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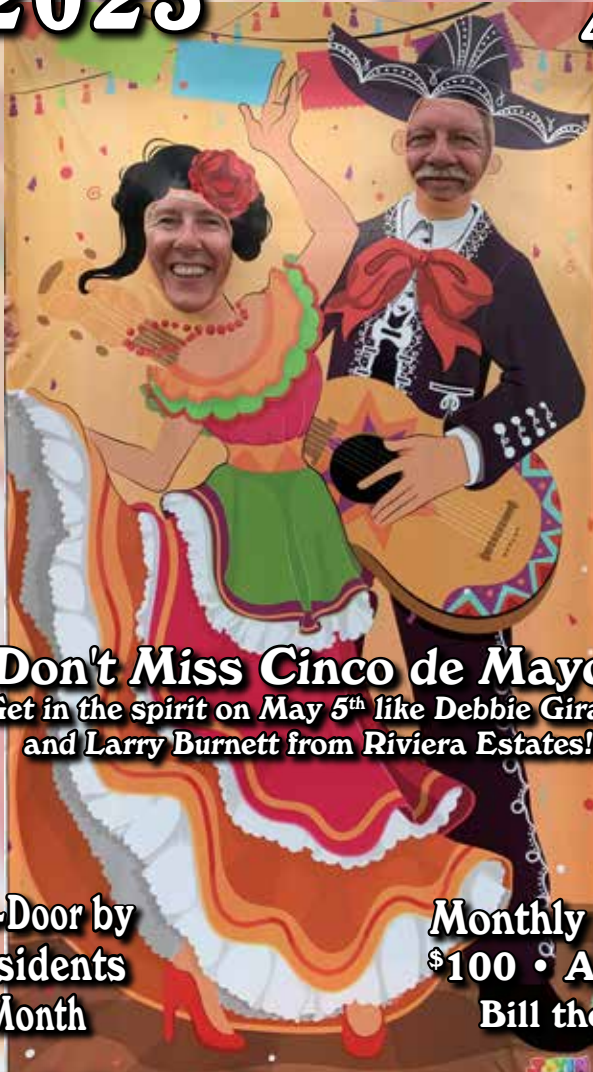
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We hope you are aware it's time to be cautious and safety minded again. Several trailers were broken in down at the field. Make sure you are keeping your valuables locked up as neighboring parks have had break ins. If you do park anything in the field, make sure you register it at the office. If possible if you could put your lot number somewhere it would help us out.

There has also been homeless visiting the area again, we try to keep this under control,

POOL: It's that time of year again, when the pool gets much use. Please remember to be considerate, no smoking or vaper inside the pool area. No one wants to step on your cigarette butt. They also get caught in the filter, which is not good for the pool.

Reminder: The large dumpster is for management only, There is no dumping in the field.

Mail keys are now available in the office if you haven't paid for yours yet.

Also, just a reminder there may be a Friday when water is shut off for repairs. Usually around nine, but back on by noon at the latest.

Dogs: Dogs can only be walked in pet section areas. This means all dogs, even those listed as support animals. All dogs must be kept on a leash and of course. Remember to clean up after you pet.

FROM THE EDITOR

I have a diet tip to share with you this month:

The Elimination Diet

Remove anger, regret, worry, resentment, guilt and blame. Then watch your health and life improve.

Bob's Corner


Hi everyone,

In this, probably my last column I thought I would reflect on my thoughts of life on "The Ranch"

It started at my first residents club meeting some years ago.

It was November 2004, I honestly did not know a soul in the room. I was 58 years old and exploring my new surroundings. As I sat at the first of several long tables, I was approached by an elderly woman. (Back then I considered most in the room elderly, as I am sure some

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of our newer residents think the same of me.) anyway, this elderly woman with a huge Polish accent, came up to me and asked, “ Are you rich? I replied, no not really, and she shook her head and walked away. At that moment, I knew I found a home. Over the next 18+ years I have met and fell in love with almost every person that I have had a good fortune to know in this community. Some, actually, way too many, have left us, and each time it was like losing a family member. But I am always thankful for the many shared memories that I had with each one. We are planning on moving north at summers end to be with our family and finally spend some time with our grandchildren. I do not know if this will be my last column, but for you new Bay Rancher’s, I highly recommend getting to know as many of these wonderful people as you can as you will have friends for life.

Love you all, Bob.

JUST SAYIN'

Jeanne Hunter

I'm starting with a few “what the heck?” items today. Saw a couple new items in the Publix ad this week...”Alive Ancient Mushroom Elixir, Ginger Tumeric.” Wha—at? That sounds more like the name of a horror movie than something I'd eat or drink. The same company has “Adaptogenic Tea, Matcha Vanilla.” Really? I'm skipping that aisle at the store.

Have you seen the new ads for Gerber baby food? Now it's “Plant-tastic” Yes, it's plant-based baby food. Call me dumb, but I thought the little jars I used to buy of Gerber's carrots, peas, corn, beets, peaches and on and on were more than likely plant based. Not once did I buy a jar of pork chop baby food or cheeseburger baby food. I guess there are people who will race to the store for “Plant-tastic” Gerber carrots rather than some other brand of plain old carrots because they come from...um...well, plants!

I stopped buying soda for a couple months and used the little squeeze containers of water flavors. Last week, I had a yen for some soda. Holy cow, I can't hardly believe how much the prices changed in that time. I used to get a buy one, get one free for \$5.99. Now the same pack is \$8.99, and you buy two to get one free. Ouch.

This next thing has me stumped. I was ordering from the over-the-counter pharmacy through my health insurance. I got Tylenol generic and bandages, toothpaste and socks. When I clicked on Vitamin B and Vitamin D, a window opened and stated I needed to discuss this with my physician and could only order these if it was for a medical purpose. Please, somebody tell me what else you can use vitamins for?

A cop was patrolling late at night in a well-known lover’s spot, famous for obscene activities. He sees a couple in a car, with the interior light glowing. The cop carefully approaches the car to get a closer look. Then he sees a young man behind the wheel, reading a computer magazine. He immediately notices a young woman in the rear seat, knitting. Puzzled by this surprising situation, the cop walks to the car and gently raps on the driver's window.

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The young man rolls down the window, “Yes, Officer?” The cop says, “What are you doing?” The young man says, “I’m reading a magazine.” Pointing to the young woman in the back seat, the cop says, “And her, what is she doing?” The young man shrugs, “Sir, I believe she’s knitting a pullover sweater.”

Now the cop is totally confused...A young couple, alone, at night, in a lover’s lane...and nothing obscene is happening!

The cop asks, “What’s your age, young man?” The young man says, “I’m 22, Sir.”

The cop asks, “And her...what’s her age?” The young man looks at his watch and replies, “She’ll be 18 in eleven minutes.”

Solar Report: My daughter has her all-electric car now and they are adding more solar panels on their roof. If they could just get solar powered internet, they’d have it made. They must be careful not to put too many panels up. Some insurance companies in Florida are canceling coverage if the home has more than 10 kilowatts capability. Channel 8’s Eight on Your Side tried to help a family with this predicament. The insurance company couldn’t explain why, it’s just the rule. So when these people do find insurance, the increase in premium is going to be way more than what they save on electricity.

Here’s a typical tale of retired life. When we retired to a mobile home park in Florida, our biggest concern was time management. What were we going to do all day? Let me assure you, passing the time is not a problem. Our days are eaten up by simple, daily activities. Just getting out of our car takes 15 minutes. Trying to find where we parked takes 20 minutes. It takes a half-hour in the check-out line in Walmart, and 1 hour to return the item the next day.

Let me take you through a typical day: we get up at 5:00 am, have a quick breakfast and join the early morning Walk and Fart Club. There are about 30 of us, and rain or shine, we walk around the streets, all talking at once. Every development has some late risers who stay in bed until 6:00am. After a nimble walk, avoiding irate drivers out to make us roadkill, we go back home, shower and change for the next activity. My wife goes directly to the pool for her underwater Pilates class, followed by gasping for breath and CPR. I put on my “Ask me about my grandchildren” t-shirt, my plaid mid-calf shorts, my black socks and sandals and go to the clubhouse lobby for a nice nap. Before we know it, it’s time for lunch. We go to Costco to partake of the many tasty samples dispensed by ladies in white hair nets. All free! After a filling lunch, if we don’t have any doctor appointments, we might go to the flea market to see if any new white belts have come in or to buy a Rolex watch for \$2.00.

We’re usually back home by 2:00 pm to get ready for dinner. People start lining up for the early bird about 3:00 pm, but we get there by 3:45 because we’re late eaters. The dinners are very popular because of the large portions they serve. We can take home enough food for the next day’s lunch and dinner, including extra bread, crackers, packets of mustard, relish, ketchup, and Splenda, along with mints. At 5:30 pm we’re home, ready to watch the 6 o’clock news. By 6:30 pm we’re fast asleep. Then we get up and make five or six trips to the bathroom during the night and it’s time to get up and start a new day all over again.

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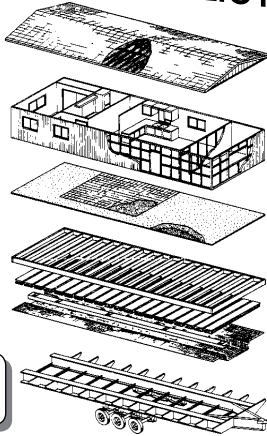
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Doctor-related activities eat up most of our retirement time. I enjoy reading old magazines in sub-zero temperatures in the waiting room, so I don't mind. Calling for test results also helps the days fly by. It takes at least a half hour just getting through the doctor's phone menu. Then there's the hold time until we're connected to the right party. Sometimes they forget we're holding, and the whole office goes off to lunch.

Should we find we still have time on our hands, volunteering provides a rewarding opportunity to help the less fortunate. Florida has the largest concentration of seniors under five feet, and they need our help. I am a volunteer for The Vertically Challenged Over 80. I coach their basketball team, The Arthritic Avengers. The hoop is only 4-1/2 feet from the floor. You should see the look of confidence on their faces when they make a slam dunk. Food shopping is a problem for short seniors, or "bottom feeders," as we call them since they can't reach the food on the upper shelves. There are many foods they've never tasted. After shopping, most seniors can't remember where they parked their cars and wander the parking lot for hours while their food defrosts. I'm tall enough to locate vehicles and save the food before it thaws.

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Welcome New Residents to Bay Ranch

The following is the names of new residents to Bay Ranch. Please take a little time when you meet them to welcome them and invite them to take part in the many activities that are going on in our park.

Martin Mamartine Coach 248

Welcome to Bay Ranch



JOSÉE, WE WILL MISS YOU!

By Carol Raabe

What would any of us do in an environment where we spoke very little of the language? Maybe just stay home and talk only to our language-mates?

Well, that certainly wasn't Josée Bertrand's style. A teacher in Quebec, she was a social person who took full advantage of Bay Ranch's activities. Everyone who was out and about knew her or at least who she was because they had seen her around or been with her for something.

If you met Josée, you would remember her. Tall and physically imposing, yet cute with beautiful white hair, what you really noticed about her was how gentle and pleasant she looked, always. I'll bet her students loved her as we did. She had such a welcoming personality, so that if we were in the same activity, I always wanted to be in her "circle."

There were lots of opportunities to socialize with Josée. Her favorite activities at Bay Ranch were physical things like exercise class, swimnastics and line dancing. When not in a class, one would often see her alone or in a group pedaling her 3-wheeler up and down Bay Ranch streets. She liked canasta, and people say bingo was a passion.

She and husband Jules (Vaillancourt) were the only couple we knew who kept in touch during the pandemic and the summer. Every few weeks our computer would sing that distinctive song and there they would be, sitting in their kitchen, laughing, and talking, with Josée periodically asking Jules for a translation. One of the things Josée and I never got around to was lessons in Québécois. Fortunately, a couple of people in the park (besides, of course, Jules) could speak French with her.

Maybe Josée didn't have much to say in a group of English speakers, but she was definitely a presence, quiet, calm and, yes, funny. Josée, we will miss you.

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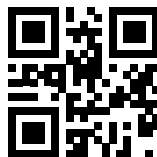


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Cake, ice cream and punch were shared. Wishing you all many more happy years.



From the Resident's Club:

The flea market was a great success. Thank you to all who participated.

In May we are hoping to have a Mother's Day breakfast. Keep watch on the bulletin board for more details. It will be held on the Saturday the 13th.

We are also in the process of planning a Memorial Day cook out on the 29th at 1pm.

Again, keep watch for signs and bulletin board for more details.

Gulf Cart Easter Parade

The parade was a great success with The Easter Bunny (Flo) bringing up the rear. Next year all those who cheered us on by the side need to have your Easter baskets ready to collect all the goodies.

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Sharon Van Horn 828-318-5937

Sharon has graciously taken on the task of leading us in chair exercises. With the weather getting warmer, Sharon has also agreed to move exercises out to the pool. It will still be from 9am-10am. Bring water weights if you have them or a couple of empty jugs such as laundry, bleach, etc. Will do just fine.



Choir

Becky Webber

The Bay Ranch Chorus is seeking a pianist either in Bay Ranch or in the surrounding area to accompany us this fall for our Christmas Concert and our Memorial Service. If you know anyone who may be qualified and interested, please contact me. Becky Webber Chorus Director.



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Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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9 Water Exercise Anasta Euchre	10	11 9:00 Water Exercise	12 1:15 Bid Euchre 2:00 Stein Studs* *or Saturday 6:30 Bingo	13 Mothers Day Pancake Breakfast 8-10
16 Water Exercise Anasta Euchre	17 Card Bingo 6pm	18 9:00 Water Exercise	19 1:15 Bid Euchre 2:00 Stein Studs* *or Saturday 6:30 Bingo	20
23 Water Exercise Anasta Euchre	24	25 9:00 Water Exercise	26 1:15 Bid Euchre 2:00 Stein Studs* *or Saturday 6:30 Bingo	27 Karaoke @6:30
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Shuffleboard

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By Cindy Devinney, Coach 1342, 550-7377

PLEASE UPDATE ME ON MAY BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES. I APOLOGIZE AHEAD OF TIME FOR ANYONE LEFT OUT AND ANY OTHER MISTAKES.

May Birthdays 2023

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Evelyn Hale
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Ray Cossey
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Lynda MacNeil
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May Daily Holidays and Observances

- **May 2:** National Brothers and Sisters Day, Baby Day, National Truffle Day, International Harry Potter Day
- **May 3:** Teacher Appreciation Day* (Tuesday of first full week), Sun Day, Childhood Depression Awareness Day* (first Tuesday), National Concert Day* (first Tuesday), Foster Care Day* (first Tuesday), Wordsmith Day, World Press Freedom Day
- **May 4:** Intergalactic Star Wars Day, National Weather Observers Day, Anti-Bullying Day, Bird Day, International Firefighter's Day, National Orange Juice Day, National Kids Fitness Day, National Skilled Trades Day, National Bike to School Day
- **May 5:** Museum Lovers Day, Cartoonist Day, National Day of Reason* (first Thursday), Make a Book Day, Cinco de Mayo, Hand Hygiene Day, National Children's Mental Health Awareness Day, National Day of Prayer* (first Thursday), Hoagie Day

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- **May 6:** No Homework Day, International Space Day* (first Friday), Tuba Day (first Friday), International No Diet Day
- **May 7:** National Babysitters Day, National Fitness Day, Astronomy Day*, Bladder Cancer Awareness Day* (first Saturday), Learn to Ride a Bike Day* (first Saturday), National Cosmopolitan Day
- **May 8:** Mother's Day* (second Sunday), VE Day (Victory in Europe Day), World Red Cross Day, World Ovarian Cancer Day, National Give Someone a Cupcake Day, National Empanada Day, National Coconut Cream Pie Day, Iris Day
- **May 9:** National Women's Check-up Day, Peter Pan Day, National Foodies Day, World Melanoma Day, National Cycling Day
- **May 10:** Clean Up Your Room Day, National Shrimp Day, National Small Business Day, World Lupus Day, Trust Your Intuition Day, Stay Up All Night Night
- **May 11:** National Eat What You Want Day, National Receptionists Day, National School Nurse Day, National Night Shift Workers Day* (second Wednesday)
- **May 12:** National Limerick Day, National Fibromyalgia Awareness Day, International Nurses Day, National Hospital Day, National Nutty Fudge Day
- **May 13:** National Frog Jumping Day, Tulip Day, Blame Someone Else Day* (first Friday 13th of the year), Friday the 13th, National Apple Pie Day, National Fruit Cocktail Day, National Hummus Day
- **May 14:** World Migratory Bird Day, Stars and Stripes Forever Day, Windmill Day* (second Saturday), Letter Carrier's Stamp Out Hunger Food Drive Day* (second Saturday), National Miniature Gold Day* (second Saturday), National Buttermilk Biscuit Day, National Train Day, American Indian Day* (second Saturday)
- **May 15:** International Day of Families, Bring Flowers to Someone Day, Stepmother's Day* (Sunday after Mother's Day), Something Day, Brown Bag It Thursday* (third Thursday), Hepatitis Testing Day, World IBD Day
- **May 20:** Endangered Species Day* (third Friday), Flower Day, National Be a Millionaire Day, National Bike to Work Day* (third Friday), National Pizza Party Day* (third Friday), National Quiche Lorraine Day, National Rescue Dog Day, Pick Strawberries Day
- **May 21:** Armed Forces Day* (third Saturday), World Bee Day, National Memo Day
- **May 22:** National Maritime Day, National Buy a Musical Instrument Day, National Solitaire Day, National Vanilla Pudding Day, Sherlock Holmes Day, World Goth Day
- **May 23:** World Turtle Day, Lucky Penny Day, National Taffy Day
- **May 24:** National Scavenger Hunt Day, Asparagus Day, Brother's Day, World Schizophrenia Awareness Day, National Escargot Day
- **May 25:** Geek Pride Day, African Liberation Day, National Brown-Bag-It Day, National Missing Children's Day, National Senior Health & Fitness Day* (last Wednesday), National Tap Dance Day, National Wine Day, World Otter Day* (last Wednesday)
- **May 26:** Eat More Fruits & Vegetables Day* (Thursday of Memorial Day week), National

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Blueberry Cheesecake Day, National Cherry Dessert Day, World Red Head Day

- **May 27:** Carb Day, Don't Fry Day* (Friday before Memorial Day), Heat Safety Awareness Day* (fourth Friday), National Road trip Day* (Friday before Memorial Day), Nothing to Fear Day, Sunscreen Protection Day, National Grape Popsicle Day
- **May 28:** International Hamburger Day, International Jazz Day* (Saturday before Memorial Day), National Brisket day, Amnesty International Day, Whooping Crane Day
- **May 29:** Learn About Composting Day, Neighbor Day* (Sunday before Memorial Day), Pink Flamingo Day, Paper Clip Day, World Digestive Health Day
- **May 30:** Memorial Day* (last Monday), Water a Flower Day
- **May 31:** National Meditation Day, National Macaroon Day, National Smile Day, World Parrot Day, National Autonomous Vehicle Day, National Save Your Hearing Day, World No-Tobacco Day, National Speak in Complete Sentences Day

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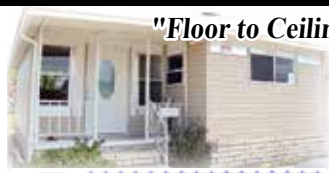
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INGREDIENTS

72 MINI Nilla Wafer cookies (can use regular sized as well)

- 1 7-ounce bag of mini peppermint patties unwrapped.
- 8 ounces chocolate chips or melting chocolate wafers.
- 1 teaspoon coconut oil (optional to add with chocolate chips when melting)

INSTRUCTIONS

1. Preheat your oven to 300 degrees.
 2. Place 36 mini Nilla wafer cookies onto a baking sheet lined with parchment paper.
 3. Place a mini peppermint patty in the center of each one.
 4. Heat in oven for 90 seconds.
DO NOT heat for longer than 90 seconds.
 5. Remove from the oven and place another cookie on top of each pep-permint patty. We're NOT squishing or flattening the mint, just adding a cookie on top and slightly pressing down.
 6. Immediately chill the tray of cookies in the refrigerator for 15-20 minutes, or until chocolate has set.
 7. Melt chocolate in a double boiler or in the microwave. You can use melting chocolate wafers or chocolate chips.
- Note: if using chocolate chips, you can add a teaspoon of coco-nut oil if you'd like to thin them out a little.
8. Dip cookie sandwiches into chocolate using a chocolate dipper tool or fork. Tap the tool or fork against the side of the bowl to allow the excess chocolate to drip off before transferring the cookie back to the baking sheet.
 9. Refrigerate cookies until the chocolate has hardened.

NOTES

Store peppermint cookie bites in an airtight container for up to 2 weeks.

Note: if using regular-sized Nilla wafers you may need a little more chocolate.

Prep Time: 10 minutes

Cook Time: 1 minute

chill: 30 minutes

Total Time: 41 minutes

Servings: 36 pieces



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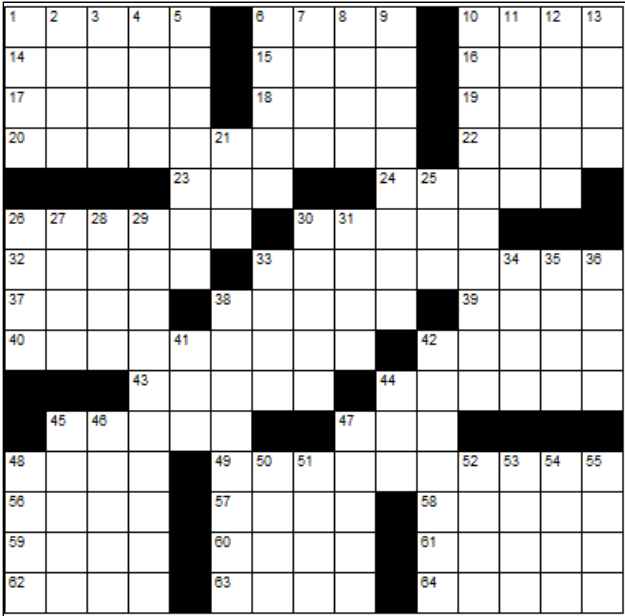
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- 15. Wash
- 16. Frosts, as a cake
- 17. Lightning units
- 18. You bake with it
- 19. Flippers
- 20. They taste like sugar
- 22. Celebration
- 23. Scarlet
- 24. Utilizers
- 26. Gasoline
- 30. Beau
- 32. Impressive display
- 33. Revolutionary War figures
- 37. Legal claim
- 38. Bodily cavity
- 39. Adopted son of Claudius
- 40. Young trees



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- 1. Declines
- 2. Type of black bird
- 3. Floor covering
- 4. Initial wager
- 5. Demolish
- 6. Light-colored hair
- 7. Roof overhang
- 8. Always
- 9. Erotic
- 10. Divergence
- 11. More aloof
- 12. Pennies
- 13. Being
- 21. Snake-like fish
- 25. Band performance
- 26. Friends
- 27. A Great Lake
- 28. Tall woody plant
- 29. Arranged in random order
- 30. Birds have them
- 31. Duty
- 33. Not yours
- 34. Of higher order
- 35. Ages
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