
March Madness

By: Micah Elmers

People sit in front of screens for hours. People have parties and invite their whole neighborhood. It inspires young and old. This is March Madness.



March Madness is a basketball tournament that happens throughout the month of March. The competitors are college teams, and the tournament started in 1939. The first ever winners of the NCAA Tournament were the Oregon Ducks. March Madness is a very interesting concept, and the history is cool, as well.

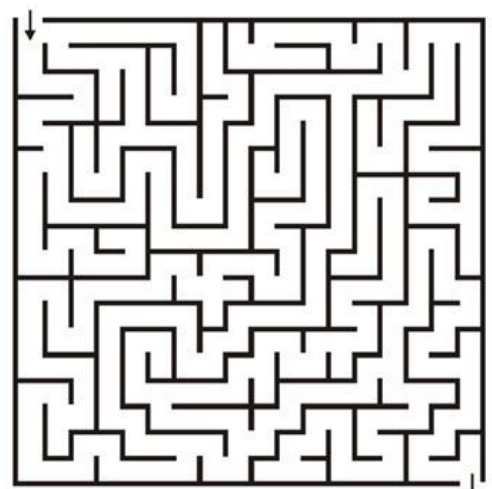
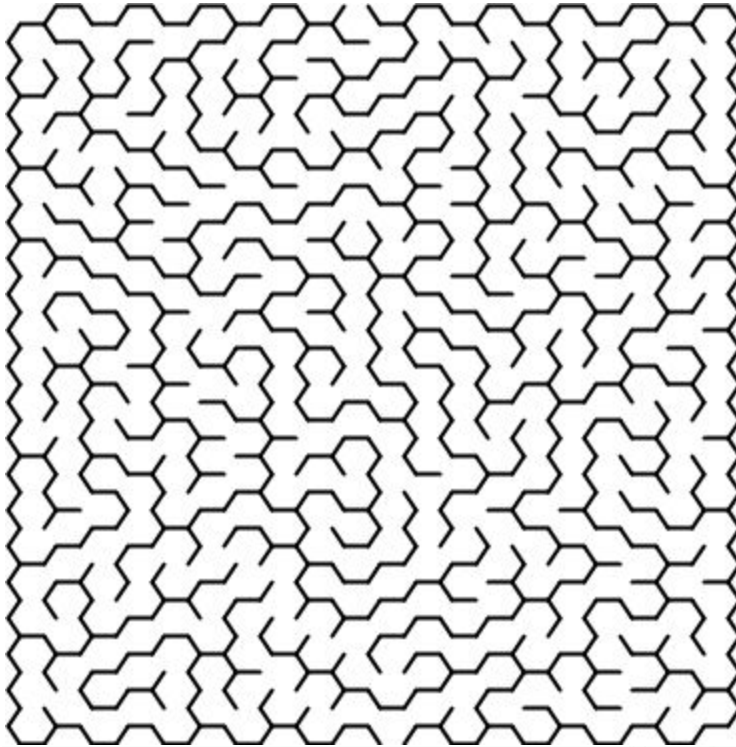
Basketball is an extremely popular sport in America, and many people watch and play it. Basketball was created by James Naismith when he was asked by a gym coach to design a new game for his students to play. Naismith put a bucket next to a backboard high up in the air (like a net). When the coach's students played the game, only two points were scored in the game and when they did score, one must have to climb on a ladder to retrieve the ball in the bucket. That was the first game of basketball ever! But now, basketball has evolved. We use nets instead of buckets, glass backboards, and cool dribbling tricks to play.

The March Madness NCAA Tournament was created by the National Association of Basketball Coaches, but the idea was from Ohio State coach Harold Olsen. The first tournament in 1939 featured only eight teams, but growing since then, the NCAA Tournament has 64! The name came from an NBC news broadcaster, as the fame of basketball and the losing and winning of certain teams was chaotic for fans, so March Madness was born!

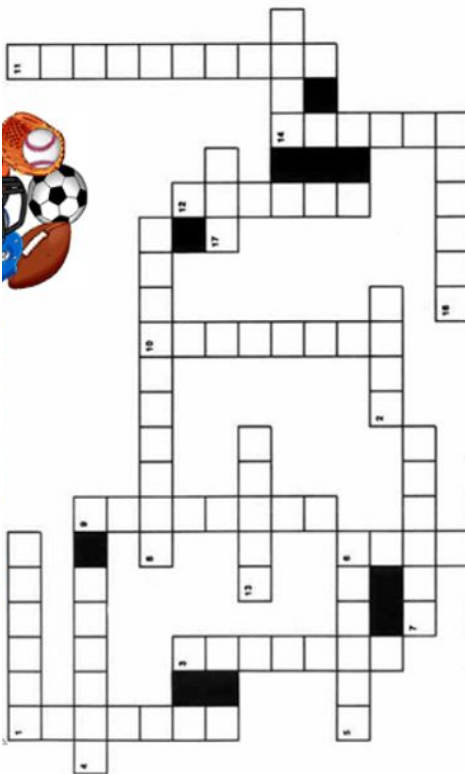
When it rolls around, it is exciting to watch, even if you don't have a favorite team. Players pull off cool stunts, cool shots, and very close finishes. So the next time you see March Madness on a screen, sit back, relax, and watch the game. SCORE!

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Humor



A balanced diet means a cupcake in each hand.



ACROSS:

1. What game is played with a round black and white ball?
2. Tees, ballmarkers and _____ balls.
4. What person uses a bow and arrow?
5. Racquets, balls and 2 or 4 people play.
7. Cross country and downhill.
8. What sport uses a high net and ball?
13. Competition in running.
14. Famous Song: _____
15. Wear it when you play football.
16. Jumping off a high board.
17. A _____ boat uses oars.

DOWN:

1. Using a board in the ocean.
3. What sport uses a _____ ball to get strikes and spares?
6. Water and bathing suit.
9. Yards, running and touch down.
10. Bat, ball and mitts.
11. Running, jumping, hoop and ball.
12. Ice, puck and stick.
14. Fighting with gloves on.

Today at the bank, an old lady asked me to help check her balance. So I pushed her over.

My boss told me to have a good day.. so I went home.

Oregon States Chess Tournament

By: Zachary Alig

Every year Chess for Success hosts the annual States Chess Tournament. Located at the Oregon Convention Center (see bottom right), great chess players from around Oregon compete for first, second, and third. The Chess for Success's site for the tournaments is www.chessforsuccess.org/play/about. The tournament is on March 8 and 9. K - 8 play on the 9th, while 9 - 12 play on both days, so they can get longer games. Everyone plays 5 games, whether you win or lose; 0 for a loss, 0.5 for a tie (stalemate or draw), and 1 for a win. 5 points is known as a perfect score. Unlike some tournaments, this one is not rated, but the player's ratings are shown on the pairings paper (where you see who you are playing at what table with which color).

The States Tournament has to qualified for. First, you have to be one of the top 10 players on your team. Next, you can qualify as a team, individual, or both. To qualify individually, you need to have four or more points, or be one of the top 2 scores. For example, if there is 4 people with 4.5 points, and 10 with 3 points, while everyone else is below 3, the 4.5 people would continue on because of being above or equal to 4 points, and the 3s qualify for being the second or first best score (in this case the second best). To qualify through teams, your team's player's top five points combined has to be either second or first best. For example, a team with the points 5*, 3, 4*, 4.5*, 3.5, 5, 4*, 4.5*, 3.5, 3 overall score would be 22. (The starred numbers are the top scores.)

Even though chess tournaments are 'modernized' with the fancy pairing software, it is a very old game. Like any sport, rules change over time. For example, the 50 move stalemate rule changed as different winnable endgames were found that took more than 50 moves. At some point, the amount of moves for required for some wins were so large, most games would go on for a long time. The idea behind the rule is to stop a game when it isn't possible to win. Also, some pieces didn't used to move the same way. In some games, the players couldn't move their pawns 2 spaces on their first move! Other games, the queen could only move one spot at a time (like the king)! The move en passant was added in the 15th century, so players couldn't move forward two spaces to pass other pawns without being in the risk of becoming captured.

In tournaments, not even the judges are aloud to step in without being invited in by a player. If player 1 makes an illegal move, player 2 is aloud to raise his or her hand (immediately after the move only) to bring in a judge. The judge either says that they are aloud to do the move, or that they are not. If the judge isn't sure (this does happen), they ask other judges, or look it up.

As you can see, chess is an incredible game that requires thought and skill. Since everything is visible, there is no luck. That's what makes it so fun to play.

Dr. Seuss Day

By: Aidan Beauchamp

Dr. Seuss Day is always March 2 and is on Dr. Seuss's birthday. Dr. Seuss was an award winning author for children books and has is very important to this day because of the joy he has brought to this world. Dr. Seuss was an author that originally did not want to write children books and was not always accepted in the world for his books. He was denied by many publishers, but all that did was make Dr. Seuss stronger and more passionate to write books. When he wrote his first kids book, it was a hit and made a ton of money for Dr. Seuss's career. His first book was called **And to Think That I Saw It on Mulberry Street**. Seuss also tried to write grown up stories that didn't work out. He also made short films for the soldiers during WW2. Dr. Seuss was a very great author and will be remembered forever.



Upcoming Events

By: Andres Panlilio

Free Art Day

The Portland Art Museum can cost up to \$20 for a single person but, on Thursday March 7th, the Portland Art Museum is going to be free from 5-8 pm. The Portland Art Museum also offers free admission and special family programming a few times a year. There is also more information on their website.

Tulip Festival

There can also be great memories and moments at the Wooden Shoe Tulip Festival. The festival has views of great mountains, rows of colorful flowers, food, and fun events for a family. The Tulip Festival will be at Woodburn, Oregon, on March 23rd to April 29th.

Earth Day

Earth Day is on April 22nd. Some ways to celebrate the event is going to the Earth Day program at the Oregon Garden, and going to the Earth Day Walk at Mt. Labor. Both of these events are on April 20th.

The links to these sites are available online at newspaper.luner.x10host.com.

The History of St. Patrick's Day

By: Ella Evenson

St. Patrick's Day is celebrated on the 17th of March every year. It represents the day St. Patrick died in the 5th century.

St. Patrick was born in Roman, Britain in 385 AD. The day of his birth is unknown. When St. Patrick was 16 he was kidnapped and taken to Ireland where he was forced as a slave. He eventually escaped, and years later he decided to return in an attempt to bring Ireland towards christianity. He died on March 1, 461. He had established many churches, monasteries, and schools. Many legends had grown about him. Some of them saying that he chased all the snakes out of Ireland with a shamrock. The Irish decided soon after his death to celebrate every year on his death date to thank him for all he had done. Soon the tradition spread and is now celebrated in the United States.



International Women's Day

By: Sophia Evans

On March 8, 1977, the United Nations proclaimed that from then on that March 8 would be International Women's Day. It is now celebrated in more than 100 countries. It all started in 1908 when more than 15,000 women marched through New York City demanding equal rights. In 1909 the Socialist Party of America declared it National Women's Day, which was only celebrated in the U.S. A second Conference of Working Women was held in Copenhagen, where the Leader of The Women's Office for the Social Democratic Party in Germany proposed that there be an International Women's Day held every year, in every country, on the same day. In 1911 International Women's Day was celebrated in Austria, Denmark, Germany, and Switzerland on March 19. In 1913 International Women's day was changed to March 8, where it has been celebrated on that day ever since. One year later, there was a march in London, U.K. from Bow to Trafalgar Square to support women's rights. In 1975, the United Nations celebrated International Women's Day for the first time. Then in 1977, the United Nations proclaimed that March 8 would be treated as any other day.

Outdoor School

Jake Ramey

The earliest actual Outdoor school venture was in Dubuque Iowa 1912, and it progressed from there. Next was Atlanta, Georgia in the 1920s, Then Baltimore, Pittsburg, Ellensburg in the 1930s. The first Oregon Outdoor school was in the late 1950s. The Oregon Outdoor school progressed and advanced from there into the Outdoor school that we know now.

Art



By Travis Alig



By Zachary Alig

1. Remember, timing is everything. Take the picture at the very best lighting.
2. Use an appropriate lens and filter; make sure the image looks natural.
3. After the image is taken, you can use a picture editing program to lighten or darken the shadows.



By Micah Elmers

1. Look up a football team you want to draw.
2. Outline in pencil.
3. Look carefully at the drawing and deeply shade with a Sharpie.
4. If you see a line that does not need to be deeply shaded, use a Fine Tip Sharpie, then color.