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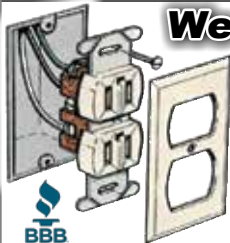
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Serena Libby – December 22nd – Lot 14

Jan and Everett Northcutt Anniversary - December 5th – Lot 148



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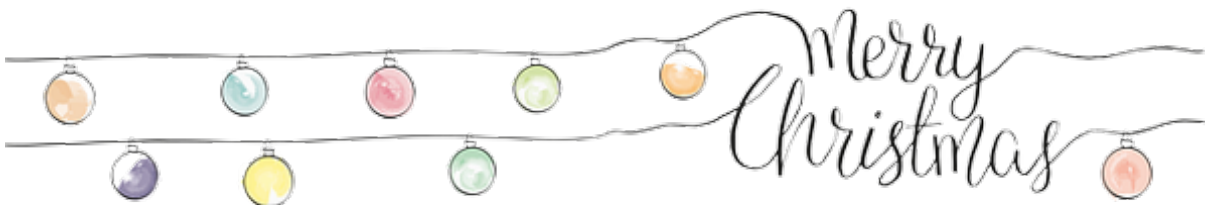


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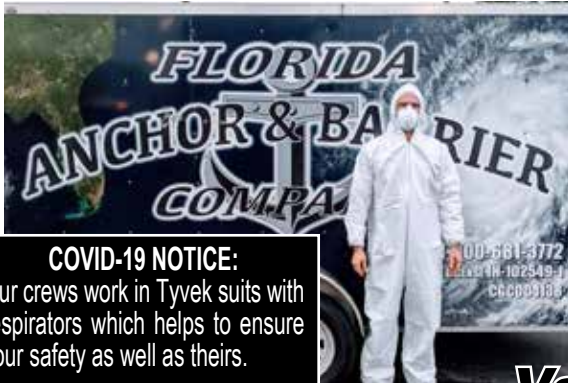


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Friday, December 2 at 7pm

DEATH BY CHOCOLATE This Rotary Club of Largo annual fundraiser supports local youth and empowerment initiatives and is a CPPAC tradition. Patrons enjoy dessert samples from local restaurants and businesses while the annual holiday lights in Largo Central Park are on full display. The event includes live entertainment, a silent auction, and complimentary champagne and coffee. Tickets:\$20

Saturday, December 10 at 11am

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Wednesday, December 14 at 2pm & 7:30pm

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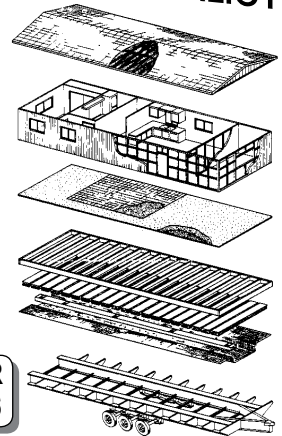
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Sunday - Tuesday, December 18-20 at 7pm

The Nutcracker - Join us for this classic holiday story ballet in which a young girl named Clara goes on an enchanting journey in her dreams after her parents' Christmas Eve party. Presented by Steps School of Dance, featuring local professional dancers and original choreography by Heather Mills, this holiday tradition is not to be missed! Tickets: \$14.50-39.50

Sunday, January 8 at 2pm

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LIGHTED HOLIDAY BOAT PARADES



Tips for watching holiday boat parades

- Drawbridges close to traffic for hours to allow boats to pass. If you need to cross a bridge along the parade route, you need a plan.
- Restaurants with outdoor dining are great places to view parades. Make reservations several weeks in advance.
- Public parks along parade routes are excellent viewpoints. Bring beach chairs.
- Arrive early. Most boat parades start at dusk, between 6-7 pm.

Friday, December 2nd - Tarpon Springs Illuminated Boat Parade. Vessels will proceed down the Anclote River at 6:30 pm and into the bayous where Santa will give out treats in Spring Bayou. Your best bet for viewing these holiday decorated vessels is from Craig Park/Spring Bayou. Boats are scheduled to pass Craig Park for judging at 7:30 p.m.

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Friday, December 9th - South Pasadena Lighted Boat Parade. Kicks off at 6:30 p.m. on the northeast side of Pasadena Isle just outside Marine Max St. Petersburg, then follows the coastline of South Pasadena, going under the Corey Causeway bridge, then through the inlets near Harbourside Condominiums and Bay Island Condominiums, ending behind Causeway Village and The Fountains. Viewing party at Barbara Gilberg Habitat, 1600 Pasadena Avenue South.

Saturday, December 10th - Clearwater Holiday Lighted Boat Parade. Beginning in Mandalay Channel at 6 p.m., boats travel along the inlets of Island Estates before going under the Memorial Causeway Bridge and finishing at the Clearwater Yacht Club, 830 Bayway Blvd. Parade to pass Coachman Park around 8:30 p.m. Free and family-friendly!

Saturday, December 10th - 55th Annual Festival of Lights Illuminated Boat Parade in Madeira Beach. 6:45 pm. Boat Parade will kick off at John's Pass with a shop local holiday extravaganza, tree lighting, and boat parade kickoff party. Head to ROC park for the best view of the parade and to enjoy holiday music, food, and spirits.

Saturday, December 17th - Tampa Riverwalk Lighted Boat Parade. Along the water by Davis Island, Harbour Island and the Channelside District. Parking is available at several public parking lots.

Sunday December 18th - Treasure Island Holiday Boat Parade. The Holiday Celebration begins at 5 p.m. at the Treasure Bay Recreation Facility, 10315 Paradise Boulevard, with the Boat Parade leaving at 6:20 p.m. Viewing areas are the City of Treasure Island Golf Course at Treasure Bay, along the Treasure Island Causeway Bridge, and at John's Pass.

Sunday, December 18th - Redington Shores and Indian Shores Holiday Boat Parade. From the Tom Stuart Causeway to Caddy's Pub restaurant in Indian Shores. The parade kicks off at 6 p.m. Prizes will be awarded after the parade that evening at Caddy's Pub, 20025 Gulf Blvd, Indian Shores.



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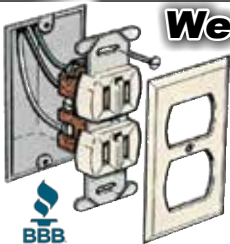
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Christmas		

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Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 HOA meeting 6pm	2 First Friday – Food & Fun at the Clubhouse 4:30	3
6	7 Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day	8	9 Butt's Out 4:30 at the Clubhouse	10
13	14	15	16 Butt's Out 4:30 at the Clubhouse	17
20	21	22	23 Butt's Out 4:30 at the Clubhouse	24 Christmas Eve
27	28	29	30 Butt's Out 4:30 at the Clubhouse	31 New Year's Eve

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FIRST FRIDAY

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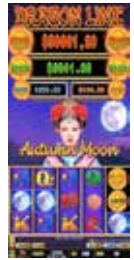
Also, we have “Butt's Out” every Friday 4:30 at the Clubhouse. Get your butts out of the house and come on over and enjoy great company, music, games and swimming.

HALLOWEEN

We had a great turnout for the Halloween party. Lots of great costumes, too. Aimee made Deviled eggs that looked just like little pumpkins, meatballs in orange sauce, crustini with smashed acorn squash, Yvette Chieves brought Wisconsin sushi (ham and cream cheese wrapped pickles), and Bobbi Elizabeth brought candies for dessert. Roberta Obrien judged the costume contest. First place: Yvette Chieves as Hula Girl, second place: Tim Beir as Beach Bum, and third place Dorothy Baroud as a Bumble Bee. Everyone enjoyed a really fun party.



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KNOW YOUR MANAGER



MANAGER

Jim Brault was born in Burlington, Vermont on March 31, 1964. The youngest of five, he attended St. Joseph Elementary and graduated from Rice High School in 1982. Father deceased, Jim’s mother lives in Vermont as well as his siblings. Obtaining a Business Degree in 1986 from St. Mike’s College in Vermont, Jim started working at a TV station in Burlington. As a Master Control Operator “I ran the commercials during the shows”. While working at the station he bought, managed and maintained rental properties. He resigned in 1999 and became self-employed. For seven years Jim and his wife ran a “Mom and Pop” convenience store and still managed their rental properties. Seven years later they sold the store and Jim began working for the Redstone Property Management Company This past year Jim resigned and sold all their properties and moved to Florida. In 2012, Jim and his wife Elise bought a home in Belleair, Florida as an investment and rented it for the past ten years where they reside today. Jim met Elise at College. They married in 1990 and have two sons. Calvin, born in 1996 is a “Travel Medical Imaging Specialist”. He and his fiancé Kasey (also a Medical Imaging Specialist) bought an R.V. and travel throughout the United States to many hospitals on a needed basis every three months. Maxwell, born in 1999, graduated from West Point Academy in 2022 and is stationed at Ft. Rucker, Alabama. “He flies helicopters”. Jim’s wife Elise is employed as a project manager at H.I.T. (Health Information Technology Co.) “She works from home supervising a group of technicians”. They have two pets. A dog, Eevee and a cat, Olive. “It took my wife nine months, but Olive’s toilet trained!” When Jim and Elise moved here, Jim sent out several resumes, made several interviews but decided to come to Shangri La “I live five minutes away”. In the past Jim has enjoyed downhill skiing, boating, did motorcycle tours but “I’m a terrible golfer”. Welcome Jim to our park. We are a fortunate group of residents to have someone with your experience and expertise. Good luck to you and Elise. May we keep you for many years!!!

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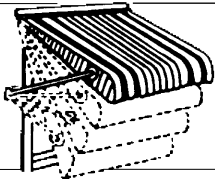
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WOMENS VS MENS BRAIN AGE

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SPANISH MOSS

Spanish moss (*Tillandsia usneoides*) is a flowering plant in the pineapple family (Bromeliaceae), so it's not a moss at all. (Mosses are non-vascular, non-flowering, spore-producing plants.) It's an epiphyte or air plant found in damp areas near waterways or swamps because it absorbs its moisture and nutrients from the air, so while it hangs from trees, it's not a parasite like mistletoe and does not rob the host tree of water or nutrients. Spanish moss is covered with trichomes (scales or flaps) on its surface, which are what allows this air plant to absorb moisture from the air and to catch the dust particles, which are needed for nutrients. The trichomes also slow down transpiration so it doesn't dry out too quickly.

It's a vascular plant, which means that it has vessel cells that carry water throughout the plant. Once the vessel cells (also known as xylem) form they die and become tough and wiry, which is what holds these long plants together. While strands of Spanish moss can be yards long, in reality, such a festoon usually consists of many individual plants that are only about 10 inches long that are tangled together. People probably don't think of Spanish moss as a flowering plant because the pale yellow-green to red flowers are so small as to be nearly imperceptible. It flowers in the summer when individual flowers last only a few days and emit a subtle fragrance, which attracts a variety of insect pollinators. Insects, spiders, and mites (including chiggers) live in the Spanish moss. Small birds such as warblers make their nests in the hanging Spanish moss, while other bigger birds harvest pieces of Spanish moss to line their nests. Spanish Moss is not Spanish; It's native to this hemisphere in mostly coastal regions from southern Maryland south to South America. The native Americans called it *itla-okla* or tree hair and when they communicated this to the early French explorers, who were in a type of competition with the Spanish explorers, named it *barbe Espagnol* or Spaniard's beard. The Spanish explorers then called it *cabello Francés* or French



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hair. The French name was modified to Spanish moss and that stuck in our lexicon. Starting in the late 1800s until 1930 or so, Spanish moss was commercially ginned to remove its outer skin for a wide variety of uses, including stuffing material for mattresses and furniture. The upholstery in the Model T Fords and other cars were stuffed with Spanish moss. Later car makers kept using it. In 1927, Louisiana alone sold 1200 carloads of Spanish moss—worth around fifty million of today's dollars. It's said that Spanish moss mattresses were popular in the South because they absorbed much more water than other stuffing materials. The great fire in Jacksonville in 1901 was started by a spark igniting a pile of drying Spanish moss. More than 2,000 building were destroyed. The city spent the next decade rebuilding and "Prairie School" architect Henry John Klutho was brought in to design many of the city's new buildings, which give Jacksonville its distinct style today.

CLEANING TIP:



A lot or you probably already know, I clean houses for a living. I thought I'd include some cleaning tips in the newsletters. Just some things I've figured out to make cleaning jobs a lot easier. As well as products (mostly from Dollar Tree) that I find work really well.

Should I steam my wood/laminate floors? They look SO good when I do!! Yes, they look awesome when you steam them. However, the steam will seep in between the planks and eventually (actually it doesn't take all that long) they are going to start to warp. Also, it's going to ruin the finish. They will start to look "milky." Which means the finish is coming off. So, stick with a damp mop.



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- 1/2 c. uncooked rice
- 2 tbsp. extra-virgin olive oil, plus more for drizzling
- 1 medium onion, chopped 2 tbsp. tomato paste 3 cloves garlic, minced
- 1 lb. ground beef
- 1 (14.5-oz.) can diced tomatoes
- 1 1/2 tsp. dried oregano Kosher salt Freshly ground black pepper
- 6 bell peppers, tops and cores removed
- 1 c. shredded Monterey jack

Preheat oven to 400°. In a small saucepan, prepare rice according to package instructions.

In a large skillet over medium heat, heat oil. Cook onion until soft, about 5 minutes. Stir in tomato paste and garlic and cook until fragrant, about 1 minute more. Add ground beef and cook, breaking up meat with a wooden spoon, until no longer pink, 6 minutes. Drain fat.

1 Return beef mixture to skillet, then stir in cooked rice and diced tomatoes. Season with oregano, salt, and pepper. Let simmer until liquid has reduced slightly, about 5 minutes. Place peppers cut side-up in a 9"-x-13" baking dish and drizzle with oil. Spoon beef mixture into each pepper and top with Monterey jack, then cover baking dish with foil. Bake until peppers are tender, about 35 minutes. Uncover and bake until cheese is bubbly, 10 minutes more. Garnish with parsley.

DAY TRIPPIN' ~ Lowry Park Zoo – Tampa

Five-time winner of the TripAdvisor Certificate of Excellence (2010-2015), ZooTampa at Lowry Park is one of the most popular zoos in the southeastern US, with close to 1 million visitors annually.

The Zoo originated in the 1930's as a municipal department with a small number of Florida native species. It grew gradually throughout the next four decades, but struggled to meet the developing professional standards of modern zoos. In 1982, community leaders created the Lowry Park Zoo Association to take over management of the Zoo for the City of Tampa with the goal of creating a world-class zoo through a public-private partnership. The Association then became the Lowry Park Zoological Society of Tampa, Inc., as it remains today. Working with a national zoo designer, the Society was able to create a modern, 24-acre facility that opened to the public in 1988 and shortly after earned Accreditation by the Association of Zoos and Aquariums (AZA). ZooTampa has now grown to what now encompasses 56 acres of naturalistic animal exhibits in a lush, tropical garden



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setting. The Zoo offers popular educational programming, fun recreational amenities, up-close animal encounters and engaging seasonal events for which it has won many accolades. The Zoo emphasizes endangered, threatened and vulnerable species from climates similar to that of the Tampa Bay region, with park areas devoted to Asia, Africa, Australia and Florida. Our animal habitats balance support for the maximum well-being of the animals with the importance of engaging our guests and inspiring them to protect and preserve wildlife. Random animal encounters, behind-the-scene tours, and other special personalized experiences expand the Zoo's opportunities to provide unforgettable natural connections. The State of Florida formally recognized the Zoo in 2004 as a center for biodiversity and conservation. It exhibits the most comprehensive species of endangered Florida wildlife anywhere. This is best reflected in the work we do every day at the Jacarlene Animal Care Campus which features the Tiedemann-Cotton Animal Care Annex, and our Catherine Lowry Straz Veterinary Hospital which has earned accreditation with the American Association of Animal Hospitals (AAHA) twice since opening in 2015. The only zoo in USA to have ever earned that distinction. 1101 West Sligh Ave., Tampa. 813-935-8552 – www.zootampa.org. Single day admission \$42.95

HISTORY OF SANTA CLAUS

Santa Claus—otherwise known as Saint Nicholas or Kris Kringle—has a long history steeped in Christmas traditions. Today, he is thought of mainly as the jolly man in red who brings toys to good girls and boys on Christmas Eve, but his story stretches all the way back to the 3rd century, when Saint Nicholas walked the earth and became the patron saint of children. The legend of Santa Claus can be traced back hundreds of years to a monk named St. Nicholas. It is believed that Nicholas was born sometime around 280 A.D. in Patara, near Myra in modern-day Turkey. Over the course of many years, Nicholas's popularity spread and he became known as the protector of children and sailors. St. Nicholas made his first inroads into American popular culture towards the end of the 18th century. In 1804, John Pintard, a member of the New York Historical Society, distributed woodcuts of St. Nicholas at the society's annual meeting. The background of the engraving contains now-familiar Santa images including stockings filled with toys and fruit hung over a fireplace. Shopping Mall Santas Gift-giving, mainly centered around children, has been an important part of the Christmas celebration since the holiday's rejuvenation in the early 19th century. Stores began to advertise Christmas shopping in 1820, and by the 1840s, newspapers were creating separate sections for holiday advertisements, which often featured images of the newly-popular Santa Claus. In the early 1890s, the Salvation Army needed money to pay for the free Christmas meals they provided to needy families. They began dressing up unemployed men in Santa Claus suits and sending them into the streets of New York to solicit donations. Those familiar Salvation Army Santas have been ringing bells on the street corners of American cities ever since.



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Strawberry Field is a Salvation Army property and visitor attraction in the Liverpool suburb of Woolton. It operated as a children's home between 1936 and 2005. The house and grounds had originally been built as a private residence in the Victorian era, before being acquired by the Salvation Army in the 1930s. The house was demolished in 1973 due to structural problems and replaced with purpose-built units. After being closed as a children's home, the site has continued to be used by the Salvation Army for other purposes. The location gained worldwide fame following the release of the Beatles' 1967 single "Strawberry Fields Forever". The song's writer, John Lennon, had grown up nearby and played in the grounds of the home as a child. In time, the old red-painted entrance gates on Beaconsfield Road became a place of pilgrimage for Beatles fans. In 2019, Strawberry Field was opened to the public for the first time, with an exhibition on its history, cafe, and shop, alongside a training centre for young people with special educational needs. The gates were stolen on May 11, 2000, allegedly by two men in a transit van. The gates were sold to an unsuspecting antiques dealer who never realized they were the actual gates from Strawberry Field. He returned them to the police upon request, and they now stand on the grounds of Strawberry Field.

December Sudoku

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4	2	3	9	7	6	8	5	1
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FERAL SHANGRI LA CATS



Over the last 9+ years that I have lived at Shangri La, I have seen many people come and go. Unfortunately, sometimes when people move they abandon their cats. Maybe they can't bring them to their new residence, or maybe they just think they'll be fine living outdoors on their own. When I first moved in, there were very few dogs and cats. Over time, things have changed here and we have more residents with pets. As an animal lover, this suits me just fine. Some may not agree and that's okay too. Having more "pet friendly" residents has been a positive for the poor cats left behind by their owners. These animals did not choose to live outside without a comfy bed and people to pet them and care for them. If you are one of these kind hearted, pet loving residents who feed these feral cats, please keep in mind that they also need to be wormed on a regular basis. Florida is not like the great white North where pests are not so prevalent. Wormer is inexpensive. Getting it into your feral friend may be more of a challenge, but with the right incentive, i.e. some kind of yummy people food, you should be able to get your friend to partake. Meat, especially, should do the trick. A lot of these feral cats also have fleas. This may be a more difficult issue. If you are able to pet your cat friend, you can get the tube medication and apply that to the cat's shoulder area. A flea collar is not a good choice. The fleas simply run to the animals hind end and hang out there. Also, flea collars on cats create the risk of the cat hanging itself up on something. Not good. Thank you to all who help our furry friends. Please consider picking up some wormer and flea control the next time you're at Wally World.

If anyone would like to include their thoughts on this topic, or any other, please email me at shangrilalargo@gmail.com. I'm happy to include your input.



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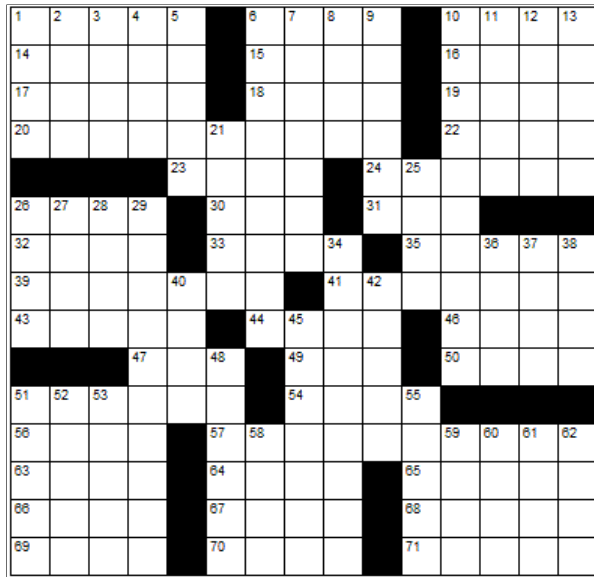
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