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# Welcome to the March issue of the Advertiser Magazine

Welcome, March, you windy show-off, Kicking February gently off.

You blow in loud with bluster and bounce, In muddy boots you proudly announce: "I've brought you hope! (And allergies too.) And maybe some sunshine, briefly, for you." You cannot quite decide your vibe: Snowstorm? Sunburn? A damp fog tribe? You tease the daffodils from bed, Then freeze their little hopeful heads. You toss our hair, you soak our shoes, You give the weather folk the blues. But oh, you bring a splash of green, The shamrock-shining, jig-dancing scene! On the 17th, don't you delay, It's St. Patrick's Day! Hip-hip-hooray! We'll hunt for luck in every clover, Turn rivers emerald, tip hats lower. We'll toast to cheer with merry cheer, And claim we're just a bit Irish this year.

*Andrew & Cheryl*

## Local Markets

### MONDAY

- \* Antas
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- \* Albox
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Succulent Roast Pork. Crackling with Pigs in Blankets and Apple Sauce\*

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\*Served on a bed of braised leeks with roast potatoes, cauliflower cheese, buttered julienne carrots, broccoli, garden peas & a jus.

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## EASY STOVE TOP SHAKSHUKA WITH CRUMBLED FETA (poached eggs in a spicy tomato sauce)

Prep time: 15 minutes - Cook time: 25 minutes

Skill level: Low - Serves: 2-3

### Ingredients

1 tablespoon olive oil  
 ½ small red onion, finely diced  
 1 clove garlic, minced  
 1 tablespoon tomato purée  
 400g can chopped tomatoes  
 ½ red pepper, de-seeded & diced  
 ½ teaspoon cumin  
 ½ teaspoon sweet paprika  
 Pinch of chilli flakes (optional)  
 ½ teaspoon sugar & ½ teaspoon salt  
 Freshly ground pepper, to taste  
 ½ cup baby spinach leaves  
 3 eggs

### To serve: (optional)

Pita bread or crusty baguette  
 Handful fresh chopped parsley  
 Crumbled feta

### Method:

Heat the oil in a large frypan over medium heat. Add the diced red onion and sauté for about two minutes until it starts to soften. Add minced garlic and stir in tomato paste. Sauté for a further two minutes.

Stir through the can of diced tomatoes and red pepper. Add cumin, paprika, chilli flakes and sugar. Season with salt and freshly ground pepper. Stir to combine. Reduce heat and cook for another 10 minutes until the vegetables are tender and tomato sauce reduces and thickens slightly.

Stir in spinach leaves and cook until wilted, about two minutes.

Make three small wells in the sauce with the back of a spoon.

Crack an egg into each well. Cover the frypan and cook for about five to eight minutes, or until the eggs are done to your liking.

Once the eggs are cooked, remove the skillet from the heat. Garnish with a handful of fresh chopped parsley and crumbled feta. Serve hot with your bread of choice for dipping.

(ABC News: Lina Jebeile)

INSTAGRAM @TheLebanesePlate

### Tips:

- To make a spicier shakshuka: Add a pinch of chilli flakes and cayenne pepper or some chopped fresh chilli when adding the spices.
- Using fresh ripe tomatoes will enhance the flavour: For this recipe you can use 2-3 medium fresh diced tomatoes in place of the canned.
- Covering the frypan with a lid will help cook the eggs from the top: This ensures the whites are set while the yolks remain runny. If you prefer firmer yolks, cook the eggs a bit longer.
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# LifeStyle

## When the Wind Gets Ideas: A Light-hearted Look at Storms Through History

There is something undeniably theatrical about strong winds.

A gentle breeze may flirt with your hair, but a gale arrives with opinions. It rearranges garden furniture, edits hairstyles without consent and occasionally attempts to relocate trampolines to neighbouring villages. And yet, for all their bluster, storms have shaped human history in ways both dramatic and strangely poetic.

Wind, of course, is simply air in a hurry, rushing from high pressure to low pressure, tidying up the atmosphere's imbalances. Add moisture, temperature clashes and a touch of planetary spin and you have the ingredients for tempests worthy of legend. The ancient Greeks personified these forces in the Anemoi, wind gods with distinct personalities, as though even they suspected the wind had moods.

History offers ample proof that when the wind truly commits, it commits spectacularly. In 1588, the feared Spanish Armada met more than just English resistance. After skirmishes with English ships, violent Atlantic storms scattered and wrecked much of the fleet along the coasts of Scotland and Ireland. English Protestants dubbed it the "Protestant Wind," seeing divine intervention in the gusts. Meteorologically speaking, it was less miracle and more North Atlantic fury but one cannot deny the timing was narratively convenient.

Fast-forward to 1703, when the Great Storm of England tore through southern Britain with terrifying force. Believed to be one of the most severe storms ever recorded in the region, it damaged thousands of homes and flattened forests. Even the renowned diarist and author Daniel Defoe documented the devastation in vivid detail, producing one of the earliest works of modern disaster journalism. The wind did not merely howl; it made headlines.

Across the Atlantic, hurricanes have long demonstrated that warm ocean waters can be both beautiful and menacing. The 1900 Galveston Hurricane remains the deadliest natural disaster in United States history, reshaping coastal engineering and prompting the construction of protective seawalls. Meanwhile, the 1938 "Long Island Express" barreled into New England with shocking speed, catching many residents off guard. Storm forecasting at the time was still in its infancy; today's satellites and computer models owe much to the hard lessons learned

from such tempests.

Then there are the storms that acquire personalities through naming. Since the mid-20th century, tropical cyclones have been given human names, an oddly civil gesture for systems capable of uprooting palm trees. Naming storms improves communication and public safety, though it also lends them an almost celebrity aura. One can hardly forget the impact of hurricanes like Hurricane Katrina, whose devastation in 2005 transformed conversations about infrastructure, climate resilience, and emergency response.

Windstorms are not confined to the tropics. Europe's windstorms, often born from powerful Atlantic low-pressure systems, can rival hurricanes in intensity. In 1987, the so-called Great Storm struck southern England and northern France, toppling an estimated 15 million trees. A famously sceptical weather forecast the night before reassured viewers that there was no cause for alarm. Words that have since become immortalized in meteorological lore. The atmosphere, it seems, delights in humbling certainty.

Yet amid the chaos, there is also wonder. Storm winds sculpt coastlines, disperse seeds, and even help regulate global temperatures. Without wind, sailing ships would never have connected continents, windmills would never have dotted Dutch landscapes and modern wind turbines would stand idle. The same force that rattles windows also spins blades that power cities.

There is, too, a sensory drama in storms that keeps us watching from behind glass. The way trees bow in synchronized arcs. The percussion of rain against rooftops. The charged hush before a thunderclap. Even the scent, petrichor, that earthy perfume released when rain meets dry soil, feels like a gift delivered by turbulent skies.

Of course, as our climate changes, scientists warn that certain types of storms may grow more intense. Warmer oceans can feed stronger hurricanes; altered jet streams may influence storm tracks. One might say the wind is responding to a planet in transition.

Still, humanity has always lived in conversation with the wind. We build sturdier homes, refine forecasts and design early warning systems. We learn. And sometimes, when the gusts subside and the clouds retreat, we step outside to survey the scattered leaves and tilted fences, oddly exhilarated. Strong winds remind us that we are participants in a vast atmospheric ballet. We may not choreograph the performance, but we can marvel at it and perhaps secure the garden furniture in advance.

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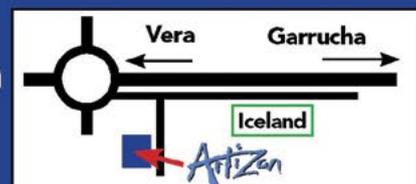
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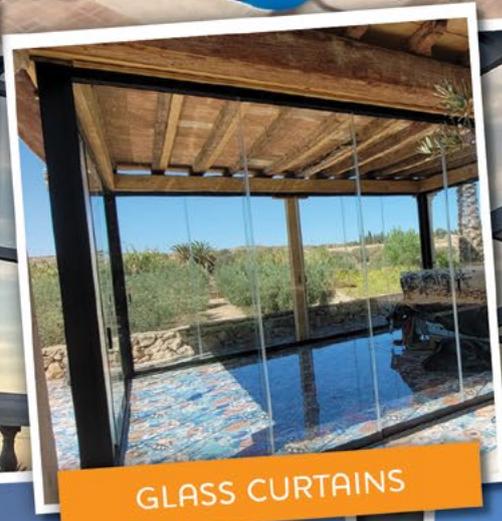
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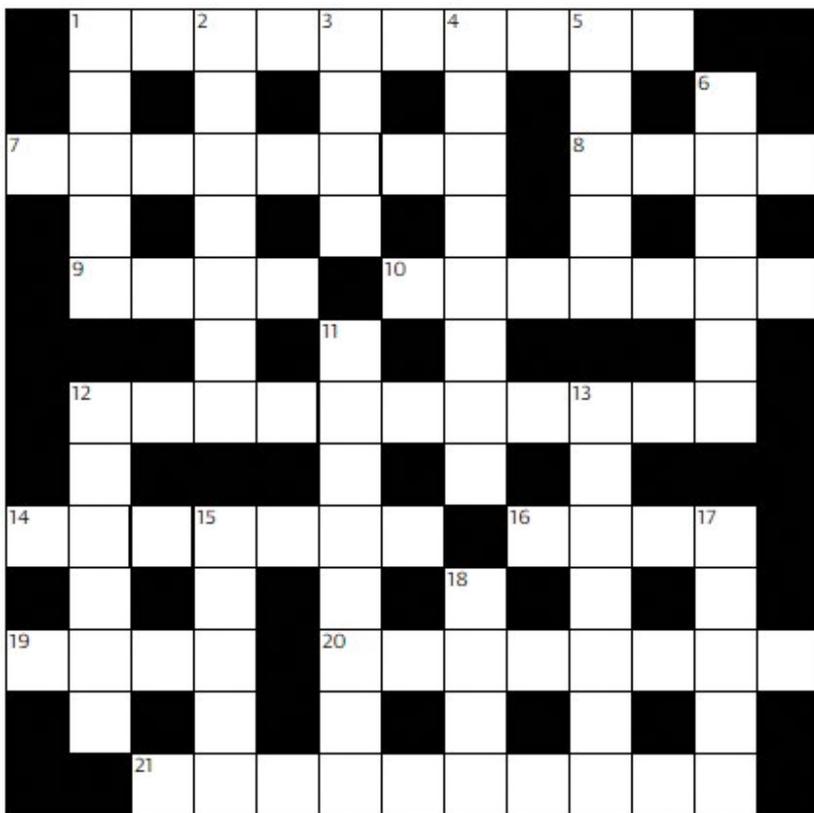


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## Cross Word



### ACROSS

- 1 Disparaging (10)
- 7 Confined (6,2)
- 8 Swollen-headed (4)
- 9 Objectives (4)
- 10 Idiotic (7)
- 12 Small long-haired dog (4,7)
- 14 Feeling angry and upset (2,1,4)
- 16 Functions (4)
- 19 Abel's brother (4)
- 20 Out-of-the-way (8)
- 21 Circus compere (10)

### DOWN

- 1 Unmanned aerial vehicle (5)
- 2 Swiftly (7)
- 3 Mars, Mercury etc (4)
- 4 Wall hanging, like the one at Bayeux (8)
- 5 Large crow (5)
- 6 First across the finishing line (6)
- 11 Oppressively hot or airless (8)
- 12 Rules for forming proper sentences (6)
- 13 Powdered coffee (7)
- 15 Indian language (5)
- 17 Queen Boudica's (Boadicea) weapon of choice (5)
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# What's the problem

At the Advertiser magazine, we recognise that everyone needs to reach out for advice now and then. Seeking the help of someone who can not only offer a completely objective point of view but, is also qualified to advise you, may not always be possible.

*We are delighted to be able to offer the services of a qualified counsellor and psychotherapist, Theresa Wood, to answer any of our readers issues or problems.*

Dear Theresa

My marriage broke down physically and emotionally some years ago, but we still lived in the same house and looked after our children. Most people outside would never have known there was a problem between us and we publicly showed a united front. It took time for us to agree about who got what etc. but eventually my wife left, the kids stayed here but visit her often. I was waiting and battling with this for so long and to be honest now it's all over, I feel lost and really sad.

Regards Sean

Hi Sean

I'm so sorry your marriage didn't work out for both of you and your children. Sometimes we can get so caught up in the 'fight' that we overlook the sadness and loss of something that was once, all we ever dreamed of. You need to give yourself time to grieve and visiting a therapist may help this. There is energy when we are fighting, but the let down can be devastating, even if we think we won.

Mind yourself

Theresa

## Readers Answers

You will feel very sad. Enjoy the time spent with your children. Do some things you have always wanted to do but never did. You may miss her for the rest of your life, she will always be in your heart. However, be open to a new relationship and enjoy where your future takes you. In the meantime pamper yourself and apart from spending time with the children, hang out at least once a week with your friends. Tell your friends how you feel.

Suzy

I totally understand, I did exactly the same with my ex husband. What you have to get used to is just being you. So much time has been spent on your family that you didn't have time to think of your own needs.

First of all just breathe. You haven't wasted one moment of your time. You are grieving the loss of your relationship even if you don't see it. We never start a relationship and family thinking it will end. We patch up holes and cracks as we go, but suddenly there's nothing to fix. Go for a coffee when you feel up to it. Take a book if you want to preserve your peace and avoid unwanted company. Your friends will want to drag you out, plan your escape whenever you want to.

It will get better I promise you. Just go at your own pace until you find your smile again.

Joyce

Grief, after the end of a relationship, is surprisingly common. My husband and I still loved each other when we agreed to split up, we just couldn't live together.

At the time we both needed different things that the other couldn't provide. I remember crying when I spoke to the bank to take his name off the account. Not just a bit, but big snotty sobs, it was as though he had passed away.

I wondered if I had done the right thing. Deep down I knew we had.

Slowly, I rebuilt my life, whilst staying friendly with him. We both struck up new relationships and can now see how our relationship helped us be better, more rounded people for ourselves and our current partners.

Helen

Forgive yourself and your wife and let God heal your heart. Praying for your miracle.

Delia

It's grief for the loss of what once was. Like any other grief, it will take time to work through. In the meantime, enjoy the love and company of your children.

Alison

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# The benefits of Mindfulness in a busy world

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One of the most recognized benefits of mindfulness is stress reduction. Programs such as Mindfulness-Based Stress Reduction, developed at the University of Massachusetts Medical School, have shown that regular practice can lower stress levels and reduce symptoms of anxiety. By focusing on the present, people interrupt cycles of rumination and worry.

Mindfulness also improves emotional regulation. When individuals learn to pause and observe their reactions, they gain greater control over how they respond. This can lead to fewer emotional outbursts, stronger resilience,

and healthier relationships.

Cognitive performance often improves as well.

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this can enhance decision

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productivity.

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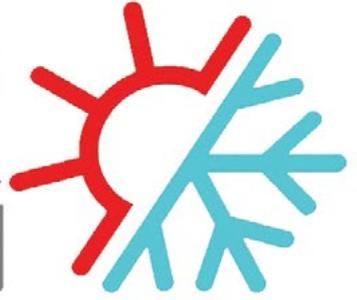
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Quarter final results were Phil Simpson 3 v Clive Havis 2, Koen 0 v Arthur Davis 3 . Trevor Davis 2 v Eddy Clemnt 3, Ian Ashworth 2 – Andy Collier 3.

In Semis, Phil beat Arthur 3 - 1 and Andy beat Eddy 3 - 0.

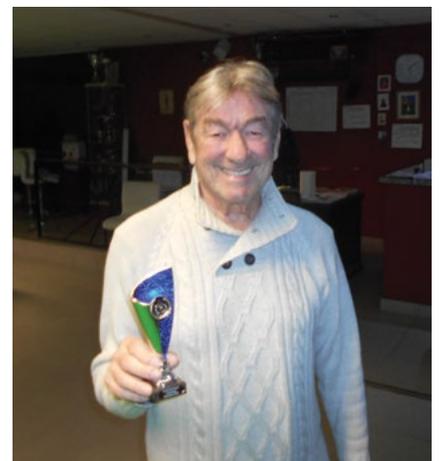
Third place match was won 3 - 2 by Eddy against 79 year old Arthur, who only 6 weeks after his hip operation made a valliant effort.

In the final Phil went 3 - 0 up, but Andy recovered and the score finally was 4 to 3 in a black ball game. The next tournament begins first half of March.

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# SPORT & MORE

by  
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## STRANGE SPORTING FACTS....

- 101) Football (soccer) is the most popular sport in the world, with over 4 billion fans!
- 102) The name for three consecutive strikes in bowling is called a turkey.
- 103) Due to physics and human aerodynamics, high jumpers cannot stay in the air for more than one second.
- 104) The first baseball caps were made from straws.
- 105) Peach baskets were used as the first hoops in basketball.
- 106) The average NBA player weighs 216.52 pounds.
- 107) London is the only city in the world to host the Olympics three different times.
- 108) Super Bowl LVII attracted a world-wide audience of 115.1 million viewers.
- 109) Wilt Chamberlain is the only player to score 100 points in a single NBA game.
- 110) Due to losing far too many players during World War One (on military service) the Pittsburgh Steelers and Philadelphia Eagles combined teams to become the Steagles for the 1943 season.
- 111) A microwaved baseball will fly farther than a frozen one.
- 112) The world's oldest tennis court is still in use today. It's located at Falkland Palace in Scotland.
- 113) Volleyball was introduced to Europe by American troops during WWI.
- 114) When boxers go back to their corner during the round break, it is crucial for them to have their arms down in order to let the blood run back into the limbs, boosting their recovery.
- 115) Yellow tennis balls were used for the first time in 1986 at Wimbledon.
- 116) The volleyball drill of passing and hitting the ball without a net is called pepper.
- 117) Wilfred Benitez won the super lightweight championship at the age of 17, making him the youngest boxing world champion in the world.
- 118) In 1935, American sprinter Jesse Owens set five world records in the space of just 45 minutes.
- 119) Rob Earnshaw is the only player to have scored a hat-trick in all three Divisions of the English Football League, the Premier League, the League Cup, FA Cup, and for his country at International level.
- 120) Figure skating is the oldest winter game in the Olympics, dating back to 1908, before the



beginning of the formal winter games.

- 121) Russian tennis professional Maria Sharapova's grunt on court was louder than an aircraft.
- 122) The World's very first football club was in England. It was Sheffield Football Club founded in 1857.
- 123) The blades in figure skates were originally made of animal bones.
- 124) Colored volleyballs were introduced in tournaments as recent as 1998... to make it easier for spectators and people watching on TV to follow the ball.
- 125) During a three set match of tennis, a player runs an average of 3 miles.

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# BOOK REVIEW

## THE PERFECT WIFE J P DELANEY

This is a novel that glows with an eerie, phosphorescent brilliance, beautiful, unsettling, and impossible to look away from. It is at once a psychological thriller and a speculative meditation on love, control and the perilous seduction of technological omnipotence.

At its heart is Abbie, reborn not through miracle, but through machinery. When she awakens, she is piecing together fragments of memory, emotion and identity. The question is not merely who she is but what she is. Delaney orchestrates this revelation with exquisite restraint, allowing dread to bloom gradually, petal by metallic petal. The prose is sleek and deliberate, mirroring the polished surfaces of the artificial intelligence it so chillingly imagines.

What makes this novel so profoundly disquieting is not its speculative premise, but its plausibility. The technology depicted does not feel like distant fantasy; it feels imminent. Startlingly, disturbingly imminent. Delaney compels us to confront the reality that we are edging ever closer to a world where grief can be monetised, personalities digitised and intimacy engineered. The horror lies not in flashing lights or dystopian wastelands, but in domestic spaces. In kitchens and bedrooms where love becomes programmable and obedience can be coded.



The novel interrogates the notion of perfection with scalpel-like precision. What does it mean to build the "perfect" partner? What subtle violences are embedded within that desire? Beneath the sleek futurism thrums an ancient story of power, possession, and the male fantasy of control. Abbie's journey is both heartbreaking and galvanizing, as she struggles to assert agency within the confines of her own design.

There is a cold elegance to *The Perfect Wife*, yet also a surprising tenderness. The author resists caricature; even the most morally ambiguous characters are drawn with nuance. The pacing tightens inexorably, drawing the reader toward an ending that feels both inevitable and shocking.

This is a novel that lingers long after the final page, its glow not warm, but electric. It is terrifying precisely because it feels so possible. That is precisely what makes it unforgettable.

Cheryl Goth

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