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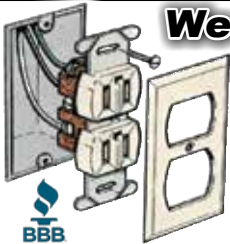
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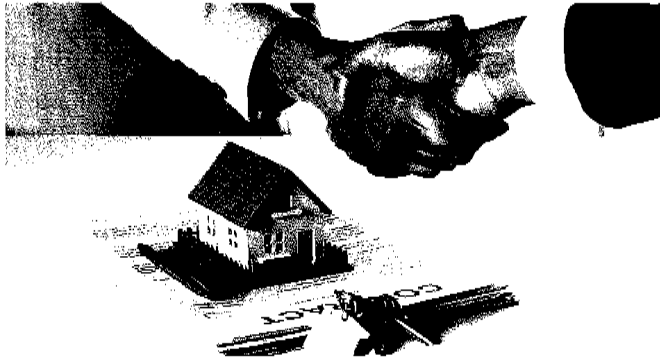
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## SOCIAL CLUB

by Pat Jones

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A General meeting was held on January 7th after the morning coffee. After the treasurers report and the secretary report a request for board members was made. No one volunteered. Pat agreed to take on the Presidency and Maureen will continue with treasurer for now. Anyone interested in being on the board please let us know. We need 1st and 2nd vice president, secretary and a director.

Discussion was held about the Valentines event to be held on Feb. 14u,. Finger food will be served. Time will be from 6pm to 10pm. This event will be free for residents and \$15.00 per couple or \$8.00 for singles for non resident invited guests. Tickets will be available soon. If you are celybrating a 50 year anniversary this year please let a board member know. We would like to honor you at the party.

Several ideas for events were discussed, such as a resident talent show, murder mystery dinner, pool party.

Happy Hours are scheduled for January 20th and February 24th at 5pm. Bring an appetizer 01· join us for \$5.00 and enjoy some good appetizers and a beverage.

St. Patricks day is under discussion and plans will be finalized at the next meeting on February 4, 2023.

Please follow the Facebook page to stay updated on these and other events. If you are not a member.of the FB page search for Hillcrest Residents and request membership. You will be sent a note in messenger. You must respond to this message to be allowed on the page. Be sure to check the bulletin board and memo boards for event specific information.

Volunteers to host the coffee on the first Saturday of the month are needed. There is a sign up sheet on the bulletin board in the clubhouse.

## POTLUCK

by Pat Jones

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Pot luck is held on the second and fourth Thursday of each month, unless a holiday falls on the day. Please consider hosting a potluck. Please consider attending potluck. It is a great way to meet new friends, share a great meal and have some wonderful conversation. ELS provides the entree money. When attending a pot luck you need to bring your place setting and a side dish to share with others. The potluck is run buffet style. Please do not plan on using the stove or microwave to cook your side dish as the host( ess) is more than likely using them. YouneedtosignupinthepurplebooklocatedintheclubhousebytheTuesdayprecedingtheactualdinner. The first potluck of the month we have a birthday cake to celebrate all that months birthdays.





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Groundhog Day	Feb 2 - Thursday	Observance
National Wear Red Day	Feb 3 - Friday	Observance
Tu B'Shevat	Feb 6 - Monday	Jewish
Lincoln's Birthday	Feb 12 - Sunday	Observance
Valentine's Day	Feb 14 - Tuesday	Observance
Maha Shivaratri	Feb 18 - Saturday	Hindu
Isra and Mi'raj	Feb 18 - Saturday	Muslim
Presidents' Day -	Feb 20 - Monday	Federal Holiday
Mardi Gras	Feb 21 - Tuesday	Christian
Ash Wednesday	Feb 22 - Wednesday	Christian
Lent 2023	Feb 22 - Wednesday	Christian

## Weekly Observances

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**Week One** — Children's Authors and Illustrators Week

**Week Two** — National Flirting Week, Jell-O Week, Freelance Writers Appreciation Week, Congenital Heart Defects Awareness Week, National Marriage Week

**Week Three** — Random Acts of Kindness Week

**Week Four** — National Eating Disorders Awareness Week

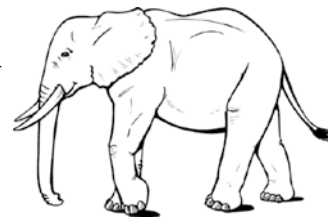
## Monthly Observances

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Black History Month  
American Heart Month  
Canned Food Month  
Great American Pie Month  
National Bird Feeding Month  
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National Children's Dental Health Month  
National Self Check Month  
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National Hot Breakfast Month  
National Library Lover's Month  
National Snack Food Month  
National Embroidery Month  
National Weddings Month



## On the fragility of opinions



A very long time ago, far away in another land, there lived six blind men. They had all been blind since birth. Mostly, the six spent their days sitting around inventing tall tales to see who could tell the best story.

One day, the six men fell into a great argument. The subject of their argument was the elephant. There were many tales throughout the land about the great elephant, but because none of the men had actually seen an elephant each of them had their own idea of what the beast was like.

The men hired a young guide to lead them in find—ing an elephant to settle the dispute. The blind men followed along, each one placing his hands on the back of the man in front of him, and in this way they made their way single file along a narrow forest path.

It wasn't long before the group came across a great elephant. The six became very excited. They decided that each man should take a turn at exploring the ele-phant's shape and form.

The first man fell against the side of the elephant and said, "My, the elephant is like a great and sturdy wall."

The second man grabbed hold of the tusk of the elephant and said, "My, the elephant is smooth and sharp, like a wonderful spear."

The third man approached the animal and grabbed on to the trunk and said, "My, the elephant is exactly like a snake."

The fourth man grabbed hold of the elephant's great leg and said, "My, the elephant is round and stur—dy, just like a tree."

The fifth man reached out and grabbed hold of the elephant's ear, "My," he cried out, "The elephant is just like a fan."

The sixth man reached out and grasped upon the elephant's tail and said, "My, the elephant is exactly like a rope."

And so, the men continued arguing, even more loudly than before, each arguing for his opinion of what the elephant was like. And even though each was a little right—all of the men were more than a little wrong.



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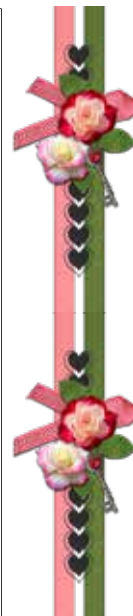


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- 44. Total
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- 61. Opera house box
- 62. Mud volcano
- 63. A Great Lake



**Down**

- 1. Naked people
- 2. Ardent
- 3. Frigid
- 4. East southeast
- 5. Assault
- 6. Stage
- 7. Suggestion
- 8. Smarts
- 9. D
- 10. On a ship or train
- 11. Basket or bowl
- 12. Speck
- 13. Anagram of "Rose"
- 18. Ribbed fabric
- 22. Cigarfish
- 24. Calf's meat
- 26. Yes (informal)
- 28. Fake
- 29. One less than 10
- 30. Secluded valley
- 31. Footnote note
- 32. Minnow-like fish
- 33. Raising
- 34. Dubious writings
- 37. Sea eagle
- 38. Hobbling gait
- 40. Crazes
- 41. Japanese dish
- 43. Envisage
- 44. Agree out of court
- 46. Affaires d'honneur
- 47. More aloof
- 48. Red Sea peninsula
- 49. American symbol
- 50. Ponder
- 51. Black-and-white cookie
- 53. Iridescent gem
- 56. Donkey
- 57. South southeast



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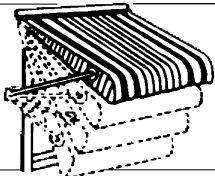
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**John:** “Because yesterday, when he asked if they could hear him in the back, and the answer was no, everyone in the front moved to the back.”



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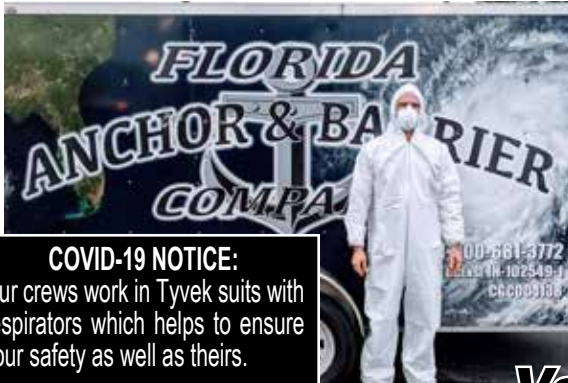
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Elizabeth Barrett was a well-known poet—and an invalid. She was 39 years old.

Browning was so moved by her poetry that he wrote to her “I love your verses with all my heart, dear Miss Barrett...” The two then commenced writing more than 600 letters to each other during the next 20 months.

According to The History Channel's Web site, Elizabeth had suffered from the time she was a teenager from a painful condition that caused uncontrollable spasms of pain and breathing difficulties. She had been a shut-in and a spinster for years. Elizabeth's father was a very controlling, wealthy man who had forbidden all of his 12 children from ever marrying.

Browning began to court Barrett, but at first she did not take him seriously, thinking that no one would be genuinely interested in her romantically. But Browning was ardent in his desire for Barrett. However, Barrett refused to see Browning for several months. Elizabeth found it hard to trust Browning's intentions because she had been isolated for so long and because she questioned the treatment of women inside the institution of marriage. But despite these almost over-whelming obstacles, Browning continued to court her with passion.

Finally, with the encouragement of Browning, Elizabeth left the room where she had spent the previous six years of her life. She began to go outside and live an active life again, and she cut back on the morphine and opium the doctors had prescribed for her painful condition.

In 1846, Barrett married Browning in a secret ceremony (to hide the fact that she was defying her father). When her father found out, he disinherited Elizabeth.

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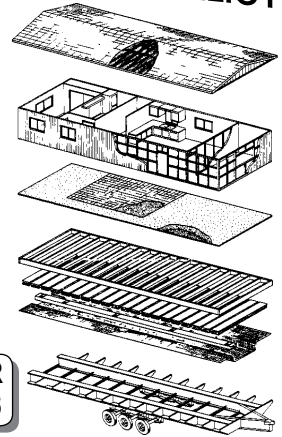
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## The most important ingredient

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It was well known that Abraham Lincoln often slipped out of the White House on Wednesday nights to listen to the sermons of Phineas Gurley at New York Avenue Presbyterian Church. The president tried to slip in and out of the services unnoticed—so Gurley often left his study door open so the president could listen to his sermons privately. One night, Lincoln showed up and took his seat in the minister’s study and propped the door open a little wider so that he could hear what the preacher was saying.



An aide later asked Lincoln what he had thought of the most recent Wednesday night sermon.

The president thought for a moment and then replied: “The content was excellent ... he delivered with eloquence ... he put work into the message ...”

“Then you thought it was an excellent sermon?” the aide asked.

“No,” Lincoln answered plainly.

“But you said the content was excellent ... that it was delivered with eloquence and it was the fruit of hard work,” the aide said.

“That’s true,” Lincoln said. “But Dr. Gurley forgot the most important ingredient ... He forgot to ask us to do something great.”

## A stone in the road

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Once in a foreign land, a king had a boulder placed in the middle of a well-traveled road. Then the king hid himself from view, and watched to see what would happen.



Wealthy merchants whom the king knew well saw the boulder and stepped around it. Courtiers came and when they saw the boulder they walked around it as well.

It came to pass that many people criticized the king for not keeping the road clear, but no one in the kingdom did anything to get the giant stone out of the road.

One day, a peasant came down the road carrying a load of vegetables. When the man saw the stone, he laid down his load and commenced in trying to move the stone. After a great effort, the peasant finally was able to move the boulder. When the peasant went back to the road for his vegetables he noticed that in the place where the stone had been was a beautiful red purse. The peasant picked up the purse and saw that it was filled with many gold coins and a note from the king saying the gold was for the person who moved the boulder from the road.

Moral: What other men see as an obstacle can be an opportunity for the man who faces it head on.

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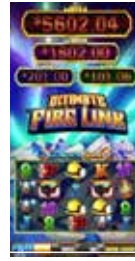
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<p><b>OTHER</b></p>	<p>Flea Market Sat. Feb. 25th, 8-12noon. Colonial Village, 2000 East Bay Drive, Largo. Furniture, kitchen appliances, housewares, bicycles, clothing, home-baking.</p>	<p>Community Yard Sale: Holiday Shores Park, Feb 17th and 18th. Entrances on 104th Avenue North and 106th Avenue North, Largo. 8AM to 2PM</p>
<p>GOLF club re-gripping. Call or text 301-466-7090.</p>	<p>HELLO CANADIANS! Canadian Club Canadien Gulf Coast Florida, having survived COVID, is now regrowing to promote fellowship among Canadians in Pinellas County, and foster goodwill with American people. Join us; for our monthly lunch with informative speakers, weekly golf, MLB game, dinner/theater, museums, deep sea fishing. Your first lunch is FREE! For information, email: ccegcfl@galt.biz.</p>	<p>"White Elephant &amp; Bake Sale: Sat March 4, 8am - 1pm. Small appliances, furniture, lamps, dishes, linens, jewelry, baked goods, lunch. Lake Highlander Park, 1500 County Road 1, Dunedin."</p>
<p><b>EVENTS &amp; PROGRAMS</b></p>	<p>Carport Sale, Clearwater Cascade MHP, Sat. Feb. 25th, 8 AM to 12. 9790 66th St. N., Pinellas Park.</p>	<p>Parkwide Mobile Home Carport Sale. LaPlaza 6700 150th Ave N, Clearwater, FL. March 3rd &amp; 4th 8am-4pm.</p>
<p>Sat. Jan 28, 2023 - Community Sale - 8:00AM-1:00PM. Paradise Island Section of Lake Haven MHP. Main St. (SR580) &amp; Lake Haven Rd. (W of Keene/CR1) Dunedin. Housewares, Linens, Small Appliances, Bakery, Jewelry, Raffle Baskets, 50/50 drawing, lunch.</p>	<p>Shady Lane Oaks Bazaar - Shady Lane Oaks 15777 Bolesta Road, Clearwater. Saturday, February 4th, 9am - 2pm. A huge variety of items for sale! Raffles, Chinese auction, bake sale, breakfast &amp; lunch and more!</p>	<p>Carport Sale: Saturday, Feb. 18th, 8am to 1pm. Sugar Creek Mobile Home Park, 10265 Ulmerton Rd. Largo, FL</p>
<p>Annual Flea Market - Four Seasons Estates MHP clubhouse, Largo. Saturday, February 25, 8am-1pm. \$1.00 early bird 7:30. Furniture, clothes, tools, jewelry, linens, kitchen, books, raffles and more. 13225 101st Street, off Ulmerton (east of Largo Mall).</p>	<p>Paradise Island Annual Flea Market February 25, 2023. PI Clubhouse 9-2 Early entry \$1 @8am. Water, coffee, bake sale, quilt raffle, 50/50. Huge inventory: Furniture, household, collectibles, clothing, holiday, tools, linens, lamps, kitchen, and more! Entire clubhouse utilized. 1001 Starkey Road, Largo. Look for banner.</p>	
<p>Lincolnshire Estates Annual Bazaar is back Saturday Feb 4, 8AM to 1 PM 1071 Donegan Road, Largo furniture, tools, jewelry, housewares, bake sale, nick-nacks linens, appliances, silent auction, breakfast and lunch served.</p>		<div style="border: 2px solid black; padding: 10px;"> <p><b>ATTENTION RESIDENTS!</b> Did you know this Emporium/ Classified listing reaches over 21,500 homes in Pinellas County? It goes into 60 community newsletters (just like this one) from Dunedin to St. Petersburg. This is a great market to sell items, advertise your next event, try and get help for a function, and many other things. Remember to think about this the next time you're planning something.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">-Monthly Media Staff</p> </div>
<p>Doral Village Yard Sale Bazaar, Saturday, February 25th, 8am-1pm. 29250 US Hwy 19N, Clearwater. Furniture, clothing, linens, books, electronics, glassware, jewelry, kitchen items, baked goods, lunch and great raffles and prizes!</p>		
<p>Palm Hill Country Club Annual Bazaar. Saturday, March 4th, 8am-1pm. 1800 Seminole Blvd, Largo.</p>		

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## Cutting boards: Is plastic or wood safer?

The United States Department of Agriculture and the Food and Drug Administration say this about cutting boards: “Research shows that nonporous surfaces, such as plastic, marble, tempered glass and pyroceramic are easier to clean than wood.”

Dean Cliver, of the Food Safety Laboratory and World Health Organization Collaborating Center for Food Virology at University of California–Davis, headed a study with the goal of determining the best way to clean wooden boards so that they would be almost as safe as plastic cutting boards. Here’s what Cliver had to say about the matter: “We soon found that disease bacteria such as [Escherichia coli 0157:H7 and Salmonella] were not recoverable from wooden surfaces in a short period of time after they were applied, unless very large numbers were used. New plastic surfaces allowed the bacteria to persist, but were easily cleaned and disinfected. However, wooden boards that had been used and had many knife cuts acted almost the same as new wood, whereas plastic surfaces that were knife-scarred were impossible to clean and disinfect manually, especially when food residues, such as chicken fat were present. Scanning electron micrographs revealed highly significant damage to plastic surfaces from knife cuts.”

Manual cleaning, was defined as washing with hot tap water and detergent and a sponge. Knife-scarred plastic boards were found to be successfully cleaned mechanically inside a dishwasher (wooden boards, too, that were specially made to be cleaned this way). Disinfection can be done after cleaning using bleach solutions—but successful cleaning must be accomplished first.

The safest way to use cutting boards—keep one for cutting foods that need to be cooked before eating and never use it for foods that need no cooking before eating. That way the likelihood of transferring dangerous bacteria is minimized.



## An important fire-safety reminder

One question every person should ask himself or herself annually is “Have I replaced the batteries in the smoke alarm this year?” If you haven’t, write yourself a note right now so it doesn’t slip your mind. Buy the batteries and replace them immediately. Don’t put the batteries aside to “do it later.” As soon as you take the batteries out of the bag from the store, open them and put them into the device. Those batteries, as small as they are, could save your life as well as those of your loved ones.



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— *George Washington*

## Chocolate, my dear?



Chocolate has been around for about 2000 years, and in that time it has become one of the most popular confections in the world. Chocolate is thought by some to be an aphrodisiac, and it has become a tradition to send chocolates to one's beloved. Following are some chocolate trivia gems and fun facts:

- Chocolate is the best-selling candy by far for Valentine's Day.
- Cocoa was renamed theobroma, "food of the gods," by Swedish scientist Carolus Linnaeus (1707–1778).
- The first book completely about chocolate was Cardenas' Libro en el cual trata del chocolate, published in Mexico in 1609.
- Chocolate contains about 300 different compounds.
- Over 20 million Hershey's Kisses are produced every day.
- Americans eat 100 pounds of chocolate every second.
  - A bar of dark chocolate has less caffeine than a cup of coffee.
  - And according to the Chocolate Manufacturers Association, the U.S. chocolate industry is a principal consumer of many agricultural products. Here's the rundown:
- Sugar. The chocolate industry uses 2.5 billion pounds of sugar annually—that's 7 million pounds a day. That sugar is valued at \$667 million a year.
- Milk and milk products. Seven-hundred forty-nine million pounds a year are used in the chocolate industry. That comes in at \$461 million.
- Peanuts. The industry uses 326 million pounds of peanuts worth more than \$150 million.

## Love and numbers often don't mix

When it comes to love, numbers can bring some shocking revelations, according to David Boyle and Anita Roddick in *Shocking, Hilarious, Bizarre, Mind boggling, Frightening!, Fascinating Numbers*. Here are a few of the findings cited by the authors:

- Only 12 percent of married people think they will ever get a divorce, much lower than the divorce rate, which is close to 50 percent in the United States.
- Only 10 percent of those who leave their spouses for someone they are having an affair with actually end up marrying the person.
- Eighty percent of separated and divorced people believe that marriage should be for life.
- If you kiss for one minute, you will burn 28 calories.
- Eight percent said they would like to be rid of their current partners.
- Ninety-percent of third marriages end in divorce.
- The average number of times French people have sex every year: 130.



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