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Editor Notes



As I sit here writing this I wonder when you cry, nobody sees your tears.
When you are worried, nobody sees your pain.

When your happy nobody sees your smile. But you fart one time and OMG?

Seriously, I hope everyone had a great Christmas and us ready to ring in the new year with hopes and prayers for a happy, healthy new one for everyone here at the Ranch.

This month I would like to take the opportunity to thank our mystery Librarian.

Her name is Barbara Bach. You and I may never actually see her down there, but the results of her work are very evident. The Bach's are originally from Pennsylvania, moving to Largo in 2017 and into Bay Ranch in 2019. Barb previously volunteered at the Largo Library until covid. That seemed to start the e-trend of reading, and volunteers were not as needed. It was while she was with the Largo Library she learned about cleaning, reshelving and getting duplicated out of the library.

Barb's husband Henry is a veteran, so they are both active volunteering for various veteran functions and projects.

Interesting thing I learned from Barb, as they don't want magazines in our library, the Book Resource store on Ulmerton will gladly take any magazines, CDs or books if you would like to donate them. They really just don't want to see them in the landfill.

If you haven't been to the library lately, please go, check out all the books and puzzles there are for you to enjoy. If you see Barb, make sure you tell her Thank You for keeping our Library so neat and organized.

A guy was wandering through the Sahara Desert, desperate for water, when he spotted something far off in the distance. With hope in his heart, he walked toward it—only to find an old man sitting at a card table covered in neckties.

The guy pleaded, "Please, I'm dying of thirst. Can I have some water?"

The old man replied, "I don't have any water... but how about a tie? This one would look

great with your shirt.”

The guy snapped, “I don’t want a tie, you lunatic—I need water!”

The old man stayed calm. “Okay, don’t buy a tie. But I’ll still help you. About five miles over that dune, my brother runs a restaurant. They’ll give you all the water you want.”

The guy thanked him and stumbled away toward the dune.

Three hours later, the guy came crawling back, parched and exhausted. The old man said, “What happened? Couldn’t you find the restaurant?”

The guy rasped, “I found it... But they wouldn’t let me in without a tie.”

Manager’s Moment

Carol Alvey



A reminder of the \$75.00 lot rent increase is now in effect. If you were paying \$792.00, you would now pay \$872.00. Those who were paying \$805.00 now will pay \$880.00. Starting in January, usually on the 3rd Wednesday of every month I will be holding Managers Meeting at 9:30 in the clubhouse. I’m hoping this will give us better chance to communicate any news or events in the park. Hoping to see a good participation from you all. Snacks will be provided.

JUST SAYIN'

Jeanne Hunter



Two blondes were driving to Disney World. The sign said, “Disney World ---> Left” so they started crying and went home.

Glass coffins, will they be popular? Remains to be seen.

I was confused when my printer started playing music...until I realized the paper was jamming.

On to more serious business, the HOA is beginning to prepare for elections for board members in February. The first step is to get the word out to everyone in Bay Ranch that they need people on the board. If you would like to run for the board, contact Laura Anderson (719 716-1422) or Mindi Jordan (386 846-9657).

Bar Jokes:

A businessman walked into a bar and ordered a beer. As he was sipping his beer, he heard a little voice say, “nice tie.” He looked around but there was nobody who could have said it. A few minutes later he heard, “beautiful shirt.” Again he looked around, but nobody was close to who could have said it. A few more minutes passed and he heard, “great haircut.” This time he decided to investigate. He asked the bartender, “Did you hear those voices?” He replied, “Oh, that’s just the peanuts. They’re complimentary.”

A priest, a rabbit and a minister walk into a bar. The bartender asks the rabbit, “what’ll you

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have?" The rabbit says,"I dunno, I'm only here because of autocorrect."

Three golf clubs go into a bar. The iron orders a beer; the putter orders a glass of red wine. The bartender turns to the third club and asks what he wants. "Oh, nothing for me," he says. "I'm the driver."

I got a Caption Call phone a couple months ago. It works with a home phone or a cell phone. Most important, it really is free. It's a government funded program. The only requirement is you be a little hard of hearing. I got mine from a lady set up in the waiting room of my doctor's office and she just asked if I ever had trouble hearing on the phone. Once installed (it plugs in to an outlet), you're ready to go. It has a large screen and both sides of the conversation print across the screen while you're talking. You can save it which can be handy if you make an appointment or discussed something you need to remember. If it's a call you need to take notes on, just let the phone do it for you. And it has a volume button to make the call as loud as you need. Online go to www.CaptionCall.com. Scroll to the bottom and fill out the order now section. They'll send information and answer any questions you may have. They are very friendly and helpful.

When I see lovers', names carved on a tree I think it's strange how many people take knives on their dates.

I've heard people say, "You are what you eat." I don't remember eating anxiety and back problems, but ok.

I learned something new about microwave cooking...chocolate chips don't melt in the micro. I had some pecans and raisins taking up space in my pantry and Publix had chocolate chips on sale. That sounded like a great combo for trail mix (I saw no reason to ruin the recipe with oats and berries and other healthy foods). So, I mixed it all up and then got a GREAT IDEA; toss it in the micro and melt it into a giant candy bar. Oh boy. I watched for a few seconds and saw the chips changing shape, got distracted by something and after a bit I remembered to look again. Smoke was pouring out of the micro, a clue to my trained chef brain that something was amiss. I pulled it from the smoke cloud and tried to stir it with a spoon. The spoon was immediately embedded in the mess and wouldn't move. I let it cool and broke off a piece. The chocolate was a giant rock, the pecans were still pecans and the raisins were tiny, wrinkly charcoal briquettes. It was more like a trail than a trail mix. In the trash it went, chocolate mix, spoon and Rubbermaid container, all fused together permanently.

And finally,

Farmer John once lived on a quiet rural highway but as time went by, the traffic slowly built up and eventually got so heavy and so fast that his free-range chickens were being run over at a rate of three to six a week. So, Farmer John called the local police station to complain, "You've got to do something about all these people driving so fast and killing all my chickens," he said to the local police officer. "What do you want me to do?" asked the policeman. "I don't care, just do something about those crazy drivers!"

So the next day the policeman had the Council erect a sign that said: SCHOOL CROSSING

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Three days later Farmer John called the policeman and said, "You've still got to do something about these drivers. The 'school crossing's sign seems to make them go even faster!" So again, they put up a new sign:

SLOW: CHILDREN AT PLAY.

That really sped them up. So Farmer John called and said, "Your signs are no good. Can I put up my own sign?" The policeman, in order to get Farmer John off his back said "Sure. Put up your own sign. The phone calls to the Police Station stopped, but curiosity got the better of the Officer, so he called Farmer John, "How's the problem with the speeding drivers. did you put up your sign?"

"Oh, I sure did and not one chicken has been killed.

The policeman was really curious and thought he'd better go out and take a look at the sign. He also thought the sign might be something the Police could use elsewhere, to slow drivers down. So he drove out to Farmer John's house.

His jaw dropped the moment he saw the sign. NUDIST COLONY 'Slow down and watch out for chicks!'

Happy New Year!!

Resident Club News

Happy New Year Bay Ranch. We have another full month planned. All we need is for you to come join us. Starting on the 19th, we will have our all-you-can-eat breakfast with the usual items: Blueberry/plain pancakes. French toast, eggs, sausage, home fries, biscuits & gravy, juice and coffee. Can you believe? All this for only \$8.00. Serving 8:30-10:00.

On the 17th and the 31st, there will be karaoke at the clubhouse starting at 6:30. Bring your own snacks & drinks and enjoy your fellow residents singing and even come up and sing yourself. I'm told the more you drink, the better they all sound. Personally, I think some sound pretty darn good without drinking.

Buffalo Bingo will be on the 15th at 6:30, all you need is about 50 pennies and you are all set to join in the fun.

On the 24th, we will be hosting a ham dinner that will be interactive with a mystery theatre! You won't want to miss this one. We will be looking for some audience members to join in our mystery also. We have succeeded in asking Carol Raabe to arrange the murder mystery for us. Her co-chair is Beverly Gray and they are feverishly planning to make this fun for everyone.

Tickets will be on sale for \$10.00 which includes your meal, dessert, coffee and the mystery show. Join us at 5:30.



HOA NEWS

It's that time of year that the HOA is seeking out new board members. If interested, please contact Mindi Jordan at 386-846-9657 or Laura Anderson at 719-716-1422. Elections for positions are finalized in February. Also, if you would like to join the HOA the fee is \$20 and you can stop by Mindi's at Lot 243. Thank You Everyone.

Welcome to New Residents



Coach 1053 Rebecca Buhl/ Joey Sheeley

New Year's Jokes and One-Liners



Youth allows you to stay up for New Year's Eve, while middle age forces you to.

A New Year's resolution often goes in one year and out the other.

One resolution is to be more optimistic by keeping a cup half full, preferably with alcohol.

Some avoid quitting bad habits for the new year, remembering nobody likes a quitter.

Another resolution is to lead a better life, if only someone would trade lives.

An optimist stays up to see the new year; a pessimist stays up to ensure the old one leaves.

One reason to skip a weight-loss resolution is hating to lose.

Some already have a date for New Year's Eve: December 31st.

A man who shoplifted a calendar on New Year's Eve got 12 months.

The worst part of jogging on New Year's Eve can be the ice falling out of a drink.

You might need a jeweler on New Year's Eve to "ring in" the New Year.

Partying in Times Square can be seen as overrated because they "drop the ball" every year.



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Chorus

Many thanks to those of you who attended our Christmas Concert/Tree Lighting this year. I hope you enjoyed the change in the presentation. I do appreciate the gift of your time to share the holiday season with us. My thanks to the Chorus for their dedication in preparing the program. Special thanks to Adam for the presentation of the songs, and videos that made it possible for all of you to join us in singing the carols. Lastly a special thanks to Patty Harwood and her helpers for the delicious lunch we enjoyed after the program. The non-perishable items this year became part of the food pantry for Bay Ranch folks. Becky Webber Chorus Director



Variety Show

It's time to start planning for our next Variety Show. It will be Saturday, February 28th. We need people to perform, sing, play an instrument, do a skit or what ever talent you can share. It's just for fun, so don't be shy. The more the merrier. Call Carol for more info at 727-221-7402 or 2 230 Durango.

Clubs and Organizations

Ash Emperors

Cigar Dudes are now known as the Ash Emperors and will be meeting every other Saturday at 1PM at Cozy Cigar, which is located on West Bay in Largo. If interested or have questions, please call Adam Pirhofer at 623-7808 or Dave Andrews at 727-542-6917.

Bid Euchre

We are back on Friday afternoon at 1:00 at the clubhouse.

Bingo

Cindy Devinney 550-7377
We start selling at 5pm. We stop selling at 6pm and Bingo starts at 6:30.
We need more people to come, so we can continue to play through the summer. So come on down for a night of fun, and who knows, you might even win.
Please no large bills.





Buffalo Bingo

Buffalo Bingo is a form of Bingo, but played with a set of dice, a game card and pennies. It will usually be held on the third Thursday of the month at 6:30. All are welcome. All you need is you and about 50 pennies, we have the cards all ready for you. (We can make change if you are short pennies).

Canasta

We will meet every Tuesday at 1:00



Card Bingo

Adam Pirhofer at 623-7808

This is Bingo where every 4-some (and sometimes 3-somes) deals out a full deck of cards, then discards the card as the caller calls it. Whoever runs out of cards first wins the pot of 1 quarter for each player. It is held on Wednesdays, calling starts at 6:00.

Chorus

Becky Webber

Chorus Director
beckywebber61@gmail.com



Coffee Klutch

Held at the clubhouse every Monday just before the Residents Club meeting. SO, plan on coming down, have a cup of Joe, a donut, and a great visit with your fellow Ranchers.

CORN HOLE

Dawn Fear-Walters

Cornhole is back! Playing starts at 6:30. But please be there to sign up by 6:15.





CRAFTS

We are back crafting again. Everyone is welcome and to bring whatever project you are working on. We meet on Fridays at 9:30. So come on down to the clubhouse and join in the friendship and comradery.

Euchre

Come join us Tuesday evening at 6:30. Don't forget to bring your dollar.



Fitness For Life

The water and wind have turned chilly, so we are back in the clubhouse. We are doing some chair and modified workouts. Our aim is to keep moving so come join us and do what you can. Let's keep moving together.
We meet on Tuesday and Thursday at 9AM.



HOA

Elections for the HOA will be coming up the first of the year. If you are interested in running for a position on the HOA board, please submit your nomination in writing and include your name, phone number and lot number and give it to

Hoss Collar

Hoping to start sometime this month. Keep watch for more details.

Karaoke

Adam Pirhofer 623-7808

Bring your voice, beverages, and you down and join in the fun and entertainment. As usual subject to change.
If you can sing or not come out and join in the fun, there is no judging here. Want some free entertainment? Come on down to the clubhouse and enjoy the music and cheer on your fellow Rancher.





Koffee Klatch

Come join us at 8:30-9 for coffee and doughnuts or muffins or whatever we can find. Join in the conversation and meet some of your fellow Ranchers.



Ladies Having Fun

Cindy Douglas 260-715-0646

The ladies meet on the last Friday of the month. Sign up and location will be posted at the clubhouse two weeks prior. Please remember to sign up, so an accurate count may be given to the restaurant. Besides a great meal and company, there will be a 50/50 and a door prize. Please come join us for a good time. All are welcome!

Library

Bonnie Bach, Coach 1051



Books in the library are donated by Bay Ranchers. Come on in and borrow a book or drop off the ones you have read. Please put books in the tote and we will put them back on the shelf. Looking for any large print books. Sorry. No magazines please.

Residents' Club

Meetings start at 9am right after Koffee Klatch. Want to stay informed and help plan events?? Then join us every Monday. Hope to see you there.



Shuffleboard

Shuffleboard is going to be revamped into shuffle fun. It will be anyone who wants to play will come join in and we will divide into teams and play each other here. Don't know how to play and want to learn? Contact Wayne Jones Coach 224 or at 416-813-2493 or Patty Harwood Coach 1395 240-505-5893. Starting soon.



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Stein Studs

Adam Pirhofer 623-7808



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We are so blessed in the Tampa Bay region to have such diverse and numerous amounts of breweries and distilleries in our area. As well as fine drinking establishments to sample the abundance of liberations.

We normally meet at Willard's Tap House, 12500 Starkey Rd, Largo, FL 33773, on Friday's at 2:00 pm. But if someone would prefer distilled libations, we are happy to make trips for those.

Let me know if you have any suggestions,
Apirhofer@hotmail.com

Walking Club



New Activity!!

Bay Ranch Walking Club

We will meet at the clubhouse on Monday's at 6:30pm.

We will be walking around the park to get some extra exercise in our lives!
It will be fun and healthy.

Bring your water and step counter, if you have one!!

A man on his way home after having too much to drink on New Year's Eve was stopped by a policeman. When asked where he was going, the man replied he was going to a lecture. The policeman, skeptical, asked who gives lectures on New Year's Eve. The man responded: "My wife."





Birthdays and Anniversaries

By Cindy Devinney, Coach 1342, 550-7377

Let Cindy know if there are any corrections or Birthday/Anniversary we miss.

Birthdays

- 11 Elaine Czaplinsky
- 12 Janice Pirhofer
- 17 Bob Hoersting
- 24 Dave Bakley



Anniversaries

- 7 Fred & Christine Cohen
- 18 Greg & Cindy Devinney
- 20 Frank & Sandy Smith

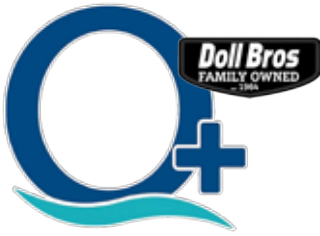
I know you have been lying awake at night wondering why baby diapers have brand names such as "Luvs", "Huggies", and "Pampers", while undergarments for old people are called "Depends".

Well here is the low down on the whole thing.

When babies crap in their pants, people are still gonna Luv'em, Hug'em and Pamper' em. When old people crap in their pants, it "Depends" on who's in the will!

Glad I got that straightened out so you can rest your mind.





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| 1 | Orthodox Christmas |
| New Year's Day | 8 |
| National Bloody Mary Day | Battle of New Orleans |
| National Doodle Day | World Typing Day |
| International Public Domain Day | National Bubble Bath Day |
| Frankenstein Day | 9 |
| Boston Tea Party Anniversary | Law Enforcement Appreciation Day |
| National Hobby Month | 10 |
| National Hangover Day | National Houseplant Appreciation Day |
| Emancipation Proclamation Anniversary | National Bittersweet Chocolate Day |
| National Chocolate Covered Cherry Day | 11 |
| 2 | National Human Trafficking Awareness Day |
| World Introvert Day | National Clean Off Your Desk Day |
| National Buffet Day | 12 |
| National Science Fiction Day | National Gluten-Free Day |
| 3 | National Marzipan Day |
| International Mind-Body Wellness Day | National Pharmacist Day |
| 4 | 13 |
| National Spaghetti Day | Stephen Foster Memorial Day |
| World Hypnotism Day | 14 |
| National Ribbon Skirt Day | National Dress Up Your Pet Day |
| National Trivia Day | World Logic Day |
| World Braille Day | 15 |
| 5 | National Bagel Day |
| National Thank God It's Monday Day | National Hat Day |
| National Keto Day | National Strawberry Ice Cream Day |
| National Bird Day | Martin Luther King's Birthday |
| National Whipped Cream Day | 16 |
| 6 | National Nothing Day |
| National Cuddle Up Day | International Hot and Spicy Food Day |
| National Bean Day | 17 |
| Epiphany | Prohibition Begins |
| 7 | Benjamin Franklin Day |
| National Bobblehead Day | World Religion Day |

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| 18 | 24 |
| National Thesaurus Day | National Peanut Butter Day |
| World Snow Day | National Compliment Day |
| 19 | International Day of Education |
| National Popcorn Day | 25 |
| Martin Luther King Day | National Irish Coffee Day |
| Robert E. Lee's Birthday | Opposite Day |
| Civil Rights Day | 26 |
| 20 | National Bubble Wrap Appreciation Day |
| National DJ Day | National Spouses Day |
| National Cheese Lovers Day | National Peanut Brittle Day |
| Penguin Awareness Day | 27 |
| National Penguin Day | International Holocaust Remembrance Day |
| 21 | National Chocolate Cake Day |
| Museum Selfie Day | 28 |
| National Squirrel Appreciation Day | National Lego Day |
| 22 | National Daisy Day |
| Roe V. Wade | 29 |
| Celebration of Life Day | National Puzzle Day |
| National Blonde Brownie Day | 30 |
| 23 | National Croissant Day |
| National Fun at Work Day | 31 |
| National Handwriting Day | National Backward Day |
| National Pie Day | National Hot Chocolate Day |

Happy New Year.



New Years Traditions

New Year's traditions in America include gathering with friends and family, watching the Times Square ball drop or fireworks, and making resolutions. Other customs involve eating lucky foods like black-eyed peas and greens, kissing a loved one at midnight, singing "Auld Lang Syne," and making a toast with champagne.

The Irish have a tradition I think you'll enjoy. Just before midnight new years eve open the back door of your house to let the old year out and just after the new year open the front door to let the new year in.

Cleaning or sweeping on New Year's Day is considered bad luck, as it's thought to sweep away good fortune. The same goes for doing laundry or taking out the trash — avoid these chores if you want to keep your luck intact.

Don't wash hair or do laundry on New Year's Day. You wash away your good luck.

Lobster, chicken, and crab are considered bad luck delicacies to eat on New Year's because their backward or sideways movement is believed to symbolize setbacks in the new year. Other foods to avoid include beef, as cows stand still.

Useless Facts



FUN FACT

Most American car horns honk in the key of F.

The name Wendy was made up for the book "Peter Pan."

Barbie's full name is Barbara Millicent Roberts.

Every time you lick a stamp, you consume 1/10 of a calorie.

The average person falls asleep in seven minutes.

Studies show that if a cat falls off the seventh floor of a building it has about thirty percent less chance of surviving than a cat that falls off the twentieth floor. It supposedly takes about eight floors for the cat to realize what is occurring, relax and correct itself.

Your stomach has to produce a new layer of mucus every 2 weeks otherwise it will digest itself.

The citrus soda 7-UP was created in 1929; '7' was selected after the original 7-ounce containers and 'UP' for the direction of the bubbles.

101 Dalmatians, Peter Pan, Lady and the Tramp, and Mulan are the only Disney car-toons where both parents are present and don't die throughout the movie. .

'Stewardesses' is the longest word that is typed with only the left hand.

To escape the grip of a crocodile's jaws, push your thumbs into its eyeballs - it will let you go instantly.

Reindeer like to eat bananas.

No word in the English language rhymes with month, orange, silver and purple.

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The word "samba" means "to rub navels together."

Mel Blanc (the voice of Bugs Bunny) was allergic to carrots.

The electric chair was invented by a dentist.

The very first bomb dropped by the Allies on Berlin during World War II Killed the only elephant in the Berlin Zoo.

More people are killed annually by donkeys than airplane crashes.

A 'jiffy' is a unit of time for 1/100th of a second.

Because of the rotation of the earth, an object can be thrown farther if it is thrown west.

Cracker Sandwiches

They are called Baked Cracker Sandwiches everyone....and they are dead easy here is a recipe for them.

2 sleeves Ritz crackers (regular sized sleeves, no the minis)

1/2 lb. deli turkey

1/2 lb. deli honey ham

1/4 lb. Swiss cheese slices

6 TBS. butter, melted

2 TBS. brown sugar

1 TBS. Worcestershire sauce

2 tsp. dijon mustard

1 tsp. onion powder

1 TBS. poppy seeds



Directions

1. Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Line a baking sheet with parchment paper.
2. Place one sleeve of crackers on baking sheet, flat side up. It's okay if the crackers touch, but don't let them overlap each other.
3. Place a slice of turkey or ham on each cracker, folding up so it barely hangs over cracker.
4. Cut cheese into 1" squares (I could make 9 squares out of each slice of cheese, cutting 3x3). Place one square of cheese on top of deli meat.
5. Add a cracker on top of each piece of cheese, flat side down.
6. In a bowl, stir together melted butter with Worcestershire, onion powder, Dijon mustard, and brown sugar. Brush on top of each cracker. Add a sprinle of poppy seeds to each cracker too.

Household hints

Remove Pet Hair with Rubber Gloves

As much as we love our four-legged friends, pet hair can accumulate quickly. Skip spending extra money on tools and special attachments and use this simple cleaning hack to pick up after your fur babies. Simply wear rubber household gloves and run them over the surface of your furniture. The rubber will cause the pet fur to gather into a ball that can be easily thrown away.

Steam-Clean Your Microwave

Place a bowl of lemon juice in your microwave and set the microwave for 2 minutes or until the lemon juice comes to a boil. This cleaning hack will produce steam to soften any debris stuck in the microwave. You'll be able to clean the appliance with just the swipe of a cloth, plus you'll be left with a citrusy fresh scent.

Use a Pillowcase to Clean a Ceiling Fan

A cleaning hack for dusting a ceiling fan quickly and efficiently. Slip a pillowcase over ceiling fan blades, one at a time, then wipe. This way, dust falls into the pillow-case, not on your furniture and floors.

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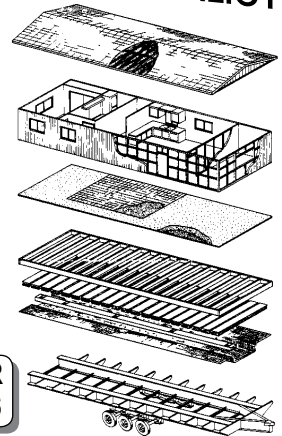
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Slang Expressions That Defined Each Decade

1920s

- Bee's knees → Something excellent or outstanding.
- Cat's pajamas → The best; high quality.

1930s

- Big cheese → An important person.
- Baloney! → Nonsense; not true.

1940s

- Killer-diller → Really cool or impressive.
- Dreamboat → A very attractive person.

1950s

- Cool cat → A stylish, relaxed person.
- Daddy-O → Friendly term for a man or buddy.

1960s

- Groovy → Excellent; full of good vibes.
- Far out → Amazing or unconventional.

1970s

- Boogie → To dance energetically.
- Fox → A good-looking person.

1980s

- Gnarly → Awesome or extreme (esp. surfers).
- Rad → Short for "radical," meaning amazing.

1990s

- Whatever! → Dismissive; don't care.
- As if! → Total rejection (from *Clueless* fame).

2000s

- Bling → Flashy jewelry or style.
- Chillax → Chill + relax; calm down.

2010s

- YOLO → "You only live once." Used to justify risks.
- Selfie → A photo you take of yourself.

2020s

- 🍋 Lit → Amazing, exciting.
- 🍋 No cap → For real; no lie.
- 🍋 Slay → Do something perfectly.



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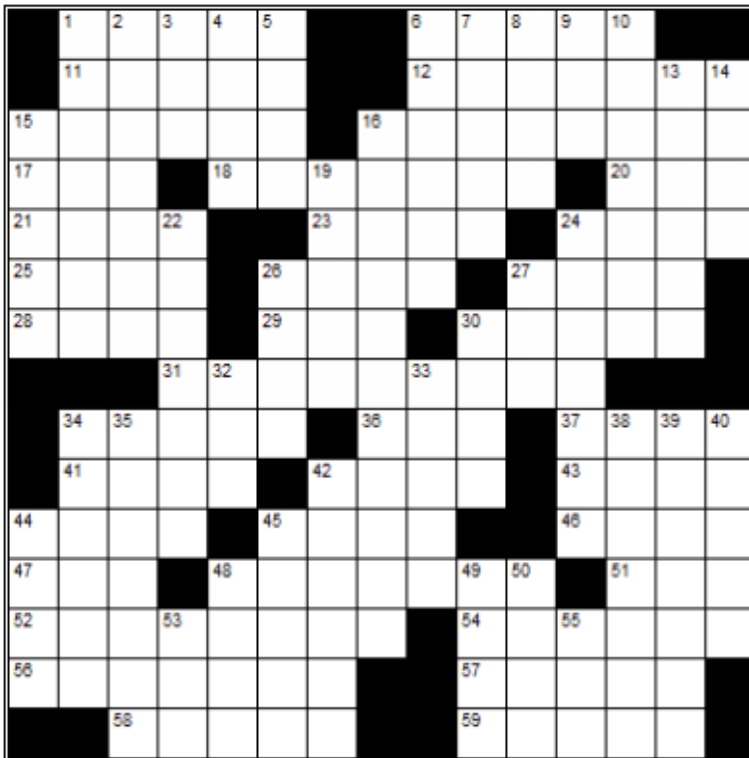
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16. Harvesting
17. Snake-like fish
18. Wide part of a river
20. Sprocket
21. Chutzpah
23. Picnic insects
24. Broadcasts
25. Chills and fever
26. Workshop gripper
27. Fair attraction
28. Bird home
29. Type of tree
30. Harps
31. Amounts per unit size
34. Underway
36. One plus one
37. Make well
41. Scattered seed
42. Not fat
43. Inactive
44. Blackball
45. Tibia
46. Tube
47. Term of endearment
48. Deny
51. Distant
52. Making menu requests
54. A plan of action
56. Abounding
57. Genus of heath
58. Leases
59. Where clouds are

DOWN



1. Land
2. Male genitalia
3. Uncooked
4. Small island
5. Not more
6. Arrive past due
7. Utilizers
8. Neuter
9. 2000 pounds
10. Kill oneself intentionally
13. Breathes noisily while sleeping
14. They come from hens
15. Started
16. Gun repairing
19. Dogs wag these
22. Anticlimax
24. Blimp
26. Opening
27. Deli loaf
30. King of the jungle
32. Anagram of "One"
33. They can be fraternal or identical
34. On land
35. One who establishes
38. Building
39. Mammals like camels
40. Apprehensive
42. Objects
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45. Holy person
48. Smile
49. Gorillas
50. English royal house
53. An uncle
55. Fifty-two in Roman numerals

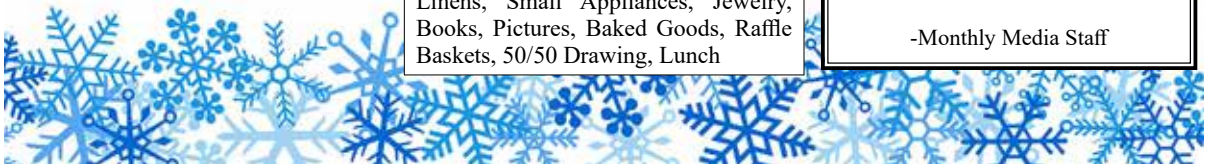


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<p>STAMP COLLECTIONS - wanted to buy. Price depends on quality and quantity. Highest prices paid. Call 709-682-9499</p>	<p>Rummage and Bake Sale at Golden Crest MHP clubhouse, 800 Main Street, Dunedin, January 18, 8-12. Quilt Raffle, glassware, jewelry, home decor, and more.</p>	
<p>OTHER</p>	<p>Annual Rummage Sale. Shoreline Palms MHP, Clubhouse, 12100 Seminole Blvd, Largo (entrance on Walsingham). January 24, 8am - 1pm. Rummage, Crafts, Lottery Board. Food Available.</p>	<p>Clearwater Cascade park-wide yard sale. Saturday, February 21, 8:00am -2:00pm. 9790 66th Street N, Pinellas Park</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">BRING THE JOY OF PIANO TO YOUR HOME!</p> <p>Learn piano at your home or online with a patient, experienced instructor. No experience needed — just curiosity and a keyboard.</p> <p>Call, text 727 424-8137 or email judanber@yahoo.com</p>	<p>Point West Mobile Home Park Bazaar and Flea Market. January 24th, 8am-2pm. 12651 Seminole Blvd, Largo. Furn, Clothes, Household, Electronics, Jewelry & Misc. Chinese Auction, 50/50 and Food</p>	<p>Community Flea Market, 2000 East Bay Drive, Largo. Sat. Feb 28. 8 to 12. Bikes, Furniture, Small Appliances, Golf & Household Items, Apparel, Baked Goods</p>
	<p>Park Wide Community Yard Sale: Jan. 24th Fairway Village Residents Association, Inc. Largo. 9am to 2pm</p>	<div style="text-align: center;"> <p>ATTENTION RESIDENTS!</p> <p>Did you know this Emporium/ Classified listing reaches over 21,500 homes in Pinellas County? It goes into 60 community newsletters (just like this one) from Dunedin to St. Petersburg. This is a great market to sell items, advertise your next event, try and get help for a function, and many other things. Remember to think about this the next time you're planning something.</p> <p>-Monthly Media Staff</p> </div>
<p>EVENTS & PROGRAMS</p>	<p>Sunset Palms MHP, 3401 Gandy. Annual Yard Sale January 24th in Clubhouse and carports 8 to 1. Breakfast & lunch for purchase.</p>	
<p>Bingo: Lake Seminole Resort. 10245 110th Ave. Largo. Monday, January 5th at 6:50 pm. Doors open 5:30, Cards on sale until 6:30.</p>	<p>Sat. Jan 31, 2026 - Annual Community Sale - 8:30AM-1:00PM. Paradise Island Clubhouse at Lake Haven MHP. Main St. (SR580) & Lake Haven Rd. (W of Keene/CR1) Dunedin. Housewares, Linens, Small Appliances, Jewelry, Books, Pictures, Baked Goods, Raffle Baskets, 50/50 Drawing, Lunch</p>	
<p>Biggest Church Wide Garage Sale In The Area! Northwood Presbyterian Church, 2875 FL-580, Clearwater, 33761. January 15th, 16th, 17th, 2026, from 8am-2pm. Call Susan: 727-709-8237 with questions or to donate.</p>		
<p>Annual Rummage Sale. Sat, Jan. 17th 2026, 8am-noon. Boca Ciega Mobile Home Park. Clubhouse & Outside. 11200 Walsingham Rd. Largo Fla. 33778</p>		



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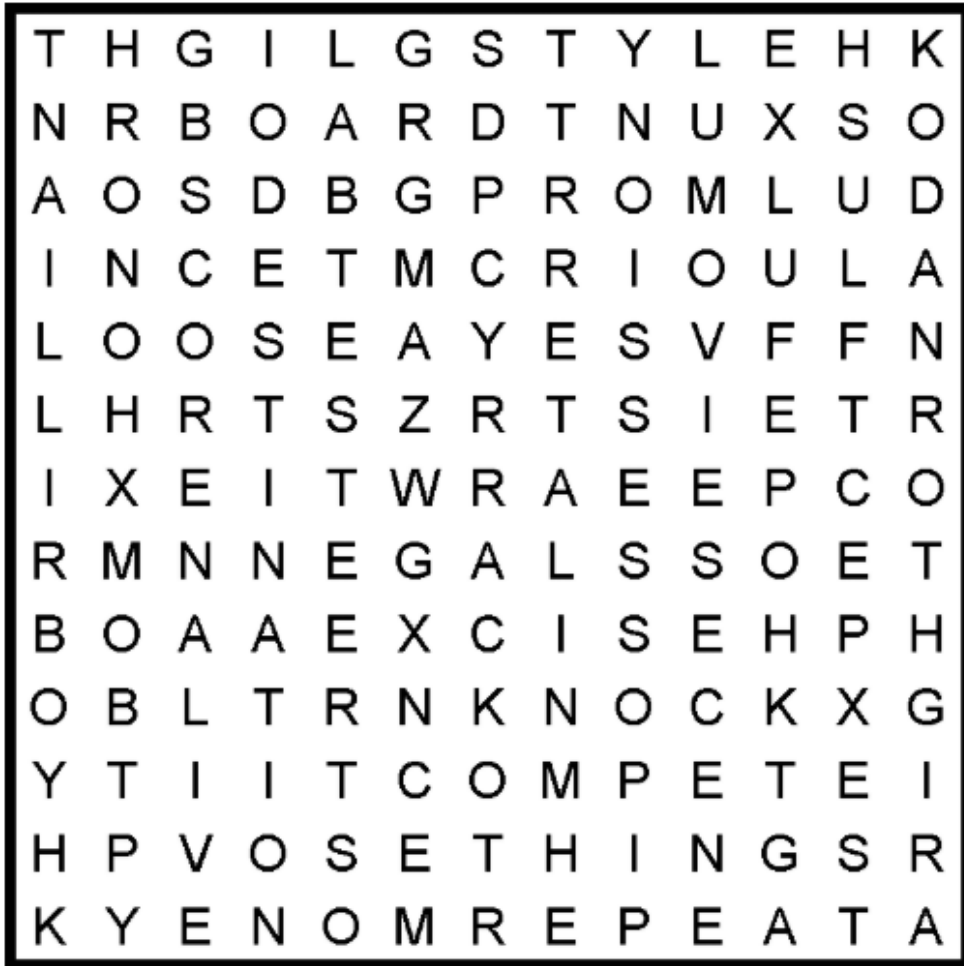
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