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HOA President's UPDATES

Jerry Zielinski, HOA President, 727-225-3657

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at the monument located at the front Clubhouse. It was a time to remember those who lost their lives while serving Our Great Nation. Memorial Day is the unofficial start of Summer. On a different note, there was an incident on Prince Oak on the 3rd of June. Someone smashed into the bench located at Lotus. I sit outside a lot and have noticed that there are several residents who while walking, take a small break and sit on the bench. This happens during the daytime as well as the nighttime. Luckily there were no residents sitting on the bench when this happened. (God must have been watching over them). It's not known if it was a resident or visitor who crashed into & destroyed the bench. I guess that person did not want to accept responsibility for their actions. I don't know for sure if the bench will be replaced or not. For those who used the bench to rest, I'm sorry.

There are many of us that have grandchildren and great-grandchildren who visit us. This is something that we look forward to...Seeing Our Loved Ones.

I don't know why what I am going to say happens in our park. There are CHILDREN driving Golf Carts in the Park. There are a couple reasons why they should NOT be driving these carts. It is AGAINST the Law for Children to be operating Golf Carts unless they have a Driver's License.

Adults have been with the children while they operate the Golf Carts. It's FUN for the Children to operate them. There is NO Fun in seeing a child being injured while operating them. Golf Carts are Not Toys. Here is the sad part of this issue. When adults have been approached about this they smile and basically ignore it. They sit next to the children while they are operating the Carts and think this ok.

I Pray that the children doing this are NEVER injured or injure anyone else. Residents... Think about this.

Let's have a safe and wonderful summer! Stay Healthy and Happy! - Jerry Z.







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John 3:16

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Neighborhood Watch

Marty Ott, 727-787-3272

I Serendipity Residents!
My name is Marty Ott and I live at #340 on India. I have been appointed the Neighborhood Watch Liaison for Serendipity MHP by the HOA and Pinellas County Sheriff's Department. My responsibility in this position is to take calls from the residents of Serendipity and give weekly feedback to the park manager and the PCSO Neighborhood Watch Commander, Deputy Chuck Skipper.

June 2022 Notes from the Neighborhood Watch Coordinator:

Things have been quiet in Serendipity. I've received 3 phone calls from residents, investigated their issues and sent a report to Deputy Skipper. I will follow up with those residents involved over the next several weeks. I believe we live in a very safe neighborhood since I've received so few calls.

Just a reminder if you see something dangerous or feel threatened, call **911**. If it is just to report something suspicious, call the Sheriff's non-emergency number at (727) 582-6200. Then call me the next morning at (727) 787-3272 and I will note it in the daily log so that we can categorize the types of problems we are having, and the Sheriff can assign manpower to our park at times and places necessary.

Serendipity residents should **ONLY call** me during regular business hours which are 8:00AM - 5:00PM.

REMEMBER...IF YOU SEE SOMETHING, SAY SOMETHING

-Marty



WELLNESS ACTIVITIES PAGE

CHAIR FITNESS (Stronger Senior Videos)

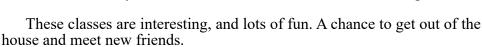
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Walking Club

Margaret Ishler, 617-519-4130

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-Margi

Line Dancing

Leslie Bellinger, 727-729-5039

ine dancing is over for this summer. We had a nice group of Line Dancers this season. We will start up again in the fall. Watch the Media book and the bulletin boards in October for the startup date. Keep dancing!

Hope to "see you on the dance floor"- Leslie



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- PLEASE DO NOT SEND ME PICS OR INFORMATION THROUGH FACEBOOK. I SOMETIMES MISS THAT INFO. EITHER EMAIL ME OR DROP OFF IN GREEN BOX ON MY PATIO. THANK YOU. NANCI
- Remember to get your submissions in to me before the 10th of each month. Any errors or late submissions will be noted in the next month's Monthly Media.
- I am still looking for a volunteer to oversee the "Meet Your Neighbor" column. Not a lot of work. Call me at 321-201-2479. -Nanci

Remember these articles...

- 1. <u>Meet Your Neighbor!</u> With your permission, we will highlight a member of our community. Whether a new move-in or a seasoned veteran, we would like to know your name and a little about you.
- 2. <u>Marilyn's Recipe Corner!</u> Drop off your favorite recipe with your name at my home (#378) or email it to my address above and I will enter one each month in the newsletter.
- 3. <u>Community Articles!</u> If you wish to submit an article that may be interesting to our residents, feel free to email or drop it to me at #378 for editing and submission for publication. Be sure to add your name and phone number.

There is a **GREEN wooden box** on my driveway patio that says "NEWSLETTER" to leave any articles, recipes, or notices. You can also email me at <u>nanci.j.dorau@gmail.com</u>

Just-A-Note

Nanci Dorau, 321-201-2479 nanci.j.dorau@gmail.com

rom: Nanci Dorau, Editor

***I want to thank our new volunteer delivery persons for the Monthly Media. Maribel
Gutierrez for Palm and Jerry Zielinski for Jasmine. Please thank these and all our volunteers
for their service to our park!

From: Pat Lucksinger

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Serendipity Travel

Pat Lucksinger, Dawn Roberts

Early morning will depart directly from your community and begin the relaxing and scenic drive through the heart of Florida. From the vantage point of our comfortable tour bus you will be able to take in the rural beauty of our fine state as we pass by many quaint historic towns. For your convenience we will be making regular comfort stops.

Mid way through our journey we will stop for lunch at a suitable restaurant (lunch on own). In the afternoon we will stop for a photo opportunity at Battleship Park. The Hero Of The Pacific USS Alabama, rests here on Mobile Bay. Depending upon our time schedule you will either have dinner en route to the hotel or after we arrive.

Day 2

After breakfast you will board the tour bus for a short drive to New Orleans one of America's oldest cities. Upon arrival you will meet your step on guide who will take you on a tour of this colorful city. The guided tour will end in the heart of the French Quarter marketplace. After

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you have soaked up the scenery, history and its fascinating tales then it's time to get the good times rolling down Bourbon Street which is located right in the French Quarter and thanks to the annual Mardi Gras has quite a party reputation. You will have time to stroll down Bourbon Street, shop at one of the numerous unique stores, enjoy a relaxing meal in one of the many wonderful restaurants specializing in French Creole cuisine or have coffee and beignets at one of the numerous café's. The tour bus will meet you in the afternoon and take you back to the hotel so you may freshen up before returning to the city early evening.

Day 3

After enjoying breakfast you will set off for a whole day of exploring and discovery. You will enjoy a brief ferry ride across the Algiers so you may enjoy the city from this beautiful aspect. This is a free day to spend in the city as you wish. Your tour bus will be available mid



afternoon for those who wish to return to the hotel, there will be two pick up times. You will be informed of those times and pick up location on this morning. You will then have the opportunity to enjoy dinner in one of the culturally exciting restaurants the city has to offer. (Dinner on own)

New Orleans is one of the world's most fascinating cities. Steeped in a history of influences from Europe, the Caribbean, Africa and beyond, it's home to a truly unique melting pot of culture, food and music.

You will find restaurants offering great local cuisine, historic neighborhoods rich in architecture, a French Quarter buzzing with excitement, and of course Jazz!

Things to do: Bourbon Street, Steam Boat on the Mississippi, Mardi Gras, Museum Katrina, Museum Preservation Hall, French Market, Jackson Square, Harrahs Casino, French Quarter, Carriage Ride, Ghost Tour, National WWII Museum, Aquarium of Americas, Street Car to The Garden District

Day 4

Another day of adventure awaits, after breakfast we will board the tour bus for our journey South through scenic Florida. There will be many comfort stops available on our way back so that you may enjoy lunch and refreshments (on own) along our route back home to your community.

"The following article is the opinion of the author and does not reflect the views of Serendipity or the Monthly Media"

Things That Make You Go...Hmmmmmm?

submitted by Neil Thomas, resident

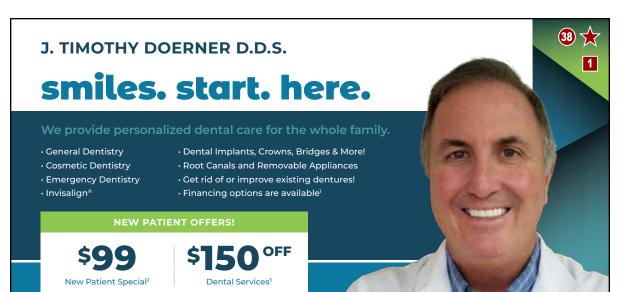
Stagflation is when the nation's gross domestic product (GDP) is declining while there is high inflation (above 2%). You may hear more of this term stagflation in the coming midterm election campaigns. Some economic experts are predicting stagflation. The country has not seen stagflation since



the 1970's to 1980. By the summer of 1980 the unemployment was at 7.8% while inflation was 12.3%. Now, oil and gas prices have hit record prices. Cost of goods and services are increasing on most items. Searching cyber space for the term "stagflation" have spiked! The Federal Reserve will fight inflation by raising interest rates which usually results in a decline in the economy. If the GDP declines two consecutive fiscal quarters, it is called a recession. Both Harry Truman and Ronald Reagan have used this quote: "A recession is when your neighbor loses his job. A depression is when you lose your job."

Youtube is streaming numerous podcasts about our current economy particularly stagflation.

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"Marilyn's Recipe Corner" by Marilyn Farnworth

From the kitchen of Joanna Cismaru, www.JoCooks.com (6/15/2022)

SEX IN A PAN

Prep: 45 mins Cook: 20 mins Serves: 12

INGREDIENTS:

For Crust:

- 1 cup pecans chopped
- 3 tablespoon granulated sugar
- ½ cup unsalted butter melted
- 1 cup all-purpose flour

For Cream cheese layer:

- 8-ounce cream cheese
- 1 cup powdered sugar or confectioner's sugar, use 1/2 cup for less sweetness
- 1 cup cool whip or whipped cream

For Vanilla Pudding:

- 5.1-ounce instant vanilla pudding
- 2 cups milk

For Chocolate Pudding:

- 5.1-ounce instant chocolate pudding
- 2 cups milk

For Toppings:

- 2 cups cool whip or whipped cream
- shaved chocolate optional

DIRECTIONS:

Preheat oven to 350 F degrees.

Spray a 9×13-inch baking dish with cooking spray.

In a mixer mix all the crust ingredients together. Press the mixture into the prepared baking dish. Bake it for about 20 minutes.

Prepare the vanilla pudding as per the instructions on the package. I used 2 cups of milk instead of the 3 cups on the package instructions to get a firmer pudding.

Prepare the chocolate pudding as per the instructions on the package. I used 2 cups of milk instead of the 3 cups on the package instructions to get a firmer pudding.

In a mixer add the cream cheese, powdered sugar, and the cup of whipped cream. Mix until light and fluffy.

Let the crust cool. Spread the cream cheese mixture over the crust evenly. Spread the vanilla pudding over the cream cheese layer, then the chocolate pudding. Spread the whipped cream as the last layer then top with shaved chocolate if preferred.

Refrigerate for a couple hours until it sets before serving.





Our Residents Birthdays & Anniversaries

~JUly 2022~

erendipity and our residents wish everyone celebrating their birthday or anniversary this month a wonderful day!

Birthstone: Ruby

Birth Flower: Water Lily or Larkspur

Birth Flower Meaning: Meaning: Purity, Positivity, Dignity

JULY BIRTHDAYS

- 1 Bela Suranyi
- 3 Gregg Betcher
- 4 Vivian Mondello
- 10 Robby Robertson
- 11 Gail Sauter
- 11 Dawn Aughenbaugh
- 12 Colleen Clark
- 16 Jeannie Sanderson

- 19 Eddie Mondello
- 20 Carol McBride
- 21 Linda Cortright
- 22 Lorain Reitzel29 Dave Puckett
- 30 Lance Mello
- 31 Vickie Mello



JULY ANNIVERSARIES

- 8 Jim & Joan Currier
- 10 Dave & Deb Genovese
- 15 John & Gloria Arnone
- 16 Jim & Laurel Manske
- 16 Troy & Cathy Mooney16 Gregg & Rhonda Betcher
- 25 Bela & Betty Suranyi



Celebrities with JULY Birthdays

If you do not know who these people are, here is something for you to do in your spare time...Google their names!

June 6, 1755 - Nathan Hale	July 22, 1947 - Danny Glover
July 16, 1911 - Ginger Rogers	July 24, 1936 - Ruth Buzzi
July 18, 1943 - Calvin Peete	July 24, 1964 - Barry Bonds
July 19, 1946 - Ilie Nastase	July 25, 1954 - Walter Payton
July 20, 1919 - Sir Edmund Hillary	July 25, 1978 - Louise Brown
July 21, 1948 - Cat Stevens	July 26, 1943 - Mick Jagger
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Bingo

Cindy Sharpe, 336-366-6304, Sue Shumyhora, 203-615-1043



BINGO! Please bring a friend with you to enjoy a night out it and visit with friends and neighbors! BINGO is played in the East clubhouse every THURSDAY at 7:00 P. M. sharp. We play 8 games and 1 speedy. Cards for speedy are \$.50 each. Six card sheets are \$3.00 and 9 card sheets are \$5.00. You must be 18 years old to play. It's a fun night out, all residents are welcome, and you can get a chance to meet new people. We have a great group of people, and we always welcome more to attend - the more the merrier! This also means the bigger the pots to win.

Bocce Ball

Gloria Mitchell, 727-421-0018

ome join us for a fun game of Bocce Ball on Tuesdays at 7:00 PM at the Bocce Ball courts behind the exercise room. You do not need any equipment; we provide it all! There is no need to sign up. Just show up to have fun!



Bridge

Steve Sisson, 727-772-5882

RIDGE GAMES WILL RESUME IN THE FALL! Games are played on Thursdays at 7:00 P. M. at the East Clubhouse. New players are welcome, and instruction is available. Call for information and to let us know you will be attending.

-Steve

Cards – 65 Rummy

Diane L. Clement Coppens, 727-453-9752

65 RUMMY is held Wednesday at 6:30 PM at the West Clubhouse all year round. Bring \$.70 for both games and a friend! Come join us for a fun night out!



Cornhole

Gloria Mitchell, 727-421-0018

TEW! Cornhole will be played near the East Clubhouse at 7:00 PM every Saturday evening. Come and enjoy this fun game with your friends and neighbors!



Cribbage

Steve Gebbett, 727-784-0439

ee you all next fall! Have a great summer! Cribbage is played on Tuesdays at 7:00 P. M. in the card room in the East Hall.

That's it for this season! Many thanks, Steve



Dominoes

We are always looking for more players. Everyone is welcome. Come for the FUN! Dominoes are played every Sunday at 6:30 PM. Please bring \$.95!



Euchre

Marty & Beth Ott, 727-787-3272

uchre will resume in November. Watch the media and Facebook for more information. We wish everyone an enjoyable summer and safe travels to our snowbird neighbors as they head north.



-Beth & Marty

Coffee Klatch

Sue Shumyhora, 203-615-1043

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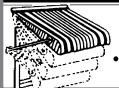
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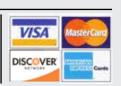
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- Linda

'Tuesday' Golf League

Jean-Louis Lamontagne, 727-787-1213, or Jim Beatty, 727-216-3715

fter a great golf season, we want to announce that the "Tuesday Golf League" will start up again in October 2022. Please look for updates in the Monthly Media in the fall.

Please contact J.L. at jeanlouis.lamontagne@gmail.com or Jim at j.beats@hotmail.com if you wish to join us and have fun. We are open to all skill levels, and you do not have to be a resident of Serendipity MHP.

Have a wonderful summer! - Jim and JL

Ladies Luncheon

Dawn Roberts, 518-312-8713, Betty Sager, 518-308-9329

I i everyone! We would all like to thank Dawn Roberts & Betty Sager for taking over the Ladies' Luncheon. We also want to thank Phyllis Messina and Marge DeMarco for hosting this for Serendipity in the past. The luncheons will resume in September of 2022. Please watch the Monthly Media and the Bulletin Boards for information.



Please join us for a lovely time!
-Dawn & Betty

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Nanci Dorau, 321-201-2479

HECK BACK NEXT MONTH!





Pinochle

Jan Barrett, 727-786-8638

Pinochle will be played every Friday at 6:30 in the East clubhouse in the Card room. It is \$1.00 to play. Everyone is Welcome. Come watch and learn this old - time game. Watch the bulletin boards for future updates. Hope to see you soon!



-Come and join us, Jan

Shuffleboard/Fun League

Chuck Bellinger (727-729-5039), George Wagner (716-604-6370)

TATCH THE BULLETIN BOARDS AND THE MONTHLY MEDIA FOR MORE INFO

A note to all that may be interested in Shuffleboard. The last official shuffle gathering in Serendipity was Mar. 2019.



Covid ended shuffling for two years. At that time, we had a president, vice president, secretary, treasurer and four team captains. We played on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 1 to 3 pm. We had about 40 to 50 people playing 10 to a team. Over these Covid years we have lost many of the past participants, but we can get a shuffle group going if there is enough interest. The only people left as officers are Jan Barrett, Vice President, Jim Lewendowski, treasurer, and me.

To get back to what we were before we would need officers and captains. Serendipity has a long history of shuffling. As late as 2017 we had two traveling teams and a fun league. There were 16 people each on the A and B traveling teams and normally 50 to 60 people in the fun league. I am not suggesting we get back to traveling teams but a fun league within the park is possible if there is interest. But we would need people to pitch in and help get this going again. We will put a signup sheet at both club houses that will be there all summer. If interested, please sign up and mention if you are interested in being a captain or if you're interested in being an officer. None of the present officers are here in the summer. We really should elect new officers also if we get something going. Normally the fun league does not start until January.

Try it you will like it! Chuck Bellinger, President

HOA and Social Committee Update

Jerry Zielinski, President, 727-225-3657, Cindy Sharpe, 336-266-6304

ur HOA Informational meetings are the third Tuesday of the month at 7:00 pm at the East Clubhouse, throughout the summer months.

Notes from the Social Director:

Our Social Director is Cindy Rudd Sharpe. Her phone number is 336-366-6304. Please

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Calendar of Events (See below for specifics on these events)

Saturday, July 2	Coffee Klatch	7:30 AM		Е
Sunday, July 10	Indoor Concert/Bits & Pieces	2:00-5 PM	\$8.00	E
Every Wednesday	Big Band Practice	7:00-9:00 PM	FREE	E

^{***}Please check out our flyers regularly for further information. Sign-up sheets are posted only in the East Clubhouse. Checkout the Facebook Serendipity Homeowners Association Page as information may change.

JULY EVENTS INFORMATION

10 O'clock Big Band: This 18-piece big band is practicing in the East clubhouse every Wednesday night. You may also make yourself comfortable on the porch. Please clean up your area when done. We hope you will come to listen to the music and have a fun night with friends and your neighbors!

Trivia: Trivia Night! Saturdays TBA at 7:00 PM at the East Clubhouse. Please bring \$1.00 to play!

Activities on your own available:

- Swimming Pool
- Bocce Ball
- Shuffleboard. See office for equipment.
- Billiards
- Cards in either clubhouse
- Gym/Fitness Center



FUTURE EVENTS AT SERENDIPITY

AUGUST

Sunday, August 21, 2022 Inside Concert w/Carolyn Street 5-8 PM \$8 E

DECEMBER

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Please Remember: Be responsible! Maintain safe social distancing. Wear masks where required. Clean off your tables, chairs, and gym equipment after use! This is good practice even though restrictions have been lifted. Have a good time staying safe and healthy!

**Billiards and Shuffleboard players must be 18 years old to play without adult supervision! **

Curiosity Corner

by Dennis Buehrle

The First and Last Camp

achau, a town founded in the 9th century with a population of about 47,000, is located approximately 12 miles northwest of Munich, Germany. Like many European towns the architecture reflects its rich historical past. However, its rich historical past has been tainted for its proximity to the infamous WW II concentration camp that bears its



name, Dachau. The first in a series of camps that would include the names of some more notable camps, such as Auschwitz, Bełżec, Bergen-Belsen, Buchenwald, Ravensbrueck, Chełmno, and Treblinka.

Many Germans felt that the terms of the Treaty of Versailles, were responsible for the horrendous conditions of their society. The unrelenting propaganda by the German government, during World War I, kept citizens in the dark. They were oblivious about the crumbling German lines on the Western front. They felt betrayed by the military, their elite, and others for surrendering, that resentment and need to assign blame helped build the Nazi Party, the National Socialist Workers Party. The racist and anti-Semitic beliefs of the party fueled violent attacks against Jews upon seizing power in 1933. The violence and economic pressure towards Jews, and others deemed undesirable, was used to encourage emigration to other countries.

Dachau concentration camp opened on March 22, 1933. It was the first detention or



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concentration camp initially for high-level political prisoners; Communists, Social Democrats, trade unionists, and other political opponents. Over time Jehovah's Witnesses, Gypsies, homosexuals, anti-socials, repeat criminal offenders, intellectuals, and the handicapped were also added to the ever-growing list of undesirables. Dachau, a labor camp, used prisoners in various construction projects to build roads, drain marshes, and work in small handicraft industries established within the camp. However, a speech given by Johann-Erasmus Freiherr von Malsen-Ponickau on May 11, 1933, to men of the SS that had just arrived at Dachau, left no doubt about the purpose of the camp.

"Comrades of the SS!

You all know what the Fuehrer has called us to do. We have not come here for human encounters with those pigs in there. We do not consider them human beings, as we are, but as second-class people. For years they have been able to continue their criminal existence. But now we are in power. If those pigs had come to power, they would have cut off all our heads. Therefore, we have no room for sentimentalism. If anyone here cannot bear to see the blood of comrades, he does not belong and had better leave. The more of these pig dogs we strike down, the fewer we need to feed."

In 1935 the passage of the Nuremberg Laws made it possible to add race and the racially impure to the list. The camp became a training center for SS concentration camp guards, and its organization and routine became the model for all SS concentration camps. An edict, issued by Hitler, stated that Dachau and all other concentration camps would not be subject to German law, and that the administrators could hand out punishment as they saw fit. During the first year it held about 4,800 prisoners.

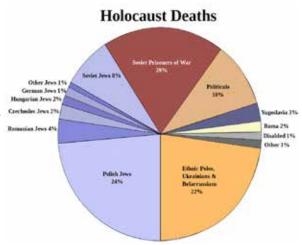
In early 1937, the SS, decided to expand the camp. Using the prisoners as the workforce, they started with the destruction of the old munitions factory. Completed in August 1938, the camp was now divided into two sections: the camp area capable of holding 6,000, and the crematoria area. The camp area had 32 barracks with two set aside for imprisoned clergy and the other for medical experiments. Summary execution of prisoners took place in the courtyard between the prison and the central kitchen. The camp was surrounded by an electrified barbedwire fence, a ditch, and a wall with seven guard towers. (Note: There is no evidence that the gas chamber at Dachau was used for extermination purposes. Those not selected for labor or medical experimentation were sent to the Hartheim "euthanasia" killing center near Linz, Austria.) The incinerators were used to dispose of individuals who died of exposure, exhaustion, experimentation, malnutrition, or liquidation by other means. Many communities in Germany had people taken away to Dachau and its sub-camps. You risked being silenced, ostracized, or possibly disappearing for even expressing a different or opposing opinion. Many served in government, the military, or in civil positions, that supposedly enabled them to engage in subversive activities against the government. The government would not tolerate any kind of criticism or verbal decent. Newspapers continually reported "the removal of enemies of the Reich to concentration camps." A jingle started around 1935: "Lieber Herr Gott, mach mich stumm, Das ich nicht nach Dachau komm'" ("Dear God, make me dumb [silent], That I may not to Dachau come.").

Nazi security services closely monitored the clergy to counter their strength and spiritual influence on society. Priests were often denounced, arrested, and sent to concentration camps, simply for being "suspected of activities hostile to the State" or that there was reason to "suppose



that his dealings might harm society". The majority of recorded clergy during the war at Dachau, 2579 of 2720 clergy, were Catholic priests.

On April 29, 1944, Allied British and American forces approached Dachau making it the third camp to be liberated by western allied forces. Most of them had only heard of the existence of these camps. The soldiers, and generals, were totally unprepared for what they would encounter. Outside the camp, a foul, putrid, sickening smell beckoned the curious to the more than 30 railroad cars, brought to Dachau, filled with dead bodies in various stages of decomposition. The sight left many soldiers physically sick and emotionally shocked, but it



was only a taste of what awaited them inside the camp. The phrase "Arbeit macht frei" appeared on the sign above the entrance gate, contextual English translation: "Work shall set you free".

Upon entering the camp, they found piles of naked corpses, "stacked like cordwood," their skin stretched tight across extremely malnourished bodies. Prisoners still alive were walking skeletons, barely able to stand or walk, others unable to stand, all malnourished. Some would die days later after eating food given to them by sympathetic soldiers, their bodies unable to digest the food. Word about the mass graves, the ovens, and grotesque conditions found inside the camp spread swiftly through the allied army, and many soldiers and officers visited the camp in disbelief, to bear witness. Dachau gave a new meaning to the war for many soldiers. They weren't just fighting an enemy; they were fighting evil itself.

In the years following the war Dachau held SS soldiers awaiting trial. After 1948, it held ethnic Germans expelled from Eastern Europe that were awaiting resettlement, and also used for a time as a United States military base during the occupation. It was finally closed in 1960, bringing an end to what was Germany's first and longest operational concentration camp. It is unlikely that the total number of victims who died in Dachau will ever be known, estimates vary up to approximately 200,000 detainees and 41,500 deaths.

Germany elevated the process of eliminating those deemed deplorable or undesirable to new heights, with estimates up to 8,000,000 people exterminated. Occasionally a story may appear in the paper or on the news about an old person being deported from a country to stand trial for their participation in those events about 75 years ago. The irony is that as repulsive as these events were to the world. Similar attempts, by governments or groups, to eradicate or forcibly change others has taken place since WWII, even today people suffer such degradation. Will the world ever have the fortitude to stop or prevent such atrocious behavior?

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"Get Well" card was sent to:

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Debra Vowell, Lot #120. Debra's son, Bryan passed away after a long illness.



"Thinking of You" cards were sent to:

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-Blessings to all! Your Sunshine Gal, Beth

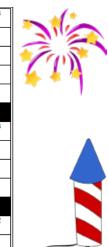


ACROSS

- 1. Run off to wed
- 6. Train track
- 10. Taxis
- 14. Lawful
- 15. Unit of land
- 16. Curved molding
- 17. Immense
- 18. Frosts, as a cake
- 19. Principal
- 20. Too shocked for words
- 22. Needles
- 23. Ripped
- 24. Citrus
- 26. Decorative case
- 30. Decay
- 31. Neither
- 32. Forsaken
- 33. Back talk
- 35. Plane driver
- 39. Consecrated 41. Breathtaking
- 43. Gladden
- 44. Cummerbund
- 46. Death notice
- 47. Strike
- 49. South southeast
- 50. Memo
- 51. Take for granted
- 54. Empty weight
- 56. Hit hard
- 57. Occupation
- 63. Healthy
- 64. Decant
- 65. Appraise
- 66. Smooth or level
- 67. European volcano
- 68. Consumer of food
- 69. Bird home
- 70. Scarlets
- 71. Get to one's feet



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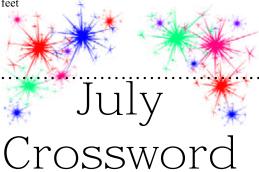


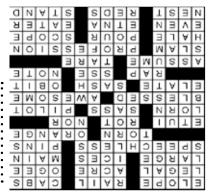
DOWN

- 1. LLLL
- 2. Jump
- 3. Brute
- 4. Part of a book
- 5. Select by voting
- 6. Train networks
- 7. Highlighting hues
- 8. Ticks off
- 9. Textbook division
- 10. Likening
- 11. Once more
- 12. Existence

- 13. Perception
- 21. Equine
- 25. Lariat
- 26. River to the North
- Sea
- 27. Fee
- 28. Fertilizer component 53. The business of
- 29. Musical device
- 34. Root-bark flavoring
- 36. Timber wolf
- 37. Leave out
- 38. French for "Head"
- 40. Crease

- 42. At which location?
- 45. Astonish
- 48. Goes with salt
- 51. Pale
- 52. Someone who is
- owned
- selling goods
- 55. S S S
- 58. Memorization
- method
- 59. "Go away!"
- 60. Infinitesimal amount
- 61. Not closed
- 62. Geek





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