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## PRESIDENT'S PODIUM....

January 2023 has arrived, the beginning of a New Year!

I hope everyone had an enjoyable 2022, despite the heat we had and storms

This marks our seventh year we have been doing the FOCUS. It is wonderful with everything being shown on a calendar as well as written content.

I would like to thank all the media staff and let you know your efforts are appreciated. Keep up the magnificent work!



I hope everyone had a great Christmas and New Year.

December was a busy and enjoyable month thanks to the efforts of Debra Delphi, and Yvonne Campo.

Our Executive meeting will be held January 3rd, 10am at the clubhouse.

Our Membership meeting will be January 5th, 9am.

Our nominating committee chairperson will be appointed at this time by our Vice President Debra Delphi. Members are encouraged to attend. If you would like to run for a Board of Officers position, please contact the Nomination Committee members, they will be listed at the clubhouse.

If you would like to host a month as Activity Chairperson(s), please contact me, I am at Mobile 144.

I wish everyone a Happy, Healthy, and Loving 2023. Be safe everyone.

*Vincent Sbrogna*

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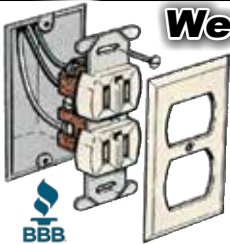
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## VICE PRESIDENT ANNOUNCEMENT

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**H**ello my fellow neighbors. I would like to inform everyone on how the Nomination of Officers is conducted.

Please review the following:

- A nominating committee shall be formed in January prior to the Annual meeting held in February.
  - The nominating committee chairperson shall be appointed by the Vice President, the chairperson shall then select 3 or 5 members of the HOA membership.
  - The members chosen must be in good standings and not running for an Executive office.
  - The committee shall not exceed more than five (5) members total (excluding the chairperson).
  - The committee must construct and post a list of all the Executive Offices on a standard piece of paper with enough ample room to the right side of each title for the members who wish to place their names for that office. An eligibility form shall be filled out.
  - The list must be posted in a common place (Clubhouse) known to all membership in ample time prior to the Annual meeting in February.
  - No candidate may run for more than one (1) position.
  - No one can print the name of any other member for any office with or without consent.
  - Nominations at the Annual February meeting may be taken off the floor providing the member is present and accepts the nomination.
  - Eligible candidates must be Property Owners/Lease Holders and of enough age as described per office prior to the election.
  - Only one (1) candidate per Mobile (dual ownership) shall be allowed on the ballot for any position.
  - The committee must be present at the Annual February meeting and the meeting for elections in March.
  - A nominee may remove his/her name after the closing provided the following are met; must present a signed letter in writing or print to any nominating committee chairperson prior to the election.
  - Campaigning is allowed and limited to only social activities or events held by the HOA membership. The use of propoganda however shall not be used for campaigning.
  - Slandering, defacing, or any inappropriate conduct toward your opponent will not be tolerated and can/will have you removed from the nominations.
  - When the Annual February meeting adjourns, all nominations will be closed.
- Any questions, please let me know. Thank you

*Debra Delphi*



## MONTHLY ACTIVITIES

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Activities Chairpersons for January:  
Horseshoe Tournament – Sunday January 16th @ Noon  
Bowl A Rama – Saturday January 15th @ Noon  
Trivia- Saturday January 15th @ 6pm  
Luncheon – Thursday January 19th @ 12:30pm Place Yet to be Determined  
“Dutch Treat”



## HORSESHOE TOURNAMENT

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*SPORTS COMMITTEE*

Master Ed is pissed...and no one knows why, not even Wilbur. Oh wait! Someone ran off with all his shoes. Come join in on the fun, Horseshoe tournament begins January 15th, at 12pm. Partners and double elimination. \$5.00 per person, WINNER(S) TAKE ALL! Want to suggest something, tell VP Debra Delphi, Jim Spinos, or Kevin Kimball.



## BOWL-A-RAMA

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*SPORTS COMMITTEE*

Let's Bowl Let's Bowl Let's Rock and Roll.... Come find out Saturday January 14th @ 12pm and test your bowling skills. So much fun the last time, however this round there will be a twist in the game. 3 frames will be played per person achieving the best score they can get. The one with the most points at the end will be the winner. (More games will be played if scores tie until a winner is determined). \$5.00 to participate. WINNER TAKES ALL!



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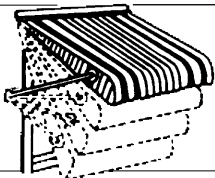
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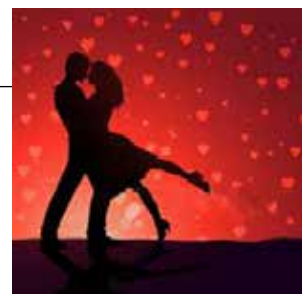
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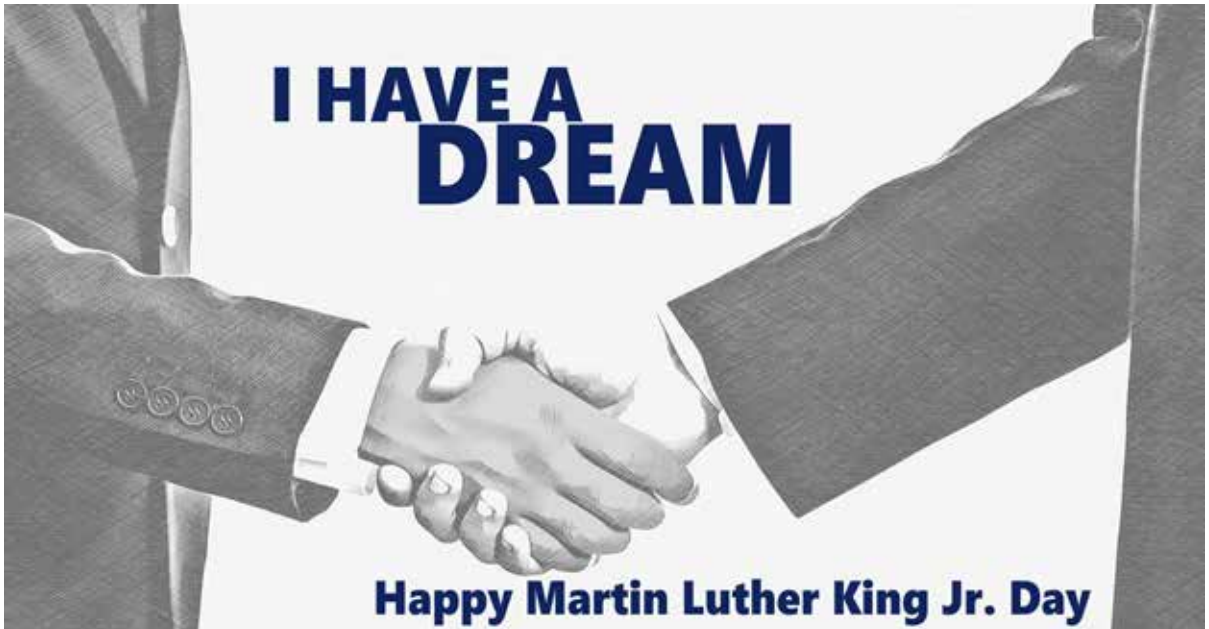
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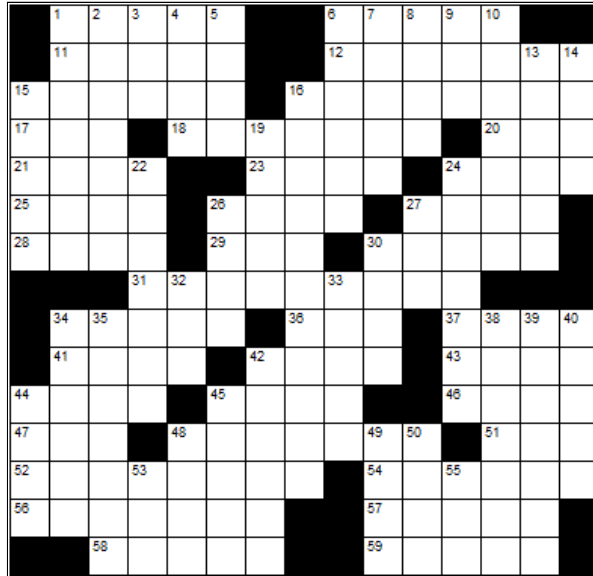
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- 1. Poplar variety
- 6. Select by voting
- 11. Depart
- 12. Illness
- 15. Victor
- 16. Differs in opinion
- 17. American Medical Association
- 18. Noteworthy
- 20. Martini ingredient
- 21. Infinitesimal amount
- 23. Regulation
- 24. Heredity unit
- 25. Pretentious person
- 26. Musical phrase
- 27. Blow a car horn
- 28. Apprentice
- 29. Play a role
- 30. Parental sisters
- 31. Lovelorn
- 34. They connect points
- 36. Before, in poetry



**DOWN**

- 37. Chooses
- 41. Prefix meaning "Within"
- 42. Russian emperor
- 43. Entice
- 44. Rodents
- 45. A gathering or event
- 46. Winglike
- 47. Big fuss
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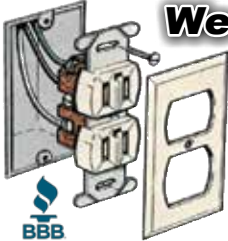
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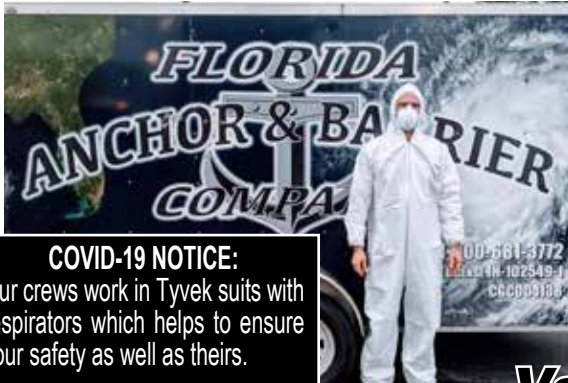
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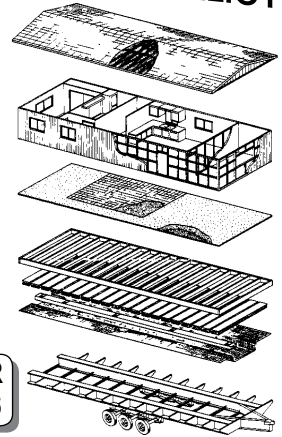
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A Zen monk was seen by his disciple by the sea, where the tide had washed ashore hundreds of starfish. It was clear that they would soon die from exposure. The monk was tossing the starfish, one at a time, back into the sea, in a slow and meditative manner.

“Why are you bothering?” the disciple asked the monk. The young disciple looked at the large number of starfish that were succumbing. “It won’t make any difference.”

The monk stopped for a moment, and looked down at the starfish in his hand. “It will to this one,” he replied.



### ***Great irony***

*Human beings who are almost unique in having the ability to learn from the experience of others, are also remarkable for their apparent disinclination to do so.*

— ***Douglas Adams***

### ***On airports***

*It can hardly be a coincidence that no language on Earth has ever produced the phrase, “as pretty as an airport.” Airports are ugly. Some are very ugly. Some attain a degree of ugliness that can only be the result of a special effort.*

— ***Douglas Adams***

### ***On perspective***

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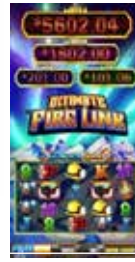
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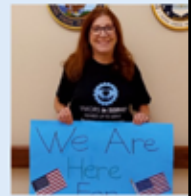


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One day she noticed that a tiny stick of a tree had pushed its way up from underneath the house's crawl space and had threaded through a small hole in the floor. The old woman took note of the tree, but didn't think it would be there long, because it was weak and somewhat sickly looking.

Every day the woman checked on the sapling and expected to find that it had died. She was surprised to see the little tree clinging to life, despite that it did not have an ideal environment.

Now, the old woman began to bring a little watering pot and a bit of plant food for the tree. She also got a friend of hers to come and remove some of the boards of the floor and build a little frame for the tree so that it would have room to grow. And it began to grow and unfurl in ways that the old woman could not have imagined earlier. It grew so healthily that eventually the old woman had to tie up some of its new branches to help support it until it got bigger.

The little tree grew so beautifully in the light by the picture window in the woman's living room that she brought in a circle of chairs and took to inviting people in so that they could enjoy her tree with her.

People stopped by to ask about the tree, and the old woman told the story of the tiny tree that pushed up out of the crawl space and through the tiny opening in the floor. The old woman made friends with some of these visitors, and she no longer felt lonely. She spent the rest of her life planting trees around her little town and they grew like no others. She always gave them plenty of love and encouragement — especially to the seedlings that looked like they were not likely to make it. And her life was rich and full because of it.

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Day	Holiday	Date
1	National Spaghetti Day	Jan 4th
2	National Bird Day	Jan 5th
3	National Milk Day	Jan 11th
4	National Pharmacist Day	Jan 12th
5	National Youth Day	Jan 12th
6	Kiss a Ginger Day	Jan 12th
7	National Bagel Day	Jan 15th
8	National Hat Day	Jan 15th
9	Martin Luthur King Jr. Day	Jan 17th
10	Winnie The Pooh Day	Jan 18th
11	National Popcorn Day	Jan 19th
12	National Penguin Day	Jan 20th
13	Squirrel Appreciation Day	Jan 21st
14	National Hugging Day	Jan 21st
15	National Pie Day	Jan 23rd
16	National Compliment Day	Jan 24th
17	National Opposite Day	Jan 25th
18	National Spouse Day	Jan 26th
19	National Chocolate Cake Day	Jan 27th
20	National Puzzle Day	Jan 29th
21	National Croissant Day	Jan 30th



## Holidays

Holiday date	Holiday Name
Sat, January 1	New Year
Thu, January 6	Epiphany
Mon, January 17	Blue Monday
Mon, January 17	Martin Luther King Jr. Day

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— **Rich Cook**



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<p><b>ARTICLES FOR SALE</b></p>	<p>East Bay Oaks and Eldorado Village Annual Parkwide Carport Sale Saturday February 4 and Sunday February 5, 2023 from 8 AM to 2:30 PM both days. 601 Starkey Rd, Largo, FL 33771 And 2505 East Bay Dr, Largo, FL 33771</p>	<p>BINGO Lake Seminole Resort - 10245 110th Ave. - Largo. Monday, Jan 9th, 2023. Bingo starts @ 6:50 pm. Doors open at 5:30pm. Cards on sale until 6:30 pm.</p>
<p>Electric Mobility Devices and wheelchairs, etc. 727-953-8528.</p>	<p>Point West MHP Annual Bazaar and Flea Market. January 28th, 8am to 2pm. 12651 Seminole Blvd., Largo. Furniture, clothes, household, jewelry, electronics, and misc. Chinese Auction. 50/50 and food.</p>	<p>Annual Rummage Sale - Saturday, January 21st, 2023. 8am-12pm. Boca Ciega Mobile Home Park Clubhouse and outside. Lunch is available. 11200 Walshingham Rd. Largo, 33778.</p>
<p><b>OTHER</b></p>	<p>Embassy Mobile Park, Park Wide Yard Sale, Saturday, January 14th, 8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. 16416 US Highway 19 N, Clearwater (Largo).</p>	<p>Pre-Demolition Sale, 9 to 1 Sunday Jan. 15th. Golden Acres 1040 Main St., Dunedin, FL. House located off "B" Court, Kitchen cabinets, refrigerator, microwave, bathroom vanity, light fixtures, ceiling fans, Many other numerous items. Bids will be taken. Any questions call Paula 508-826-1562 after Jan. 6th.</p>
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**M**.J. Ryan, life coach and author of *The Happiness Makeover*, says that it's possible for just about anyone to revamp their thinking. "Training your brain is like training a puppy," she says. "It wanders everywhere, but you need to keep bringing it back to the upside."

So the next time things don't go your way, try not to fall into your usual way of thinking. If you get steamed over small things, like waiting in a long line, the next time it happens tell yourself that this is a great opportunity to stand still and close your eyes while you wait. Or keep a magazine with you and read about something you are interested in so that you don't feel like you are wasting your time.

It might surprise you how little changes can make you feel better in a big way.

## A few packing dos and don'ts for the frequent traveler

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**I**f you're required to travel for your work, you might want to remember this: The root word of "luggage" is "lug." So it's a good idea to buy the right size suitcase and pack lightly.

The largest bag that is allowed as a carry on is a 22 - inch tall suitcase. If you don't have to check any bags, you'll save time and hassle at your destination. You'll want to look for one that has a retractable handle and wheels for convenience as well. Recessed wheels are also a good feature, because they're less likely to cause a problem when you check your bag or try to fit it through security devices.

When you're packing it's good to keep in mind that most people usually overestimate the amount of clothing and products they will need on a trip. Try to cut back on what you take. Doing so will cut back on the chaos and discomfort of traveling. For instance, you might want to buy a travel-size bottle of combined shampoo/conditioner. Take small amounts so you won't have to deal with unwieldy and potentially leaky bottles. It's also a good idea to pack anything that could possibly leak in heavy-duty zip-lock bags. Additionally, you should try to pack these bagged items away from any clothes that could come into contact with them. You might also want to purchase a plastic-lined cosmetics bag that can easily be taken to the bathroom with you when you travel.

Savvy travelers also know that buying and packing items of clothing that have the intentional wrinkled look can save time and hassle and keep you looking great while you are on your trip. When you actually put your clothes into your suitcase here's a good regimen to follow. Put your underclothes in first. Lay flat items on the bottom and line the edges of the suitcase with items like rolled socks or bras. Layer your daily wear on top of these items, and last pack in your finery like ties and scarves, etc.





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