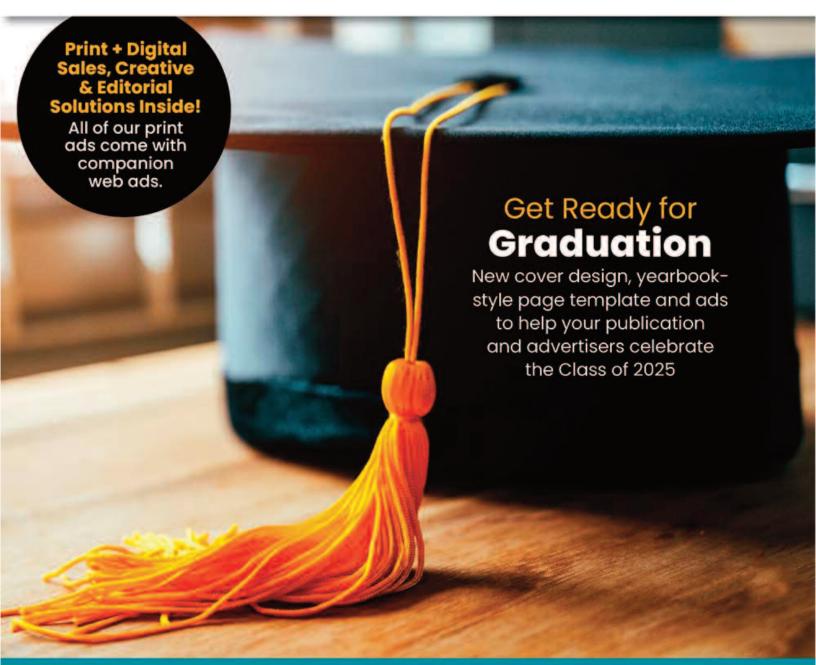
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April 2025

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BASEBALL SEASON
Advertising ideas to pitch
this baseball season



PET SAFETY
Sponsorships for Pet First Aid
Awareness Month and beyond



EASTER
Kids' activity page,
contest and ad templates



More Events & Selling Opportunities

APRIL 2025



BASEBALL SEASON

- AD TEMPLATES with promotional ideas to get all types of advertisers in the game this season
- PAGE LAYOUT featuring space for a local league or school schedule surrounded by advertisers
- Fresh HEADINGS and IMAGES to build ads
- SOCIAL MEDIA post to promote local league or school game schedules, as well as watch party events



EASTER

- Sell sponsorships with a kids' ACTIVITY PAGE FEATURING GAMES AND PUZZLES, or provide it as a PLACEMAT to local restaurants
- Sponsor-ready EASTER EGG HUNT CONTEST idea and promotion for your paper
- HEADINGS, IMAGES and SOCIAL MEDIA posts for Easter event and retail advertising
- · AD TEMPLATES for retail and restaurant advertisers
- · New EDITORIAL FEATURES and RECIPES



GRADUATION

- Coordinated COVER DESIGN
 and yearbook-style PAGE LAYOUT
 to jump-start a special section, as well as a SOCIAL
 MEDIA post to promote it to readers and advertisers
- HEADING DESIGNS and fresh IMAGES to build ads and sponsorships
- Ready-to-run EDITORIAL FEATURES
- Dozens of new PRINT and WEB AD TEMPLATES for graduation and prom spansarships are featured in April's WIZARD SPEC AD LIBRARY. It's free for all Metro subscribers, so be sure to call or email us if you don't already have access!

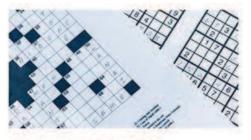


ADDITIONAL APRIL OPPORTUNITIES

Earth Day, National Beer Day, Administrative Professionals Day, National Garden Month, National Lawn Care Month, April Fools' Day, Autism Acceptance Month, National Pickleball Month, National Library Week, Distracted Driving Awareness Month, Alcohol Awareness Month, Child Abuse Prevention Month, National Volunteer Week, Stress Awareness Month, Passover, Tax Day, summer camp signups, April showers and more

PET SAFETY

- SPONSOR-READY AD TEMPLATES focused on pet safety, including first aid and disaster preparedness
- HEADINGS and IMAGES for Pet First Aid Awareness Month, Prevention of Animal Cruelty Month, National Pet Day and Adopt a Shelter Pet Day in April
- SOCIAL MEDIA post to promote pet safety and rescue resources
- · A variety of pet-friendly EDITORIAL FEATURES



PUZZLES, GAMES & RECIPES

New every month: Crosswords, Crypto Fun, Guess Who, Sudoku, Recipes, Horoscopes, Kids' Corner, Word Scramble, Word Search



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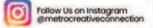


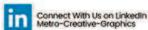
APRIL TITLES: Home Interiors • Confetti











Planning Calendar

Use this online calendar to plan advertiser promotions around monthly events all year. Click on any event for more information, as well as related ads and images!



Click to Access ALL 2025 Calendar Layouts









SOCIAL POSTS & E-CARDS

These JPGs can be used directly on your social media feeds or website, or use the link at the bottom of this page to email them to sales prospects as personalized e-cards.







Use Metro E-Cards to Pitch Advertising Opportunities to Business Prospects... They're Included in Your Subscription!









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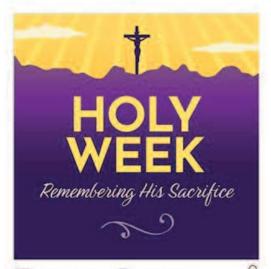


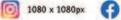






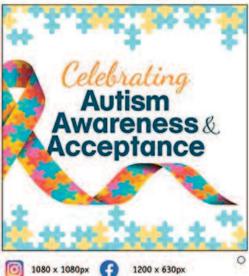
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Create your own message with text-free backgrounds!

- Use the Social Media Image Type filter to search all designs.
- · Click on any image, then scroll down to select the associated background.





Monthly Events

Use special event headings to launch or expand promotional opportunities for your advertisers. Use them in ads as a springboard to larger promotions, sections or full-page developments.















































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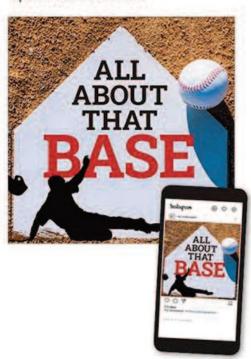


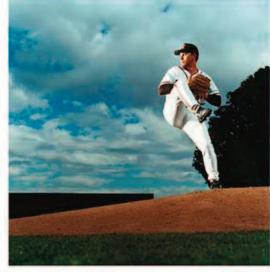




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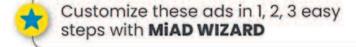








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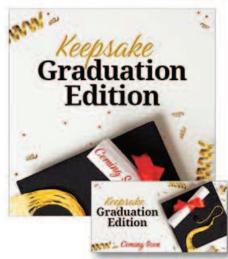












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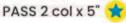


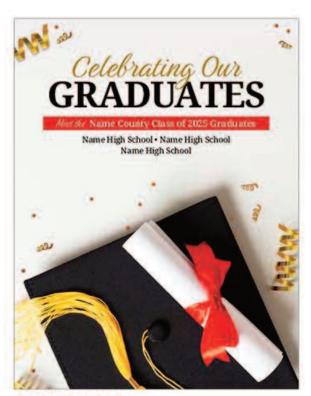


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Everything You See Here - & More -Is Included!

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Build ads around them!





SOCIAL MEDIA POSTS

Upsell advertisers!

















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Discover EVENT MARKETING TIE-IN IDEAS for every month of the year

METRO REVENUE IDEA

HEADINGS

Build ads around them!







SOCIAL MEDIA POSTS

Upsell advertisers!











Click Here for More **IMAGES, AD TEMPLATES & EDITORIAL FEATURES** - Included!



Doubletruck Placemat 19.334" x 13" Single Sheet 11" x 8.5"



Helpful Hint: Select the Icon Set option from your Image Category filters to find dozens of Easter egg images perfect for this contest idea!

Run ONLINE for AT-HOME PRINTING!

Letter-size PDFs of this layout, in both color and black and white, are provided on MCC. Just click this page to find them, and post on your website for at-home or classroom printing.

Placemat Layout or Activity Page!

Sell the sponsor spots to run this layout as a page in your publication, or provide it to local restaurants as a placemat that gives your advertisers an extra helping of exposure.



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The Somersville Press





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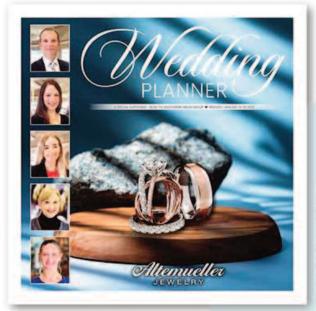
> VIEW WEEKLY IDEAS

Cover Advertising Gives Special Sections a Valuable **Local Touch**

Missouri newspaper amps up revenue and advertiser exposure by offering exclusive special section cover placement for local businesses.

The Missourian Media Group Washington, MO

CREATE: The Missourian kicked off the year with a 16-page Wedding Planner section running as a newspaper insert. The publication used a Themed Special Section from Metro, and adapted the cover to showcase a local jewelry store. The shop's name, team and merchandise appeared on the cover, with a full-page ad outlining their bridal offerings on the first page. An "on the cover" spot featured on the following page introduced the store's team and their expertise. Director of Sales Jeanine York says the publication produces over 40 sections each year. They offer to feature an exclusive advertiser on the cover approximately 95 percent of the time, whether it's a banner at the bottom or the entire page.



This Wedding Planner section brought in over \$7,000 for the publication.



SELL: York says the team uses an information flyer to target prospective advertisers via email and in-person sales calls. She notes that having a previous year's hard copy of the section on hand when selling is also helpful. The Missourian runs the section each January in tandem with a local bridal show.

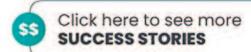
Jeanine York **Director of Sales**

The Missourian Media Group yorkj@emissourian.com 6321 Bluff Road Washington, MO 63090

PROFIT: This Wedding Planner section brought in over \$7,000 for the publication, which York notes is great in January when sales are typically slow. She adds, "Our local jewelry store loves being on the cover, and we give them first right of refusal each year before we try to sell front page exclusive advertising to anyone else."

Add Unlimited Themed Special Section Access to a Metro Subscription From \$75 Monthly, or Purchase Your First Section for Just \$95!

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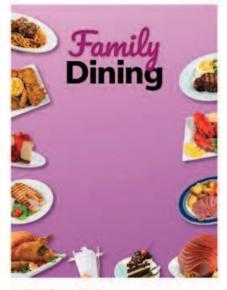
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Dining

Family Dining



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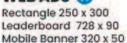
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Family Dining



SOCIAL MEDIA POST

Help restaurant advertisers attract a breakfast crowd with promotions for items like plant-based breakfast foods, waffle breakfast sandwiches, pancakes of the day, bottomless coffee, homemade pastries, senior menus, kids' meals and combo plates.



SOCIAL MEDIA POST

Help restaurant advertisers increase lunch traffic with affordable lunchtime offerings like soup and sandwich combos, baskets, build-your-own salads, free beverage refills, takeout "lunchbox" deals, or a complimentary cookie or dessert to take back to the office as an afternoon treat.



SOCIAL MEDIA POST

Help restaurant advertisers drive dinner business with family-friendly offerings like kids' menus, appetizer samplers and bottomless beverages or themes like burger night, pasta night or taco night.

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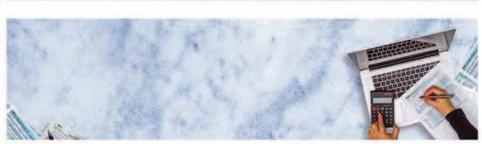


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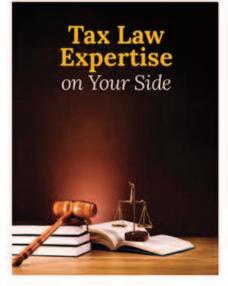


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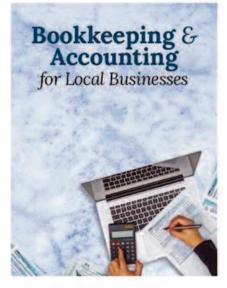
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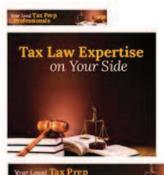
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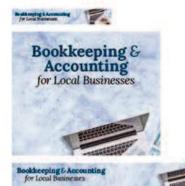
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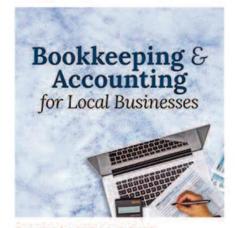
SOCIAL MEDIA POST

The 2025 tax filing deadline is April 15. Help local tax preparers attract new clients with promotions like referral discounts, free review of the previous year's return and accuracy guarantees.



SOCIAL MEDIA POST

Help a local law firm promote compliance, strategy and defense services for businesses and individuals this tax season and beyond.



SOCIAL MEDIA POST

Connect local businesses with local accounting help! Around 60% of small-business owners feel they aren't knowledgeable when it comes to accounting, according to BusinessDasher.com.

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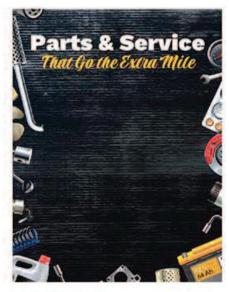




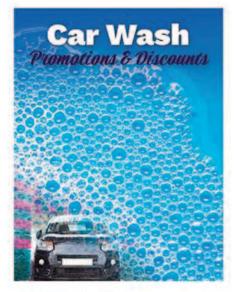




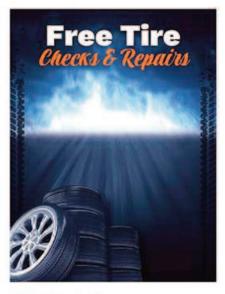




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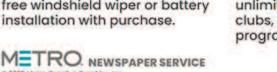
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SOCIAL MEDIA POST

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Promote services like free part location or in-store perks like free windshield wiper or battery installation with purchase.





SOCIAL MEDIA POST

Help a car wash secure recurring business with unlimited monthly car wash clubs, package deals or programs to earn free washes.

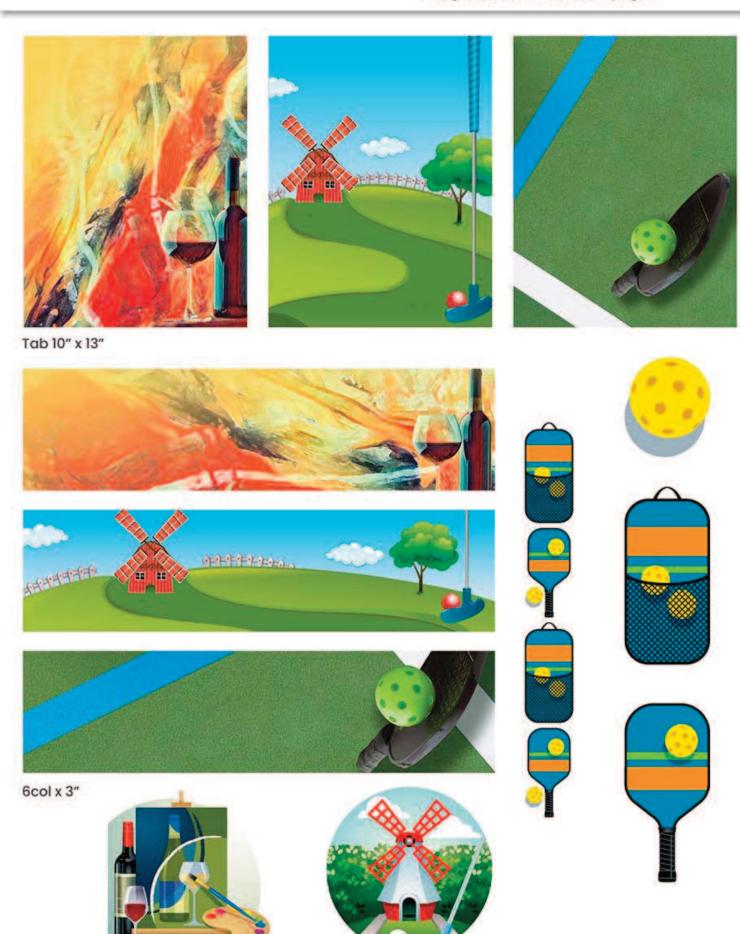


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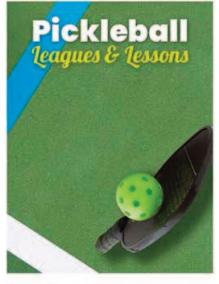
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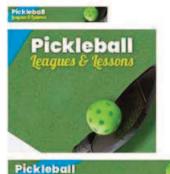
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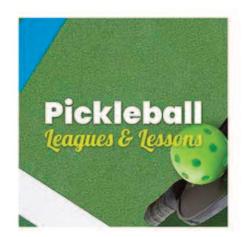
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Use this print, digital and social media campaign to help promote local galleries, film festivals, museums or theater events.



Help a mini golf advertiser introduce promotions like punch card programs, date nights, family memberships, early-bird rates or late-night discounts.



Pickleball is one of the fastest growing sports in both the U.S. and Canada, making it a great time to promote court rentals and instruction.

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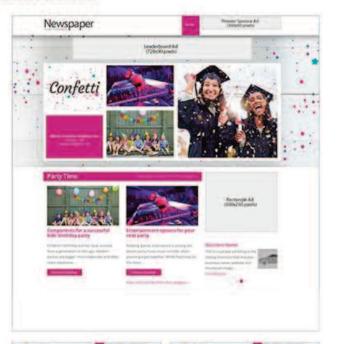


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Mini Editorial Features Designed to Quickly Fill Open Ad Spots





Use These Drop-in Image Files to Quickly Fill Unsold Ad Space With Engaging **Editorial Features**





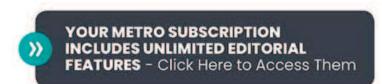
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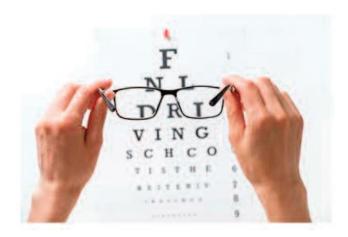


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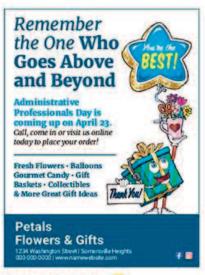
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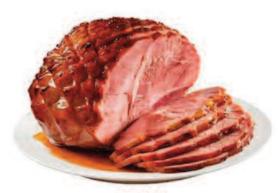
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Community Calendar



EARTH DAY EVENTS HAPPY EARTH DAY

LOOK FOR THIS CALENDAR LAYOUT EACH MONTH ALL YEAR! Search keyword: 2025 calendars

YOU CAN ALSO USE THE BACKGROUND, BURSTS AND HEADINGS PROVIDED TO CREATE A CUSTOM DIRECTORY LAYOUT. Select Ad Type: Directory/Multiple Advertiser













































































































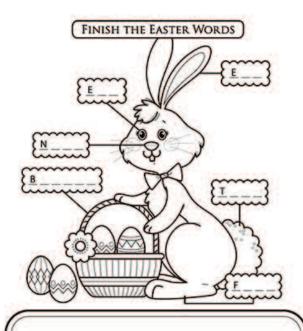




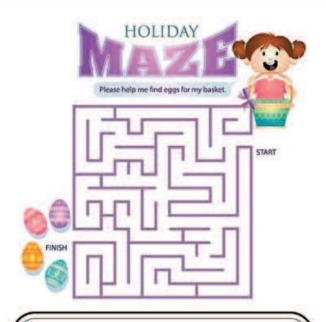




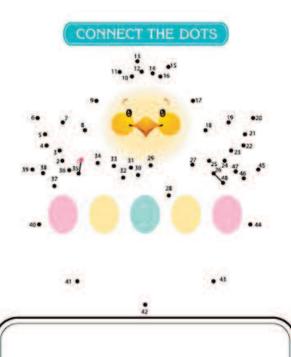
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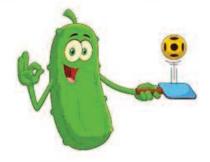




















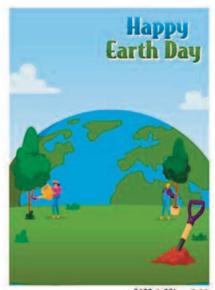




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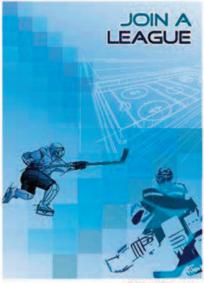
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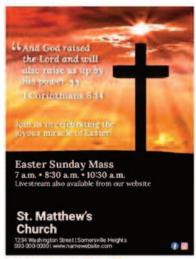




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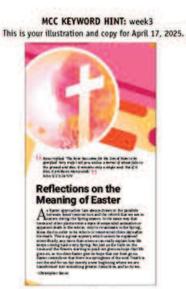
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Home interior trends on the rise

Trends that seem ubiquitous one day can seemingly vanish before the sun rises again just 24 hours later. That's especially true in the digital age, when overnight celebrities and viral videos can be on the tips of everyone's tongue before being forgotten entirely when the next online sensation emerges in an increasingly rapid news cycle.

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Projects to consider before moving into a home

The day homeowners move into a new home is a unique experience. First-time home buyers may see such a day as the culmination of years of hard work, while those who are not new to the experience may find their new home is where they'll spend the rest of their lives. Move-in day is indeed a notable milestone, but there's much homeowners can do between closing on a home and backing the moving truck into the driveway. In fact, it may be best for homeowners to complete several home interior projects while the residence is still empty.

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Unique graduation gifts

Graduation season is on the horizon. This time of year is often a frenetic time for students and their families, with the promise of celebrations to come. Graduation is preceded by prom for high schoolers, and for those bidding farewell to the hallowed halls of higher education, it may mean last-minute interviews and pre-commencement résumé-building. This whirlwind of activity culminates in a degree or diploma to wrap up years spent in the classroom.

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Tips to throw a memorable graduation party

Each year, newly minted graduates proudly don their caps and gowns and walk across countless stages to receive their diplomas or degrees. Graduation is a proud moment for students, and that pride is shared by family and close friends who have supported students throughout their academic careers. Graduation is a milestone worth celebrating. Planning a graduation party takes some effort to ensure an event worthy of this significant moment in a student's life.

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Gardening safety for seniors

Longer hours of daylight and warming temperatures are hallmarks of spring and each of these variables do much to contribute to the reputation of a season that's become synonymous with rejuvenation. After months spent confronting cold temperatures and huddling up indoors, people might find the welcoming conditions of spring irresistible, which compels many to spend more time outdoors.

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Questions to ask before enrolling in a summer camp

Camps have arguably become even more important in recent decades as more and more households have featured two working parents. Single-parent households also rely on summer camp to keep kids occupied and entertained while school is not in session and Mom or Dad is working. Such situations illustrate how important summer camp can be and underscore the significance of asking the right questions before enrolling a child in camp. In addition to inquiring about hours of operation, insurance and pricing, parents can ask the following questions before enrolling a child in summer camp.

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The benefits of attending summer camp

Summer camp is something akin to a rite of passage for millions of youngsters each year. Many adults look back fondly on their experiences at summer camp, often crediting such times as formative periods in their lives. Summer camp benefits children in myriad ways. Recognition of the many advantages of attending summer camp can serve as a great reminder of just how fun it can be for children to spend their time away from school at a camp of their choosing.

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What first-time homeowners should know about fertilizing a lawn

First-time homeowners may direct the bulk of their attention to decorating the interiors of their homes upon moving in, but the work extends outside as well. Tending to a lawn is a responsibility worth taking seriously, as the American Society of Landscape Architects reports a well-groomed landscape can increase resale value by anywhere from 15 to 20 percent. First-time homeowners may not be thinking about resale value, but it's never too early to prioritize lawn care, which should include routine fertilization. Fertilizing can ensure a lawn grows in lush, green and healthy, but first-time homeowners may want to know a few things prior to taking a spreader for a spin for the first time.

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How to celebrate Earth Day as a family

Protecting the planet is a year-round responsibility, and that obligation is emphasized each April 22 when the world celebrates Earth Day. In 1969, an oil spill in California killed thousands of sea animals and contributed to significant ocean pollution. This environmental disaster inspired Gaylord Nelson and Denis Hayes to establish Earth Day in 1970 as a global event to raise awareness about environmental issues.

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Unique ways to strengthen your faith during Holy Week

Christians celebrate Easter, which commemorates the Resurrection of Jesus Christ, after a lengthy period of spiritual preparation known as Lent. Directly preceding Easter, Holy Week is a time for prayer, reflection and renewal. Holy Week also can be an ideal opportunity for those who may not be as fully immersed in their faith as they would like to return to the church and embrace all that Christianity has to offer. The following are some unique ways people can deepen their faith this Easter season.

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3 fun ways to involve kids in April Fools' Day

Fun is a common component of many holidays, but perhaps no holiday is more exclusively devoted to merriment than April Fools' Day. Fun might be the lone demand of April Fools' Day, when people of all ages can engage in some lighthearted pranks and share a few laughs with loved ones.

Families can join in the fun this April Fools' Day by embracing the many ways to involve children in the merry pranking that makes the first day of April so enjoyable. The following are three ways to get kids in on the action this April Fools' Day.

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FAQ about taxes as filing deadline nears

Some people look forward to filing their tax returns, while others recoil at the thought of paying what they owe. Regardless of which camp taxpayers are in, come April most people have a question or two related to their returns.

As the deadline to file tax returns draws closer, taxpayers hoping to make the process as smooth as possible can consider these frequently asked questions and answers, courtesy of the Internal Revenue Service.

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