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Shangri La Star Newsletter by Lisa VachonLot 144
Email: ShangriLaStar2023@gmail.com

March BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES:

21st – Lisa Vachon, Lot 144 Birthday
30th – Polly Pifer, Lot 30 Birthday

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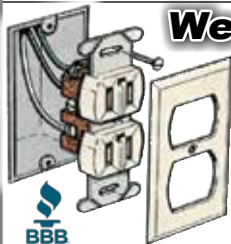
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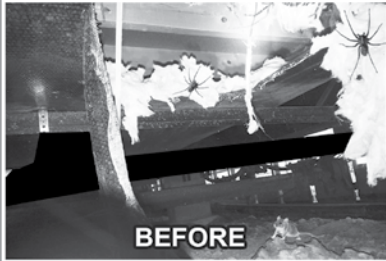
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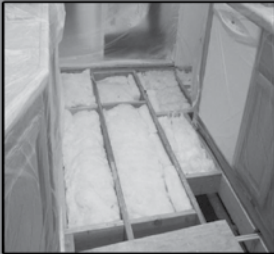
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Greetings to all!
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Congratulations to all who have passed the inspections. I personally think you all did an amazing job.

We have a new maintenance man, Eric. Please be kind and welcome him.

Reminder all complaints must be in writing and put in the blue HOA complaint box.

The next HOA meeting is March 7th at 6 p.m. Hope to see you!

We will be better
Cheryl “CC” Doty

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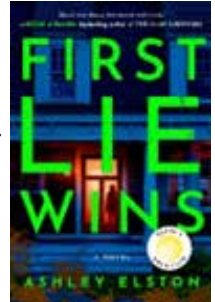
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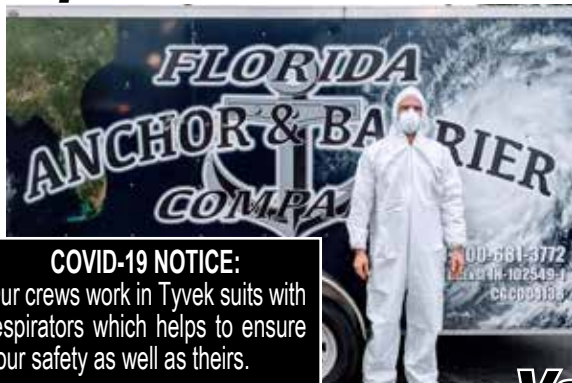
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MONTHLY ACTIVITIES

Jerome "Jay" Freeland #145 & Barbara "Bobbi" Christian #61



March will soon be upon us and St. Patrick's Day. We are planning a party for Saturday March 16, with cocktails @ 5:00PM and dinner @ 6:00PM. We'll also be having an Easter Brunch on March 31, @ 10:30 AM. Come and bring your appetite. Sign up sheets are always posted on the bulletin board. Sadly we have to start charging residents \$3.00, guests \$5.00 and anyone that wants a takeout tray unless you can't make it to the party and need home delivery will be charged a small fee. We'll make up the trays once everyone has eaten and price them accordingly. We'll also be selling 50/50 raffle tickets; \$1.00 for one & 6 for \$5.00. We had 19 people for the Superbowl Party and 31 for the Valentine's Party. Food was plentiful. Bingo is Tuesday nights @ 7:00PM. We've been getting more people coming to play and we always have fun. Patrick Chieves is our jokester Caller & his lovely wife Yvette is our call back & payout girl (or as we call her our "Vanna"). Hope we can continue the increase in residents signing up and coming out to have a good time.

JOKE



What March flowers grow on faces? Tulips (2 lips)!



RECIPE:

Amazingly Easy Irish Soda Bread

Ingredients

- 4 cups all-purpose flour
- ½ cup margarine or butter, softened
- 4 tablespoons white sugar
- 1 teaspoon baking soda
- 1 tablespoon baking powder
- ½ teaspoon salt
- 1 cup buttermilk
- 1 large egg
- ¼ cup butter, melted
- ¼ cup buttermilk

Directions

1. Preheat the oven to 375 degrees F (190 degrees C). Lightly grease a large baking sheet.
2. Mix flour, softened margarine, sugar, baking soda, baking powder, and salt together in a large bowl. Stir in 1 cup of buttermilk and egg. Turn dough out onto a lightly floured surface and knead slightly. Form dough into a round loaf and place on the prepared baking sheet. Note that the dough will be a little sticky.
3. Combine melted butter with 1/4 cup buttermilk in a small bowl: brush loaf with this mixture. Use a sharp knife to cut an 'X' into the top of the loaf.
4. Bake in preheated oven until a toothpick inserted into the center of the loaf comes out clean, 45 to 50 minutes. Check for doneness after 30 minutes. You may continue to brush the loaf with the butter mixture while it bakes.



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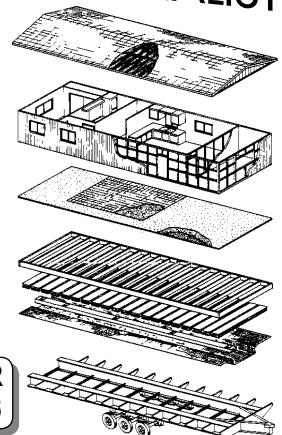
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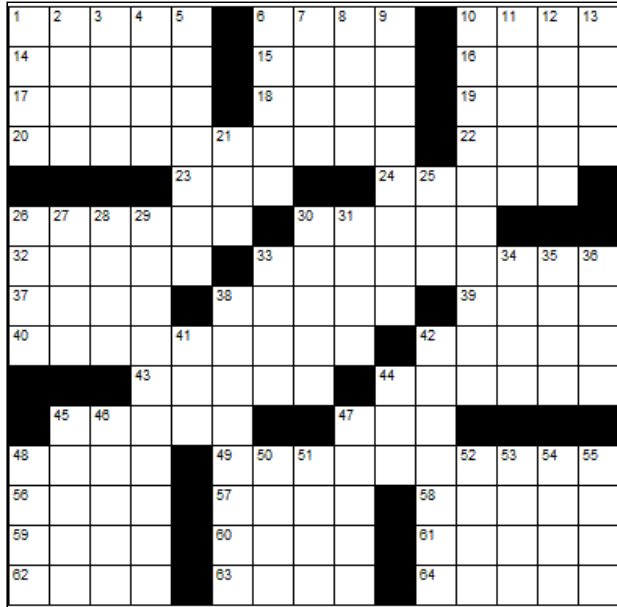


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1. Fire remnant
6. Clean
10. Noggin
14. Sorceress
15. Away from the wind
16. Therefore
17. Respond
18. Big bash
19. Annual high school dance
20. The criminal class
22. Pitch
23. Anagram of "One"
24. Fatigued
26. Highway divider
30. Musical genre
32. 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



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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
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42. Cone-shaped
44. Obtained
45. Prolonged loud noises
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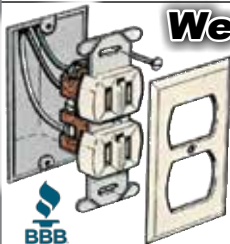
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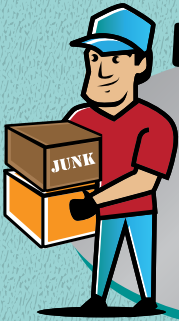
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Steve Jobs started Apple Computers when he was 20. He started the company in his parents' garage and in 10 years Apple grew to be a \$2 billion company with 4,000 employees. At age 30, one year after creating the Macintosh, Jobs got fired. How did he get fired from his own company? As Apple grew, Jobs hired someone he thought to be very talented to run the company with him. And at first things were great. But then their visions of the future of the company started to diverge and Apple's Board of Directors sided with the other guy. At the age of 30, Jobs found himself fired.

Jobs' failure was very public. And he thought about getting out of Silicon Valley altogether. But then something happened. It began to dawn on him that he still loved what he did. And so he decided to start all over again.

"I didn't see it then, but it turned out that getting fired from Apple was the best thing that could have ever happened to me. The heaviness of being successful was replaced by the lightness of being a beginner again, less sure about everything. It freed me to enter one of the most creative periods of my life."

Jobs went on to found two more successful companies, met his wife and started a family.

"I'm pretty sure none of this would have happened if I hadn't been fired from Apple. It was awful tasting medicine. But I guess I needed it. Sometimes life hits you in the head with a brick. Don't lose faith. I'm convinced that the only thing that kept me going was that I loved what I did. You've got to find what you love."

The history of the noodle is changing



A 4,000 - year - old pot of thin yellow noodles might finally solve the riddle of who invented these delightful, tasty strings. Arabs, Italians and the Chinese have all laid claim to the invention of the noodle, but the discovery of the ancient pot of noodles in the silt of the Yellow River, may have just given the nod to China. The discovery of this pot of noodles means that people were eating noodles more than 1,000 years earlier than previously believed by scientists.

The noodles were found buried 3 meters deep in northeastern China. The noodles themselves were about 50 centimeters long. The bowl had been sealed by silt following a major earthquake and flood. The noodles were made out of the grain known as millet.

On life

We are all apprentices in a craft where no one ever becomes a master.
— Ernest Hemingway

Blunders as blessings



Alexander Graham Bell was born in 1847. His grandfather was an actor and wanted to unleash the power of the spoken word with all his heart. He was especially interested in helping people for whom speaking well was a challenge. He published writing on such topics as practical elocution, stammering and other speech impediments. His son Melville was also interested in elocution, and joined his father in his endeavors.

Melville fell in love with a deaf woman—married her—and she became the mother of Alexander Graham Bell. A painter of miniatures, she lived in a world of almost total silence. She eventually developed a talent for the piano. She was determined to “hear.” His mother’s desire would affect the path of Alexander’s life.

Though others spoke to his mother through her ear, Alexander chose to speak to his mother using low voice tones and placing his mouth very close to her forehead. The young boy thought that his mother would be able to hear him through the vibrations his deep tones would make. Later this would play in his work with sound waves. Alexander also became aware that with technology came improvement of lifestyle—and he wanted to use technology to help those like his mother, who could not hear. As Alexander grew older his intellect also grew. A German physicist intrigued him, and though he could not read German, he didn’t let that stop him from studying the physicist’s work. The physicist’s thesis was that vowel sounds could be produced by a combination of electrical tuning forks and resonators. However, when Bell read the work he mistakenly interpreted what the physicist said, and believed the text said that vowel sounds could be transmitted over a wire. Eventually this misunderstanding would lead him to his electrical work, and of the invention he is most famous for—the telephone. Bell said of his blunder: “It gave me confidence. If I had been able to read German, I might never have begun my experiments in electricity.”

The power of words



We all have the chance to influence other people’s lives. Sometimes it just takes a few well-chosen words to plot the path a life will take. And there’s no better example of this than the story of the great boxer Muhammad Ali.

According to Gregory Allen Howard on the official Muhammad Ali Web site, in 1954 in Louisville, Ky., Ali—then 12 years old and known as Cassius Marcellus Clay—was the victim of a petty crime: His bike was stolen while he was at a gym.

The young Cassius located a policeman in the gym. That policeman’s name was Joe Martin. Cassius was ranting and saying that he was going to “whup” whoever had stolen his beloved bike. Martin, not knowing he was about to set the trajectory of a young boy’s life said: “You better learn to box first.” In just a few weeks, Cassius, at 89 pounds had won his first bout.

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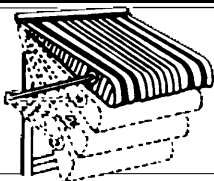
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Be careful what you say



One night a tired father came home to his inquisitive and energetic little daughter. The father had a very busy day and was not in the mood to answer the many usual questions from his daughter.

True to her nature, the little girl started off with a question for her daddy. “Papa,” she said, “What do you do all day long at the office?”

“Nothing,” her father replied.

After a moment the little girl asked: “Then how do you know when you’re finished for the day?”

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 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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