

## Notes on “Irish Eyes”

One would expect a song with a title like this to have been written by an Irish troubadour, but “When Irish Eyes Are Smiling” is actually an American song; in the words of Thomas Hischak, author of *The Tin Pan Alley Song Encyclopedia*, it was written by two of New York’s most prolific professional songwriters in collaboration with a leading vaudeville performer, none of them Irish.

This most successful song of the decade (that has an Irish angle) was published in 1912.

The credits were shared by George Graff, Jr., and Chauncey Olcott who wrote the words, and Ernest R. Ball who composed the music. Technically, Hischak’s claim about the nationality of the authors is true, but to this day many Americans with even quite tenuous ancestral roots in the Emerald Isle refer to themselves or are referred to as Irish-Americans. Although Chancellor John Olcott was American born and bred, his mother was born in Ireland and came to the United States via Canada, and Olcott himself wrote and co-wrote many Irish songs.

“When Irish Eyes Are Smiling” was first performed by Olcott, in *The Isle O’ Dreams*, which was based on a play by Rida Young set in Ireland in 1799. The show appears to have gone down like a lead balloon; it opened at the Grand Opera House, New York, on January 27, 1913, and closed February 22.

Needless to say, the song fared much better; it has become a St. Patrick’s Day standard and has been recorded by artists as varied as Perry Como, Roger Whitaker, Joni James and, of course, Bing Crosby. Also it made the news in 1985 when U.S. President Ronald Reagan and Canadian Prime Minister Brian Mulroney sang the tune together with their wives at a live televised event during a summit in Quebec.

Knowing that Spring is coming around the corner makes *all* eyes smile, Irish or not!

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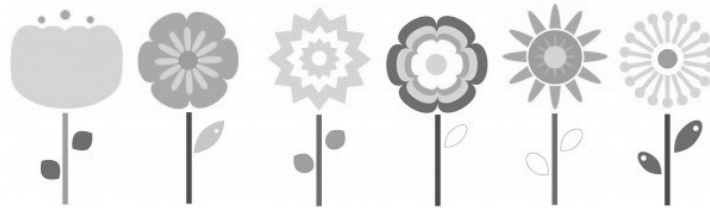
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## A Spring Self Care Challenge



1. Take a walk
2. Declutter ten items
3. Try a new menu item
4. Create a vision board
5. Give a gift or thank you
6. Start a new book
7. Do something fun
8. Get a massage
9. Write three things for which you are grateful
10. Complete an act of kindness
11. Pray or meditate for ten minutes
12. Air out the house
13. Plan an activity outside
14. Go to a farmers' market
15. Eat outside
16. Get a haircut
17. Attend an exercise class
18. Make a goal to finish by the summer
19. Buy yourself flowers or a new houseplant
20. Reorganize your bathroom

## Book Ends

**HOO - - - RAY!!!**

The Library is open again!

I can now pick a novel or other book that you can read if you like it, or, if it sounds good, pick another title from the same author. May your hunting be as enjoyable and successful as mine has been!

**BLUE MOON**  
**a Jack Reacher Novel**  
by Lee Child

I picked this one because I had previously enjoyed a Jack Reacher story. As before, Jack is traveling to a city [not named]. This time in a Greyhound Bus. He notices a young punk sizing up an elderly man with what looks like a lot of cash in his pocket. When they get off the bus, the money is stolen, but Jack recovers it and escorts the gentleman to his destination. It is a bar where he is to make a payment on a gang's loan.

Jack finds the city to be uniformly divided in two by a highway and each half is the turf of a gang. One side is Albanian and the other Ukranian. Helping the new friend puts Jack in the middle between the two gangs. Of course, Jack does NOT choose between the two and by the end of the story, both gangs have been eliminated.

Along the way he 'rubs out' many gang members, picks up feminine companionship and also becomes the hero of all the law-abiding residents.

**Life in the FANTASTIC '40s**  
**A decade of strength, progress and triumph**  
From the pages of REMINISCE magazine

I have been a fan of this magazine since I first saw one. I read each without looking at the management until now, learning that it is owned by Reader's Digest Association. In my opinion, they now own TWO excellent magazines.

I wasn't sure what I would find when I went home with the book. Knowing the first part of the decade was taken up by WW II, I was hoping that the book wasn't. It devoted 57 pages to the war years but was totally interesting stories of individuals. Even then, half or more had to do with the Home Front. Most of the stories of the early 40's focused on people and the war was secondary.

I think I enjoyed the pictures even more than the stories [especially the part labeled "Unforgettable Fashions."] I'm not sure I want to admit I wore similar clothes, but I did. I also enjoyed pictures which included cars and/or airplanes, home appliances and it even showed some photos taken for pure fun!

## Notifications

### In Memoriam

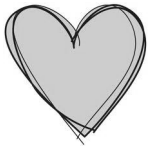


Robert Boggs  
Bruce Catron  
Betty Goodman



## Anniversaries

### ANNIVERSARIES



March 5, 1966 Leslie and Zada Lea Kahn  
March 8, 1963 Thomas and Mary Breeden  
March 9, 1963 Garland and Marcella Campbell  
March 24, 1989 Jeffry and Shirley Smith



## Have You Heard?

In Finnish, the month is called maaliskuu, which is believed to originate from maallinen kuu. During March, earth finally becomes visible under the snow; however, other etymological theories have been put forward. In Ukrainian, the month is called березень/berezen', meaning birch tree, and březen in Czech. Historical names for March include the Saxon Lentmonat, named after the March equinox and gradual lengthening of days, and the eventual namesake of Lent. Saxons also called March Rhed-monat or Hreth-monath (deriving from their goddess Rhedam/Hreth), and Angles called it Hyld-monath. In Slovene, the traditional name is sušec, meaning the month when the earth becomes dry enough so that it is possible to cultivate it. The name was first written in 1466 in the Škofja Loka manuscript. Other names were used too, for example, brezen and breznik, "the month of birches." The Turkish word Mart is given after the name of Mars, the god.

The birthstone for March is aquamarine and symbolizes faithfulness, courage, and friendship. The flower is the Jonquil also known as the Daffodil.

# Brain Teasers



## Spring



W H M Z A L K R S G U B E C H T Q I  
F T U L Y I J B E P Q N O P A S D X  
S J N I B O R H L V M C S U T L E K  
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BIRDS

CALF

GARDEN

LAMB

SNAIL

BLOSSOM

CATERPILLAR

GRASS

NATURE

SPRING

BUGS

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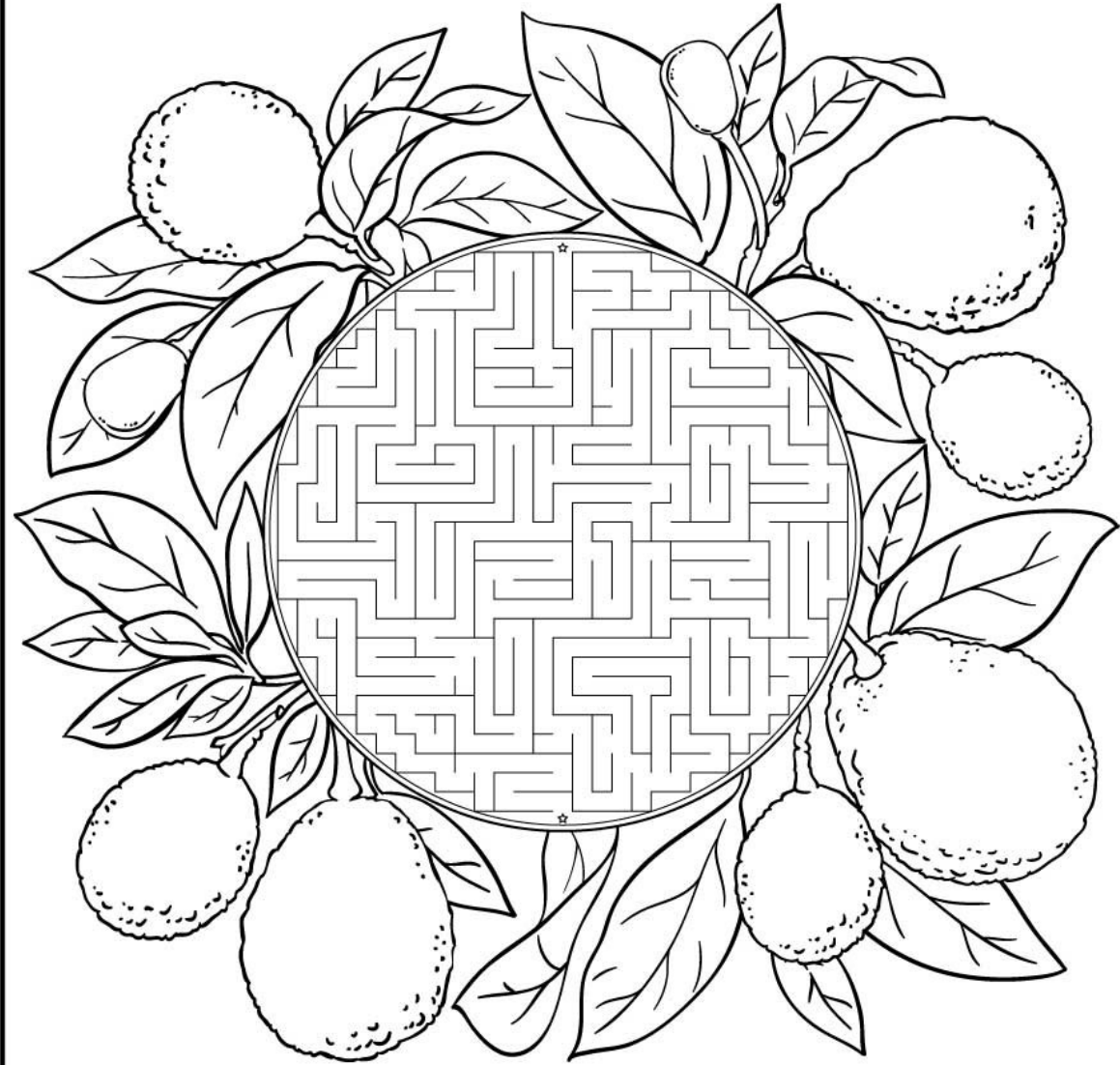
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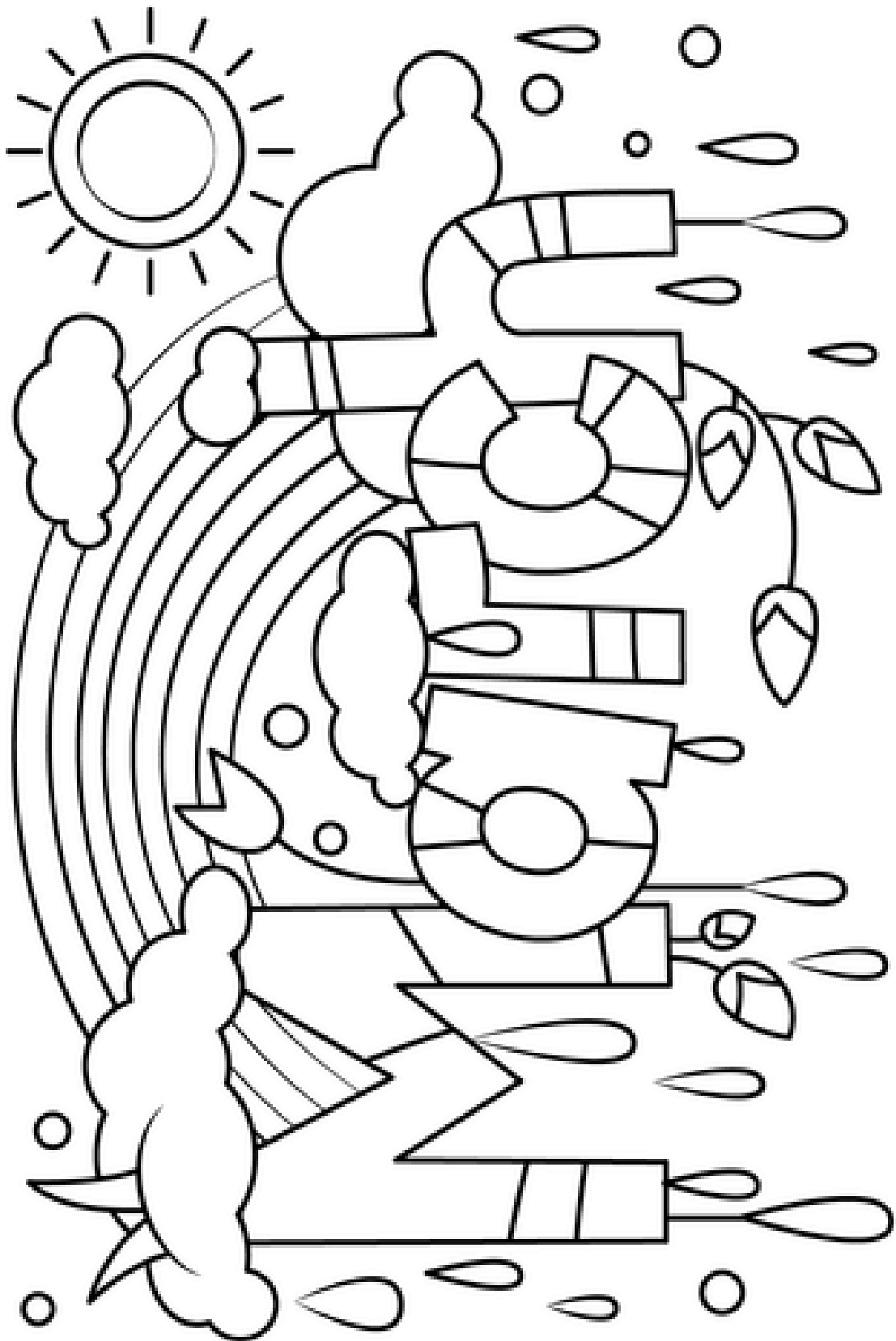
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# Spring Maze



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## Happy Birthday to You!

Happy Birthday to the following residents who celebrate their birthdays:

3/1	Thomas Breeden	3/12	Steven Sanford
3/2	Chester Wright	3/13	Carol Vickers
3/4	Cullen Rosen	3/18	Patricia Graves
3/5	Mildred Colgin	3/24	Jeffry Smith
3/6	Georgeen Carden	3/26	John Pierce
3/7	Althea Hinson	3/28	Jean Taylor
3/9	Richard Bradley	3/30	Lois Motley

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## Welcome New Residents

Sue Willis  
Mineral Lodge No. 311

## Employee Birthdays

3/1	Ayxe Karakayali
3/2	Barbara Ramirez
3/2	Donna Smith
3/3	Felicia Harrison
3/5	Vickie Martin
3/6	Traci Bailey
3/8	Alexandria Street
3/12	Anita Mims
3/14	Daryl Goode
3/15	Cathy Bancherdpaibool
3/16	Annette Hyman
3/21	Gladys Osei-Tutu
3/21	Robyn Massie
3/22	Victoria Edmonds
3/28	Martha Richardson
3/30	Michael West

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