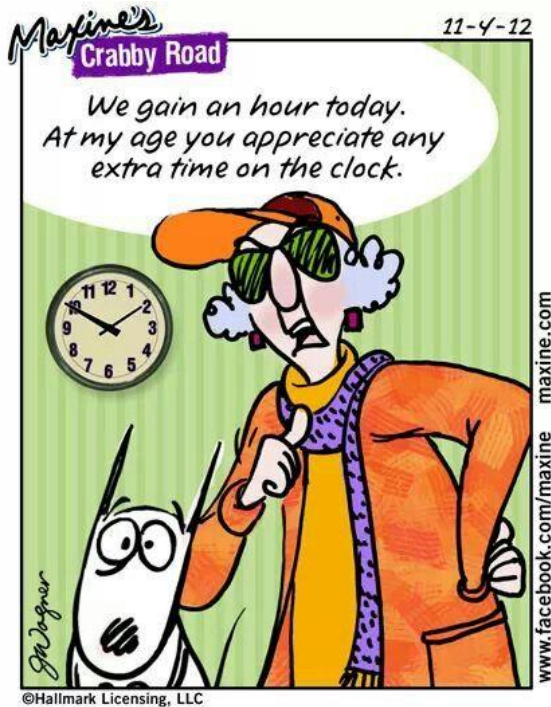


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“March brings breezes loud and shrill,
stirs the dancing daffodil.”

Sara Coleridge

Riddle Challenge

I have pointed fangs, and I sit and wait. I have piercing force, and I crunch with weight. I grab my victims, but they do not fight. I join them each with a single, quick bite. What am I?

See Sue for Answer

What's Happening This Month

- Mar 07: Brain Gym @ 11am
- Mar 07: Set clocks ahead 1 hour
- Mar 08: Daylight Savings Time Begins
- Mar 09: Happy Birthday Gordon
- Mar 11: Steve & Viv Music 1pm
- Mar 17: St. Patrick's Day
- Mar 19: Happy Birthday Eryl
- Mar 20: Spring begins
- Mar 21: Bingo @ 1:30 pm
- Mar 29: Wine with Dinner

WELCOME

We would like to extend a warm welcome to our two new residents. John Rea in 403 and Mary Ann Sohm in 413. Welcome to our Stevenson Place Family. We all look forward to getting to know you.



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LOOKING BACK

Many enjoyed having a look at the Spring Fashions and a bit of shopping on Feb 10th when Casual Chic Couture set up in the library area. They will be back in the summer with more fabulous clothing.

Lots of enjoyment from the mysterious Valentine's Day cards which turn out were made and delivered by Judy's great granddaughters. Such thoughtful young ladies.

Family day was enjoyed with the ever-favorite peach upside down muffins.

A group of 8 residents attended the live music with Dave and Charlotte. I was told there was great harmonizing and guitar playing.

Bingo on the 21st was a slam dunk for Judy, who won two games and shared in another with Louise. Helen, Jim and Summer each took a win.



DEFINITIONS FROM THE BOOK OF ANON

JUVENILE DELINQUENCY

...when youngsters stop asking parents where they came from and start telling them where they can go

EXPERIENCE

...what you have left over when you have lost everything else

AN EXPERT

...someone called in at the last minute to share the blame

IGNORAMUS

...someone who doesn't know something **you** learned yesterday

DIPLOMAT

...a man who convinces his wife that a woman looks stout in a fur coat

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THE IDES OF MARCH

This is the day on the Roman calendar marked as the “Idus”, roughly the midpoint of a month. The Gregorian calendar reflected “Martius”, corresponding to the 15th of March.

This day was marked by several major religious observances and in 44 BC it became notorious as the date of the assassination of Julius Caesar, which made the Ides of March a turning point in Roman history.

Caesar was stabbed to death at a meeting of the Senate. As many as 60 conspirators, led by Brutus and Cassius, were involved. It is said that a seer had warned that harm would come to Caesar on the Ides of March. On his way to the Theatre of Pompey, where he would be assassinated, Caesar passed the seer and joked, “Well, the Ides of March come”, implying that the prophecy had not been fulfilled, to which the seer replied, “Aye, they are come, but they are not gone.” This meeting was dramatized in William Shakespeare’s play Julius Caesar.

FAMILY DAY ORIGINS

Family Day originated in Alberta in 1990 to reflect the values of family and home that were important to the pioneers and to give workers the opportunity to spend more time with their families.

The date was chosen to coincide with Washinton’s Birthday to avoid disrupting trade with the United States.

Despite the emphasis on positive social values, Family Day has controversial roots as a means of political damage control. (or maybe a distraction)

In 1988 new seat belt laws had been passed and a Sun Columnist had labelled Don Getty, late Alberta PC Party leader, as a “closet seat-belt abuser.” Getty responded with an offensive quip that received intense backlash from the public.

Shortly after, Don Getty’s son was arrested in an Edmonton motel room for attempting to sell cocaine to an undercover Mountie. Six months later the 1989 Throne Speech announced a new February holiday allowing families to spend more time together. BC Family Day came about in 2013.



"It is the first mild day of March . . .
The redbreast sings from the tall larch
Then come, my Sister! come, I pray . . .
And bring no book: for this one day
We'll give to idleness."

—William Wordsworth, *To My Sister*