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**CELEBRATION** 

#### **CLUES ACROSS**

- 1. Helps little firms
- 4. Political action committee
- 7. Allowed
- 12. Olivia Colman played one
- 15. Open
- 16. He had a notable lamp
- 18. Promotional material
- 19. Domesticated animal 20. Larry and Curly's buddy
- 21. The best ever
- 24. TV network
- 27. Checked for
- 30. Dry or withered
- 31. Expression of annoyance
- 33. Dash
- 34. Fifth note of a major scale
- 35. A secret clique
- 37. Partner to cheese
- \_ school: where to learn healing
- 41. City in ancient Syria
- 42. Gasteyer and de Armas are
- 44. Established practice
- 47. Thanksgiving side dish
- 48. District in Peru
- 49. It's becoming more prevalent 50. State in India
- Measure of illumination
- 53. Raised platform
- 56. Japanese warrior 61. R.L. Stevenson novel
- 63. Transitory
- 64. Advanced degree
- 65. Fiddler crabs

#### **CLUES DOWN**

- 1. Prevent from seeing
- 2. Czech city and Andy, TV show
- 4. A young pig5. Removed surgically
- 6. Covered with
- 7. Chest muscle (slang)
- 8. Nigerian City
- 9. Midway between south and

- 15 18 21 30 35 48 61 63
- 10. A way to shut
- 11. Stop playing
- 12 Marshy places
- 13. Takes apart
- 14. Ten cents
- 17. A gesture of assent
- 22. Scent
- 23. Teletypewriter
- 24. General's assistant (abbr.) 25. Hillside
- 26. Taxi driver
- 28. Semitic Sun god
- 29. Town in India
- 32. Traditional rhythmic pattern

Riddle me this...

36. Fugitives are on the \_\_\_

- 38. Type of dance
- 40. Two letters, one sound
- 43. Having a strong, pleasant taste
- 44. Golf score
- 45. Mayhem
- 46. Drenched
- 51. River in northeastern Asia
- 54. Drug to treat anxiety (abbr.)
- 55. Part-time employee
- 56. A very large body of water
- 57. Aboriginal people of Japan 58. Millisecond
- 59. Forearm bone
- 60. Subway dweller
- 62. Royal Mail

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

## Determine the code to reveal the answer!

Solve the code to discover words related to St. Patrick's Day. Each number corresponds to a letter. (Hint: 15 = E)

16 7 12 2 15 22 A.

Clue: Little plant

9 22 15 15 26

Clue: Color associated with nature

**17 24 8 26** 

Clue: Holy being

22 12 26 D. 11 24 1

Clue: Someone who supports a cause

. green

**Riddle:** What grows down as it grows up?

Answer: A 800se.



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#### Slices of life

## Northern cold versus southern cold

I'm a recent transplant from a northern state to a southern one. I now spend winters in Florida, but for most of my life, I endured the (harsh, frigid, bitter, unending, Arctic, hyperborean) winters of Minnesota, aka Minnesnowta (cold nose, warm heart).

I like to think it made me stronger. Hell, I know it did. You can't survive and endure 30 degree negative temperatures (with a windchill of unspoken proportions) without cultivating some sort of inner fortitude (not to mention frostbit fingers).

It's been a cold winter in Florida. By cold, I mean about May or September in Minnesota terms. The lows have hovered around the 40's and 50's. We've had a night or two in the mid 30's. People cover their plants and wear winter coats to the grocery store. I've even seen gloves and a stocking cap or two, but I haven't yet seen my breath.

People who think it's cold when you can't even see your breath outside don't really understand cold. They've probably never even had their cheeks burn while walking from the car to the front door.

Let's just put this out there:

YOU TAKE YOUR



**PERTLER** Columnist

it doesn't get cold in Florida. 50 degrees Fahrenheit is not cold. 40 degrees is not cold. Even 32 degrees, while technically freezing, isn't cold if you are from Minnesota.

In the north, we wear shorts in 32 degrees - without a second thought. Anything near or above freezing is not cold. We consider it warm.

We do the polar bear plunge into any one of our 10,000 frozen lakes, but before we dive into the cold water, we have to cut a hole through the ice to actually get there.

In the south, people complain when the pool temperature dips below 80 degrees (Fahrenheit).

In the south, it's a blustery day if you have to wear socks. In the north, blustery requires layering two sets of leggings before you put on your fleecelined jeans. And that's just for life inside your house.

Yesterday I was listening

YOU TAKE YOUR

YOU PUT YOUR

to the radio and a winter warning came on – for pets. The overnight low was a predicted 35 degrees and pet owners were advised to be cautious and careful about the hypothermia levels of their beloved's paws.

In the north, humans are a sturdy lot, nearly impervious to the frigid temps. Pets take that one step further. They lie on the snow for a relaxed state of fun.

When it is really cold – like a windchill of negative 30 - we let them out and then in again within five minutes or less because, well, that's the smart thing to do. When the weather is 35 degrees (above zero), we let them play outside for as long as they want because fur coats were invented for a reason, and that reason is

Today I got a text message from the HVAC folks who service my unit. They reassured us that they are on call 24/7 during this cold snap, in case someone's heater should stop working, causing an obvious emergency to ensue.

I had to stop myself from laughing. I've slept with an open window (and ceiling fan on) every night during this cold spell. Heat hasn't even been in

AND YOU'RE

Winter in the north versus south is indeed very different and I haven't even touched on the subject of snow days. That's probably a column all its

But let's get down to the

big, very beautiful nation. There is north, south, east and west and there is good in every corner. Some may find it in a white, sandy beach - others in

a glistening white snowfall. And there is beauty in both

and everything in between. Let's all relish in that.

Jill Pertler is an awardwinning syndicated columnist, published playwright and author. Don't miss a slice; follow the Slices of Life page on Facebook.

## **Weekly connection**

## The babies are coming

We've had a bunch of new births on our farm this late winter, although it feels like spring the last several weeks. It all started with some baby lambs that came along in early January. Two months later my six older ewes have given me nine surviving lambs. Along with all these baby lambs, our eighth granddaughter was born in February. Then a couple days ago, as we moved into the month of March, my young nanny goat gave birth to a set of twins. It was her first kidding, and the baby female is very tiny, about half the size of her male brother. To top it off, early one morning our youngest daughter and her husband welcomed their fourth child – and our sixth grandson into the world. We had been blessed to have his three older siblings with us for three of the previous five nights. You see, there were some false alarms, so we got to have some extra sleepovers. It's what keeps us young, I suppose. The great thing is that all of the moms and little ones are doing wonderfully. Now, I'm excited about the upcoming births of my beef cows that should kick in over the next few weeks as well. We were joking that



SCOTT **CERNEK** Columnist

our son-in-law now has three sons to help run their arborist business someday. There won't be a tree left standing

east of the Mississippi. Speaking of these baby lambs, it is so fun to watch them racing around in a pack of nine, dancing and prancing all over the pasture. Even some of last year's ewe lambs join in with the newborns running and jumping. We can look right out the windows of the house and watch them anytime we want. They are so entertaining. Sometimes they jump right up in the air, about three feet off the ground. They can even jump off of all four legs at once. It is quite a thing to behold. Our grandkids were over yesterday for a birthday party, and they were out mingling with the sheep. When one of the grandkids got a little too close to the baby lambs, one of the mommas turned and gave

her a little head butt to let her know that she better keep her distance. It kind of startled my granddaughter and she quickly moved away.

It is so amazing the instincts that God has placed inside all moms. God has put inside a mom some wonderful instincts of protection and also of comfort. When our new granddaughter was crying yesterday and I couldn't seem to help, our daughter, who wasn't even her mother, took the baby in her arms and just started dipping and gently walking around, almost like she was doing a silent dance. Instantly, the baby just calmed right down. Dads have some of those instincts too, but I think our greatest instincts come in teaching the little ones when they get a little older how to be tough. A good balance of a mom's tenderness and dad's strength help a child develop with a good sense of who God has created them to be. It's when things get out of balance that confusion sets in. Psalm 104:24 reads, "What a wildly, wonderful world, God! You made it all, with Wisdom at your side, made earth overflow with your wonderful

## One man's opinion

## How could this happen to my FBI?

Yes, I say "my" FBI, as for 28 years of my 30 years in law enforcement it was my home. Nothing made me prouder than being a special agent in the

When I retired in 1997, I wrote a book about those years called Not in my Wildest Dreams, sharing with you the magnetism and pride of those years. Not many professions could leave someone with such deep pride.

When I was hired in 1969, J. Edgar Hoover was still the director. Yes, he ruled with an iron fist, but even after his passing in 1972 and throughout my 28 years, the FBI remained, arguably, the greatest law enforcement agency in our country.

I watch what is happening today with an administration that has created a two-tiered judicial system.

One tier seems totally antilaw enforcement. The entire "defund the police" movement coupled with George Sorossupported district attorneys, who hold little regard for victims, seems to have become "The Golden Child" of this administration.

To quote the title of a pretty good book, "Not in my Wildest Dreams" could I ever have



JÍΜ **SACIA** Former State Representative

imagined this happening. Our Attorney General Merrick Garland has proven himself to be the classic "empty suit." The person who is to be the ultimate defender of law and order and insure that Lady Justice remains blind, has totally succumbed to this twotiered system.

Yes, it breaks my heart to see what is happening to a justice system that I was so proud to be a part of, both as a police officer and then an FBI agent. To watch what is happening to former President Trump, successfully prosecuted in New York State by Attorney General Letitia James before Judge Arthur Engoron would make anyone with a sense of fairness shudder in disbelief.

These comments aren't from a huge fan of Donald Trump, but from someone who believes in a sense of fairness and a rule of law. A \$355-million fine and prevented from being a

principle in a company for three years for allegedly overstating the values of his properties to secure loans is beyond hysterical. No one defrauded and no one ever charged similarly. The only people who would ever accept this are out-and-out Trump haters like the prosecutor and Judge Engoron. Oh, and of

There is little doubt that the sentence will be overturned, but they have successfully scored a short-term victory.

course, the ladies on The View.

The men and women of law enforcement today face an unbelievable uphill battle in overcoming anti-police efforts by many and also fight a twotiered system that cannot be allowed to stand.

The affect on the FBI shakes me to the core. Since when does the White House direct FBI investigations? Since this administration came into power, apparently?

Take a close look at lady justice. The reason she is blindfolded is to prove total objectivity and fairness of investigations. There is only to be one-tier of justice and let the chips fall where they may.

Naïve? Perhaps, but it is the only way to get this great country back on track.



## Page 2 puzzle answer

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