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PARADISE ISLAND UPDATE

Pat Walker, Association President

Wow, the hurricane season surprised us by starting the first week in July. For whatever reason(s) the planet does seem to be getting warmer resulting in rising ocean temperatures which in turn fuels the winds from Africa creating havoc for our section of the world. A higher number of hurricanes have been forecast for this year so please heed all warnings and stay safe.

August

Thanks to Cheryl Mathews and her team for organizing the Independence Day celebration featuring a decorated golf cart parade followed by a free ice cream social. Lots of calorie free toppings were available to enhance your bowl of lip-smacking sweet and creamy deliciousness. A fun time and a great crowd.

July saw our first ever three-park associations event -- a Margaritaville Party featuring the laid-back sounds of Jimmy Buffett along with a catered BBQ and topped off with pool games. Who could ask for anything more?? Thanks to the organizing committee and to Park 2 for hosting. Perhaps another three park event will be offered before year-end, who knows?

We twisted our resident artist Jennifer Simon's arm until she gave in and agreed to conduct another mandala painting party. (Spoiler alert: we didn't have to twist very hard. LOL) This time around we painted coasters. Everyone listened to their own internal creative voice resulting in a variety of designs. To be honest, I wish my internal voice had spoken a bit louder. We certainly have a number of talented ladies in our park as proven by the group photo at the end of the class -- what a colorful display. Thanks, Jenn, for another fun night.

Don't forget that you're always welcome at the monthly "I Got It" (August 8) and Bingo (August 15) games. These are stress releasing fun nights....you may lose a little, but there is always the possibility that you may win a lot. Come - try your luck.

In August, Park #1 will host a Rib-Fest on Saturday, August 10, at 5:30PM. We decided to move the monthly pot luck dinner forward one week to give the workers a rest after the Margaritaville event. So if you are coming be certain to sign up on the bulletin board in Park #1. As always, Park #1 Association & Associate Members are free, just bring a dish to share; guests are \$5 each. Bring your place setting and beverage.

Looking forward, Labor Day, Monday September 2, will serve as our September Pot Luck. Since everyone will probably be lazing around the pool, we decided on something quick and easy so will serve Sandwich Trays. Members bring a cool side dish; guests at \$5 each. Again, sign up required.

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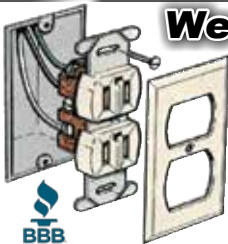
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Lillian Jones, who had been a Lake Haven resident since the late 1980s, had been incurring ongoing health related issues so her daughter moved Lillian to her home in Punta Gorda and will care for her. We wish her peace and comfort.

New Residents: If you use Facebook you should consider sending a request to join LAKE HAVEN PARK HAPPENINGS. On this site we post event information and official park announcements. To be accepted, the Site Administrator will require your lot number.

Have a great August -- enjoy a few days away from the heat and humidity if you can, otherwise remain at home and swelter along with me. And don't forget to be aware of hurricane announcements.

See you around the park.



August Sudoku

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		5	7					3
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3	1	4	6	8	5	9	7	2
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5	4	3	2	9	8	6	1	7
7	2	8	5	6	1	3	9	4



PARK 2 TREASURE COVE

Secretary; Jeanette Powers

HELLO AUGUST:

Time Is flying but the heat is not...Drink plenty of fluids...water is the best. Drinking a gallon per day is the norm, however some people need to check with their doctors as some need more and some less depending on health condition. Check on your neighbors from time to time...

We have had several tropical storms form in the gulf already this summer...Get those Hurricane Preparations ready. Check battery supplies and make sure equipment is in working order...THERE IS AN EVACUATION PLAN POSTED IN EACH CLUB HOUSE.

Events scheduled for the rest of the summer and fall are as follows:

- August 23rd Game Night
- Sept. 14th. Drive-in movie
- Sept 27th Game Night
- Oct. 12th. Chili Cook-off
- Oct. 25th. Game Night
- Nov.16th. Pooch Parade/BBQ
- Nov. 22nd. Game Night
- Dec. 7th. Christmas Party

Events planned for Winter/Spring

- Pancake Breakfast
- St. Patrick's Day Golf Cart Parade/BQ
- Annual Trash to Treasure and Bake Sale

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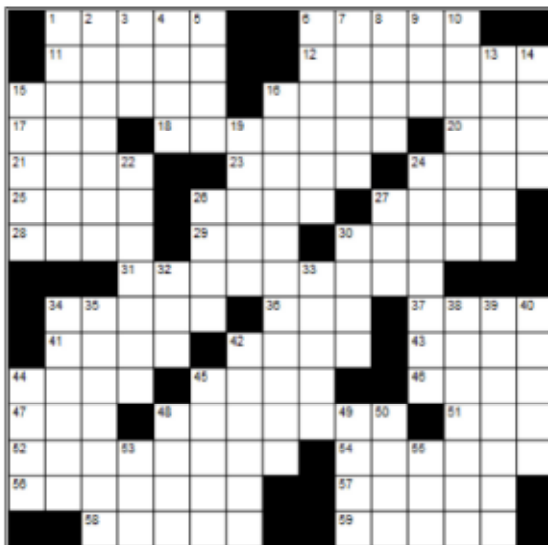
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1. Support
5. Open window problem
11. Happen again
12. Back up
15. Anagram of "Stared"
16. Realm
17. What we breathe
18. Progestin or androgen
20. Partially opened flower
21. Wingless bloodsucking insect
23. Absorbed
24. Rumble
25. Custard dessert
26. Occupied
27. Rational
28. Abominable Snowman
29. Play a role
30. Took a chance
31. Rigid disciplinarians
34. Winter accessory
36. Cygnet's father
37. Female chickens
41. Healthy
42. Verruca
43. Dwarf buffalo
44. Chats
45. Kiln-dried barley
46. Rules and regulations
47. American Dental Association
48. Hotel gofer
51. Fraternity letter
52. In a dazed manner
54. Received
56. Term of endearment
57. Not upper
58. Delicacy
59. Wear away



DOWN

1. Tactile alphabet
2. Withdrawal
3. Air hero
4. Junkyard dogs
5. Once, long ago
6. Sagging
7. Send, as payment
8. Ardent
9. Bog
10. Champion of the people
13. Drunk
14. Stops
15. Goofy
16. In a forceful or urgent manner
19. Belch
22. Beasts
24. Parade V.I.P.
26. Vomit
27. Seated oneself
30. Amount owed
32. Form of "to be"
33. Not south
34. An unilluminated area
35. Floorshow
38. Decreed
39. Not anywhere
40. Antelope of India
42. Billfold
44. Handguns
45. Mass communication industry
48. Chomp
49. Look at flirtatiously
50. Impoverished
53. Each
55. One plus one



August Crossword





AUGUST CALENDAR



Get Ready for Kindergarten Month. To support a happy entry into kindergarten for the almost 2 million children in the United States who will be attending. Tips are available for a smooth transition. Registration for the 2024-2025 school year begins in March 2024.

Happiness Happens Month. Aug. 1–31. Sponsored by the Secret Society of Happy People, it is to encourage people to express happiness and discourage parade raining. For more information, browse www.sohp.com.

National Immunization Awareness Month (NIAM) is an annual observance held in August to remind people that immunization is critical to maintaining health and preventing life-threatening diseases among people of all ages and cultures.

Daily

Rounds Resounding Day is celebrated on **August 1** to remind up-and-coming and existing singers of the musical form of singing in rounds. But what is round singing really? It's the art of singing in a way where three or four voices follow each other, creating a harmonious sound in unison or an octave.



National Mustard Day is celebrated annually on the **first Saturday in August**. This tangy celebration honors mustard, one of America's favorite condiments. Whether you visit the National Mustard Museum or simply enjoy different mustards with your favorite foods, it's a day to savor the versatility of this flavorful topping.

National Dog Day is celebrated on **August 26, 2024**. This special day honors dogs and aims to raise awareness about adopting dogs from rescue centers. Whether big or small, all pups deserve love and attention!

Weekly

Simplify Your Life Week is observed yearly during the first week of August, which this year takes place from August 9 to 17. Although its origins remain unknown, the purpose of this week is abundantly clear: encouraging people to declutter and simplify their lives. It involves getting rid of both physical and psychological clutter that may hinder one from living a peaceful and stress-free life. So, take some time out for yourself, do something you love, and focus on simplifying aspects of your life that could use a little decluttering and refocusing. Learn more <https://nationaltoday.com/simplify-your-life-week/>



Elvis Week. Fans from around the world visit Memphis, Tenn., as Aug. 16 marks the anniversary of Elvis Presley's death (Aug. 16, 1977). For more information, browse www.elvis.com.

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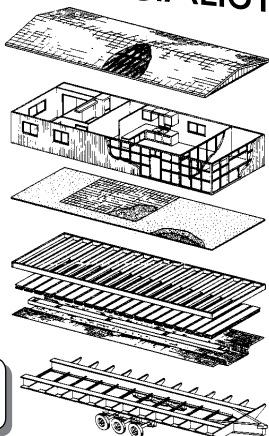
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To make a good decision, observe the bee

Could you use a little collective wisdom in the workplace? If so, you might want to follow the way bees make their decisions, because according to researchers, they have it all over human beings when it comes to making group decisions.



According to Cornell University biologist Thomas Seely in a Cornell Chronicle Online story by Susan S. Lang, bees build coalitions until a quorum develops. Seely says that humans really could benefit from taking a lesson from the bees when it comes to making decisions because bees rely on disagreement and contest, whereas humans often rely on consensus and compromise.

Here's how a swarm of, say, 10,000 honeybees decide where their next new home is going to be. A few hundred scouts are sent out to look at real estate, and when they find a site they like they do a waggle dance. If they like it a lot, they really get down dancing, which is their way of advertising the site to other scouts. Then the scout will revisit the site frequently and dance the day away. Other scouts select other sites, and advertise those to other uncommitted scouts as well. Bee scouts build up at the best sites quickly, because they grade the level of recruitment, which is directly linked to site quality. Whenever 15 or more scouts have gathered around a particular site, the scouts then signal home to the others to get ready to fly to the new home. Researchers know the bees make excellent decisions because they set up situations that offered choices to the bees, some superior for bees, and others ho-hum. The bees almost always chose the superior sites.

So what should humans take away from the bees? How about this? Frank discussions and disagreements coupled with some friendly competition might just help human committees achieve a little collective intelligence and avoid collective folly, researchers say.

Depends where you're from...

A man became lost in the Sahara desert. He wandered, and wandered, but he could not find his way. After three days, he ran out of water, and he was lying in the sun gasping when he thought he heard a sound. He listened carefully. "Mush! Mush!" he heard.

Not trusting his ears, the man turns his head and hears the words again. "Mush! Mush!"

The man confused, pulls himself up on his elbows and looks up, and what does he see, but an Eskimo wrapped in fur on a dog sled coming toward him. The man rubbed his eyes, supposing he was having a hallucination from the lack of water and the overdose of sun. But when he's done rubbing his eyes and looks again, sure enough, right before him stands an Eskimo.

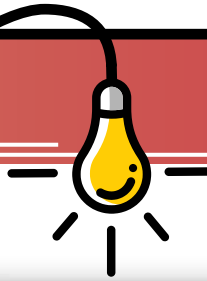
The man excited now, jumps up and says to the Eskimo. "Thank God! Thank God! I've been out here in the sun for three days. And I am so lost! The Eskimo looks at the man and says, "YOU'RE lost!" — As retold from the Basic Jokes Web site



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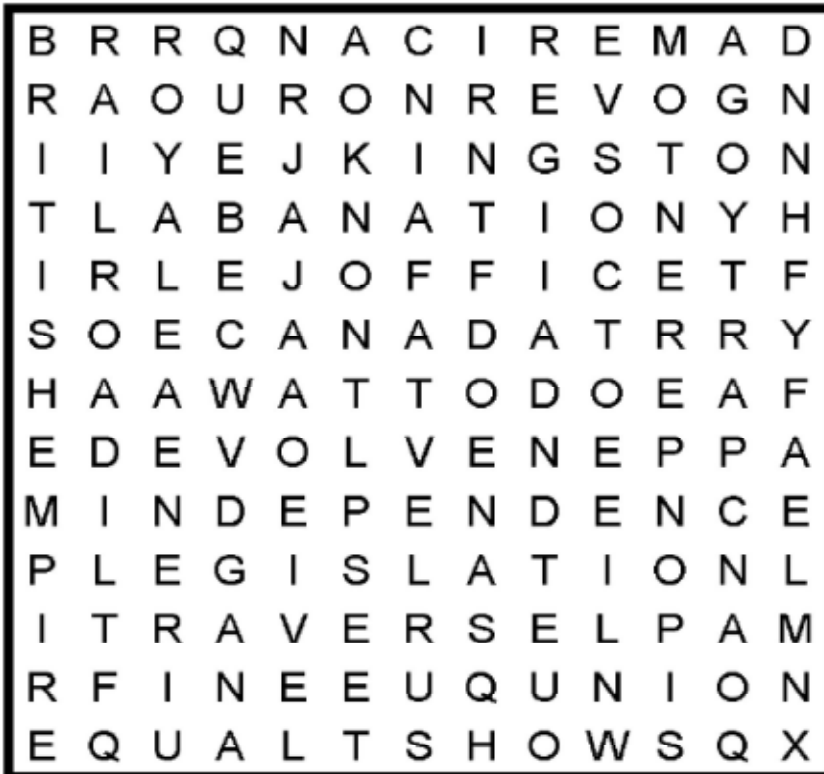
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Microexpressions linked to emotions people may be trying to hide

One of the world’s foremost experts on facial expressions and how they relate to deceit says he first began to develop deceit identification skills when he was a bouncer in a Buffalo, N.Y., bar. Mark Frank, an associate communications professor at the University of Buffalo, a social psychologist and revolutionary researcher says he taught himself to spot behavior that indicated patrons were underage, packing lead or looking for a fight. He says he developed a sixth sense that helped him identify when people were trying to get away with something.



Frank’s work now indicates that, when people are being deceptive, they expose themselves by a series of microexpressions of the facial muscles in conjunction with other behavioral cues. Frank says he wants to make it clear that these expressions by themselves or even in a series mean nothing and are not a sweeping indictment of anyone, but only have meaning in context with other cues.

However, J.J. Newberry, who was formerly a senior special agent with the federal bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms, says that Frank’s methods are “uncanny.” In fact, his methods are considered so effective and accurate that he has been called upon by judges, the office of Homeland Security and even Scotland Yard to assist in investigations.

Frank’s mentor was Paul Ekman, known as the world’s foremost expert in reading facial expressions. Ekman did research on expressions and found that there were facial expressions linked to emotions that were identical from culture to culture. He established a numbering system for each of the movements that created facial expressions, for instance, 1 is left and right eyebrows up, 2 is the eyebrows pulled together, and so forth. Frank took this work, which identified movement associated with the 44 human facial muscles and linked them to things like fear, distress and deception. He developed computer programs that took Ekman’s numbering and made it instantly accessible. What used to take three hours of painstaking stop, rewind, start video viewing to assess one minute of facial movement could now be done almost instantly. “What we have done is quantify it, automate it, prove its effectiveness and teach it very effectively,” Frank says.



On balance

The best and safest thing is to keep a balance in your life, acknowledge the great powers around us and in us. If you can do that, and live that way, you are really a wise man.

— **Euripides**

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— **Johann Wolfgang von Goethe**



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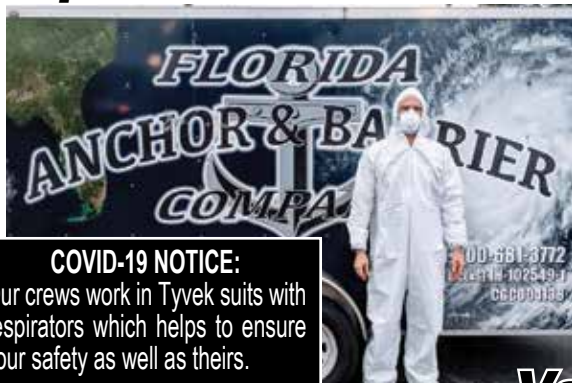
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Romance scams occur when a criminal adopts a fake online identity to gain a victim's affection and trust. The scammer then uses the illusion of a romantic or close relationship to manipulate and/or steal from the victim.

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- **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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A team of Emory University Scientists decided they wanted to understand how people make decisions when the outcomes are known to be unpleasant by using functional magnetic resonance imaging. The results appeared in a recent issue of the journal Science.

The study used an MRI scanner to look at the brains of participants while a series of low voltage shocks was delivered to one of their feet. The intensity of shock and the time delays were varied and each participant underwent a series of 96 shocks. Before each shock, the participant was told how painful the shock would be (as a percent of their threshold) and how long they would have to wait for the shock. Then they were given the opportunity to choose different intensity-delay combinations. The degree of willingness to take a stronger shock sooner was indicative of the dread the participant experienced.

There were 32 participants in the study, and while most of them preferred to speed up the waiting period and were considered mild “dreaders,” 28 percent of them dreaded the upcoming shock so much that they were willing to take more pain so they wouldn’t have to wait. These participants were deemed extreme dreaders.

The accompanying brain scans showed that mild dreaders and extreme dreaders had different patterns of brain activity. Extreme dreaders had more activity in the attention based parts of the pain matrix — and the activity was seen much earlier when compared to mild dreaders.

Neuroscientist Gregory Berns, the lead researcher of the study, says that dread is not quite the same as fear or anxiety. The key finding, he said, was that extreme dreaders devoted more attention to the part of the body where the shock was expected. This is good news for dreaders, because it means that diverting attention to something else can dissipate the experience of dread. Dr. Berns’ advice if you’re dreading something: watch a movie, meditate, play a sport, do something to shift attention and see if it helps. Or, as many wise people in the past have recommended: Get your mind on something else.



On cats

When my cats aren’t happy, I’m not happy. Not because I care about their mood but because I know they’re just sitting there thinking up ways to get even.

— Penny Ward Moser

On foolishness

You will do foolish things, but do them with enthusiasm.

— Colette



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On beauty

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— **Jean Kerr**

On the perfect husband

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— **Agatha Christie**

On cynicism

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— **George Bernard Shaw**

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— **Chris Rock**

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— **Anthony Hopkins**

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— **Eli Wallach**

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— **Jerry Lewis**

On madness

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Memo: From the Accounting Department

It has recently come to the attention of the Accounting Department that people are not giving accurate accounting sheets of how they are spending their time during the workday.



In order to correct this, the accounting department has come up with new codes to help you more accurately account for what you are actually doing. These all come under the major heading of “Unproductive time,” and have been assigned three digit numbers all in the 800 range. Here are the new categories. Please make sure you report accurately what it is you are being paid for.

Thank you,
The Accounting Department

Code: 800s “Unproductive Time”

800: Talking to co-workers about how bombed you got over the weekend.

801: Talking to co-workers about other co-workers.

802: Talking about your sex life to other co-workers.

803: Talking about how much you hate your supervisor to other co-workers.

804: Talking to your supervisor about how much you hate your co-workers.

805: Looking up where you might want to eat lunch on the Internet.

806: Sending e-mails to friends and giving them advice about their work problems.

807: Thinking about all the work you have to do.

808: Calling your friends and telling them about all the work you have to do.

809: Complaining about all the work you have to do.

810: Getting a cup of coffee from a shop 7 blocks away, instead of in the employee kitchen.

As retold from AhaJokes.com

What I really hate about my cubicle...

- The overwhelming feeling that someone is watching me from above, and if I just choose the right button, a piece of cheese will be released down a chute.
- Being told by the boss to “Think outside of the box.”
- Hearing my “neighbor” spend a half hour on the phone telling her best friend that she can’t stand the jerk on the other side of her cube wall.
- That there’s no door to slam when I get mad and quit.

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