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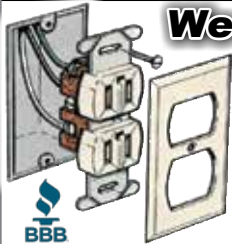
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submitted by Pat J.

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Following the party was a Happy Hour, which have been moved to Saturday evenings so people can socialize as long as they want and won't interfere with Bar Poker, held on Friday nights at 7. The December happy hour featured a white elephant gift exchange. One thing for sure, don't get too attached to your gift until the end, you may not end up with it.

Christmas dinner was held on Christmas Day at 4pm. The menu included prime rib, vegetables, mac & cheese, mashed potatoes, and gravy. Cheesecake and pecan pie rounded out the menu.

FEBRUARY will feature Valentines Dance on February 14th with Tim Rowland as the entertainer. The dance will be from 7 to 10. Ticket prices will be \$10 for social club members and \$15 for non members. There will be a 50/50 raffle held. If there are any resident's celebrating their 50th anniversary this year please let a board member know, or sign the sheet on the bulletin board. We would like to celebrate YOU.

Happy Hour will be on Saturday the 24th at 6pm. Bring an appetizer to share and you beverage of choice and spend some time meeting up with friends or making new friends. If you don't have time to prepare an appetizer then bring your beverage and \$5. to share in the goodies.

As with all clubs and organizations, we can only be successful with the support of the community. Our community is Hillcrest and both the Social Club and the Home Owners Association need your support. With the Social club, membership gets you reduced to most events, and usually one totally free event each year. If you wish to support the Social Club please see Pat (1009) or Maureen (162).



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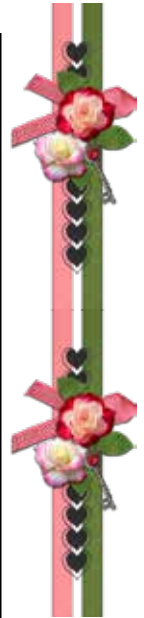
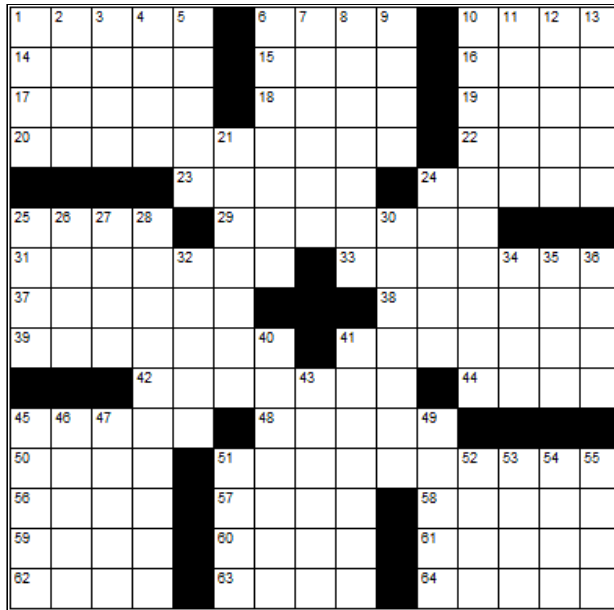
next Happy Hour is March
23rd @ 6pm.

February



ACROSS

- 1. Reliance
- 6. Taxis
- 10. Raindrop sound
- 14. Eagle's home
- 15. Affirm
- 16. Wealthy
- 17. Sail supports
- 18. Hindu princess
- 19. Aware of
- 20. Poulting
- 22. Average
- 23. Grin
- 24. Pal
- 25. Stops
- 29. "Hush!"
- 31. Spotted feline
- 33. Cuddle
- 37. Ravel classic
- 38. Trader
- 39. Intestinal
- 41. Type of pony
- 42. Heat-related
- 44. Poi source
- 45. Thick-growing
- 48. They connect points
- 50. Nitpicky to a fault
- 51. In a slow, laborious manner
- 56. 5280 feet
- 57. Rodents
- 58. Red Sea peninsula
- 59. Sounds of disapproval
- 60. Curved molding
- 61. Economic down time
- 62. Hotels
- 63. Flippant
- 64. Affirmatives



Down

- 1. Pack down
- 2. Genuine
- 3. Celestial bear
- 4. Seats oneself
- 5. Quizzes
- 6. Toted
- 7. Services
- 8. Types of hat
- 9. Large and hurried swallow
- 10. Proclaim
- 11. Delineated
- 12. Group of eight
- 13. Fake
- 21. Involve deeply
- 24. Music genre
- 25. River to the North Sea
- 26. Used in advertising signs
- 27. Buffoon
- 28. Too shocked for words
- 30. Brought on
- 32. Impressive display
- 34. Pleased
- 35. Extend credit
- 36. Therefore
- 40. Montage
- 41. Way of thinking
- 43. Violent troublemaker
- 45. Famous baby deer
- 46. Labor organization
- 47. Beauty parlor
- 49. Pantywaist
- 51. Brace
- 52. Egyptian river
- 53. Wildebeests
- 54. Hardly believable
- 55. Puppy sounds



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On the fragility of opinions



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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 finding 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 elephant'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 sturdy, 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.

On unhappiness

It isn't what you have, or who you are, or where you are, or what you are doing that makes you happy or unhappy. It is what you think about.

— **Dale Carnegie**

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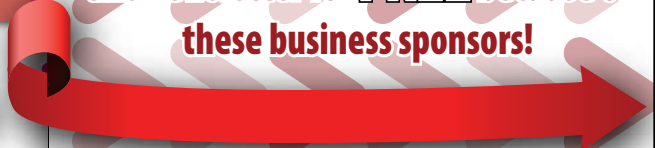
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		Lincoln's Birthday
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Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 Black History Month Begins	2 Bar Poker 7pm Groundhog Day	3 Coffee - 9am \$2.00 Social Club Mtg. Follows
6	7 Game Night 7pm	8 Pot Luck @ 6pm	9 Bar Poker 7pm	10
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February Sudoku

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The most important ingredient



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



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.

On success

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February Holidays



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National Girls and Women in Sports Day. Feb. 7.

Celebrates and honors all girls and women participating in sports. Recognizes the passage of Title IX in 1972, the law that guarantees gender equity in federally funded school programs, including athletics. For more information, browse www.NGWSDCentral.com.

Groundhog Day. Feb. 2. Old belief that if the sun shines on Candlemas Day, or if the groundhog sees his shadow when he emerges on this day, six weeks of winter will ensue.

Pay-A-Compliment Day. Feb. 6. Pay a compliment to coworkers, family members or strangers on the street or in the elevator in your office building.

Valentine's Day. Feb. 14. Celebrates the feast of two Christian martyrs of this name. Now it is one of the most widely observed unofficial holidays. It is an occasion for the exchange of gifts, usually flowers or sweets, and greeting cards.

Presidents Day. Feb. 19. Observes the birthdays of George Washington (Feb. 22) and Abraham Lincoln (Feb. 12).

Inconvenience Yourself Day. Feb. 28. A day to think about others and look for ways to inconvenience yourself while making the lives of others better or easier. For more information, browse www.inconvenienceyourself.com.



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AMD/Low Vision Awareness Month. Macular degeneration is a leading cause of vision loss. Low vision aids can make the most of remaining vision. For more information browse www.preventblindness.org.

American Heart Month. Each year cardiovascular diseases claim the lives of nearly 500,000 women. The American Heart Association focuses on education about women and heart disease. The AHA urges everyone to participate in Wear Red Day on Feb. 3. For more information, browse www.americanheart.org.

Bake for Family Fun Month. The Home Baking Association dedicates this month to the great taste, good nutrition, economy and family fun of traditional home baking. For more information, browse www.homebaking.org.

Library Lovers' Month. To recognize the value of libraries and to work to ensure that the nation's libraries will continue to serve the public. For more information, browse www.librarysupport.net/librarylovers.

National Black History Month. To recognize achievements and contributions by African Americans. For more information, browse www.asalh.org.

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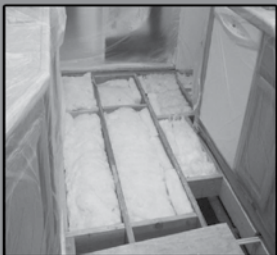


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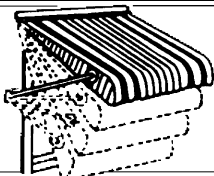
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Free. This means that a product contains no amount of, or only trivial or “physiologically inconsequential” amounts of one or more of the following components: fat, saturated fat, cholesterol, sodium, sugars and calories. For example, “calorie-free” means fewer than 5 calories per serving, and “sugar-free” and “fat-free” both mean less than 0.5 grams per serving. Synonyms for “free” include “without,” “no” and “zero.” A synonym for fat-free milk is “skim.”

Low. This term can be used on foods that can be eaten frequently without exceeding dietary guidelines for one or more of these components: fat, saturated fat, cholesterol, sodium and calories. Thus, descriptors are as follows:

- Low-fat. 3 grams or less per serving.
- Low-saturated fat. 1 gram or less per serving.
- Low-sodium. 140 milligrams or less per serving.
- Very low sodium. 35 milligrams or less per serving.
- Low cholesterol. 20 milligrams or less and 2 grams or less of saturated fat per serving.
- Low calorie. 40 calories or less per serving.

Synonyms for low are “little,” “few,” “low source of” and “contains a small amount of.”

Many Americans suffer from heartburn

According to the AstraZeneca Web site, heartburn is a burning feeling that rises from the stomach or lower chest up toward the neck. The burning sensation is caused by acid that backs up from the stomach into the gullet (esophagus). Usually a valve at the lower end of the esophagus opens when you swallow and closes when the food has passed. However, in some people, this function does not work properly and does not close off when it should—after a meal, for instance. Anyone who suspects they are suffering from heart-burn should seek a doctor’s advice; medicine may be required and more serious problems need to be eliminated as the cause of the discomfort.



- In Western countries, about 40 percent (two in every five) of adults suffer from heartburn.
- Up to 44 percent of American adults suffer from heartburn at least once a month, and approximately 7 percent of Americans experience heartburn at least once a day.
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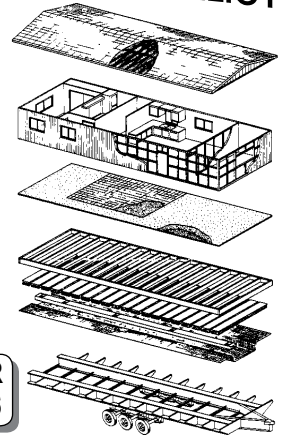
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In his book *Great Hollywood Wit*, famed movie critic Gene Shalit recounts this famous Hollywood anecdote. Albert Einstein once ventured into the alternate universe known as Hollywood. Many celebrities made it their business to get invited to the sumptuous bash thrown in the physicist’s honor. No doubt many at the star-studded event had heard of his theory of relativity—but it’s unlikely that many understood it. At the party, it came to pass that one of the 20th century’s greatest minds was introduced to Jack Warner, a movie producer who ruled Hollywood for many years. Warner’s studio was responsible for introducing stars like Bette Davis, Humphrey Bogart—and Bugs Bunny. When Einstein was introduced to Warner, the movie maker said, “I have my own theory of relatives. Don’t hire ’em.”

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No future in it

John: “I don’t think Steve is going to make it as a speaker.” **E**d: “Why?” 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.”



On success

If you have achieved any level of success, then pour it into someone else. Success is not success without a successor.

—**T.D. Jakes**

There are no secrets to success. Don’t waste time looking for them. Success is the result of perfection, hard work, learning from failure, loyalty to those for whom you work, and persistence.

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<p>EVENTS & PROGRAMS</p>	<p>Doral Village Yard Sale Bazaar, Saturday, February 24th, 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>WANTED TO BUY</p>
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<p>Carpot Sale: February 3rd, 8am-noon. Golden Acres RO Park. 1040 Main St., Dunedin FL</p>		
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