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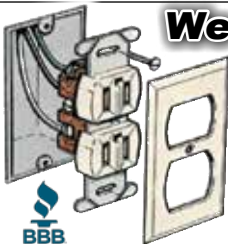
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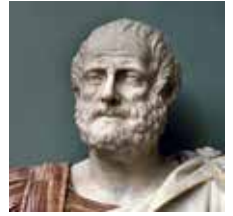
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## Women's Club News

**W**e were thrilled to once again host the Big Game Party here at Silk Oak Lodge! We had a great turnout in our football-decorated clubhouse and we watched the game on our big screen display! The Women's Club provided pulled pork sandwiches while our members each brought their own super specialties to go with them. The generous residents of this great park brought some terrific chili, snacks, and appetizers. We played a "Guess the Football" game and Charlie A. won with a total of 90 points-the highest score by far. We had door prizes won by Pat C, John P, Brent M, Deven L, Jody, Corinne R, and Marcel L. Other big winners included Tammy W and Bob S. Not sure if there was a favorite team that we were all rooting for, but Kansas City and San Francisco played their hearts out for the football fan in all of us!



*more pictures on page 7*







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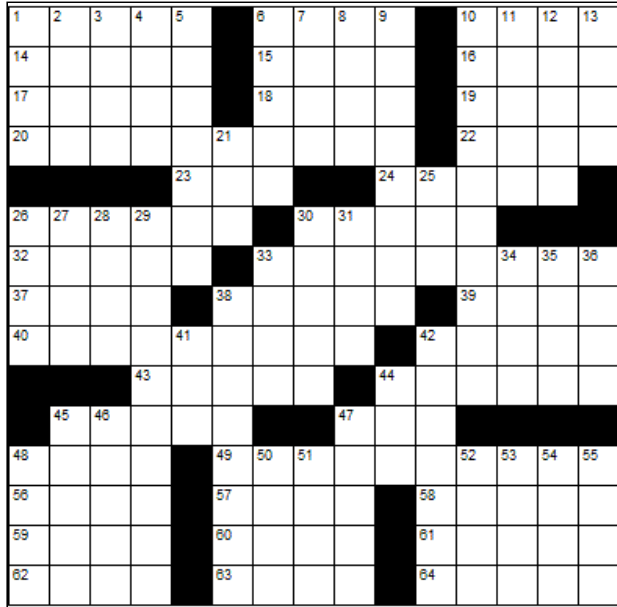
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1. Fire remnant
6. Clean
10. Noggin
14. Sorceress
15. Away from the wind
16. Therefore
17. Respond
18. Big bash
19. Annual high school dance
20. The criminal class
22. Pitch
23. Anagram of "One"
24. Fatigued
26. Highway divider
30. Musical genre
32. Occurrence
33. Stalemates
37. Dispatched
38. Villain
39. Egyptian river
40. Comes before
42. Small and light boat
43. Avarice
44. Aureate
45. Transparent green gemstone
47. Male child
48. Fizzy drink
49. Quenchless
56. He writes in stanzas
57. Neophyte, in modern slang
58. Cloudless
59. Ammunition
60. Chutzpah
61. Once more
62. Russian emperor
63. Footwear
64. Spear



## Down

1. Beige
2. Bearing
3. Small fastener
4. Behold, in old Rome
5. Withdrawal
6. Cart
7. Winglike
8. Peddle
9. Oncoming breeze
10. Having seven sides
11. Mistake
12. Suffering
13. Covered stadium
21. Was victorious
25. Finish
26. Plateau
27. Not odd
28. Depression
29. A person who integrates
30. Horse
31. Grows pale
33. Adjacent
34. Discover
35. Ice sheet
36. Observed
38. Impressions
41. Weep
42. Cone-shaped
44. Obtained
45. Prolonged loud noises
46. Swelling
47. Expensive fur
48. Expectorated
50. He built the ark
51. Alone
52. Seaweed
53. Leguminous plant
54. Nonclerical
55. Sea eagle



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## Monthly

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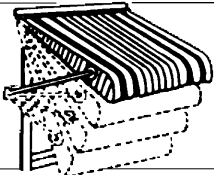
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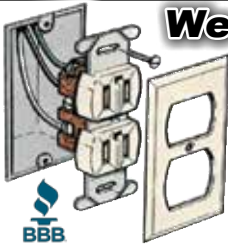
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## Tidbits for your pleasure

**D**r. Roger Andersen, the author of *Some Days You're the Pigeon ... Some Days You're the Statue*, shares these tidbits of humor:



- Once an airline ticket agent was asked why there was mistletoe hanging over the luggage conveyor belt— since it wasn't even holiday time, the decoration was especially perplexing. The ticket agent answered: "So you can kiss your bags goodbye."
- Once a young boy grabbed his coat and gloves and asked his mother for permission to go outside and help his father put a spare tire on the car. "Can I go help him, mom? I already know all the words."
- Once a college president was giving a speech at an outdoor venue. Suddenly he noticed a large dog heading his way. The dog walked up to the speaker, raised his leg and relieved himself for a long time and then walked quietly away. The president looked down at his soaked leg and then back out to the audience and said, "I would appreciate it if everyone else would wait until after I finish my remarks to express their opinions."

## Handle a difficult person

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The angry man retreated, and the crowd applauded.

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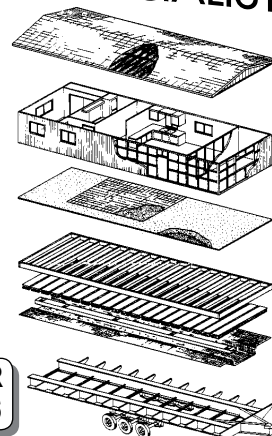
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## Create Tom Swifties



A Tom Swifty is a sentence that ends in an adverb or a phrase serving as an adverb that describes what Tom says and is related to the content of the sentence. Here’s an example: “Use your own toothbrush!” Tom bristled. Or “The doctor had to remove my left ventricle,” said Tom half-heartedly.

Tom Swift was an adventure hero created by Edward

L. Stratemeyer, an American writer. Stratemeyer wrote under the pen name Victor Appleton, and his character Tom Swift rarely used dialogue without using a qualifying adverb such as “Tom said happily” or “Tom said sternly.” Not all Tom Swifties use adverbial forms to achieve their wordplay, sometimes the effect is created with a verb or other grammatical constructions. “I hate milking cows,” Tom uttered. Often the joke is made by breaking words down into smaller parts called morphemes in order to make the joke. “I hate taking out the trash,” Tom said literally. Other times homophones and homonyms are used for fun: “My grape juice has fermented,” Tom whined.

The wordplay known as Tom Swifties, actually is a later form of wordplay called Wellerism that developed from Charles Dickens’ novel *Pickwick Papers*. Sam Weller was a Dickens character, and he and his father usually spoke in clever proverbial puns. Here are some examples of what would be considered Wellerisms: “Prevention is better than cure,” said the pig when it ran away from the butcher. Or “We’ll have to rehearse that,” said the undertaker as the coffin fell out of the car. A list of our favorites from [fun-with-words.com](http://fun-with-words.com) and Wutka’s *Weird Works*:

- “I cut my dog’s toenails down too far,” Tom said quickly.
- “The river has gotten rough,” Tom said rapidly.
- “Rowing hurts my hands,” Tom said callously.
- “Don’t add too much water,” Tom said concentratedly.

*On the importance of word choice Why shouldn’t we quarrel about a word? What is the good of words if they aren’t important enough to quarrel over? Why do we choose one word more than another if there isn’t any difference between them?*

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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	Craft Fair, 3-16-24. 8-1pm. Palm Hill Country Club, 8th Ave Clubhouse. Crafts, food, & Baked Goods	<div><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.  -Monthly Media Staff</div>
Penny Raffle Bazaar. 3/2 9-12pm. Golden Acres ROA Park, 1040 Main St, Dunedin. Jewelry - Bake Sale. Lunch Available	Serendipity Mobile Home Park Community Yard Sale. Saturday, March 16, 2024, 8 AM - 2 PM. 29081 US Highway 19N, Clearwater. Drive around the park and check driveways for sales.	
Paradise Island Annual Flea Market is March 2, 9am -2pm. 1001 Starkey Rd, Largo, 8am early entrance is \$1.00. Largo selection of home goods, tools, furniture, linens, clothes, bake sale and more. Follow signs for Clubhouse.	<b>Art &amp; Craft Fair.</b> Sat. Mar.16, 9AM-1PM, Lake Highlander MHP, 1500 Country Road 1, Dunedin. Something for everyone! Food available.	
Ranch Mobile Park, Park - Wide Yard Sale, Saturday, March 2nd, 8:00am - 2:00pm at 6800-150th Ave. N., Clearwater (Largo).	SPRING CRAFT FAIR March 23rd, 10am to 1pm. AMERICANA COVE 7201 1st Street NE Saint Petersburg	
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Service department - Jim Warren

### OFFICE HOURS FOR COMMUNITY AND NEW HOME SALES INFO

Monday through Friday - 9 am to Noon and 2 - 4 pm

### SERVICE HOURS

Monday through Friday - 8 am to 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 Emergencies **during office hours call office phone: (727) 796-1356**

### CLUBHOUSE HOURS

Open Daily - 8 am to 10 pm

Please note: Residents will be notified of dates and times of entertainment, clubhouse activities, and special events through the Silk Oak Community Facebook page. If you would like an email notification, please send your email address to Lorraine Neal Ineal. silkoakhoa@gmail.com. All email notices are blind copied to protect your privacy.

### CLUBHOUSE WIFI

Network ID: silk\_oak\_club\_house      Password: clubhouse

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