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Euchre had a rip-roaring life this summer with one table of players. One mighty fellow, Howie Moy, Betty Bober, Doris Lanthier and myself. Al Malenka joined us a couple of times when Howie couldn't make it.

We made the best of a good thing each week and gave life to the Clubhouse, of course to the chagrin of the Cribbage players!

We extend our apologies for our laughter.

We had a lovely celebration between Christmas and New Years 12/27/23. Looking forward to a great season in 2024.

Thank you all for helping with the set up and take down of the Euchre tables and supplies and being very respectful of our newly refinished beautiful Terrazzo Clubhouse floor.

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## **November 1, 2023**

Lone Hands	3	Jack London	
1st Place	51	Sherry London	HH 11
2nd Place	51	Bill McIntosh	HH 10
3rd Place	41	John Tricco	

## November 8, 2023

Lone Hands	4	Mike Higbie	
1st Place	66	Bill Kohls	
2nd Place	56	Pat Peever	
3rd Place	55	Dale Peever	HH 11
4th Place	55	Howard Moy	HH 10

## November 15, 2023 Lone Hands 4 Bill McIntosh

1st Place	59	Donna Hopkins	
2nd Place	56	Murray MacNeill	HH 10
3rd Place	56	Tammy Rau	HH 9
4th Place	55	Gus Agostinelli	

## November 22, 2023

Lone Hands	5	Albert Malenka	
1st Place	68	Murray MacNeill	HH 14
2nd Place	58	Laurie Wookey	HH 11
3rd Place	58	Donna Tarvin	HH 8

## November 29, 2023

Lone Hands	3	Howar Moy
1st Place	63	Mary Jo Ward
2nd Place	57	Donna Tarvin
3rd Place	53	Al Malenka
4th Place	52	Teresa Hunter



## **December 6, 2023**

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| Lone Hands | 4  | Jake Bubelis     |
|------------|----|------------------|
| 1st Place  | 61 | Doris Lanthier   |
| 2nd Place  | 60 | Gus Agostinelli  |
| 3rd Place  | 58 | Mary Jo Ward     |
| 4th Place  | 57 | Eleanor McDaniel |
| 5th Place  | 55 | Murray MacNeill  |

## **December 13, 2023**

| Lone Hands | 3  | John Tricco   |
|------------|----|---------------|
| 1st Place  | 65 | Donna Tarvin  |
| 2nd Place  |    | Betty Bubelis |
| 3rd Place  | 54 | Laurie Wookey |
| 4th Place  | 53 | Bill Kohls    |
| 5th Place  | 51 | Pat Peever    |

## **December 20, 2023**

| Lone Hands | 4  | Doris Lanthier |
|------------|----|----------------|
| 1st Place  | 54 | Teresa Hunter  |
| 2nd Place  | 52 | Jake Bubelis   |
| 3rd Place  | 50 | Ricki Burk     |
| 4th Place  |    | Gary Burk      |
| 5th Place  | 48 | Betty Bubelis  |
|            |    |                |

## **December 27, 2023**

| Christmas Pa | rty ] | Day Played 6 Games |
|--------------|-------|--------------------|
| Lone Hands   | 2     | Bill McIntosh      |
| 1st Place    | 44    | Teresa Hunter      |
| 2nd Place    | 42    | Howard Moy         |
| 3rd Place    | 37    | Donna MacLeod      |
| 4th Place    | 36    | Jake Bubelis       |
| 5th Place    | 35    | Retty Rubelis      |



## **WEDNESDAY CRIBBAGE**

| Name            | Total |     |           |                   |          |     |
|-----------------|-------|-----|-----------|-------------------|----------|-----|
| 12/6/2023       |       |     |           | 12/20/2023        |          |     |
| Deb Skack       | 6     | 230 |           | Roberta Patterson | 5        | 331 |
| Linda Jewell    | 6     | 228 |           | Simone Dawson     | 5        | 319 |
| Ken Dawson      | 6     | 213 | 00000     | Marie Pelletier   | 5        | 307 |
| Joe Dawson      | 6     | 207 | 88°88 &   | Ray Jewell        | 5        | 307 |
| 12/13/2023      |       |     |           | 12/27/2023        |          |     |
| Joe Dawson      | 6     | 227 | ارة و قوا | Simone Dawson     | 6        | 230 |
| Deb Skack       | 6     | 218 | 188888M   | Linda Jewell      | 5        | 352 |
| Laurie Melanson | 6     | 194 | -10000111 | Ray Jewell        | 5        | 316 |
| Ray Jewell      | 5     | 332 |           | Rachel Melanson   | 5        | 315 |
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## **February Birthdays**

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- Greg Taylor
- Paul Thibault
- Gary Burk
- Wayne Stoner
- Debbie Bauman
- Richard Champagne
- Jack Conaboy
- 6 Mike Davenport
- Kevin Digilio
- 6 Randy Dunn
- Wayde Lively
- 6 Mike Nowak
- Beryl Olson
- 7 Jerry Casbohm
- Peg Gifford
- Lisa Homerston
- Kenneth Rodgers
- Margie Strickland
- Frank Niziolek

- Annette Small
- 10 Cookie Mortenson

- 11 Dennis Hoffer
- 11 Angele Lanovaz
- 11 Mike Ray
- 12 Doris Lanthier
- 12 Lou Quenneville
- 12 Bonnie Ruff
- 13 Karen Lipa
- 13 Terry Riley
- 14 Gerry Chantigny
- 14 Grant Franjione
- 15 Bill Dixon
- 15 Pat Richards
- 15 Sally Wisniewski
- 16 Phil Glynn
- 16 Wendy Lavigne
- 16 Peter Perigrino
- 16 Dennis Waite
- 17 Bill DeBar

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2011

17 Ross Minichiello

- 18 David Hirst
- 18 John Szakal
- 19 Ken Marston
- 20 Jackie Keenan
- 20 Ron Paul
- 21 Janie Lang
- 22 Cookie Caron
- 22 Ron Duguay
- 22 Glenn Gifford
- 24 Michael Bowser
- 24 Mitch Frail
- 24 Brian Hurley
- 24 Ron Naglic
- 25 Bob Burns
- 25 Maurice Caron
- 25 Rick Hudson
- 25 Lori Jariz
- 25 Bea Meagher
- 27 Rita Bennett
- 27 Don Croteau
- 27 Gary Fassette
- 28 Doug Emery

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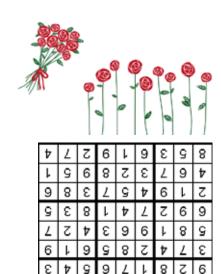
## **February Anniversaries**

- Mark & Carol Lipscomb
- 4 Jim & Judy Bailey
- 4 Kevin & Tammy St. Pierre
- 7 Mike & Sharon Ray 1959 11 Bob & Julie Burns 2011
- 13 Mort & Cookie Mortenson
- 14 Jeremy & Deanna Call
- 1998 14 Glenn & Peg Gifford 1959
- 14 Allen & Mary Tavernier
- 15 Richard & Carol Tracy 1997
- 17 Ray & Sandy Barrow 1968 17 Mike & Norma Surano 1962
- 23 Dave & Eva Szabo
- 24 Don & Juanita Lamy 2018
- 27 Hugh & Deborah Matthews



## February Sudoku

| 7 | 4 |   | 5  |   |   |   |   |   |
|---|---|---|----|---|---|---|---|---|
|   |   |   | 8  |   |   |   | 6 |   |
|   |   |   | τ- |   | 6 | 5 |   | 3 |
|   | 7 |   |    |   |   | 6 |   |   |
| 5 |   |   |    |   |   |   |   |   |
|   |   |   |    |   | 1 | 8 |   |   |
|   | 1 | 9 |    |   | 7 |   |   |   |
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**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.

## **Monthly**



MD/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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## Reduce your food label confusion

re you confused by the labels on food products in the grocery store? Products now like to advertise that they are "fat free," "reduced fat" and L"low calorie." So what do those terms really mean? The Food and Drug Administration regulates what foods can contain before they can make label claims. Here are a few FDA label-claims requirements for food manufacturers:



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**

ccording to the AstraZeneca Web site, heartburn is a burning feeling that rises from the stomach or lower chest up toward the neck. The Laburning 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.
- Twenty-five percent (one in four) of pregnant women experience daily heartburn and more than 50 percent have occasional symptoms.







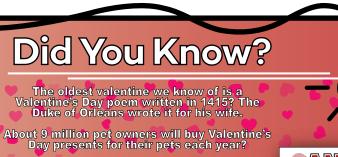
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## **Ranch Mobile**

| uesday                                             | Wednesday                                                                                                                                            | Thursday                                                                                                                         |    | Friday                                |    | Saturday                                                                                          |         |
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| day-Friday<br>1 Walkercise                         | ,                                                                                                                                                    | 9:00a Hobby Club<br>10:00a Golf<br>12:30p Dominos<br>3:00p Happy Hour<br>5:00p Men's Poker<br>5:00p Bingo                        | 1  | 3:00p Corn Hole<br>7:00p Music Club   | 2  | 9:00a Miniputt<br>10:00a Shuffle<br>1:30p Double Deck<br>Pinochle<br>5:00p Corn Hole<br>Dinner    | 3       |
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| uffle Mtg<br>ve Music                              | 8:00a Koffee Klatch<br>10:00a Ukulele<br>12:30p Nickle Bingo<br>5:30p Cribbage<br>6:00p Euchre                                                       | 9:00a Hobby Club<br>10:00a Golf<br>12:30p Dominos<br>3:00p Happy Hour<br>5:00p Men's Poker<br>5:00p Bingo                        | 8  | 3:00p Corn Hole                       | 9  | 9:00a Miniputt<br>10:00a Shuffle Fun<br>Day<br>1:30p Double Deck<br>Pinochle<br>6:00p Court Whist | 10      |
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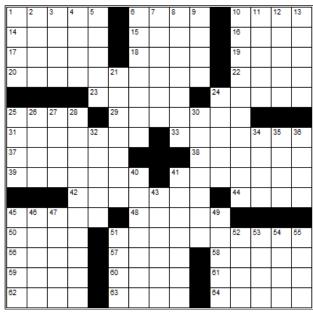


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## **ACROSS**

- 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. Poulticing
- 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 0 :
- 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
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- 54. Hardly believable
- 55. Puppy sounds



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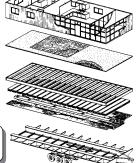
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## The most important ingredient

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

nce 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

Most people search high and wide for the keys to success. If they only knew, the key to their dreams lies within.

— George Washington Carver

## On the fragility of opinions

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 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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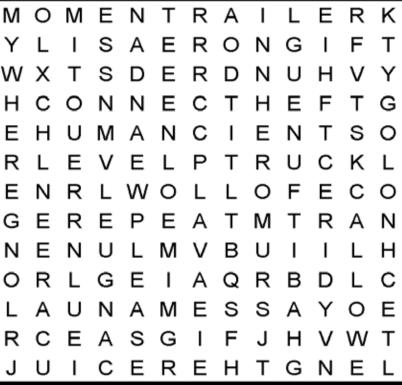
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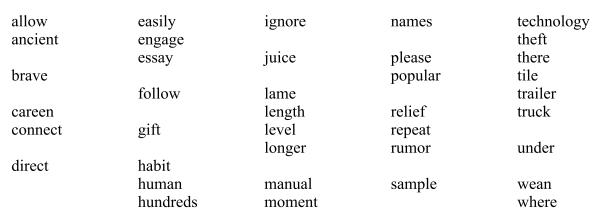




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## **Einstein in 'Tinsel Town'**

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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- The only real problem you have is too much work for too few people.
- Everything looks OK to me. You really don't need me.

## No future in it

**John**: "I don't think Steve is going to make it as a speaker." Ed: "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.

— Colin Powell

## Attention worrywarts - you can change

If you're human, you worry. And worrying has served a great purpose for humankind—the process has been an integral part of evolution and survival for thousands of years. Let's face it, compared to, say a T. rex, human beings were not the most likely creatures to survive long term—so what happened? We worried. Or in other words, we were able to exercise forethought—project the possibilities of what might happen in the future in our minds and then make decisions based on the "what if..." scenario. And it helped. If a caveman saw a friend eat a berry and then fall down dead, he would be able to think "Gee, my friend, died after eating a purple berry." And weeks later when he found a bush full of purple berries that looked like the ones his friend ate, he would make the informed and rational decision to avoid putting one in his mouth. In essence, he worried about something before he did it—and

But like all good things, sometimes our evolutionary gold-mines go awry and end up with negative con-sequences if they are allowed to run amok. And that, in essence, seems to be happening to a lot of people today. People seem to be experiencing overwhelming levels of worry and the condition is being tagged as generalized anxiety disorder. Psychologists seem to think that people are experiencing GAD more often these days because modern life is full of so much stress. According to the American Institute of Cognitive Therapy, people react to this stress in different ways: Some people believe that if they worry, they are somehow protecting and preparing themselves; some believe that they need certainty in order to relax; and some believe that worrying about worrying is going to drive them crazy.

So what's a worrywart to do? According to NetDoctor.co.uk, cognitive therapy can help those stricken with GAD. This involves analyzing your response to the world, and learning how to think and act in new ways. Physical exercise and deep breathing is also very helpful for most sufferers.

Dr. Robert Leahy, author of The Worry Cure, says there are ways to stop excessive worry, "It takes practice and patience," Leahy says, "but ultimately it boils down to readjusting how you think about the world, and really believing that tomorrow is more likely to bring you something humdrum or wonderful than some—thing frightening."

## On perseverance

There are pearls in the deep sea, but one must hazard all to find them. If diving once does not bring you pearls, you need not therefore con¬clude that the sea is without them. Dive again and again. You are sure to be rewarded in the end.... If your first attempt proves fruitless, do not lose heart. Persevere in your efforts....



— Sri Ramakrishna

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Flea Market Sat. Feb. 24th, 8-12 pm. Colonial Village, 2000 East Bay Drive, Largo. Furniture, Kitchen appliances, housewares, bicycles, clothing, homebaking.

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Palm Hill Country Club Annual Bazaar. Saturday, March 2nd, 8am- 1pm. 1800 Seminole Blvd, Largo.

Lake Seminole Resort Spring Flea Market, Bake Sale and Lunch on Saturday, March 2nd, 9:00am -1:00pm. Located at 10245 110th Ave. N., Largo Florida

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