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Spring is warming up the Temecula Valley this month and bringing us a local freeway-traffic-stopping Super Bloom, but in our family we are all captivated by an icy story: the Iditarod!

Eva got us started by declaring that she has a favorite musher: Blair Braverman. Eva discovered her after following her dogs on social media, and now we feel like we know the dogsled team. Pepe, Jenga, Wickson, Colbert, Boo, Talese, Hunter, Xander, Spike, and Flame are some of the crew she calls the #UglyDogs. They are very fast so they go by in a blur, wearing little neon pink or orange paw-protecting booties which make them look even more adorable.

Braverman's avid Twitter followers created a real-time event called the "I-Give-A-Rod" and raised over \$100,000 for needy Alaskan children during the race.

The modern race has only been run since 1973, but the historic Iditarod Trail has been around for many decades. One famous story from the trail took place in 1925, when perhaps the most famous sled dog in history, Balto, led the last leg of a sled team relay bringing diphtheria vaccine to children in Nome in the middle of winter. That 1925 run was done as a relay with over one hundred dogs and over 20 mushers trading off to save the children. Balto was made into a Disney movie and there's a famous statue of him in Central Park in New York City.

Even sled dogs have controversy; some people feel that another dog, Togo, actually ran the longer, harder portion and should get the glory. Let's just agree Balto, Togo, Blair Braverman's #UglyDogs, and all the hundreds of dogs completing this amazing race are all inspiring and heroic.

Juliet's Corner



Tulip DIY Wreath

You are sure to feel warm and invited when coming to home to this beautiful and colorful spring wreath on your door!

MATERIALS

- Artificial tulip bushes
- 14 in foam wreath form
- 1.5 in satin ribbon (approx. 2 spools)
- Floral pins
- Baker's twine

TOOLS

- Hot glue gun
- Wire cutters

INSTRUCTIONS

- Snip the large stems from each bush. Each bush has 8 stems with 2-3 blooms on each stem. Using wire cutters, cut each stem a few inches away from the base of the bush. Move all the leaves and greenery up to the base of the blooms. I like the leaves, but you don't want them, you can take them off by slipping them off the cut end.
- Secure the ribbon to the wreath. You can use either hot glue or floral pins to attach the ribbon
- Start wrapping the ribbon and tucking the tulips in as you go. Put two stems in each row of ribbon and try to alternate so they fill the space nicely. Pull the ribbon nice and tight!
- Continue wrapping and tucking around the wreath. Tuck them in securely, and near where the greenery connects to the stem, so they stay put. Your ribbon will overlap quite a bit towards the center of the wreath and should barely overlap on the outer edge. This is important to be consistent with, otherwise you may wrap the ribbon too closely and you'll run out of ribbon or flowers or both!
- Finish off the wreath by wiggling your last few stems into the first few stems. It gets a little tricky to fit the tulips in, but just do your best to cover all the foam and get enough tulips in to fill the space. If you need to hot glue a few in that works too.
- Secure the ribbon and add a loop for hanging. When you place your last tulip in it's spot, secure the ribbon to the wreath with hot glue or floral pins. Then slip in a loop and fold the ribbon over the loop and secure it to the wreath.



For Full Step by Step instructions visit: <https://www.thehowtomom.com/diy-tulip-wreath/>

Thank You To Our Intern!



Congrats and Thank you to our Administrative Intern for Winter Quarter!

Monica Phun worked in our administrative department for the last quarter. She did an excellent job and helped us to accomplish many tasks we were striving to complete. She is working on a Business Major at UCR and expected to graduate in 2021, we know she is going to excel at whatever she puts her mind too! We wanted to take a moment and Thank her for all her hard work at The Grossman Law Firm, APC. We wish her the best and know she is going to succeed!

Bunny Garden Cake

Ingredients

- 18 oz Oreo's (Family size package)
- 5.9 oz package Jell-o Instant Chocolate Pudding Mix
- 3 to 4 cups cold milk (see note)
- 14 oz sweetened condensed milk
- 8 oz cream cheese (softened)
- 8 oz Cool Whip
- 1 can white frosting (or make your own from scratch)
- 1 cup shredded coconut (sweetened)
- 2 Peeps Bunnies or Bunny Feet Candy Decorations and 1 marshmallow
- Food coloring (red, yellow and green)

Instructions

- Crush Oreo's in food processor or blender. Or, place small batches in large zip top bag and roll over with a rolling pin until crushed.
- Spread a thin layer of Oreo's over the bottom of a 9x13 dish.
- Combine pudding mix with 3 cups cold milk and whisk for 2 minutes. Add additional milk as needed if pudding is too thick. Spread over layer of Oreo's
- Using an electric beater, combine condensed milk, softened cream cheese, and Cool Whip. Spread over pudding layer.
- Cover with remaining Oreo crumbs.
- Place about ½ cup frosting in a sandwich size zip-top bag and add several drops red and yellow food coloring. Close and knead bag to mix well. Refrigerate until firm.
- Snip a small corner off of the frosting bag and pipe "carrots" onto dirt cake in rows. I recommend practicing on parchment paper or tin foil first.
- Follow same steps to create green frosting and pipe a small amount onto each carrot.
- Place coconut in a large zip top bag, add several drops green food coloring, seal and shake well until coconut is green. Sprinkle around the edges of the dish.
- Place Peeps onto toothpicks and insert into cake or create a burrowing bunny by placing half a marshmallow, cut side down, with two candy bunny feet. Add a small bit of marshmallow from remaining half for the tail.
- Insert popsicle sticks around perimeter of dish.
- Serve and enjoy!

For Full Step by Step Recipe visit: <http://www.mypennywiselife.com/easy-easter-dirt-cake/>





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Happy Easter!



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KNOWING THE DIFFERENCE: EXECUTOR, ADMINISTRATOR, AND TRUSTEE

For those who have never been involved in handling the affairs of a loved one, this process can be overwhelming. Often, individuals' question what it is to be a California executor, administrator, and trustee. Fortunately, an experienced Riverside probate attorney can walk you through the estate administration process. An experienced attorney can also help you understand your role and responsibilities.

Each of these three roles, California executor, administrator, and trustee are different and apply in distinct situations. The following is an overview:

Executor

An executor is a person named under a validly executed California will. The executor is in charge of carrying out the wishes of the deceased as he or she outlined in the will. The deceased may have named any individual that he or she wanted to serve in this role.

Administrator

A California administrator is a person entrusted with the responsibility of administering the estate of a deceased when the deceased passed without leaving a validly executed will. California probate laws and intestacy rules dictate which individuals can serve in this role, how an appointment as administrator is obtained, and how and to whom the administrator must distribute the property of the deceased.

Trustee

A trustee is an individual named under a trust to oversee the administration of trust property. The trustee does not have authority over property of the deceased that is not held in the trust. Similarly, neither the executor nor the administrator has the authority to dictate the distribution of property that is held in trust. The trustee could be an individual or a corporate entity. The trustee must carry out the wishes of the deceased as he or she outlined in the trust instrument.