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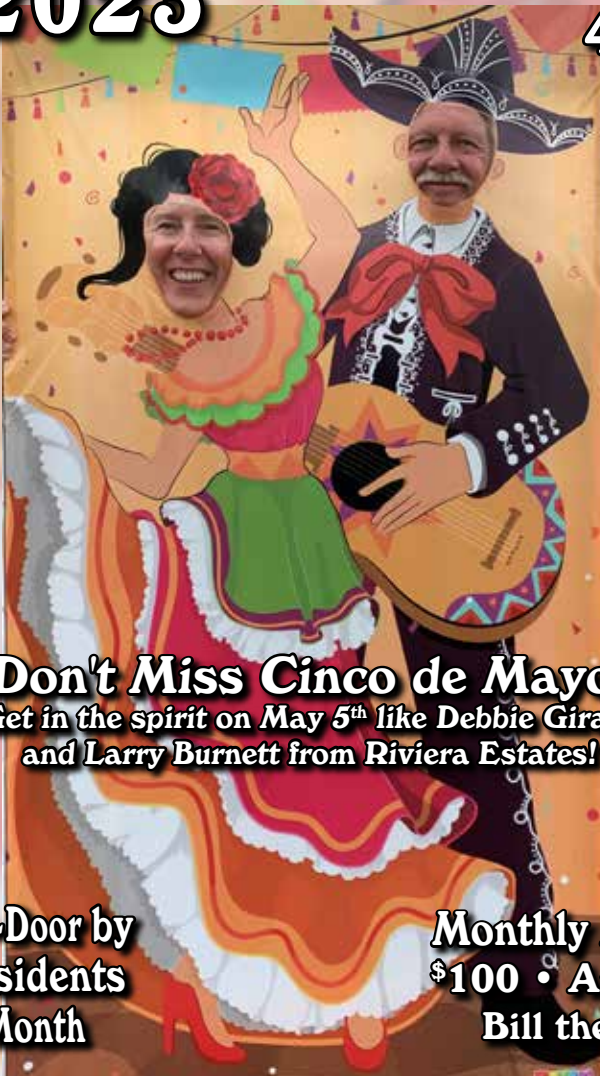
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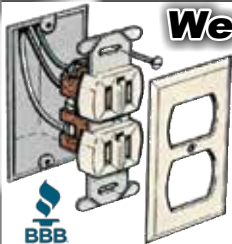
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Melanoma/Skin Cancer Detection and Prevention Month. May 1–31. For more information, contact the American Academy of Dermatology or browse www.aad.org

National Arthritis Month. May 1–31. To increase awareness about the more than 100 forms of arthritis and related diseases and to increase support for the more than 70 million Americans with arthritis. For more information, browse www.arthritis.org

National Bike Month. May 1–31. To celebrate bicycling for fun, fitness and transportation. For more information, browse www.bikeleague.org

Daily

May Day. **May 1.** The first day of May has been celebrated since ancient times. Spring festivals with maypoles are still common. In many countries, May Day is celebrated as a workers' holiday or as Labor Day. (The United States and Canada observe Labor Day in September.)

Cinco de Mayo. **May 5.** Mexican National Holiday recognizing the anniversary of the Battle of Puebla in 1862, in which Mexican troops, who were outnumbered three-to-one, defeated the invading French forces of Napoleon III.

The Kentucky Derby. **May 7.** America's premier thoroughbred horse race at Churchill Downs, in Louisville, Ky. For more information, browse www.kentuckyderby.com.

Mother's Day. **May 6.** To celebrate mothers. First observed in 1907 as a church service in the memory of Anna Jarvis' mother (Philadelphia). It was designated to be recognized as an observance by Congress in 1914 and is always the second Sunday in May.

National Stamp Out Hunger — National Food Drive. **May 13.** Mail carriers collect food items left in mailboxes and dropped off at post offices. For more information, browse www.nalc.org.

National Missing Children's Day. **May 25.** To promote awareness of the problem of missing children, to offer a forum for change and to offer safety information for children in school and the community. For more information, browse www.childfindofamerica.org.

National Senior Health and Fitness Day. **May 31.** To promote the value of fitness and exercise for older adults. For more information, browse www.fitnessday.com.

Memorial Day. **May 29.** To honor those who have died in battle. The first documented U.S. observance was on May 5, 1866, in Waterloo, N.Y.



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An alphabet for mom...



A is for ADULT: A person who has stopped growing at both ends and is now growing in the middle.

B is for BATHROOM: A room used by the entire family, believed by all except mom to be self-cleaning.

C is for COMMITTEE: As in decision by committee, which is how mom says something will be decided when she has already made up her mind how things are going to be.

D is for DATE: Infrequent outings with dad where mom can enjoy worrying about the kids in a different setting.

E is for EMPTY NEST: See “WISHFUL THINKING.”

F is for FABLE: A story told by a teenager arriving home after curfew.

G is for GUM: Adhesive for the hair.

H is for HINDSIGHT: What mom experiences from changing too many diapers.

I is for INFLATION: Cutting money in half without damaging the paper.

J is for JUNK: Dad’s stuff.

K is for KISS: Mom’s medicine.

L is for LEMONADE STAND: Complicated business venture where mom buys powdered mix, sugar, lemons, and paper cups, and sets up a table, chairs, pitchers and ice for kids who sit there for three to six minutes and net a profit of 15 cents.

M is for MAYBE: No.

N is for NONSENSE: What mom says your friends are full of.

O is for OVERSTUFFED RECLINER: Mom’s nickname for dad.

P is for PANIC: What a mother goes through when the darn wind-up swing stops.

Q is for QUIET: A state of household serenity, which occurs before the birth of the first child and occurs again after the last child has left for college.

R is for REFRIGERATOR: Combination art gallery and air-conditioner for the kitchen.

S is for SPOILED ROTTEN: What the kids become after as little as 15 minutes with grandma.

T is for TOWELS: See “FLOOR COVERINGS.”

U is for UNDERWEAR: An article of clothing, the cleanliness of which ensures the wearer will never have an accident.

V is for VACATION: Where you take the family to get away from it all, only to find it there, too.

W is for WALLS: Complete set of drawing paper for kids that comes with every room.

X is for XOXOXOXOXO: Mom salutation guaranteed to make the already embarrassing note in a kid’s lunch box even more mortifying.

Y is for “YIPPEE!”: What mothers shout the first day of school.

Z is for ZUCCHINI: Vegetable which can be baked, boiled, fried or steamed before kids refuse to eat it.

— *from quotesandjokes.com*

Things not to say when you get pulled over

1. I can't reach my license unless you hold my beer.
2. Sorry, officer, I didn't realize my radar detector wasn't plugged in.
3. Aren't you the guy from the Village People?
4. Hey, you must've been doin' about 125 mph to keep up with me.
Good job!
5. Are you Andy or Barney?
6. I thought you had to be in relatively good physical condition to be a police officer.
7. You're not gonna check the trunk are you?
8. I pay your salary!
9. Gee, officer! That's terrific. The last officer only gave me a warning too!
10. Do you know why you pulled me over? OK, just so one of us does.
11. I was trying to keep up with traffic. Yes, I know there are no other cars around. That's how far ahead of me they are.
12. When the officer says "Gee, son...your eyes look red, have you been drinking?" You probably shouldn't respond with, "Gee officer your eyes looked glazed, have you been eating doughnuts?" —*from cybersalt.org*



A leadership odyssey

The story of Homer's *Odyssey* is about a king named Odysseus. He and his men spent 10 years fighting the Trojan War, and they won.

Then they spent another 10 years trying to get home. Along the way, Odysseus and his men stop at an island to get provisions. They meet people who sit around all day and eat the sweet fruit of the lotus trees.

The fruit is so delicious these lotus eaters spend all their time eating it. They stop caring about anything else.

Odysseus' men try the fruit and soon they are addicted too. They have no interest in going home.

They forget all about their goal.

Odysseus wants to get back home and he gets his men to get on the ship and leave.

Odysseus kept his eye on his vision and purpose.

He never forgot his goal.

—*from IdeaBank.com*



On life

Someone told me life is a water wheel. It turns. The trick is to hold your nose when you're under and not get dizzy when you're up.

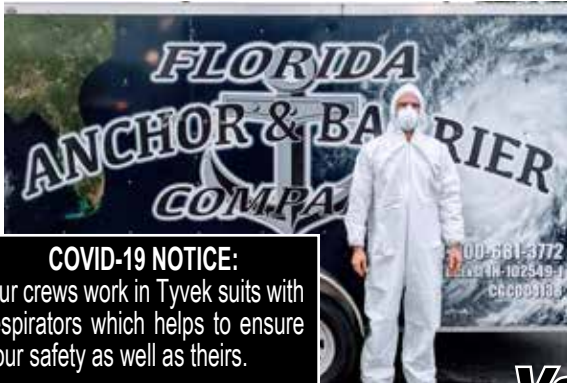
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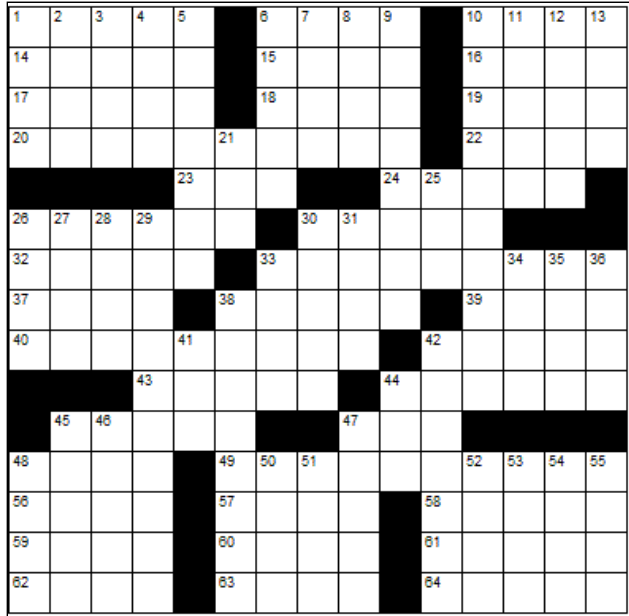
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ACROSS

- 1. Outward
- 6. Stinging insects
- 10. Cubes
- 14. Saltwater
- 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
- 42. Group of eight
- 43. Desert watering holes
- 44. Lubricant
- 45. Explosive devices
- 47. Purge
- 48. French for "End"
- 49. Companion
- 56. Nile bird
- 57. Colored part of the eye
- 58. French for "Red"
- 59. Blackthorn
- 60. Dispatched
- 61. Made a mistake
- 62. Be inclined
- 63. Swine
- 64. Feints



DOWN

- 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
- 36. Connecting point
- 38. Effeminate
- 41. Chemist's workpl
- 42. Commanded
- 44. Image format
- 45. Christian holy boc
- 46. An aromatic flavo
- vegetable
- 47. Pauses
- 48. Closed hand
- 50. Black-and-white
- cookie
- 51. Sovereign
- 52. Old stories
- 53. Wait in the shadow
- 54. Curved molding
- 55. Marries



May
Crossword



Bringing out the best in others — naturally



If you've ever had anyone appreciate you for your natural abilities, you'll appreciate the story of the flower seed principle.

Try to think of every person as a flower seed: He or she already has the disposition to become something amazing and beautiful. But each seed will become only a certain kind of flower.

In the workplace, you overhear a manager say—"I think that sunflower over there has some potential, and I think with a little training he could become a really great long-stemmed rose."

The truth is that a sunflower seed is only going to produce a sunflower—and how beautiful the flower becomes often depends on how it is nurtured.

But in the workplace what often happens is someone in charge brings in some information to try and teach the sunflower how to try and become a long stemmed rose. The sunflower is encouraged to have lunch with and network with the roses, in the hope that one day, he too can become one of them. Before the sunflower goes to bed each night, his boss tells him to say over and over to himself, "I am a beautiful long stemmed rose."

And so do you know what the sunflower becomes.

He does not become a rose—certainly not. No. He becomes the world's most insecure sunflower. Because no one has ever noticed his own innate beauty and the gifts he has for the world. Because for a long time everyone has been telling him it's not OK for him to be who he is.

The best thing anyone can do for someone else is to try and find out what that person's nature is. And then once you find out what that person's nature is you ask yourself, "What can I do to cultivate the person's natural talents and abilities?"

A true leader would say: "Here's a seminar on how a bunch of beautiful sunflowers got together and did something wonderful. Here's a place where you can go and network with other sunflowers."

That is how you help someone tap their true potential, which is what good leaders do. First you find out what kind of seed the people already have inside and then you help them grow into what they were naturally meant to be.

— adapted from *Heart at Work*, by Jack Canfield and Jacqueline Miller

On middle age

Middle age is the time when a man is always thinking that in a week or two he will feel as good as ever.

— **Ogden Nash**

On death

Death is one of the few things that can be done as easily lying down. The difference between sex and death is that with death you can do it alone and no one is going to make fun of you.

— **Woody Allen**

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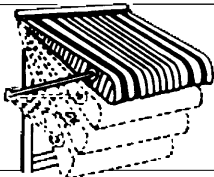
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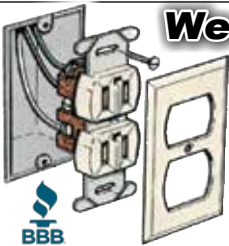
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It's estimated that about 17 million to 21 million people in the United States are afflicted with a fear of Friday the 13th. Not only that, but it's estimated that somewhere between \$800 million and \$900 million is lost on any given Friday the 13th, because people are afraid to fly and do business like they do normally, according to Donald Dossey, founder of the Stress Management Center and Phobia Institute in Asheville, N.C. People who are afraid of Friday the 13th are possibly people who consider themselves to be unlucky in the first place, and they are probably superstitious, says Richard Wiseman, a psychologist at the University of Hertfordshire in Hatfield, England. In a survey of 2,068 people, Wiseman found that one-quarter of respondents believed that the number 13 was bad luck. He also found that the people who believed in this bad luck tend to be more anxious on Friday the 13th, and so it may be their own expectations and anxiety that bring on the "bad luck."

Here are a few facts about the history of the idea that the number 13 is unlucky:

- There was a Norse myth about 12 gods in heaven having a dinner party. A 13th guest walked in, the god Loki, and shot the god of joy, Balder. When Balder died the whole world became dark.
- Judas, who betrayed Jesus, was the 13th guest at The Last Supper.
- Witches in ancient Rome supposedly gathered in groups of 12. The 13th attendee was the devil.
- More than 80 percent of high rises lack a 13th floor.
- Most airports skip a 13th gate.
- Hotels and hospitals often do not have room number 13s.

As for the Friday part of the bad luck, it seems that this belief rose from the idea that Jesus was crucified on a Friday, that Eve tempted Adam on a Friday, and that Abel was slain by Cain on Friday.

—*adapted from National Geographic*

On cholesterol

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 - Keep talking and interject, "What I was trying to say was..."
 - The next time someone interrupts you, use it as an opportunity to do something rather than just get upset.
 - Pause, then say, "I wasn't finished; hear me out." Or pause, then tell the person how it makes you feel when you are cut off—without attacking the person.
- Here are a few lines that might help:
- "Please let me finish..."
 - "It's really hard for me to listen to you right now because you did not let me finish what I was saying."
 - "When I'm talking to you and you interrupt me with something that has nothing to do with what I'm talking about, it makes me feel like you're not interested in what I'm saying."

—adapted from *The Lost Art of Listening*, by Michael P. Nichols

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- Let the other person talk— a lot.
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- Try to appeal to noble notions in the other person.

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Community Manager And New Home Sales
Andrea Seay Office phone: (727) 796-1356
Office FAX: (727) 712-3526
Email: silkoaklodge_mgr@equitylifestyle.com

Service Department..... Chris Pecora
Office Hours For Community And New Home Sales Info.....
..... Monday Through Friday - 9 AM To 5 PM
..... Closed Saturday And Sunday

Service Hours..... Monday through Friday 8:00 AM – 4:30 PM
Closed Saturday and Sunday

Emergency Numbers - For Fire/Police - 911
Park Emergency Number - Flood/Water Main Breaks after hours only: (727)-254-6021
For Park Emergency during office hours call office phone: (727) 796-1356

A1 Towing..... 727-536-5600
Animal Services..... 727-582-2600

Clubhouse Hours..... Open Daily - 8 A.M. to 10 P.M.
Please note: Residents will be notified of dates and times of entertainment, clubhouse activities, and special events

Clubhouse Wifi..... Network ID: silk_oak_club_house
..... Password: clubhouse

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..... Dumpster Trash - Pick-up days - Mon, Wed, Thu, Fri
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..... Do Not dispose of Dog Waste Bags in Dumpsters (use dog stations)
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