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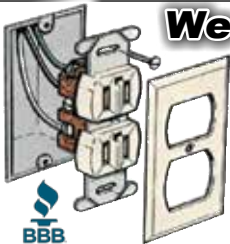
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The HOA Board and Social Committee do not meet from May-September. The board will continue to meet with management on a monthly basis and the Social Committee will continue to have activities during the summer months. Special HOA meetings may be called if needed. In that event, all residents will be notified of the meeting.



Notes from the HOA Board of Directors: On April 12, the HOA Committee met with Lautrec Management to discuss the current proposed lot rent increase to be effective 7/1/2024. No progress was made. A meeting was held that night to discuss situation with residents and get guidance on where to go next. Our next scheduled meeting is April 19 per conference call. We are at such a disadvantage based on the law and the fact that Florida has no rent control. Hopefully, by the time you get this Media Guide, the issue will be resolved.

The long awaited Pickleball Court is almost ready for some exciting action. Edges of the court need to be smoothed down so no one falls off the court and gets injured (which should be done by now) and fencing is being put up on the end so you don't have to chase your pickleballs into the overflow parking. Benches will be set along the side and a storage box will have pickleball equipment for use.

We are happy to announce that 10 residents donated blood when the Big Red Bus was here on April 6. They should be proud of their willingness to give the gift of life to 30 other people.

If anyone is having problems with water run-off on their lot, please contact the office and let them know.

Reminder (AGAIN):

Please do not let your dog "do his business" on someone else's property.
Also, follow the law and pick up anything the dog leaves behind.

SAVE THESE DATES:

May 18- Dance with Band Touch of Class





NEW RESIDENTS.

Lot 140 Lanna Freeman
 Lot 148 Jeff and Abby Fisher
 Lot 220 Robert Turner
 Lot 413 Robert Guardia



PLEASE MAKE THESE NEW RESIDENTS FEEL WELCOME!!

Home and Yard of the Month Winners

Fred & Audrey Lawrence, Lot #118



AMBER GLADES 2ND ANNUAL ARTS & CRAFTS SHOW

Mark your calendars for December 7, 2024, for the Arts & Craft show. Registration forms for vendors will come out October 1, 2024, and must be returned with table fee by November 22, 2024. The table fee will remain at \$10. Watch this newsletter, Amber Glades facebook page and bulletin boards for more information as the event gets closer.



SHUFFLEBOARD LEAGUE

A big thank you to all who made the shuffleboard league banquet a big success. We had a lot of fun this year and special friendships were made with the shuffleboard players. We will begin our next shuffleboard league in December. Come and join us then for a fun sport. – Pat Marks



SUNSHINE COMMITTEE



Debra Shrader, Lot 214, 724-422-5585 has graciously taken on the duties of the Sunshine Committee. If you know of someone sick or someone that has a death in the family, please contact her so she can send them a card.

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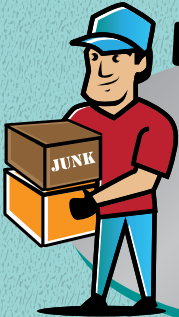
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HORSES

We are now playing the game of Horses at 2:00 pm every Tuesday. If you don't know how to play, no problem – it's easy to learn. Bring nickels and dimes and have a fun time trying to win a little change.

AMBER GLADES FACEBOOK PAGE



Get connected to Amber Glades Facebook page. Pictures of events are posted there by residents and interesting discussions are often seen. Join in and “friend” the Amber Glades Facebook page. We also have an Amber Glades Marketplace page where residents can sell and buy items and an official HOA page – **Amber Glades HOA Approved** – where the board will post notices and activity announcements.

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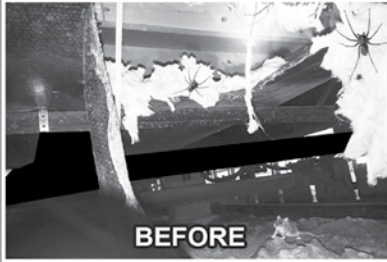


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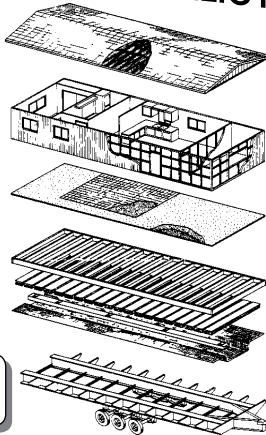
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DEADLINE FOR MAY UPDATES

Updates for the June 2024 Media Guide updates need to be turned in to Pat Peterman, #205, 618-960-9284, by May 8, 2024. Includes calendar updates.

On the Light Side

(by Ken Spellman)



Married Life After 50 – During check-in at an airport for a non-stop long-haul flight, the airline staff was very apologetic to the husband and said: “I am sorry sir, the flight is full today. We couldn't allot you and your wife adjacent seats. Your seat number is 14A and your wife's is 42H.” Husband: “Oh thanks! Do I have to pay anything extra to you for this favor?” Staff: “No sir, your wife has already paid”.

A Pastor interrupts his sermon to ask 3 men in the front row: “What would you want you loved ones to say as they are looking down at you in your coffin?” Tom: “He was a good Father.” Bill: “He lived a good life of kindness to others.” Dan: “Look, he's moving!”

Most people don't know that back in 1912, Hellman's Mayonnaise was manufactured in England. In fact, the Titanic was carrying 12,000 jars of the condiment scheduled for delivery in Vera Cruz, Mexico, which was to be the next port of call for the great ship after its stop in New York. This would have been the largest single Shipment of mayonnaise ever delivered to Mexico. But as we know, the great ship did not make it to New York. The ship hit an iceberg and sank. The people of Mexico, who were crazy about mayonnaise, were eagerly waiting its delivery and were disconsolate at the loss. Their anguish was so great that they declared a National Day of Mourning. The National Day of Mourning occurs each year on May 5 and is know as –

Sinko De Mayo. What??? You expected something educational from me? You need a shot of Tequila.

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Ed and Carolyn met while on a singles cruise and Ed fell head over heels in love with her. When they discovered they lived in the same city only a few miles apart Ed was ecstatic. He immediately started asking her out when they got home. Within a couple of weeks, Ed had taken Carolyn to dance clubs, restaurants, concerts, movies and museums. Ed became convinced that Carolyn was indeed his soul mate...and true love. Every date seemed better than the last. On the one-month anniversary of their first dinner on the cruise ship, Ed took Carolyn to a fine restaurant. While having cocktails and waiting for their salad, Ed said, "I guess you can tell I'm very much in love with you. I'd like a little serious talk before our relationship continues to the next stage. So before I get a box out of my jacket and ask you a life changing question, it's only fair to warn you, I'm a total golf nut. I play golf, I read about golf, I watch golf on TV – in short I eat, sleep and breathe golf. If that's going to be a problem for us, you had better say so now. Carolyn responded, "Ed, that certainly won't be a problem. I love you as you are and I love golf too; but since we are being totally honest with each other, you need to know that for the last five years I've I've been a hooker" "That's alright", said Ed, "I bet it's because you're not keeping your writs straight when you hit the ball".

WHO KNEW?

They used to use urine to tan animal skins, so families used to all pee in a pot & then once a day it was taken & sold to the tannery. If you had to do this to survive you were "piss poor."

But worse than that were the really poor folk who couldn't even afford to buy a pot; they "didn't have a pot to piss in" & were the lowest of the low.

The next time you are washing your hands & complain because the water temperature isn't just how you like it, think about how things used to be. Here are some facts about the 1500s.

Most people got married in June because they took their yearly bath in May, and they still smelled pretty good by June. Since they were starting to smell, however, brides carried a bouquet of flowers to hide the body odor. Hence the custom today of carrying a bouquet when getting married.

Baths consisted of a big tub filled with hot water. The man of the house had the privilege of the nice clean water, then all the other sons and men, then the women, and finally the children. Last of all the babies. By then the water was so dirty you could actually lose someone in it ... hence the saying, "Don't throw the baby out with the Bath water!"

Houses had thatched roofs-thick straw-piled high, with no wood underneath. It was the only place for animals to get warm, so all the cats and other small animals (mice, bugs) lived in the roof. When it rained it became slippery and sometimes the animals would slip and fall off the roof, resulting in the idiom, "It's raining cats and dogs."

There was nothing to stop things from falling into the house. This posed a real problem in the bedroom where bugs and other droppings could mess up your nice clean bed, therefore, a bed with big posts and a sheet hung over the top afforded some protection. That's how canopy beds came into existence.

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In those old days, they cooked in the kitchen with a big kettle that always hung over the fire.. Every day they lit the fire and added things to the pot. They ate mostly vegetables and did not get much meat. They would eat the stew for dinner, leaving leftovers in the pot to get cold overnight and then start over the next day. Sometimes stew had food in it that had been there for quite a while, and thus the rhyme, “Peas porridge hot, peas porridge cold, peas porridge in the pot nine days old.”

Sometimes they could obtain pork, which made them feel quite special. When visitors came over, they would hang up their bacon to show off. It was a sign of wealth that a man could, “bring home the bacon.” They would cut off a little to share with guests and would all sit around and “chew the fat.”

Those with money had plates made of pewter. Food with high acid content caused some of the lead to leach onto the food, causing lead poisoning death. This happened most often with tomatoes, so for the next 400 years or so, tomatoes were considered poisonous.

Bread was divided according to status. Workers got the burnt bottom of the loaf, the family got the middle, and guests got the top, or the “upper crust.”

Lead cups were used to drink ale or whisky. The combination would sometimes knock the imbibers out for a couple of days. Someone walking along the road would take them for dead and prepare them for burial.. They were laid out on the kitchen table for a couple of days and the family would gather around and eat and drink and wait and see if they would wake up, creating the custom of holding a wake.

England is old and small and the local folks started running out of places to bury people. So they would dig up coffins and would take the bones to a bone-house, and reuse the grave. When reopening these coffins, 1 out of 25 coffins were found to have scratch marks on the inside and they realized they had been burying people alive, so they would tie a string on the wrist of the corpse, lead it through the coffin and up through the ground and tie it to a bell. Someone would have to sit out in the graveyard all night (the graveyard shift.) to listen for the bell; thus, someone could be, saved by the bell or was considered a dead ringer.

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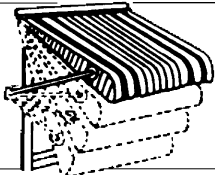
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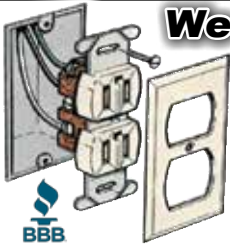
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14 Klatch s 2 pm	15	16 Prayer Group 1 pm	17	18 Food Donation Noon Pickup or Lot 44 Dance - 7 pm
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(The below is a portion of an article in the April 2024 AARP Bulletin)

It's never been more pervasive – what to know and how to fight back.

Operating out of every corner of the globe, criminals are bombarding older Americans with emails, texts, and letters, all trying to steal as much of our money as possible. Consider that 2.6 million Americans – roughly equal to the population of Chicago - reported losing roughly 10 billion to fraud last year. And that's only the reported cases. We would argue that given its pervasiveness and cost, consumer fraud represents the largest crime spree in the history of our country.

Check Cooking – in recent years washing-in which thieves steal paper checks from mailboxes, wash the ink off with chemicals (leaving the signature), then fill in a new amount and payee. Now its check cooking in which thieves take a picture of a stolen check, then use commercially available software to alter it. **STAY SAFE** – Learn how to pay bills and send money to loved ones or trusted ones with electronic transfers from your bank. If you truly prefer to mail paper checks, drop them off directly at the post office and monitor your account for suspicious activity.

Voiceprinting – Through technological advances, thieves can capture a recording of your voice and then use a software program to generate an imitation “deepfake” version that lets them impersonate you. **STAY SAFE** – Accept that the days of phone conversations with anyone other than family or close friends are coming to an end.

Celebrity Impersonation – During the pandemic, fans became accustomed to constant social media presence from celebrities. Scammers have tapped into that. “You’re on Instagram or Facebook, and someone pretending to be Celine Dion or her manager reaches out to you. The fake manager might say, “Celine loves your comments. She’d love to talk to you. Here’s her private account.” After you connect, the talk gradually turns to how the celebrity’s fortune is tied up in a lawsuit and she could use a loan. **STAY SAFE** – If you get a direct message from someone claiming to be a performer or superstar athlete or their agent, be extremely skeptical. It’s almost certain to be a scam.

Paris Olympics Scams – With the Paris games coming up this summer, experts predict a revival of the fake emergency scam. A scammer hacks someone’s email account, and shortly after all of that person’s contacts will receive the same message – something to the effect of, “Hey guys, I’m over in Paris and my wallet got stolen. Can anyone please help me out by sending gift cards or a Venmo deposit? **STAY SAFE** – Resist the urge to react immediately if you hear from a friend in Paris – or anywhere- needing instant cash. Instead try other ways to contact the person who is supposedly is in need, such as calling them on the phone.

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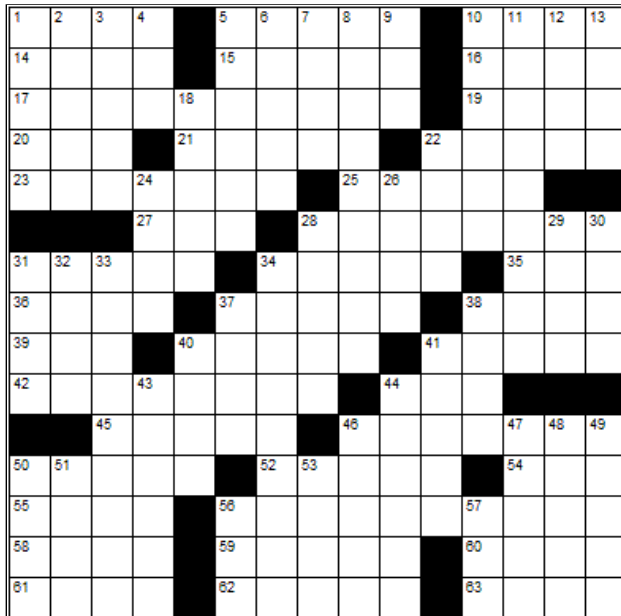
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- 17. Affection
- 19. Bridge
- 20. East northeast
- 21. Dispatches
- 22. Colossal
- 23. Think likely
- 25. Occurrence
- 27. A rotating disk
- 28. Earaches
- 31. Noble realm
- 34. Cigarette remains
- 35. Avenue (abbrev.)
- 36. Black-and-white cookie
- 37. Distributes
- 38. Put away
- 39. Petroleum
- 40. Roof overhangs
- 41. Scenes
- 42. Avoid responsibilities
- 44. Bowling target
- 45. Not over
- 46. LA baseball team
- 50. Chimes
- 52. Eagle's home
- 54. Grassland
- 55. Largest continent
- 56. Soil and plant sciences
- 58. Against
- 59. Had in mind
- 60. Decorative case
- 61. Sow
- 62. Donkeys
- 63. Anagram of "Rent"



DOWN

- 1. Doled
- 2. Sporting venue
- 3. Not outer
- 4. Light Emitting Diode
- 5. Brook
- 6. One cent coin
- 7. Cut down
- 8. Magnetic tape containers
- 9. S
- 10. Establishing
- 11. Elaborate
- 12. Distinctive flair
- 13. Confined
- 18. English exam finale, often
- 22. Colloids
- 24. Bounce back
- 26. Tanks
- 28. Not inner
- 29. Affirm
- 30. Stitches
- 31. Ruination
- 32. Murres
- 33. Lumpy deposits of body fat
- 34. Drinks
- 37. A magician
- 38. Croon
- 40. Terminates
- 41. Not audio
- 43. Decorated
- 44. Sharp ends
- 46. Pilotless plane
- 47. Gentry
- 48. Happen again
- 49. Antelope of India
- 50. Bleats
- 51. Anagram of "Seen"
- 53. Ages
- 56. American Medical Association
- 57. Encountered



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National Pet Week. May 5-11. To promote responsible pet ownership and health care. For more information, browse www.petweek.org.

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Melanoma Monday. May 6. Also known as National Skin Self Examination Day. People are encouraged to examine their skin for cancer. For more information, browse www.aad.org.

Mother Goose Day. May 1. For the appreciation of the old nursery rhymes. For ideas of how to celebrate, browse www.delamar.org/mothergoosesociety.htm.

International Pilates Day. May 4. A celebration of the work of Joseph and Clara Pilates from which their system of exercise was developed. For more information, browse www.pilatesmethodalliance.org.

Mother's Day. May 12. To honor all mothers on the anniversary of Anna Jarvis' mother's death. Jarvis, of Philadelphia, spearheaded a letter-writing campaign to create a Mother's Day observance. Congress passed the legislation in 1914 designating the second Sunday in May as Mother's Day.



Memorial Day. May 27. Also known as Decoration Day because of the tradition of decorating the graves of service people. An occasion for honoring those who have died in battle.

*On greatness
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There are times for plucky behavior and bold action

Knowing when to obey orders is important, especially if you're in the military. Horatio Nelson, the famous British leader and naval hero, was respected greatly by his men, because he showed them respect and led with compassion.

According to the BBC Web site, Nelson was famous for his predilection for bold action—and for occasional disregard of orders. At the Battle of Copenhagen, Nelson refused to acknowledge orders to cease action. In an earlier battle at Calvi in the Mediterranean, Nelson had been wounded and lost sight in his right eye. When he was given the order to cease action in Copenhagen by distant signal, the commander lifted his telescope to his blind eye and claimed he couldn't see the signal. He and his men were victorious.



A brave act wins loyalty

According to the Absolute Nelson Web site, when Horatio Nelson was a schoolboy, the schoolmaster, the Rev. Mr. Jones, had some lovely pears on his desk. His students looked at the pears during the day and wished very much that they could have them. But none of the boys was brave enough to attempt procuring them because they were all afraid they would be caught.

The young Horatio, however came forward and offered to get the pears for the boys. He was not afraid of the consequences of getting caught. And so one night, his anxious schoolmates lowered him from the dormitory by way of a long rope of sheets that had been tied together for the adventure. And though it was a risky endeavor, Horatio boldly claimed the pears as his own and was secretly hauled up into the dormitory again by his mates. But the adventure was apparently all that was important to Horatio. He shared the pears amongst his school friends and did not save even one bite for himself.

"I only took them because every other boy was afraid," Horatio claimed.

The next day a reward of five guineas was offered for the name of the thief who had made off with the master's pears—but by that time Horatio had won the other boys' hearts so completely not one would betray him.

On happiness

The recipe for a happy life is a good digestion and a bad memory.

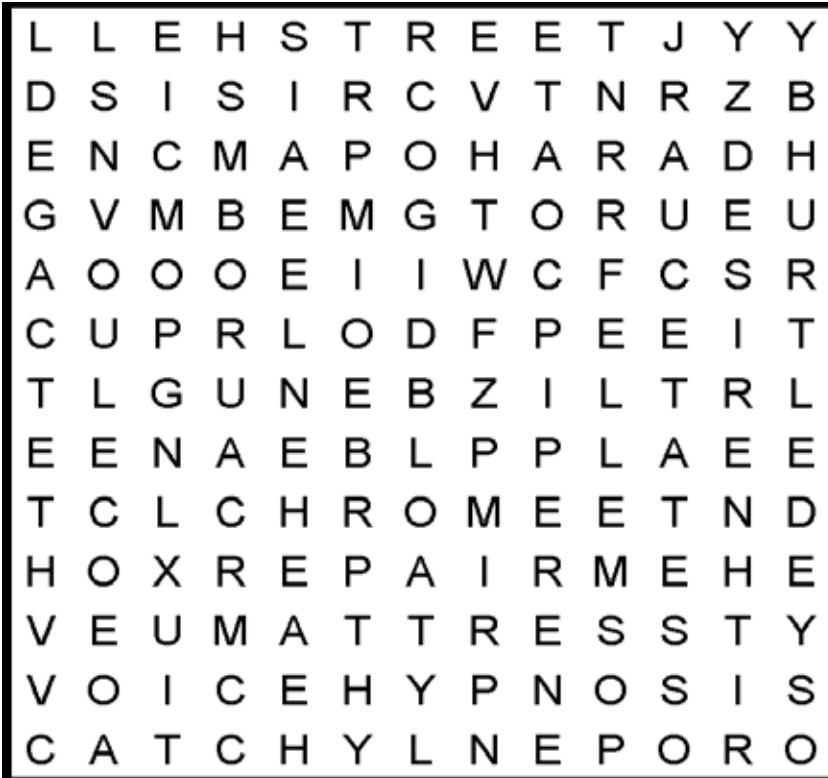
— *Ingrid Bergman*

On worries

When I look back on all the worries I remember the story of the old man who said on his deathbed that he had had a lot of trouble in his life, most of which never happened.

— *Winston Churchill*

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The delightfully anguished English of Sam Goldwyn

According to Gene Shalit in his book *Great Hollywood Wit*, Samuel Goldwyn was a perfectionist—who had, ahem, an unusual way with words. The legendary moviemaker had a plethora of great ideas, and he always wanted to hire the best talent available. But one area where his attention to detail was wanting was his language usage. He just couldn't seem to get it right, and he became famous for what those who knew and loved him came to call "Goldwynisms." Here are a few examples:

- An aide once said that he thought a screenplay was too caustic, Goldwyn replied, "Who cares about the expenses?"
- While making a movie, Goldwyn told his staff to "spare no expense to make everything as economical as possible."
- Goldwyn was told that more Indians were needed as extras for a Western he was making. "Get some more from the reservoir," he replied.
- Following a preview Goldwyn said: "It will create an excitement that will sweep the country like wildflowers."
- Goldwyn liked to get the opinions of others and one day, while inviting employees to do just that, he said, "I don't want any yes-men around me. I want everybody to tell me the truth even if it costs them their jobs."



On the art of being a man of few words

According to Anecdote.com, Calvin Coolidge was well-known for being a taciturn man. One night, over dinner, one of his guests who knew his reputation for keeping mum tried to stir up a conversation with him. Trying to draw him out she said, "I have made a bet, Mr. Coolidge, that I can get more than two words out of you."

Coolidge replied coolly, "You lose."



Kids say the darnedest things

Joke retold from Laughter Incorporated by Cerf Bennett

A young girl waited eagerly for her father to come home from work, as she did every day. When her father walked in, he grabbed her, threw her in the air and asked her how her day at school had been. The daughter started her recitation reporting on a neighbor's problem child. "The teacher says she's a jubilant delinquent," she said.





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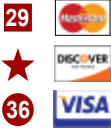
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