

The Some Times Newsletter

Dangerous Liaisons: Know Your Teenager's Friends

Parents never stop worrying about their children. And it gets worse if your child starts keeping company with friends who don't seem to be good influences.

Before any problems begin, follow these tips:

- 1) **Be involved.** Pay attention to your teen and what he or she is doing. Don't be overbearing. There's a difference between controlling your child's life and supporting his/her interests.
- 2) **Set limits.** Most teens want reasonable limits for their own security. Concentrate on doing your job as a parent first and foremost.
- 3) **Get to know their friends.** Before you make any conclusions about friends, have them over a few times. Get to know what they value. And try to get to know their parents, too.
- 4) **Provide direction.** Find something your child feels passionate about, and direct him or her toward it. This allows your child to have another peer group outside of school. And when the peer pressure gets too high, your teen has other options and sources of support.

All About March

- ? Did you know that the word March originates from the Roman word "Martius"? It was originally the first month of the Roman calendar and was named after their god of war, Mars.
- ? In some places, the traditional games in March are marbles and skipping. Some places actually named days "Marble Day" or "Long Rope Day".
- ? One of the flowers most associated with March is the narcissus or known as the wild daffodil. It was named after the boy in Greek mythology who was changed into a flower.
- ? Old folklore: "March winds and April showers bring forth May flowers."

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Make Time for Life When Work Gets Busy

You've done all you can to strike a balance between your work life and your personal time. But suddenly a new project lands in your corner at work, and you've got to kick into overdrive. Before you and your family become strangers, try these two techniques from the book *Coming Up for Air*, by Beth Sawi (Hyperion):

- ✓ **On again, off again.** Schedule one to three days when you'll plan to work late or come in extra early. On the other days, work your normal hours. This method allows you to set more realistic goals both at work and at home—like when to say "yes" or "no" to certain projects or activities on any given day. And knowing that there are days of reprieve in the week helps you get through the longer days you've scheduled.
- ✓ **Marathon and rest.** Sometimes the work at hand may leave you with absolutely no free time. This is when the marathon/rest technique will work best. Commit to working extra long days for several days or even months (if need be). But set a definite end date when you'll stop the grueling pace. This helps you focus on what you need to get done at work and keeps expectations realistic at home.



It's Good To Be Thorough—Sometimes

A couple arrives at an auto dealership to pick up their car after a tune-up. They're told the keys have been accidentally locked inside.

At the service department, they find a mechanic working feverishly to unlock the driver's side door. As the husband watches from the passenger's side, he tries the door handle and discovers that it's unlocked.

"Hey," he calls to the mechanic, "It's open!"
"I know," the young guy replies. "I already got that side."



ST. Patrick: The Myth And The Man

For some, St. Patrick's Day (March 17) is a reason to wear green, go to a parade, and drink more Irish whiskey than usual. But just who was this St. Patrick fellow? The most common belief is that he drove the snakes out of Ireland. Ireland probably never had snakes, though, and the myth may refer to Patrick's efforts to stamp out the serpent imagery used by the Druids. He also may have used the three-leafed shamrock to illustrate the concept of the Holy Trinity to the people he was trying to convert to Christianity as a missionary in Ireland during the fifth century.



Historians agree that Patrick was born in Roman-occupied Britain, the son of a Christian deacon. At age 16 he was captured and taken to Ireland, where he was a slave for six years. During this time, his Christian faith strengthened, and one day he heard a voice (according to a letter he wrote about his early life) promising he would soon return home. Shortly afterward he escaped, found his way to a ship, and went back to his family.

An angel appeared to him in a dream, he later wrote, telling him to return to Ireland as a missionary. After a long period of religious training, Patrick went back to the land where he had been a slave to convert the Irish and to minister to those Christians living there. March 17 is believed to be the day of his death.

Although never formally canonized, Patrick came to be considered a saint, and March 17 was celebrated as a religious holiday until 1903, when it became a public holiday in Ireland by an act of the British Parliament.

The Start Of Spring

This year, the vernal equinox - the day when night and day are nearly the same length - starts on March 20th. According to American folklore, the first day of spring is the only time that a raw egg can be balanced on end because the sun's equidistant position between the poles of the earth generates special gravitational forces. This notion goes back to 1945, when a reporter for Life Magazine covered a Chinese ritual in which people balanced eggs on the first day of spring.



But the Chinese calendar puts the first day of spring in early February, a month and a half before the equinox. This fact didn't stop Donna Henes, an artist and self described ritual maker, from rallying 100 people in New York City in 1983 to balance eggs on March 20. At the hour and minute of the equinox, she stood her egg on end and announced, "Spring is here." The following year, 5,000 New Yorkers convened at the World Trade Center to repeat the egg ritual, meriting coverage by the New York Times. To this day, many news and radio stations repeat the story and urge people to balance eggs on the first day of spring.

But myth busters say the yolks on them because there are no such special gravitational forces at work on this day. It's possible to get an egg to balance upright on any day of the year - as long as you have the patience to do it.

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"Welcome back, sir. Are you planning on being our guest for one night only, or will this be your usual extended stay?"

Jolene's Corner

Yes, I know that the holidays are over. However, there is one pie that I tried over Christmas and it was Pecan pie without the corn syrup. Pecans are native to the Americas long before the Europeans came to America, but pecan pies as we know them came much later around 1886. In 1927 the National Pecan Growers Association acknowledge variant pronunciations with designating one as official and correct "pronounced as Pea-con". In the 1930's Karo put their pecan pie recipe on their labels, which skyrocketed the pies' popularity. But how was pecan pies made before Karo syrup? In 1914, a recipe for Texas Pecan Pie was published. I made this version of the 1914 recipe and my husband liked it. It is not as sweet as the Pecan pie made with Karo syrup. I think this 1914 version is so much better. Give it a try.

Texas Pecan Pie

Pie Dough: I used Marie Calendar's frozen pie crust. This makes it easier.

Filling:

1 cup whole milk
 1 cup brown sugar
 3 eggs, beaten
 1 Tablespoon flour
 ½ cup finely chopped pecans
 Pinch of salt
 Pecan halves for a layer on top of the filling.



Preheat oven to 425°. Blind bake pie crust by lining the crust with foil, then add pie weight (use dry beans e.g. pinto, white beans). Bake for 12 minutes. Remove the foil and weights and return crust to the oven for 5-7 minutes or until the edges and bottom start to brown. Remove from oven and cool completely.

Reduce oven temperature to 350°.

In a saucepan, whisk together the milk, sugar, eggs, flour, chopped pecans and salt. Set it over medium-low heat and gently stir. Be sure to do this over low heat as you do not want the eggs to scramble. Cook, stirring constantly, until the mixture steams, and continue to cook for about 3 minutes. Adjust the heat if necessary so the mixture only steams and does not simmer. Pour into the cooled pie shell.

Add a layer of pecan halves on top of the filling in your favorite pattern.

Bake for 30-35 minutes, or until there's just a slight wobble in the center.

Set the pie on a wire rack to cool completely.

Serving: Add whipped cream and ice cream for a great treat.

Enjoy!

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