



Paw Press





News

Ruby Bridges

On November 14, 1960, a 6 year old Ruby Bridges shook the Public School System in the Southern U.S., by being the first black student in the U.S. to attend an elementary school in the South. After a long while of bad things happening, like her father losing her job and even her family being refused groceries, she eventually desegregated many Southern schools, and she eventually started a foundation to help people tolerate African Americans. This is really important to us now as it allows anyone to go to any elementary/middle school they like!

By Ethan



News

Rosa parks

Rosa Louise McCalle Park was an American activist in the Civil Rights Movement. She is best known for her pivotal role in the Montgomery bus boycott. The United States Congress has honored her as "the first lady to do something wrong and not follow the Civil Rights," and she was the first lady to do something so women can have freedom.

BY:Kennedi

Krewes

UPCOMING PARADES

Feb. 10 (7-9 pm) - Krewe de Canailles
(Downtown Lafayette)

Feb. 11 (7-11 pm) - Krewe of Rio Parade
(See Parade Route For Location)

Feb. 12 (10 am-4 pm) - Courir de Mardi Gras
(Vermilionville)

Feb. 18 - Children's Parade
(Downtown Lafayette)

Feb. 21 -
Mardi Gras



Memos

MARDI GRAS SURVIVAL

During Mardi gras, several things could go wrong. So it's best to be prepared for a lot of things to happen. You should get to know the weather and your environment. I'd recommend to celebrate in more rural areas to more effectively avoid large crowds and occasional weirdos. Warm clothes are needed while wearing a hat to soften the impact of beads hitting your head is optional.

Make sure that you and your party have a meeting spot near the parade route. Also do NOT allow younger children to play in roads. The barricades are there for a reason. Also enjoy the parade.



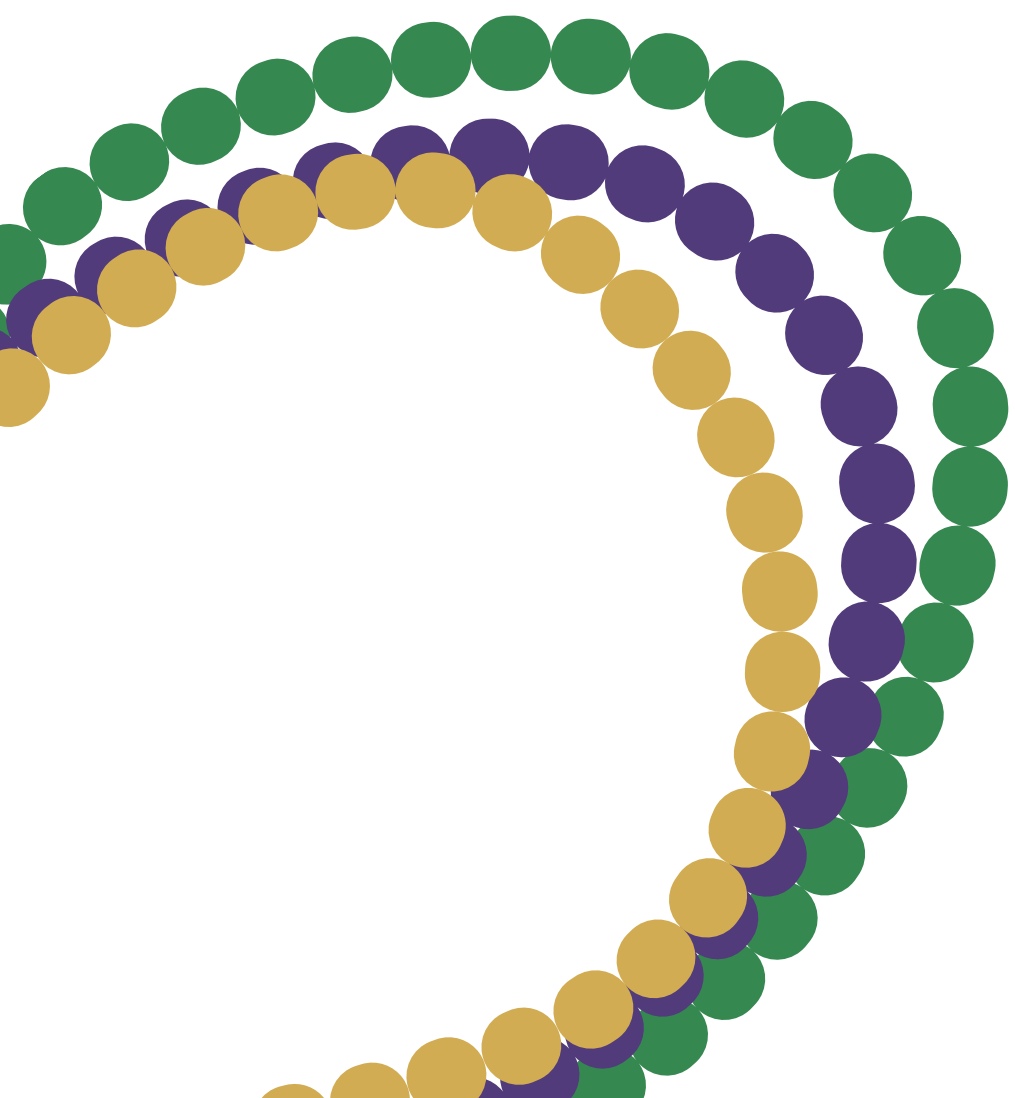
By Kaylee G.



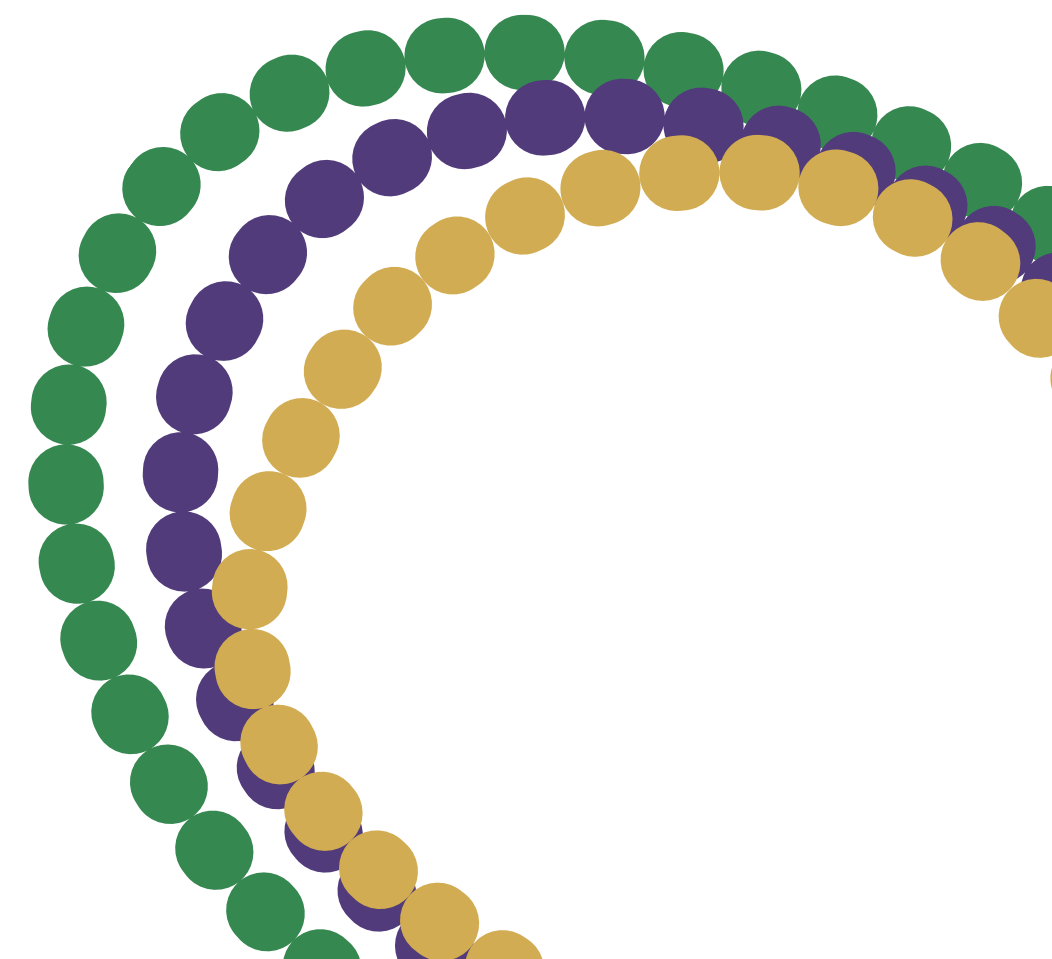


WHERE THE BEADS COME FROM

We all know what bead necklaces are, but where do they come from? Well, they come from the middle east oil fields, guarded by the military. The oil and petroleum are mined and then turned into polystyrene and polyethelene, then being made into plastic. The plastic is then shipped to China and fashioned into necklaces. The working condition are rough, if a worker makes a mistake they are fined. With a quota of 200, in a single day one could only hope to get 100 made. Then the beads are shipped to America where they are used. The beads are also coated with lead somehow and then we leave at least 150 tons of cheap plastic in the roads and trees.



BY KAYLEE G.



Masks

HISTORY OF MARDI GRAS

Mardi Gras is the day before the first day of Lent. Lent is 40 days which ends on Easter Sunday and is when Roman Catholics fast. There Mardi Gras translated to “Fat Tuesday”, which is the day before Ash Wednesday. During Mardi Gras, it became a tradition to consume all of the fats in the house, which is how King Cake was invented.

Soon, Mardi Gras became a festivity celebrated in certain parts of the world, mainly the ones with French influence. That is why there is Mardi Gras in Louisiana the most out of all of the U.S. Soon, unique festivities were created, such as beads (an older tradition) and the chicken run (a festivity unique to the south), but that's another story! How are you going to celebrate your Mardi Gras?



By: Eesha



News

King Cake Recipe

Lightly grease a baking sheet, or line it with parchment. (To make this cake in a Bundt pan, see "tips," below.)

How to prepare the dough

2. Using a stand mixer, electric hand mixer, or bread machine, mix and knead all of the dough ingredients together to form a smooth, very silky dough. You may try kneading this dough with your hands, if desired; but be advised it's very sticky and soft.

3. Allow the dough to rise, covered, for 1 hour. It'll become puffy, though it probably won't double in size.

4. Transfer the soft dough to a lightly greased work surface. Pat and stretch it into a 24" x 6" rectangle. This won't be hard at all; it's very stretchy. Let the dough rest while you prepare the filling.

How to prepare the filling

5. Beat together the cream cheese, sugar, and flour until smooth, scraping the bowl once. Add the egg and flavor, again beating until smooth.

6. Dollop the filling down the center of the long strip of dough. Then fold each edge up and over the filling until they meet at the top; roll and pinch the edges together, to seal the filling inside as much as possible.

7. Place the log of dough onto the baking sheet seam-side down. The dough will be very extensible, i.e., it'll stretch as you handle it. So pick it up and position it on the pan quickly and gently. Pinch the ends together.

8. Cover and let rise for about an hour, until it's puffy. Preheat the oven to 350 °F while the dough rises.

9. Whisk the reserved egg white with 1 tablespoon water (egg wash), and brush it over the risen cake.

10. Bake the cake for 20 minutes, then tent it lightly with aluminum foil. Bake it for an additional 30 minutes, until it's a rich golden brown.

11. Remove the cake from the oven. After about 15 minutes, transfer it from the baking sheet to a rack to cool.

How to make the icing

12. Beat together all of the icing ingredients, dribble in the final 2 teaspoons of milk until the icing is thick yet pourable.

13. Pour the icing over the completely cooled cake. While it's still sticky, sprinkle with alternating bands of yellow, purple, and green sugars. Space candied cherries in a ring around the top.



Crems

The Chicken Run

The Chicken Run is a tradition that started in the late 19th century. During the Chicken Run, people dress in colorful suits that is cut to look frayed. They then all gather and go from door to door chanting a song, and then asking for an ingredient for gumbo. If they're lucky, the person that they are asking will release a chicken. The people in colorful suits then chase down the chicken, hence giving the name "The Chicken Run". In the end, they put all the ingredients together and make a big communal gumbo. While this is happening, there most often will be a group of people on horseback and a group of musicians providing some cajun tunes.

By Anna

News

GROUNDHOG'S DAY

Every February 2nd, a strange holiday gets celebrated, Groundhog's Day. Why do people celebrate this, and do people believe it?

Originating in 1887, Groundhog's day actually originated as a Christian holiday where men would place candles to show how long or short the winter will be, but this expanded to a hedgehog predicting, and then finally a groundhog. But the other question, do people believe it, the answer is mixed. Some people still celebrate it to this day, but people of science know that there is no actual link between a groundhog seeing its shadow and a longer winter.



By Ethan



Sports

Pele

Pelé: Edson Arantes do Nascimento or better known as Pelé was born on October 23, 1940 in Brazil. He was a professional soccer player as a forward. He was regarded as one of the greatest players of all time. He has won 3 world cup titles which is the most by any player in the world ever. He was one of the most successful players in the 20th century. In 1999 he was named Athlete of the Century and he made 1,279 goals in 1,363 games. He joined Santos at 15 and joined the Brazilian national team one year later which is just amazing to me. While he was playing for the international team he won the 1958, 1962, and 1970 FIFA world cup. After this he was named O Rei or The King. He had a great career and when he retired his net worth was about 100 million dollars. He died on December 29, 2022 but even though he is gone, he left an everlasting mark on soccer as one of the best players in the history of soccer.



By: Elliot

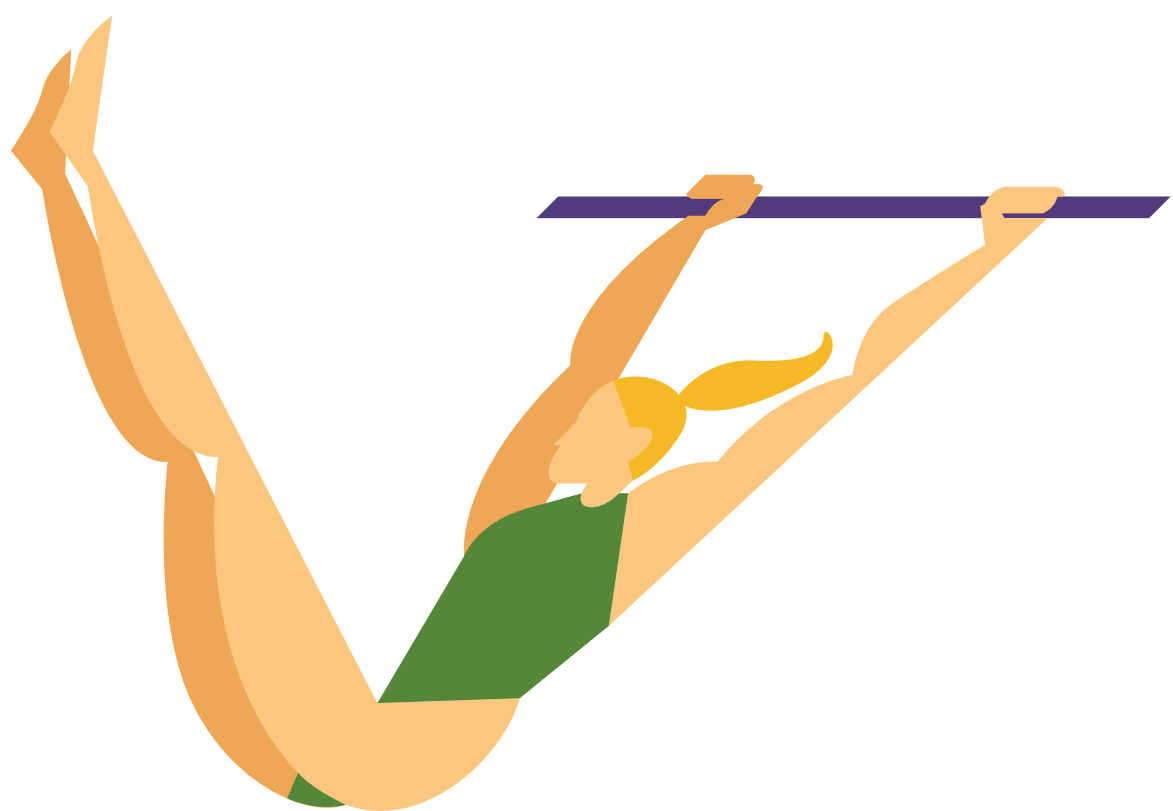


Sports

The 2023 Winter Cup

The Winter Cup is a three-day competition with the top gymnastics in the United States. It is for men and women junior or senior Artistic Gymnastics. It is when athletes are selected to represent the United States in international competitions. There are usually 425 athletes, coaches, judges and staff from all over the country to have a chance at making it. There are six teams that compete and the top three move on. The schedule of the Winter Cup is February 21, 2023 through February 27, 2023. This Winter Cup will be really good and if you go then I hope you enjoy it.

By: Eliot



Sports

Hank Aaron

On February 5, 1934 Henry Louis Aaron was born in Mobile, Alabama. More popularly Hank Aaron is one of the greatest baseball players of all time. As one of the first Black baseball players ever he faced various racial comments and actions directed towards him.

He spent most of his 23 seasons as an outfielder for the Milwaukee and Atlanta Braves with a career total of 755 home runs. Hank Aaron was elected to the Baseball Hall of Fame in 1982, and in 1999, MLB established the Hank Aaron Award to annually honor the top hitter in each league.

In late 1951, 18 year old Aaron quit school to play for the Negro American League's Indianapolis Clowns. It wasn't a long stay, but the talented teenager left his mark by hitting .366 and leading his club to victory in the league's 1952 World Series. After getting signed by the Milwaukee Braves for \$10,000, he became the last person to play for the Negro and Major Leagues.

After an injury to outfielder Bobby Thompson, Aaron got an open spot on the roster and made his MLB debut at the young age of 20. After having 2 decent rookie, and sophomore years. However his 3rd season in 1956, is when people realize his true potential winning the NL MVP. Whilst batting .322, hitting 44 home runs, and 132 RBIs.

Over the next decade and a half, Aaron would be one of the best and consistent hitters. Racking up an insane 713 home runs. And in 1973, 39yr old Aaron would be so close to the greatest baseball record. Starting the season Aaron would be 1 Homerun behind the great Babe Ruth for all time Home Runs.

As Aaron Approach 714 HRs to beat a white man record which stood for 37yrs. As he approached it as many as 3,000 daily letters came into the Braves Mail. Few congratulated him, however many were appalled that a Black Man should break baseball's most sacred record. Some would go as worse as death threats. Aaron didn't let this affect him.

On April 8, 1974, Aaron would hit the record breaking 715 home run beating Ruth's record. The fans in the Stadium would storm the field, giving a standing ovation for the first time ever to a black man.

After retirement Aaron wrote a book called "I Had a Hammer" for which he received a Presidential Medal of Freedom. Aaron reminds one of the best players ever despite the hard criticism and racism towards him.



Sports

SuperBowl LVII

Superbowl LVII or 57, is a Matchup between 16-3 AFC champions Kansas City Chiefs led by MVP quarterback Patrick Mahomes. Also the 16-3 NFC champions Philadelphia Eagles led by 2nd year Quarterback Jalen Hurts. Both teams were the respected 1st seed in their own conference. In this superbowl for the first time it features two brothers in it with all-pro center, Jason Kelce, and all-pro Tight End, Travis Kelce. It Will be a good matchup which will be played on February 12 at 5:30pm CT.

After the Super Bowl, the winner was the Kansas City Chiefs, finishing 17-3. The Chiefs won 38-35, being the victorious team in a tight Super Bowl. The Eagles had a great run sadly losing, and ending the season with a 16-4 record. This Super Bowl was the 3rd highest scoring Super Bowl in NFL history. This Superbowl was the 3rd win for the chiefs, and the 2nd in 4 years.

By: Drew



Sports

Kobe Bryant

Kobe Bryant is known as a phenomenal basketball player. He won many awards, championships, and more! Kobe Bryant was drafted by the Charlotte Hornets with the 13th pick in the 1996 NBA Draft (he just got traded to the Lakers). Kobe didn't go to college, he just went straight to the NBA. He came out of high school (Lower Merion). He is obviously a Hall of Famer in 2020. Kobe Bryant is a 5x NBA Champion, 2x Finals MVP, 2008 Regular Season MVP, 12x All-Defensive Team, 15x member of the All-NBA Team. These are a lot of awards for 1 NBA player. He also won the Slam Dunk Contest as Rookie (1997). Sadly, he died from a helicopter crash on January 26, 2020. Mamba forever.

Tobi Douglas



Sports

The first 10 players from the list are starters

All Stars

Kevin Durant, LeBron James

Donovan Mitchell, Zion Williamson

Giannis Antetokounmpo, Nikola Jokic

Jayson Tatum, Steph Curry

Kyrie Irving, Luka Doncic

Bam Adebayo, Ja Morant

Joel Embiid, Shai Gilgeous-Alexander

DeMar DeRozan, Jaren Jackson Jr.

Jrue Holiday, Domantas Sabonis

Tyrese Haliburton, Damien Lillard

Jaylen Brown, Lauri Markkanen

Julius Randle, Paul George

*The all-star game MVP was Jason Tatum who scored 55
points with team Giannis winning 184 - 175*

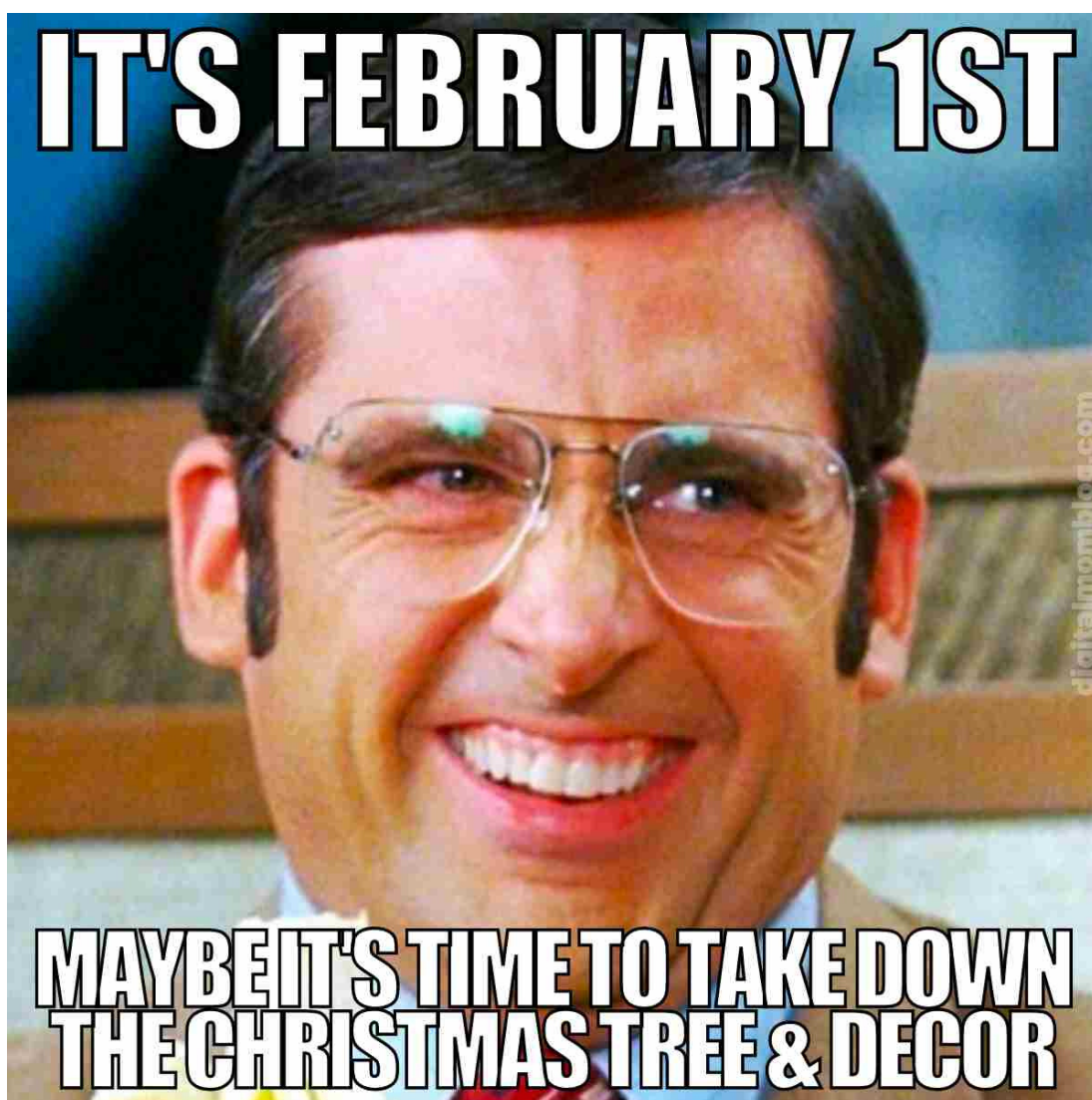


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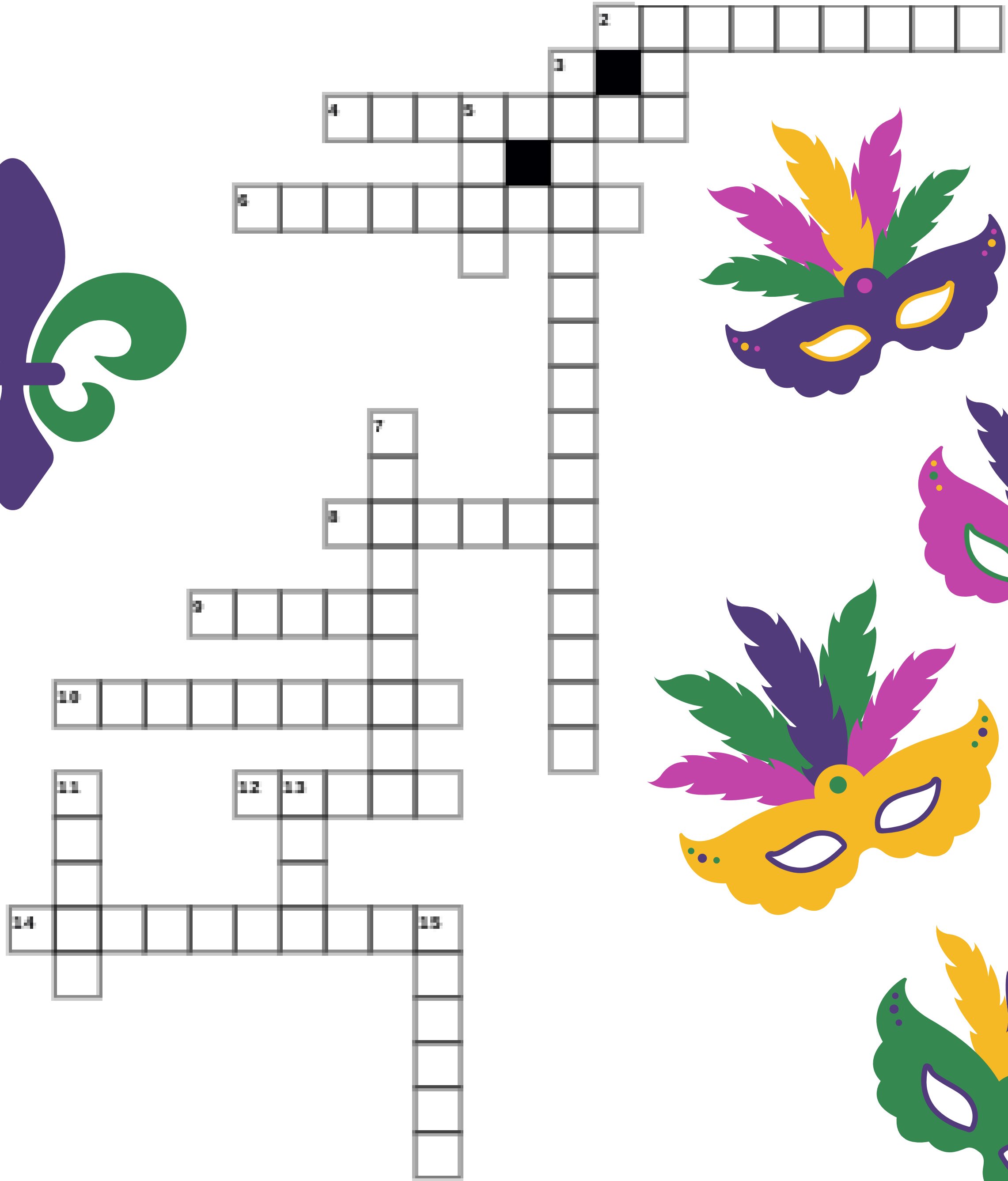
There are many people who argue about who their G.O.A.T. is. For me, it's LeBron James, he is a 4-time champion, 4-time MVP, all-time leading scorer, ROTY, 18-time all-star, has a scoring title for a season, and he beat the best team in NBA history in game 7 of the finals. A lot of people say that he isn't the G.O.A.T. because he doesn't have enough MVPs. But he went up against the Hall Of Famers on one team. (Steph Curry, Kevin Durant, Tim Duncan, Kawhi Leonard, Tony Parker). He has also been averaging over 20 points for 20 years. (Averaging 25 points for 19 years)

By: Ben

Memes



Puzzles



Across

- 2. Will you be my...
- 4. Whoever gets the baby has to buy the next ____!
- 6. Gift
- 8. Color that represents luxury
- 9. Thrown at parades
- 10. Purple, green, and gold
- 12. People on these throw beads.
- 14. Biggest Mari Gras parades

Down

- 1. Loud, but fun.
- 3. African american eights activist
- 5. shiniest mardi gras color
- 7. Main Mardi Gras state
- 11. Some say you have a ___ thumb
- 13. Pink and red
- 15. Did the groundhog see his ___?

By: Eesha

Name: _____

February wordsearch

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Find the following words in the puzzle.

Words are hidden     and .

BEADS
CIVIL RIGHTS
CUPID
EQUALITY
FEBRUARY
FLOAT

FREEDOM
HEART
JUSTICE
KING CAKE
KREWES
LOVE

NEW ORLEANS
PARADE
VALENTINES

