

# MARCH

## I'm Just Sayin....

I am just saying at this craptastic time of year (winter, that is), you've likely seen many folks claiming that January or February is the worst month of the year.

I'm sorry these folks are either mistaken or flat-out liars. March is the actual worst. Why?

**January** is no picnic, I grant you. Everyone knows it's basically a cold, month-long hangover from the holidays when you make a bunch of resolutions you have no intention of keeping.

**February** gets a bad rap too because it's in the dead of winter and everyone feels very "over it" by then. However, I think we ought to acknowledge that at least February is honest; it's up-front. Everyone knows that February is going to be ridiculously cold (maybe not like January at least this year). It will also be a month with perhaps a few snow days in the north Georgia mountains, mostly snow-less snow days here in Douglasville. With February, what you see is what you get.

**March** is worse because March is a liar. March gets everyone excited for Spring (the first day of Spring is March 20, after all). We get all aflutter at the idea of flowers, butterflies, warm days, and enjoyable time outside. Lest I forget Daylight Saving Time begins on Sunday, March 12.

But it's all a farce. Half the time, March is just another winter month. If you thought you'd had it up to here with winter in February, just wait and see how far beyond "over it" you feel come March.

Sure, sometimes March brings nice weather, but you can't count on March. March is like your manipulative ex, sometimes hot, sometimes cold. March is that flaky friend who says they're coming, but you know there's really only a 50-50 chance they'll actually show.

March is a bad relationship any way you slice it. If you're one of those people who actually enjoys the cold, please rest assured that March's problems go far beyond the weather.

*And there are no federal holidays in March.*

Anyone...  
Rock, Paper, Scissors?



# UPCOMING EVENTS!



March Friday 31<sup>st</sup> ~ April 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup>



Sat March 25<sup>th</sup> 8:00 to 11:00  
 Longleaf Straw @ Pool Parking Lot  
 More information to come... e-blast

ZODIC: Pisces March 1st and 20th  
 Aries from March 21st through April 19th



# START NOW

Rake Your Lawn and Remove Debris  
 Start Controlling Weeds Now  
 Apply Fungicide Before Your Lawn Greens Up  
 Aerate Your Lawn  
 Fertilize Your Lawn



## 1 PROTECT YOUR SKIN

Extended sun exposure is bad for your skin. Protect areas like the back of your neck or your face. The heat can also cause dehydration and heat exhaustion if you are not careful.



## 2 LOOK AFTER YOUR BACK

Hours of gardening can strain your back or cause damage to your spine. Use a kneeling stool to work close to the ground and a wheelbarrow to move heavy things.



## 3 PREVENT POISONING

Prevent accidental poisoning by following instructions when using weed killers, adhesives and solvents. Never transfer to alternative containers that could confuse and lead to poisonings.



## 4 SUPERVISE CHILDREN

Reduce the risk of small children drowning by securely fencing or filling in garden ponds or water features and always supervising children near water.



## 5 AVOID ELECTROCUTION

Protect yourself from electrocution by always using a residual current device (RCD) when operating electrically powered garden tools and mowers



## 6 TAKE CARE WITH FIRES

Avoid uncontrollable fires by always siting bonfires and barbecues well away from fences, sheds and trees. Supervise children all the time and avoid burns.



## 7 TAKE CARE ON LADDERS

Use ladders with care and don't take unnecessary risks. Falling off a ladder can have serious consequences.



## 8 WEAR GLOVES

Wear gloves whenever handling soil, compost, toadstools, potentially harmful plants, fertiliser or pesticides and reduce the risk of getting Legionella, Tetanus or Sepsis.



## 60s History Questions?

- Who was the first African-American named Supreme Court Justice in 1967?
- In 1964, Jack Ruby was convicted of murdering which other accused assassin?
- Israeli forces defeated Arab forces in this extremely short but decisive war that took place in June 1967. What is the name of that war?
- What was the name of the conflict in 1961 in which CIA-trained forces tried, but failed to invade Cuba and overthrow Fidel Castro?
- Who was assassinated in November 1963?
- What new type of telephone was invented in 1963?
- Who delivered the famous "I have a dream" speech in 1963?
- What iconic anti-war novel did Joseph Heller publish in 1961?
- Russia imprisoned Gary Powers in 1960 for spying. What type of plane did he fly?



## And so, it goes...

Lawyers should never ask a Georgia grandma a question if they aren't prepared for the answer. In a trial, a Southern small-town prosecuting attorney called his first witness, a grandmotherly, elderly woman to the stand. He approached her and asked, 'Mrs. Jones, do you know me?' She responded, 'Why, yes, I do know you, Mr. Williams. I've known you since you were a boy, and frankly, you've been a big disappointment to me. You lie, you cheat on your wife, and you manipulate people and talk about them behind their backs. You think you're a big shot when you haven't the brains to realize you'll never amount to anything more than a two-bit paper pusher. Yes, I know you.'

The lawyer was stunned. Not knowing what else to do, he pointed across the room and asked, 'Mrs. Jones, do you know the defense attorney?'

She again replied, 'Why yes, I do. I've known Mr. Bradley since he was a youngster, too. He's lazy, bigoted, and he has a drinking problem. He can't build a normal relationship with anyone, and his law practice is one of the worst in the entire state. Not to mention he cheated on his wife with three different women. One of them was your wife. Yes, I know him.'

The defense attorney nearly died.

The judge asked both counselors to approach the bench and, in a very quiet voice, said,

'If either of you idiots asks her if she knows me, I'll send you both to the electric chair...!!'

*My definition of an intellectual is someone who can listen to the William Tell Overture without thinking of the Lone Ranger*

