)
- 3. Relax (10)
- 4. It comes from sheep (4)
- 5. Adjoin (4)
- 6. Accomplish (6)
- 7. Cozy (4)
- 14. Letter before iota (5)
- 15. Coquetry (10)
- 16. Joyful enthusiasm (10)
- 19. Insolvent (8)
- 21. Hindquarters (6)
- 24. Utilizer (4)
- 25. What we sleep in (4)
- 26. Void (4)





The Shamrock



Understanding the Shamrock / Clover - Ireland's National Symbol

It's undeniable that when we think of Ireland's common symbolisms, we all picture a shamrock. But where did the symbolism originate, and how has such a plant become an iconic national symbol?

What is the Meaning of the Shamrock and What is its History?

Biologically-speaking a shamrock is a young sprig, the name meaning "young clover." Shamrocks are a type of clover, though botanists and the public are divided on which specific type.

Not to be confused with the four-leaf clover we know to be lucky, the shamrock has three leaves, a feature that led to its iconic status as the symbol for Ireland. Known worldwide, many people do not know the meaning of the shamrock, how it came to be associated with Ireland, or why it is featured on so many objects and clothes.

Though clovers are found all over Europe and the shamrock isn't a unique species to Ireland, it has morphed into an emblematic symbol loved by the Irish and Irish diaspora.

The Origin of the Shamrock

The origin of the shamrock is entangled with the history of Saint Patrick. Now known as the patron saint of Ireland, he wasn't actually Irish. Born in Roman Britain, he lived in the fifth century and arrived in Ireland as a slave captured by pirates.

During his captivity he converted to Christianity and, once freed, eventually left Ireland to study in Britain and France. After his time there gathering knowledge and faith of Christianity, he returned to Ireland as a missionary to convert and baptise the pagan Irish.

In his work as a missionary, it is told that Saint Patrick used a shamrock. He used it as a metaphor to explain the Holy Trinity - where the three leaves represented God, Jesus and the Holy Spirit.

Since its use by Saint Patrick, the shamrock has been associated with Ireland. From the 18th century it became ingrained as the symbol of Ireland, much like the rose was associated with England, the thistle was associated with Scotland, and the daffodil was a symbol for Wales.



Dunking Valentine

Submitted by Jean Cottrell

Lola lived alone at the end of a quiet village street. Every day at 2 o'clock she walked down to the post office to collect her mail. Most of the time she either got bills or flyers. "Lydia Pinkham's pink pills for pale people" or a free sample of a mud pack to "remove wrinkles in minutes!" (Once she tried it and left it on too long, nearly removing her own skin!)

It was only a few days to Valentine Day and each year Lola lived in hope that she'd receive a card from an unknown admirer. She never did, but she kept on hoping.

Two days before February 14th, her grandson arrived with cookies for Lola from his mother (Lola's daughter). He had a small package in his hand and said he had to get home but would visit another day.

It snowed during the night and the next morning Lola went out to sweep snow from her doorstep. That's when she saw the white envelope. Could someone have left it for her?

Back inside, she carefully drew a beautiful card from the envelope. There was no name, and no signature. The picture on the card was of a house with a window looking on to the road. It had to be from Jim, the furniture repairman at the house next to the post office! He often waved at her as she walked by. "Oh he must have left it!" she put it up on her table and kept reading the words. "You light up my life." She decided to stop by the next day and be courageous enough to as if it really was from him.

Lola set out the next day with the card and knocked on Jim's door. Her hands felt numb. Jim answered the door "Come in. Coffee is on". "Did you leave this?" she asked. "Well tomorrow is Valentine's Day" he said.

Jim sat her at a little table on which was the largest sugar bowl she had ever seen. Jim spooned 2 heaping spoonful's of sugar into his coffee. Lola watched in amazement. "I like my coffee sweet" he said with a grin. "Wherever did you find such a large sugar bowl?" So then Jim told her how his mother had said she wanted her ashes put into a beautiful urn when she passed away.

When he went to the city he found just the perfect urn. Later his mother was listening to Gordon Lightfoot's "Four Strong Winds" and decided to have her ashes thrown to the wind! "I'm tired of filling little sugar bowls so thought the urn was perfect for me. It's never had ashes in it". He offered Lola some heart-shaped cookies. "They are rather hard so I dunk them in my coffee" he said. They sat dunking and chewing on the "dunking valentines" and Lola told Jim he could call her "coke" if he liked. All her friends did. "How did you acquire the name "coke" he asked.

"You know. Lola Coco Cola, thus shortened to "coke". They laughed and chatted. They seemed to have so much in common. As Lola was leaving, Jim asked if he could visit her next day. (Valentine Day)

In the morning, Lola's grandson came again with a nice valentine for her. He glanced at the table and saw the card. "Where did you find it?" he said. "It is for my girlfriend and I must have dropped it when I was here yesterday." Oh! Lola was so embarrassed. How could she face Jim today!?

Jim arrived later with a card that said "to Coke who share dunking Valentines with me and broke the ice in a unique way."

Lola smiled and plunked the sugar canister down on the table.

She opened Jim's card. On the front were ducklings diving into a pond bringing up Valentine hearts in their bills.

It was signed- Jim Davenport, your dunking valentine.



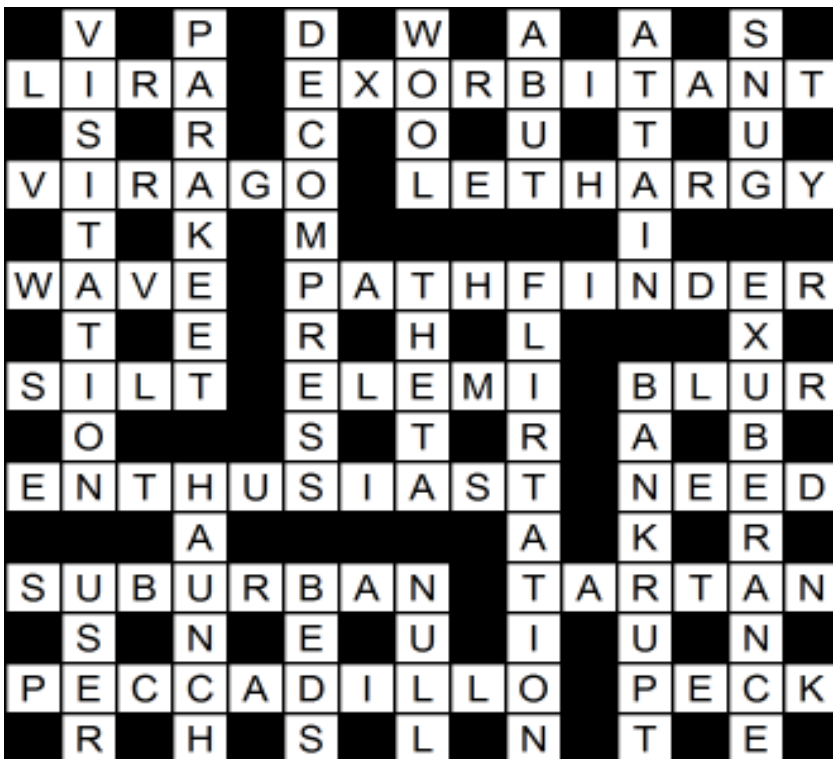
The QBFM is year round on Saturdays from 8:30am-12:00pm Veterans Way in the heart of Qualicum Beach.

I went out drinking last St. Patrick's Day so I took the bus home.



That might not be a big deal to you but I've never driven a bus before!

Solution to Quick Crossword Puzzle #1022



Can you find the mistake?

1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9