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The Clubhouse is open, and many activities are up and running. Status of activities will change as snowbirds return.

Check the bulletin board at the clubhouse for updates on activities.

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BAY RANCH HOMEOWNERS

Election was held and new members are:

Ben Adair Glenn Bonne Dawn Fear-Walters Jeanne Hunter Frances Platt Tom Klapak

Congratulations to new members: Glenn, Dawn, Tom, and Frances

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Bay Ranch Services

Library	Jeanne Hunter	Coach 1314
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Editors Notes

Te are working on the next directory. Which comes out in the September Issue. If you have any corrections or want to make sure I have the right info, you can email me at cat846@yahoo.com or pm me on messenger.



We still appreciate any suggestions you have for what you would like to see in this book. It really does take a Ranch to make a Review come to life.

Also, I want to give thanks to all who are picking up the slack and helping to deliver the Reviews through the Summer.

No matter how much you push the envelope, it'll still be stationery.

Managers Moment

Carol Alvey

irst off Thank you to all who are working so hard to spruce up the Ranch. Your efforts are being noticed and appreciated by all your neighbors. To those who have always kept up your yards and landscaping kudos to you also.

More good news to share: Congratulations are for the news that Joe the gentleman that mows your lawns he is now the proud papa of a baby boy named Gabriel. Best wishes and enjoy your new little one.

Pet Policy: A few things about pets I want to point out so there are no questions about your responsibility as a pet owner. Keeping a pet on the property is a privilege and not a right and as such, the following rules must be adhered to or we will have no choice but to ask you to remove the animal from the property. These rules apply whether the animal is a household pet, an Emotional Support Animal, or a Service Animal. 1. ALL animals must be registered with the office, and we will need all required documentation for any ESA's or Service Animals. 2. Dogs are to always be on leashes and the handler must maintain control of their animal at all times, not letting them run up or jump on people or other animals 3. You MUST pick it up after your pet goes to the bathroom. 4. Excessive barking must be controlled so the pet does not bother neighbors. I seem to hear this a lot and it is against park rules.

Ambulance Fund.

Evelyn Hale, Coach 1364 727-403-6434

289 Hunt Sharon 7/6/2024

The Ambulance Fund is open to all residents for \$2.50 per person per year. Payment qualifies members for 1 emergency transport per person per year. The fund pays the balance of the bill, up to \$75, after Medicare and insurance. Membership period is stated on your card. There are no grace days.



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New Residents:

We want to welcome the following to Bay Ranch and the neighborhood:

Coach 156 Rob Scheffey Coach 1396 Gus Romeo Coach 346 Maureen Lopez



Again, Welcome to the Ranch and we hope to see you soon.

Whoever invented knock-knock jokes should get a no-bell prize.

JUST SAYIN'

Jeanne Hunter

ue to inflation, you may now pick up food that's been on the floor for up to 8.3 seconds!



Did you know that by replacing your potato chips with grapefruit for a snack, you can lose up to 90% of what little joy you still have left in your life.

How's your memory? Here's a little from mine.

Back in the day: When I heard a lot better, and the neighborhood was alive with sounds. Remember hearing your name called in a kid's singsong voice and your response, "Coming. Mom, I'll be back later," as you raced out the door ready for a new day of adventure. Back then nobody complained about the heat under the summer sun because it was worse in the oven that we called our house. How did we survive without air conditioning?

I'm from south St. Louis. and in the summer, we listened for the glorious song, "straw-berries," sung from the back of a truck slowly driving up the street, giving our moms time to grab some money and race out the door waving to get the strawberry man's attention. My mouth still waters as I remember my mom bringing in the flat of fresh off the vine strawberries. The next few hours we busied ourselves cutting strawberries, loading on the sugar (which miraculously morphed into the most delicious red syrup) and filling all our available Tupperware containers. Then out came the Bisquick to make the shortcakes. None of those little spongy things from the grocery store. Then there was the man who sharpened scissors and knives which lasted forever with his expertise. He didn't need to call out because you could hear the distinctive clanking of his wagon two blocks away and had time to gather any dull blades. He pushed that wagon through the streets, and he usually came through every two to three months. Somewhere around this time, the most amazing, fabulous sound ever started up...the ding ding of Mr. Softy.







Ice cream that came to us!! Life was good.

Some of you may remember back to before the time of plastic bags and Saran Wrap. We take them for granted now, but there was a time when Wonder Bread was wrapped in a wax paper 'bag.' It was pretty common for the seem to split apart, leaving you with a loaf of stale bread after a day or two. Well, my dad worked for a company that made the machines that made the first plastic bags. One day he brought home a roll of the bags like in the produce aisle in the grocery store. Nobody had these. My mom became the queen of the neighborhood, reigning from our front porch, more than willing to show all the neighbors and anyone walking by the new miracle product. And she even gave a bag or two to her really good friends. And they weren't one use and done. They were treated like gold and used over and over until they fell apart. Sometime after that, what I thought was the dumbest product ever came along. The paper towel. Please, who would buy those when we all had rags that we could wash and use again?

Two drunks are walking along. One drunk says to the other, "What a beautiful night. Look at that moon!" The other drunk stops and looks at his drunk friend.

"You are wrong. That's not the moon; that's the sun!" Both continued arguing for a while when they came upon another drunk walking along.

So, they stopped him and said, "Sir, could you please help settle our argument? Tell us what that thing is up in the sky that's shining. Is it the moon or the sun?" The third drunk looked at the sky and then looked at them and said, "Sorry, I don't live around here."

Cat Tails: Once again, Pip has reminded me of how stupid I truly am. He was being a good boy which should have been a red flag. I decided I'd work on a jigsaw puzzle, one of the hobbies I've given up since Pip moved in. I could do this. I had some big pieces of cardboard that were packing from a delivery. I had a plan and it worked great. When I stopped working on the puzzle, I covered it with cardboard and put boxes on the ends of it to hold it in place. All the pieces were covered and protected. I know Pip was already plotting. First of all, cardboard makes a great scratch pad. So while I slept, he dug in his claws, nudged the boxes out of the way, moved the cardboard around the table, knocked half the pieces onto the floor, happily slept on the cardboard and as a final grand gesture, threw up on the table around the loose puzzle pieces. I have other hobbies.

Definition of a cat: the furry little sociopath who rules your household and manages to look innocent while doing so.

Okay, so my neighbors have been complaining about my dog barking. I hate the electric zap collars, so I went on Amazon and purchased a humane citronella collar. When a dog barks,





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it shoots a blast of citronella under their nose and apparently, they don't like it. This morning, I was getting the collar ready and filled it with the citronella liquid...And that's where my morning should have ended.

But no, it's me, and I become curious as to "how" the collars actually work, so I'm standing by my back door "barking" at my dog's collar. (Don't judge me lol)

Nothing happens.

I make sure it's turned on, check the fill level, and go through the "getting started" check list one more time. Again, I bark.

Nothing happens. Now, I'm not quite sure why I had this next thought, but I did...I put the collar on. I seriously extended the band and fit the growl box against my throat and barked. Apparently, the collar only works if it feels vibrations, (who knew) because I immediately received a blast of citronella to the face! I began coughing, which only caused the collar to continue squirting citronella spray over and over into my nasal cavity. I'm now on my hands and knees in my back yard, trying to breathe, and to make matters worse, the dog is barking! So, between coughing and yelling at her to shut up, I've emptied over a dozen blasts of citronella to my face. During all of this ruckus, I'm trying to undo the clasp of the collar, which has somehow managed to weld shut during this whole fiasco! I finally get the collar off and threw, yes, I THREW that inhumane thing across the yard, and laid in the grass sucking in the hot humid air. In the middle of thinking this is probably the dumbest thing I've done in a while, I hear laughter. MY NEIGHBOR SAW THE WHOLE THING! He was laughing so hard he couldn't breathe. Between gasps, he tells me, "I was going to come help, but every time I started to walk over, you'd set it off again and then I would start laughing and I couldn't make it." (Gee thanks jerk face) So now, not only are my eyes red, but my face and ears are too. After checking to make sure I was ok, we parted ways, and I went inside to shower so I wouldn't smell like ode de' Tiki Torch.

Lesson learned... next time (yes, there will always be a next time with me) I'll make sure that:

- 1. Don't fill the collar before trying to set it off.
- 2. Remember my neighbor is not a good source of help in a comedy crisis situation. On the plus side, I won't have a mosquito problem for a few days! (eternal optimist here)
- 3. I hate to break the news but this is a copied story that gave me a good laugh and I hope it did for you too. Just sayin'

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Resident Club News

was nominated and voted in as the new President. Kathy Trombini was nominated and voted in as Club Secretary.

Monday morning meetings were discussed, and the board has decided to hold Koffee Klatch meeting the 1st and 3rd Mondays through July and August due to low attendance.

There will be a July 4th Chicken BBQ! Served with the chicken will be potato, macaroni salads, baked beans and all-American Apple Pie for dessert. You really don't want to miss this delicious homemade meal for only \$12.00. Serving will start at 1pm. Hope to see you all there.

A blast from the past! Our former columnist Bob Lupton has just sent us a new "Bob's Corner revisited"

Hi Everyone,

I have now been a former Bay Rancher for one year. I spent 18 of the most memorable years in that community. I made friends that I will cherish forever and have lost too many that have passed away. A few weeks after we left, I received word that two of my closest friends have passed on. One of them was Mary Sue Thompson and the other Ralph Skip Kennedy, my friend since third grade, who lived in another park close nearby, The sad part of growing old is saying goodbye to our friends and relatives. And living in a senior park this becomes an all to frequent occurrence. I am so thankful for the websites where I can keep in touch with all my old friends. I really enjoyed my visit in January where I got to sing again at Karaoke. It took a while, but I recently found a couple of places that have weekly karaoke. And all though it didn't compare with the Bay Ranch version.

I was really surprised at how mild the winter was this year. My first real winter in almost 20 years and I was dreading it. But we only had one sort of snowfall and that was a lot less severe than I remembered.

The best thing about living with my daughter and grandkids is I get to make up for so many missed years with them. An added bonus is the 3 dogs which I love, seem to love me, go figure? Hopefully I will get to visit Florida again and if I do I promise to stop by the Ranch and say hi. I hope you all stay healthy and keep enjoying life.

Love Ya, Bob

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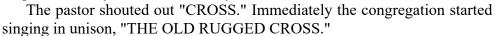
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I THOUGHT YOU MIGHT ENJOY A LITTLE CHURCH HUMOR.

minister decided to do something a little different one Sunday morning.

He said "Today, in church, I am going to say a single word and you are going to help me preach. Whatever single word I say, I want you to sing whatever hymn that comes to your mind."



The pastor hollered out "GRACE."

The congregation began to sing "AMAZING GRACE, how sweet the sound."

The pastor said "POWER." The congregation sang "THERE IS POWER IN THE BLOOD."

The Pastor said "SEX". The congregation fell into total silence. Everyone was in shock. They all nervously began to look around at each other, afraid to say anything.

Then all of a sudden, way from in the back of the church, a little old 87-year-old grandmother stood up and began to sing "PRECIOUS MEMORIES".

Pass this along to some other old fogey so they can smile today. (I just did).

HURRICANE Names

List of names for the 2024 Atlantic Hurricane Season:

Alberto	Helene	Oscar
Beryl	Isaac	Patty
Chris	Joyce	Rafael
Debby	Kirk	Sara
Ernesto	Leslie	Tony
Francine	Milton	Valerie
Gordon	Nadine	William







Steps to Take this Hurricane Preparedness Week

ave a communication plan. It's important to have a plan and share it with your family. ...

Network. Talk to your neighbors about what you're doing to prepare. ...

Build a kit. ...

Strengthen your home. ...

Get your car ready.

Have enough non-perishable food, water and medicine to last each person in your family for a MINIMUM of one week. Also make sure you have extra cash, a battery-powered radio, flashlights, and a portable crank or solar powered USB charger to charge your cell phone.

Prepare for Wind

Anchor objects that would be unsafe to bring inside, such as gas grills and propane tanks. Trim or remove trees close enough to fall on your home.

Review insurance policies. Protect windows with permanent storm shutters or pre-cut plywood.

With the hurricane season upon us, we would like to ask residents to be mindful of potential projectiles at their home.

Typical items such as patio furniture, umbrellas, construction debris, potted plants, even yard décor and windchimes, should all be secured.

Loose downspouts and gutters should also be addressed

- . This would be a good time to clean your gutters because if your gutters fail, you may experience water intrusion in your home
- . Make sure you have a plan in place and remember not to panic. We would like to steer you toward Meteorologist Denis Phillips (Denis with one "N") for relatable hurricane weather updates. The Weather Channel will just scare you. Denis is a local and has Rule #7 which is "Don't freak out unless Denis tells you to." You can find him on Facebook and ABC Action News. On a lighter note, many people believe that this area, once populated by the Tocobaga Indians, is considered sacred Indian ground,

which may be why this area has been spared from a major hurricane. It's a very interesting concept and worth delving into the history if you're So inclined. It is still unclear if the name "Tocobaga" belongs to a leader, a city, a nationality or all three. There is a wonderful book entitled Florida Indians and the Invasion from Europe which gives some insight to this tribe, among others. You can sign up on the website "Internet Archives" for a free read.

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Romance scams occur when a criminal adopts a fake online identity to gain a victim's affection and trust. The scammer then uses the illusion of a romantic or close relationship to manipulate and/or steal from the victim.

The scammer's intention is to establish a relationship as quickly as possible, endear himself to the victim, and gain trust. Scammers may propose marriage and make plans to meet in person, but that will never happen. Eventually, they will ask for money.

If someone you meet online needs your bank account information to deposit money, they are most likely using your account to carry out other theft and fraud schemes.

Tips for Avoiding Romance Scams:

- Be careful what you post and make public online. Scammers can use details shared on social media and dating sites to better understand and target you.
- Research the person's photo and profile using online searches to see if the image, name, or details have been used elsewhere.
- Go slowly and ask lots of questions.
- Beware if the individual seems too perfect or quickly asks you to leave a dating service or social media site to communicate directly.
- Beware if the individual attempts to isolate you from friends and family or requests inappropriate photos or financial information that could later be used to extort you.
- Beware if the individual promises to meet in person but then always comes up with an excuse why he or she can't. If you haven't met the person after a few months, for whatever reason, you have good reason to be suspicious.
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Clubs and Activities

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his will be on hold until fall.



Bingo

Cindy Devinney 550-7377

We need more people to come, so we can continue to play through the summer. So come on down for a night of fun, and who knows, you might even win.



Please no large bills.

Canasta

e will meet every Tuesday at 1:00.



Card Bingo

Debbie and Roger Heil, Coach 104, 423-1264

his is Bingo where every 4-some (and sometimes 3-somes) deal out a full deck of cards, then discard the card as the caller calls it. Whoever runs out of cards first wins the pot of 1 quarter for each player.



Roger has graciously offered to keep card bingo going every week on Wednesday, as long as you all continue to show and support the activity.

They also are holding a 50/50, with the money going to a small party later in the summer.

A Complete Listing of Resident Services can be found on the page before your calendar

Did You Know?

Fourth of July became a federal holiday in 1870?

150 million hot dog<mark>s are consumed</mark> each July 4th?

There was an estimated 2.5 million people living in the 13 colonies on July 4, 1776?





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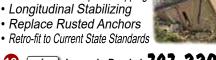








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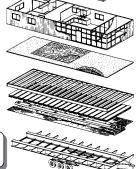
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Coffee Klutch

eld at the clubhouse every Monday just before the Residents Club meeting. SO, plan on coming down, have a cup of Joe, a donut, and a great visit with your fellow Ranchers.



CORN HOLE

Dawn Fear-Walters

orn hole is held next to the shuffleboard courts. We will are meeting on Tuesdays.



Did you know? The food truck will be here the 1st Tuesday of every month starting at 5:30. Whether you play or not come on down and get something to eat. (Beats cooking in the summer heat!!) Please come sign up at 6:15 and we will start playing at 6:30.

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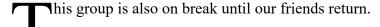


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- 3. Paul McGarth
- 9. William (Jan) Raabe
- 11. Jean Fostvedt
- 12. Gilbert Mulroonev
- 13. Patricia Verzoni
- 14. James Moody
- 16. Trever Galloway
- 18. Robert Galloway Patricia Gardner
- 20. Adisa Smith
- 21. Nancy Peterson
- 23. Lucille Stearns
- 26. Linda Goldstein Roger Heil
- 27. Autumn Huff
- 28. Andy Padel
- 31. Ron Griffin









July Anniversaries 2023

- 17. Richard & Joan Haslam
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It was quiet that day, the guns and the mortars, and land mines for some reason hadn't been heard.

The young soldier knew it was Sunday, the holiest day of the week.

As he was sitting there, he got out an old deck of cards and laid them out across his bunk. Just then an army sergeant came in and said, 'Why aren't you with the rest of the platoon?' The soldier replied, 'I thought I would stay behind and spend some time with the Lord'

The sergeant said, 'Looks to me like you're going to play cards.'

The soldier said, 'No, sir. You see, since we are not allowed to have Bibles or other spiritual books in this country,

I've decided to talk to the Lord by studying this deck of cards.'

The sergeant asked in disbelief, 'How will you do that?'

'You see the Ace, Sergeant? It reminds me that there is only one God.

The Two represents the two parts of the Bible, Old and New Testaments

The Three represents the Father, Son, and the Holy Ghost.

The Four stands for the Four Gospels: Matthew, Mark, Luke and John.

The Five is for the five virgins. There were ten but only five of them were glorified.

The Six is for the six days it took God to create the Heavens and Earth.

The Seven is for the day God rested after making His Creation.

The Eight is for the family of Noah and his wife, their three sons and their wives -- the eight people God spared from the flood that destroyed the Earth.

The Nine is for the lepers that Jesus cleansed of leprosy. He cleansed ten, but nine never thanked him.

The Ten represents the Ten Commandments that God handed down to Moses on tablets made of stone.

The Jack is a reminder of Satan, one of God's first angels, but he got kicked out of heaven for his sly and wicked ways and is now the joker of eternal hell.

The Queen stands for the Virgin Mary.

The King stands for Jesus, for he is the King of all kings.

When I count the dots on all the cards, I come up with 365 total, one for every day of the year.

There are a total of 52 cards in a deck; each is a week - 52 weeks in a year.

The four suits represent the four seasons: Spring, Summer, Fall and Winter

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Evelyn's No Bake Salted Caramel Cookies

Submitted by Evelyn Hale

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In a large mixing bowl, combine the Rice Krispies, chopped Oreos, and 1 cup of the marshmallows.

In a large pot, melt the butter over medium heat. Stir in the salt and the remaining 8 cups of marshmallows. Stir constantly until the marshmallows are completely melted.

Pour the melted marshmallow mixture over the Rice Krispies mixture and gently stir until combined.

Spread the Oreo Rice Krispies mixture into the prepared pan and press gently to flatten the top.

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