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Library (winter) Jan Raabe Coach 228 605-730-0656
Mike Conway Coach 226 238-3897
(Summer) Jeanne Hunter Coach 1314 432-9792

Many thanks to Lorrie and Brent Kammerer for maintaining and renovating the library during the pandemic. Books in the library are donated by Bay Ranchers. The Library is especially looking for large print books and magazines. All donations are accepted. We always have more books than we can shelf. Extras are donated to AMVETS and the Largo Library book sales.

Trips & Cruises, POSITION OPEN for Organizer of Trips and Cruises

Trips & Cruises took a hiatus during the pandemic. Roger announced at the Residents' Club meeting that Harry was looking for a replacement. (Eds. Note: this position may have some pretty great perks!). Contact Harry or Roger if you may be interested in doing this fun job.

Ambulance Fund, Evelyn Hale, Coach 1364 403-6434

Jim Hale's email justmejim42@outlook.com

The Ambulance Fund is open to all residents for \$2.50 per person per year. Payment qualifies members for 1 emergency transport per person per year. The fund pays the balance of the bill, up to \$75, after Medicare and insurance. Membership period is stated on your card. There are no grace days.

Ambulance Fund Payments Due in December 2021

191	Klapak, Tom	12/24/2021
322	Brock, Florence	12/11/2022
129	Havlicek, Clara	12/24/2020



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OFFICIAL NOTICES

HOA

From HOA President and Secretary, Dee Murphy. The HOA rent committee met with Walter Larson the Park owner on 9/21/2021, where he informed us that the rent increase for 2022 would be \$25 same as last year.

On 10/27 we met again, where we presented Mr. Larson with a list of the most urgent concerns of the Park residents. We choose the top 8 items that we received. which are the following;

1. Speeding in the park
2. inconsistency of lot rent, now that pets are allowed every where in the park
3. Unsafe sidewalks, broken and uneven
4. Lawn Care
5. Clubhouse condition, mainly air quality
6. Lighting at the front entrance on Ulmerton Rd.
7. Pool conditions
8. Lack of Parking around the clubhouse.


Our annual business meeting will be held in January and Election of the Board in February. Fingers crossed that the Clubhouse will remain open for both events, as we were unable to meet or have an election last year.


It's not too early to consider running for a place on the Board. All positions will be open, one year and two year terms will expire this year.


RESIDENTS' CLUB


Notice from the President

NOTES FROM THE BAY RANCH OFFICE

 **R**ent for 2022 is a \$25 increase. Tenants who have dogs in a non-pet section must have a doctor's prescription for a service dog AND must pay the same rent amount as people who live in the pet section, \$625 now, increasing to \$650 on January 1, 2022.

 NO TV's or other electronics in the dumpsters, please. Pinellas County has a program for disposing of these items.

 PLEASE follow all rules and regulations. Violators will receive a written notice of violation. Three violations of the same rule is grounds for eviction.

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BE SAFE! Break ins and theft have been occurring in the park recently. Keep your stuff put away, your doors locked, and don't answer your door to strangers. Report any suspicious activity the the police and to management.



TO REDUCE SPEEDING through the park, the back gate will be closed 24/7. If you need an opener, contact Carol in the office. The speed limit is 15 mph.



THE PINELLAS COUNTY Humane Society is investigating numerous cat poisonings in our park. Poisoning any animal is a federal felony punishable by up to 1 year in jail. It is also inhumane and causes the animal to suffer. Don't do it.



All garbage must be put in the bins behind the clubhouse. Do not put it on the ground. The garbage trucks empty the bins on Monday, Wednesday and Friday, but there are no set times.



THE POOL: No floats are allowed in the pool. Noodles are allowed.

If you use an umbrella, fold it up when you leave the pool. Do not use when it is windy.



PROTECT YOUR BELONGINGS. Residents have reported stolen landscape decorations, tricycles, etc. Lock up tempting items or install a motion detector light to deter thieving thugs. Also, consider reporting late night walkers.



COMPLAINTS AGAINST YOUR NEIGHBOR MUST BE IN WRITING AND SIGNED. Give the written compaint to the office or drop it in the mail slot in the office door. Verbal and unsigned complaints cannot be addressed.

MANAGEMENT WILL ALSO ADDRESS COMPLAINTS ONLY IN WRITING.



Rules: The Park has rules that everyone received and reviewed when they bought or rented their coach. They are also printed annually in the Directory (September issue of Bay Ranch Review). **Please read and follow them.** Failure to follow rules is grounds for eviction, and management has shown that it is willing to evict.



Rules commonly broken:

1. Parking on grass or sidewalk, overnight on street, and/or every day.
2. Parking overnight at the Clubhouse without Office authorization.
3. Failing to register at the office all persons living living with you.
4. Piling garbage in front of garbage bins. When you throw garbage, throw it to the back so when you open the door, it doesn't fall out and there is space.
5. Failure to maintain, paint and/or clean mobile home, trim, awnings, planter and driveway.

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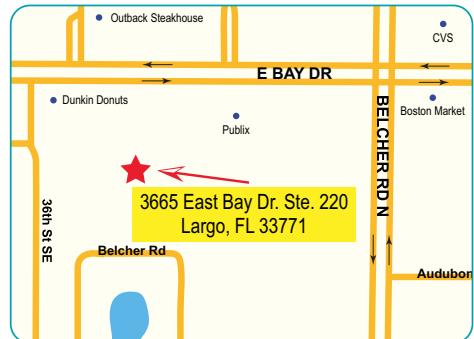
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Eds. Note: It is inappropriate to flush anything other than toilet paper, and doing so causes costly sewer clogs. If the park pays, we all will ultimately, through rent increases.

Also, those so-called flushable personal cleansing cloths are really **NOT FLUSHABLE**. They do not disintegrate in the sewer system, and they **WILL** clog the sewer someplace in the system. Lots of people like to use these cloths in the bathroom, but **PLEASE** do not put them in the toilet. Limit what goes into the toilet to toilet paper. *Eds. Note:* My housemates and I had to hire a plumber when our own drain system clogged due to dishwasher detergent that was not well dissolved. We had virtual rocks of detergent blocking the drain. Our solution (after paying the plumber): liquid detergent.

Those metal electric service boxes behind each mobile home belong to Duke Energy. **Please do not service or pay to service them yourself.**



Call Duke Energy or Carol Alvey (see her cell phone number at the front of the Review) if your electric needs service. Why? Well, in a couple of instances, residents have submitted bills for about \$4,500 for service. If the repair is the park's responsibility, we have an electrician who will do the work for \$1,500. It just makes economic sense.

From the box to the mobile home is the resident's responsibility. Please make your own arrangements with an electrician if that area needs repair. The office can tell you if the repair is your responsibility.

**SEE SOMETHING
SAY SOMETHING
DO SOMETHING**

Homeless people are moving into the park. In one instance, an empty coach was left unlocked and homeless people had moved in. In several instances, people have been sleeping in the driveways/patios of empty homes. And others have been sleeping on the shuffleboard courts, sometimes using cushions from outside the clubhouse for mattresses.

Please watch out for your neighbor and neighborhood. If you see someone entering a home you know to be empty, or someone sitting or sleeping in that home's driveway/patio, or any other inappropriate behavior of this type, please call the Largo police. It is ok in this case to use 911 because you don't know what the danger is.



Cars left parked on the street after midnight will be towed. This is expensive and inconvenient. This is another opportunity to be a good neighbor: by reminding someone whose car is in the street after 10 pm. \



Cars parked on the street during the day should be staggered so emergency vehicles can pass by. Do not park on the grass or sidewalk.

You must register at the office if you have something parked in the field north of the clubhouse, or see Brent (maintenance).

* Please, put ALL garbage in the dumpsters, even big and heavy items like furniture.

* DO NOT dump behind, beside or anywhere near the trash bins. Put the garbage in the bins.

*Put household trash in the smaller trash bins.

* Do not bring garbage to the bins on Monday morning. By that time, the bins are overflowing. Wait until Monday afternoon or later, when the bins are empty.

* Pick up for furniture, tree brush/limbs and other debris will be on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday only. Put out trash after 5:00 p.m, the day before.

***DO NOT DISPOSE OF TVS OR ELECTRONICS IN THE PARK. DO NOT PUT THEM IN OR BESIDE THE DUMPSTER.** We get fined. Call pinellascounty.org/recycle to dispose of them.

*If you need help disposing of something, someone in the park may help you for a fee

Larger families and visitors: Reminder: that rent is based on one or two per household.



Each person above the two must pay an additional \$30 a month, including visitors who stay over 30 days. Please be proactive about this and pay the money without first being reminded.

The following information remains in force:



Fires: Test your smoke detectors to make sure they work. Recommended action: purchase a fire extinguisher if you don't have one and know how to work it. If a fire starts, spray it with the fire extinguisher immediately and GET OUT OF THE HOUSE. Fire destroys mobile homes very quickly..



Management requests that you turn off your water heater when the water is off, to prevent the element from burning out. Eds. Note: According to diy.stackexchange.com/questions/3766, this needs to be done because the element will burn out if the water heater becomes empty. Tankless heaters don't need this.

Other announcements:

The stoves in the kitchen both work.

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Some have questioned why the application fee is “so high.” One reason is to help cover garbage fees, since new owners usually throw away most of the furniture and electronics.

Mr. Larson (the owner) calls the lawn service for lawn care on an as-needed basis. The park pays for lawn mowing, etc., once a month but the need sometimes goes unnoticed. If you notice the lawn needs trimming, please let the office know so they can call Mr. Larson.

Sometimes an automobile will leak oil onto our new, nice looking pavement, creating an eyesore. If you notice a leak by your house, call the office to have it cleaned up. Let’s keep these streets looking nice!

Lost and Found Dog/Cat: If you have found a dog or cat, you can post on a site called pawboost.com or call Animal Service on Walsingham. If you call, Animal Services will come out, free of charge, to pick up an animal.

FROM THE EDITOR

By Carol Raabe

As a snowbird, it was always fun to come back to Bay Ranch for the winter. The welcome was wonderful: hugs, kisses and laughter all around. Now that my husband Jan and I have spent parts of summers in Florida, we get it. The snowbirds have to be here for the party to begin.

This year is a special case, though, because so many people have spent 2 summers AND a winter up north. For 18 months, the park has been semi-deserted. The social calendar has been virtually empty. Buying groceries (at Publix because their customers usually wore masks) might have been the most interesting thing to happen in a week.

To paraphrase Bill Withers:

Ain't no sunshine when they're gone, Only darkness every day.

Ain't no sunshine when they're gone And this park just ain't the same

Every time they go away

Now that the border between Canada and the US has opened, Canadians are flooding back. Americans are a little slower, but they’re coming too. No community Thanksgiving or Christmas dinners this year, but individuals or 2-somes who have nowhere to go or can’t get out can get meals delivered, courtesy of the Residents’ Club. Just call them to order.

The Christmas Pageant is scheduled for December 8, and what promises to be a fun New Year’s Eve Party with live music and finger food is on the calendar. Whoop Hoo! The party is underway. So choir practice, shuffleboard, canasta, Euchre, and other activities are up and running. Many thanks to Roger Heil and the RC Board for their heroic efforts to sponsor some fun during this pandemic. I picture them pushing a very big rock uphill to make anything happen.



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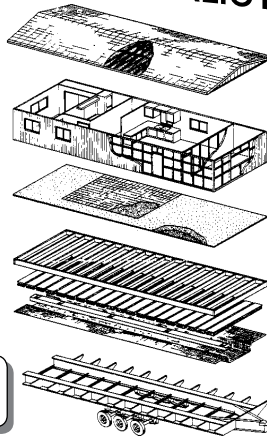
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JUST SAYIN'

Jeanne Hunter

I'm back with my version of a Seinfeld column...all about nothing.

Got a call from a young, blond couple I know. (Yes, blondes come in male too). John told me he was a proud father of a baby boy. He told me all about the day the baby was born. Mary went into labor and they both got pretty hysterical (remember, it's the blond leading the blond here). Not recalling anything the doctor had told them, John called the hospital for help. The kind operator spoke soothingly to him and asked him a few questions to calm him down. Smiling to herself, she asked, "Is this your wife's first baby?" Confused, John said, "No, I'm her husband!"

In case you've been wondering, Pip the Cat, still runs the house. He just recently decided to start sleeping in my bed. I thought this was no big deal; he's a little cat. Since my warrior princess chihuahua sleeps on the right side, Pip claimed the left side. Got the picture yet? I am now a bed divider. If I do it carefully, I am allowed to roll over. That's it. Getting up at night for a bathroom trip requires my best imitation of a pretzel to get out of bed and something akin to a religious experience to slide back into my divider space. I suspect they pull out a tape measure while I sleep to make sure they each have enough space.


TV Reviews: I'm recommending a couple of new tv shows. First is Ghosts, a comedy on CBS. A young couple inherits a mansion in the country and moves in to fix it up. It's haunted by a group of ghosts that only the wife sees. The ghosts are from all different times and cultures. An Indian, a modern party guy, a 20's jazz singer, a Viking, an officer from colonial times and more. Their differences and opinions make for some great comedy. This is also on Hulu.

Second show is Dopesick on Hulu. This is really interesting. It's a hybrid documentary done like a movie. It's the story of oxycontin and how the product and its marketing changed our country. The power and money this drug company used to create the market for the product once they made it is unreal. And it was done by getting doctors to buy in to the product. I had no idea how this worked and a little scary how they duped doctors and hospitals into dispensing these pills to patients.

Here's a tale about my oldest grandson, Tommy. He's 18 now. Some of you remember him from the pool when he was little. He loved to flirt with the ladies. You may have heard this before, but it's worth the retelling. When Tommy started kindergarten, he had homework every night. They had simple, little assignments like how many footsteps from the refrigerator to the front door. It was just to get them used to always having homework. About halfway through the year, he came home very upset about his homework. The assignment was to name five kids in his class. I tried to calm him down and said he could name them and I would write down the names. With tears in his eyes, he said, "But Grandma, they already have names."

Here are nine important facts to make you even smarter:

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- Number 9 – Death is the number 1 killer in the world.
 - Number 8 – Life is sexually transmitted.
 - Number 7 – Good health is merely the slowest possible rate at which one can die.
 - Number 6 – Men have two emotions: hungry and horny, and they can't tell them apart.

If you see a gleam in his eyes, make him a sandwich.

– Number 5 – Give a person a fish and you feed them for a day. Teach a person to use the internet and they won't bother you for weeks, months, maybe years.

– Number 4 – Health nuts are going to feel stupid some day, lying in the hospital, dying of nothing.

– Number 3 – All of us could take a lesson from the weather. It pays no attention to criticism.

– Number 2 – In the 60's, people took acid to make the world weird. Now the world is weird, and people take Prozac to make it normal.

– Number 1 – Life is like a jar of jalapeno peppers. What you do today might burn your ass tomorrow.

– Bonus – Don't worry about old age, it doesn't last that long!

I've discovered a modern old age symptom. Forget about going into another room and not knowing why. Now I pick up my phone and have no idea what I was going to check, the weather, the time, news, a recipe, what? I don't even need to get up anymore to forget what I'm doing. Honestly, am I alone in this or do any of you have this problem too?

And finally, there was a blond convention last month in Orlando. The host and organizer was interested in promoting confidence and pride in blondes. He wanted to counteract all the blond jokes. Over 20,000 blondes attended. On the last night they filled a stadium and after a rousing concert by a group of blond entertainers, the host planned to end the convention on a high note. To celebrate the intellect of blondes, he would randomly choose a volunteer from the audience to answer a question for a \$10,000 prize package. Up came a beautiful young blond woman, looking smart and confident. “Here is a history question for you. In the Civil War, there were two sides, the South and the ? She just stared at him. He explained that she needed to fill in the last word, the South and the ?

She paced back and forth, a rumble went through the crowd, and she finally said, “Southwest! A great airline!” Disappointed, the host said it was a great try, but incorrect. Maybe she could have one more try. The crowd yelled agreement. So he asked, “Who is buried in Grant's Tomb?” And she didn't hesitate, with a big grin she said, “Lincoln.” “Unfortunately,” he said, “that is incorrect.” And the crowd yelled for one more time. Finally, really wanting to award the prize, he asked, “What is 2 plus 2?”

Well, she broke out in a sweat and screwed up her face, made a few odd noises and grunt sounds and said, “Four?” A grin spread across the host's face and as he jumped in the air in excitement, the crowd rose to its feet and 20,000 blondes cried out as one voice, “Give her one more chance!”

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GOLF CART PARADE

Wednesday, December 22, dusk.

Carol Olson, Coach 226



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December 31. 8:00-12:00

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Horseshoe

Rich Haslam, Coach 331, 493-6966

Horseshoe Club continues to collect cans at Rich Haslam's coach, Lot 331. Rich is looking for folks to help get the horseshoe court before the beginning of the season, probably in January.



Shuffleboard

Paul Puerling, Coach 170, 533-9324

Paul plans to have Hoss Collar shuffleboard competitions on Saturdays at 1:00 p.m. Just show up with \$1 to participate.



Friendly Shuffleboard practice is Mondays after the Residents' Club Meeting.

Some residents play pick-up games of shuffleboard. If you do that, please sweep the court before you play and put all equipment away when you are done

GAMES AND GAME ROOM

Sports Director, Paul Puerling, Coach 170. 533-9324

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Debbie and Roger Heil, Coach 104, 423-1264

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Joan Seiders, Coach 123, 532-8409

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Becky Webber, Coach 105, 250-755-9875

Choir practice is held every Wednesday at 9:00 a.m. in the Clubhouse. All who enjoy singing are encouraged to join. The Choir performs at the Christmas Concert and the Memorial Concert. Thanks to Becky Webber for taking over the Choir.



Residents' Club

Roger Heil, Coach 104, 423-1264

9:00 a.m. Mondays, Clubhouse

This is the "official" meeting of/for Bay Ranch residents to hear about on-going and up-coming social events.

Koffee Klatch

Adam and Jan Pirhofer, Coach 1402, 623-7808/251-7985

8 a.m. Mondays in the Clubhouse

Adam and Jan pick up bakery items while kitchen volunteers make coffee to sell during the Residents' Club meeting. 50/50 tickets are also for sale.



Stein Studs

Adam Pirhofer, Coach 1402, 623-7808/251-7985

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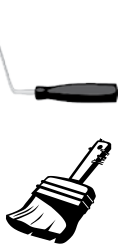


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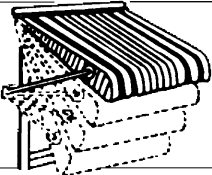
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Birthdays and Anniversaries

By Cindy Devinney, Coach 1065, 550-7377

Please call Cindy with any changes

Did we miss your birthday? Your anniversary?

Note: Birthdays and Anniversaries continue to be very difficult to get correct, but in response to many requests, **The Bay Ranch Review** will continue to publish the list we have. If you want your birthday or anniversary listed in the **Review**, please give Cindy your information in writing (to ensure spelling and dates are correct)

Editor's Note: please feel free to submit a eulogy for any resident or former resident of Bay Ranch

December Birthdays

2	Linda Colburn	14	Kimberly Gilkey
3	Shirley Hanright	18	William Moore
4	Debora Shirley	19	Joan Haslem
	Robert Spence	20	Bruce Sharp
7	Kris Fick	21	Ronald Hanright
	Cathy Seiders	25	Dorothy Murphy-Smith
8	Marlene Scutti	26	Christine Cohen
10	Thomas Dewey	27	Casey Berning
11	Richard Daily	28	Don Peters
	Paige Andrews	29	Carol Alvey
13	Eileen DeFrancisco	30	Richard Haley
	Carmen McClintoch	31	Carol Braga
	Patricia Warnett		Patricia Adair
	Linda Pariano		
	Dave Andrews		



December Anniversaries

3	Kip & Sharon Van Horn
18	George & Susan Hill
	James & Laretta Howe
	James & Ione Jones
28	Don & Judy Peters
31	Benjamin & Patricia Adair



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A Tribute to Cliff Wicks

By Wayne Redshaw

Monday, November 1st was a very sad day for many residents at Bay Ranch Mobile Village Park. I know I was shocked and I was roughly 1,300 miles away in Canada when I received news from Patty Harwood that Cliff Wicks, the former park manager at Bay Ranch, had passed away. He was 76.

He was a true friend for years, not just to me but to a majority of the permanent and snowbird residents in the park. He was in my opinion the cornerstone of Bay Ranch. He always went that extra mile if a resident had a problem and sought his advice or help. And he always made himself available no matter what time of day. If you left a message either at the office or on his phone he always got back to you. While he was the park manager and represented the ownership one could also say he was a “people’s person” as his door was always open. He cared for the people and had a heart of gold.

And he showed up a meetings and social functions (dances, concerts, talent nights, fundraisers) in the clubhouse. It was considered a rare night if Cliff and Rose were not at a dance. And at many of those dances, Cliff would go table to table to chat or just say “hi.” Sometimes, especially New Year’s Eve he brought along bottle of Sambuca complete with plastic cups to toast. And he didn’t have just one. Once that was empty it was a quick trip to his van to get another.

Born in Johnstown , PA and at one time a Baptist Minister, Cliff came to Florida in 2001 and became park manager shortly after, replacing Walter Upton. He would remain park manager for roughly 17 years and later on became president of the Home Owners Association.

During those 17 years as park manager, Cliff accomplished a lot. He established a “Help Fund” for residents who had encountered financial woes. He also launched a dinner to honour residents who turned 90 years old.

And let’s not forget the Christmas Eve gathering Cliff and Rose always catered to every December 24th in the clubhouse. It became a tradition and was always well attended.

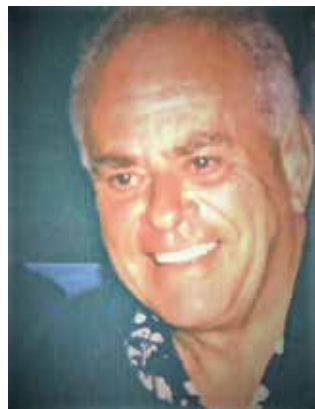
Then there was the Pig Roast that Cliff started for the northerners (snowbirds) before they left for home.

Cliff had many trademarks and one that sticks out is driving around the park in his van and making various stops to chat with people if they were outside. And if he didn’t stop, he always gave a wave. I might add, he never broke the speed limit as he always followed the rules.

He also enjoyed being part of our Balboa round table outings in recent years. Quite often if it hadn’t assembled he stop by to see if it was going to open.

Cliff enjoyed going to the flea market and hunt for bargains. He was also into antiques. He knew what was genuine and what was a fake.

Cliff’s Last Act of Kindness was to donate eyes to help someone else in need.



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More Tributes

Wayne Redshaw was not alone in wanting to honor Cliff Wicks, former Bay Ranch Manager, who passed away on November 1, 2020. Here are some of the comments from Neighbors:

Andrea Willis
I can't tell you all the times Cliff had helped me. The one I will never forget is when I got the news that my son had passed away. It was New Years Eve of 2006. I got a call from my daughter at 12:30 am and I was by myself Cliff came right down and... See more

Like · Reply · 17h · Edited

Nancy Ann Peterson
Best manager this park ever had. He cared about people and their well being. Our Ranch will never be the same again. Rest In Peace Cliff. Love and prayers for Rose. 🙏❤️

Lynda McCurrach MacNeill
Cliff will be missed by many. I remember how Cliff and Rose helped us the first year we rented at Bay Ranch and again when we bought. Cliff helped us find a bike for George. And last year when so many Canadians could not get to Florida for the winter and I so very much needed the social part of living. Cliff and Rose made me feel welcome to join them. I remember all the danger at Bay Ranch and Cliff always circled the room greeting every one. RIP Cliff, hope George was there to greet you. I will miss seeing you.

Ruth Flesher Moore
Cliff performed Robert & my marriage ceremony right here at Bay Ranch. So sad that 3 in this picture have passed.



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Robin Mitchell
Cliff was the park manager when I moved here almost 5 years ago. Really nice man. He will be greatly missed in this community. R. I. P. prayers for Rose and his family. 🙏🙏💜

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Beverly Farinha
Sorry to hear about Cliff.

Linda Coburn
If you're interested in memories, Cliff officiated at Don's and my 50th anniversary vow renewal in February 2018, at the Clubhouse. We were honored to have him do that. We had a small party with family and friends, and Bob Lupton as DJ.

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Mark Burguron Winter
Linda Coburn I remember that very nice memory.

Like · Reply · 2d

Linda Coburn
Mark Burguron Winter - It was a wonderful day for us, and we appreciated your contribution to making it special.

Linda Walker
Cliff will be greatly missed.

Like · Reply · 1w

Peggy Sims Thompson
I'm so sad to hear about Cliff. Prayers for Rose! ❤️🙏

Barbara Farner Lehman
Thanks for sharing.

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Sharon Carriere
Paul and I moved to the Ranch in 2006. He and Rose were the first people to befriend us. The Christmas programs were the best for those of us who had no family here. I always remember when he said "look around the room some of us won't be here next year". When Paul was dying Cliff came and prayed with Paul. I will never forget that. Fly high with the angels Cliff!!!!

Mary Sue Thompson
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Why do you suppose anyone even cares if you are a robot? The question sent me, where else, to the internet to check it out.

It turns out if you are not a robot, the site can relax security a little bit. Robots can be mischievous. Abbreviated "bots," computer robot programs have lots of purposes, irritating or harmful. For example, they can spam comment sections with the same text over and over. A bot dumped post after post of porn links into the comments on one small discussion group. A robot can create millions of user accounts on a website, making it crash. Or the bot account could contain malware to infect your computer. One user described it as simple: to keep robots from taking over the world.



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A “This is What Happened at Bay Ranch Last Month” column

A column about Holidays coming up

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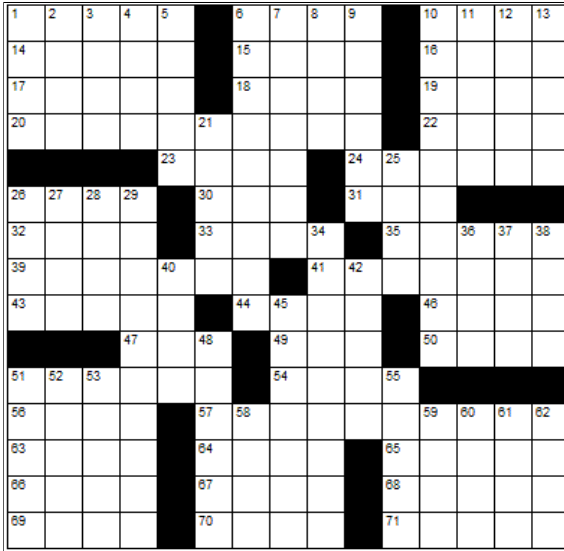


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ACROSS

- 1. "Smallest particles"
- 6. Bond
- 10. Salt Lake state
- 14. Reasonable judgment
- 15. Lubricate
- 16. Infamous Roman emperor
- 17. Heart artery
- 18. Colored part of an eye
- 19. Shortly
- 20. Drowsiness
- 22. Hefty volume
- 23. Cocoyam
- 24. Waif
- 26. A small wooded hollow
- 30. Hole-making tool
- 31. Ribonucleic acid
- 32. Chocolate cookie
- 33. Tilled
- 35. Fall color
- 39. One who bestows
- 41. Brainiac
- 43. Glacial ridge
- 44. A ceremonial staff
- 46. Therefore
- 47. 52 in Roman numerals
- 49. Container
- 50. Apothecary's weight
- 51. Area or district
- 54. Expectoration
- 56. Black, in poetry
- 57. Without a dad
- 63. Only
- 64. Wings
- 65. Luxury boat
- 66. Ailments
- 67. French for "Black"
- 68. Stripes
- 69. Negatives
- 70. Anagram of "Nets"
- 71. One on each hand



DOWN

- 1. "Oh my!"
- 2. Anagram of "Loot"
- 3. Brute
- 4. Small amount
- 5. Anagram of "Space"
- 6. Small burrowing legless lizard
- 7. Halo
- 8. Nile bird
- 9. Not greater
- 10. Uncommitted
- 11. Adult male singing voice
- 12. Fragrance
- 13. Product of bees
- 21. Potato state
- 25. Kiss
- 26. Venician magistrate
- 27. Makes a mistake
- 28. An escape of water
- 29. Solitariness
- 34. Decodes
- 36. German for "Mister"
- 37. Indian music
- 38. Anagram of "Dome"
- 40. Threesome
- 42. Wish granter
- 45. Forge
- 48. Child
- 51. Varnish ingredient
- 52. African virus
- 53. Used to express surprise
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