



# Timothy the Tortoise

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The last survivor of the Crimean War

# Newspaper

- 1.** Your teacher is going to give you a copy of a page from a newspaper. [\\*\\*click here to access a PDF of the page\\*\\*](#)
- 2.** You will need to read the article and answer the questions on the following slides.



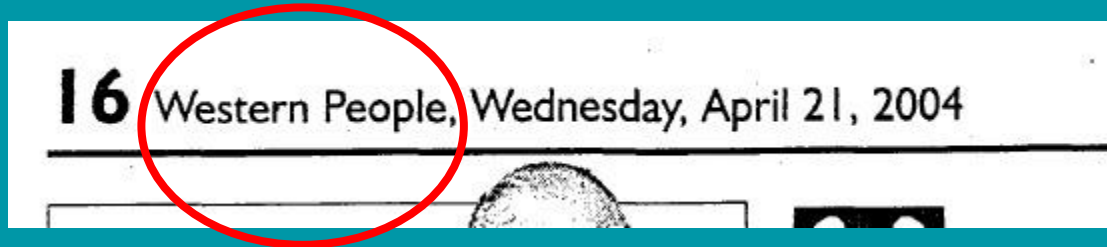
# Questions

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2. What date was the newspaper printed or distributed?
3. How many articles are on the page?
4. How many advertisements are on the page?

# Answers

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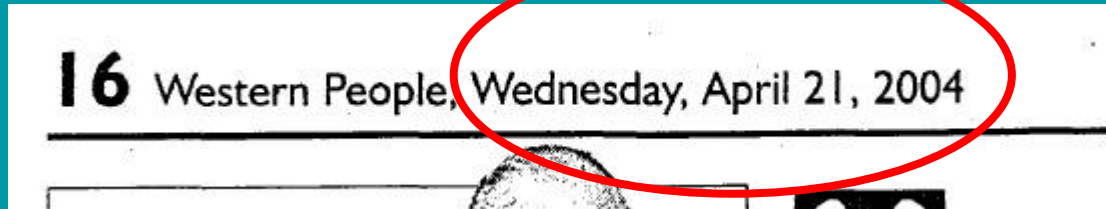
This page is from the Western People.



# Answers

2. What date was the newspaper printed or distributed?

The newspaper was distributed on Wednesday, 21 April 2004.





There is one advertisement for St Patrick's Service Station on this page

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# Questions

**1.** What type of article is this?

<b>A</b>	A letter to the editor	
<b>B</b>	Opinion Piece	
<b>C</b>	Feature Article	
<b>D</b>	A Column	

# Questions

**2.** What does the byline say?

<b>A</b>	Plain Chant	
<b>B</b>	Jim McGuire	
<b>C</b>	Timothy the tortoise and the Crimean War	
<b>D</b>	Western People	

# Questions

3. What age was Timothy the tortoise when he died?
4. What was Timothy the tortoise mascot to?
5. Who was Alexis Benoit Soyer?
6. How much money did the Kensington restaurant loose before closing?

# Questions

7. Who along with Florence Nightingale saved thousands of soldiers?
8. Find three new words from the article in your dictionary, put each of them in a sentence.
9. Give the article a new headline.
10. Summarize the article, in a paragraph.

# Answers

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**3.** What age was Timothy the tortoise when he died?

Timothy the tortoise was 160 years old when he died.

RECENTLY the last living link with the Crimean War (1854-55) passed away peacefully at the age of 160 years – a noteworthy life span given the comparison with the brutal massacre in their short lives of the thousands who went to untimely deaths from the guns, disease and military mud-dles inflicted on what the 'Times' called the "finest army ever to leave England's shores."

# Answers

4. What was Timothy the tortoise mascot to?

Timothy the tortoise was mascot to a ship called the HMS Queen.

Not that Timothy the Tortoise, a mascot on board HMS Queen which bombarded Sebastopol and which later carried Timothy to further service in China without his shipmates being aware that Timothy was actually a she until an attempt was made eighty years ago to mate the shellback.

# Answers

**5.** Who was Alexis Benoit Soyer?

Alexis Benoit Soyer was a chef at the Reform club. It was thought that his menu's would solve the problem of the Famine in Ireland.

It was a comparison encouraged by the emergence on the scene of chef Alexis Benoit Soyer of the Reform Club whose menus had been hailed as the solution to the Famine in Ireland, Soyer was a colourful French chef who was hired initially in the London kitchen of the Duke of Cambridge before being appointed chef in 1837 of the Reform Club in London. He won fame in June, 1838, in preparing breakfast for 2,000 guests at Queen Victoria's coronation and in 1847 was commissioned to open soup kitchens in Dublin and concoct a nutritious and low cost soup. He set up his kitchen in a building in the Phoenix Park and composed a set of recipes among them one at a cost of £1 per 100 gallons.

# Answers

**6.** How much money did the Kensington restaurant loose before closing?

The Kensington restaurant lost about €500,000 in today's money before closing.

Soyer resigned from the Reform Club in 1850 and a year later opened a magnificent Kensington restaurant at Gore House on the site of the current Albert Hall. It was the most flamboyant restaurant in London planned to feed 5,000 people daily from a varied selection of menus for different classes of people. But within three months Soyer had to close the operation down with a loss of about €500,000 in to-day's money.

# Answers

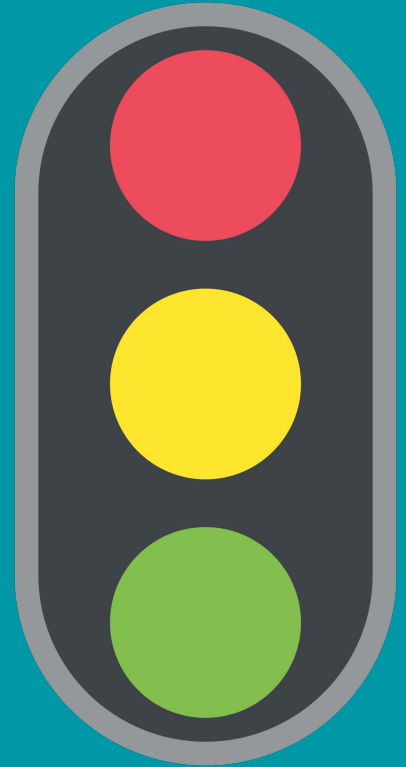
**7.** Who along with Florence Nightingale saved thousands of soldiers?

It is believed that Alexis Benoit Soyer saved thousands of soldiers lives alongside Florence Nightingale in the Crimean War. He ensured that each soldier was fed well during the war.

**He got official authority to make whatever changes he considered necessary and with Florence Nightingale arranged inspections of the Crimean hospitals to such an extent that the 'Morning Chronicle' hailed him as having saved as many lives through his kitchens as Florence Nightingale did through her wards.**

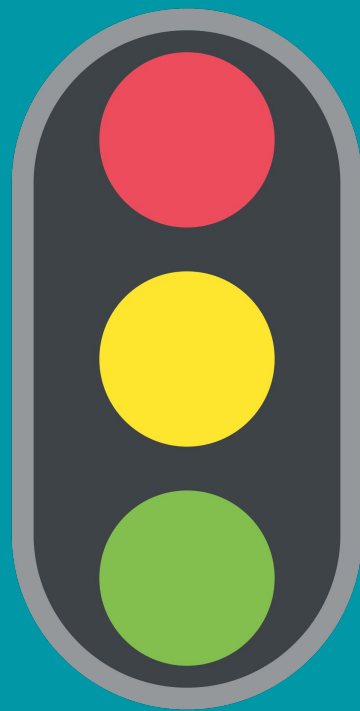
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