

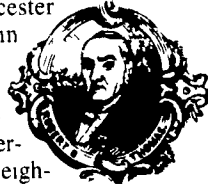


APRIL 19-25, 1999

ST. GEORGE, APRIL 23.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY ROBERT B!

Born in Grafton, Massachusetts, on April 24, 1766, Robert Bailey Thomas was the first of 12 editors and 23 publishers to concern themselves with *The Old Farmer's Almanac*, now in its 207th edition. Few readers know of Thomas's close call with smallpox, which nearly took his life in 1792, before his first Almanac of 1793. He was inoculated in Worcester after an outbreak of the disease in Boston. From that shot, he wrote, "I had the disease very severely. For many days my life was despaired of, and, in fact, it was. I afterward learned, reported in the neighboring towns that I was dead." In fact, typhus took him in 1846.



The reports of my death are greatly exaggerated.

- Mark Twain

TIP OF THE WEEK

Clean corroded battery terminals with baking soda and water. Rub dry.

ARUGULA & BACON PASTA

- 8 pieces bacon, fried crisp
- 2 cloves garlic, minced
- 1 bunch arugula, chopped (about 2 cups)
- 1 cup heavy cream
- 12 ounces fettucine
- grated Parmesan

just wilted (about 2 minutes). Add the cream and stir to heat, then stir in the bacon. Meanwhile, in a large pot of boiling water, cook the pasta until just tender. Spoon the sauce over the fettucine and serve hot, with grated cheese.

Makes 4 servings.



Chop the fried bacon into bits and set aside. Sauté the garlic in a tablespoon or two of the bacon fat (or use olive oil). Chop the arugula into 1-inch pieces, then add to the garlic and sauté until

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The OLD FARMER'S WEATHER PROVERBS



At St. Gorgen (St. George, Apr. 24), the meadow turns into hay.

A cold and moist April fills the cellar and fattens the cow.

April and May are the keys of the year.

Got a Question?

Every day, the editors of *The Old Farmer's Almanac* answer a question on the Internet. All questions are archived there as well. See Web site address below.

Four States Livestock

Hagerstown, Md
April 14, 1999

Report supplied by Auction
SLAUGHTER COWS: 85 HEAD, 1.00-2.00 HIGHER. UTILITY 35.00-39.00; HIGH DRESSING TO 40.00; 1 LIMOUSIN AT 44.00; CANNERS 31.00-35.75; SHELLY 31.00 AND DOWN.
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FED HEIFERS: 10 HEAD. HIGH CHOICE 1 HIGH DRESSING 1290 LBS. AT 65.25; HIGH CHOICE 1050-1175 LBS. 60.75-61.25; LOW CHOICE 1200-1300 LBS. 56.00-58.25.
VEAL CALVES: 124 HEAD. CULLS

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FARM CALVES: HOLSTEIN BULLS 8.00-10.00 LOWER. #1 95-120 LBS. 90.00-115.00; 86-94 LBS. 50.00-85.00; HOLSTEIN HEIFERS #1 95-120 LBS. 155.00-215.00; #2 85-110 LBS. 85.00-150.00; BEEF X BULLS 60.00-110.00; HEIFERS TO 87.00.
BUTCHER HOGS: #1&3 4 HEAD 210 LBS. AT 25.25; 1 290 LBS. AT 23.00.
SOWS: 27 HEAD. 350-500 LBS. TO 17.25; 500-650 LBS. 21.00-24.00; THIN AND ROUGH 12.00-16.50.
BOARS: 1 512 LBS. AT 7.00.
STOCK CATTLE: 231 HEAD, ACTIVE BIDDING, STEADY PRICES. STEERS MED. AND LARGE FRAME 200-400 LBS. 73.00-88.00; 400-600 LBS. 72.00-85.00; 600-700 LBS. 67.00-75.00; 700-800 LBS. 59.00-70.00.
HEIFERS: MED. AND LARGE FRAME 300-500 LBS. 65.00-78.50; 500-600 LBS. 60.00-68.00; 600-800 LBS. 55.00-65.00.

BULLS: MED. AND LARGE FRAME 300-400 LBS. 76.00-84.00; 400-600 LBS. 66.00-82.00; 600-700 LBS. 59.00-67.00; 700-900 LBS. 52.00-54.00.
DAIRY REPLACEMENTS: 21 HEAD. LARGE SPRINGERS 850.00-1075.00; LARGE FRESH 725.00-825.00; MEDIUM 575.00-750.00; SHORT BREDS 675.00-825.00; 1 PUREBRED HOLSTEIN BULL 1200 LBS. AT 700.00; SMALL OPEN HEIFERS 215.00-300.00.
LAMBS: 16 HEAD. 100 LBS. TO 78.00; 30 LBS. TO 86.00; 40-65 LBS. 79.00-89.00; 4 HEAD 174 LBS. AT 53.50.
PIGS AND SHOATS: 82 HEAD. BY THE HEAD, 7 HEAD 25 LBS. AT 20.00; 17 HEAD 40-55 LBS. 15.00-21.00, 6 HEAD 60-70 LBS. 19.00-28.00; BY THE LB. 9 HEAD 100-140 LBS. 20.00-23.00.
NEXT WED., APRIL 21, DAIRY CATTLE SALE, 7:15 P.M. ALREADY PROMISED: 6 REG. HOLSTEIN HEIFERS 700 LBS., 2 REG. GUERNSEY HEIFERS, 1 REG. GUERNSEY BULL.

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FRIDAY, APRIL 30, 1999
Tack Sale 6:00 P.M. Horse Sale 7:00 P.M.

125-175 HEAD **125-175 HEAD**

Driving Horses - Work Horses - Riding Horses - Ponies
Driving Horses Consigned By
Louis Peachey, Adam Hoover, Willis Troyer, Willie Swarey, Noah Horst, Benueel Stoltzfus, Plus Many More

Horse Hitched At Sale
Fri. Afternoon and Evening

Special Mention
3 Yr. Gelding 15-3H
Hackney & Clydesdale Cross Broke to Drive
Black - 4 White Legs & White Face

Work Horses: Marshall Bowersox, Billy Howard, Plus Many More

SPECIAL MENTION

7 yr. old sired by BEACH TOWEL 17H bay gelding w/STAR & 3 WHITE SOCKS can trot away from a lot of trotters a must see picture in harness
5 yr. old sired by SIERRA KOSMOS 16-2H BLACK w/STAR SNIP & 4 WHITE SOCKS
4 yr. old sired by SIERRA KOSMOS 16-2H BLACK w/STAR SNIP & 4 WHITE SOCKS
6 yr. old sired by EIGHTEEN KARAT 16-1H DARK BAY w/3 WHITE SOCKS
6 yr. old sired by KEYSTONE DYNAMO 16-2H BLACK w/STRIP & 4 WHITE SOCKS
4 yr. old sired by PROMISING CATCH 16-2H BAY GELDING
6 yr. old sired by SNAGGED 16-1H BLACK W/STRIP & 3 WHITE SOCKS
5 yr. old sired by TAKING CHARGE 16-1H BAY w/3 WHITE SOCKS
7 yr. old sired by DREAM OF GLORY 16-2H BLACK W/STRIP & 2 WHITE SOCKS
4 yr. old sired by EATON 16H BLACK
5 yr. old sired by FINAL SCORE 16-2 BAY
4 yr. old sired by BRISCO HANOVER 15-3H BAY
5 yr. old sired by SONSAM 16-1H BLACK w/2 WHITE SOCKS TROTTER
4 yr. old sired by FULMAR SEELSTER 16-3H BAY W/1 WHITE SOCK TROTTER
Most of these horses have been acclimated and in carriage for 2 to 5 months

HORSE SALE EVERY LAST FRI. OF THE MONTH
RESTAURANT OPEN - BBQ Chicken