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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.

Managers Moment

Carol Lynch-Alvey



Happy New Year Bay Ranch!

Just a reminder this is the month that the \$65.00 rent increase takes effect. Also, if you have more than 2 people living with you permanently there is a \$50.00 charge per person. Again, we must remind you that the lot is not a dumping ground. Please dispose of it properly. If you need help, please call the office and I can give you the name of someone who may be able to help you, you will just have to pat the dumping fee.

Parking has been relaxed around the club house for the holidays at night, BUT please move your vehicles during the day, when activities are going on, so there is parking available for those residents attending. Thank you for your cooperation.

Editor Notes

Need a diet for the new Year?

I just found a great recipe for a stress diet



Breakfast

½ grapefruit

1 slice Whole wheat Toast

8oz milk

Lunch

4oz Lean Broiled Chicken Breast

1 cup Steamed Zucchini

1 Oreo Cookie

Herb Tea

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Mid Afternoon Snack
Rest of the package of Oreos
1 jar Hot Fudge

Dinner
@ loaves Garlic Bread
Large Pepperoni and Mushroom Pizza
Large Pitcher of Pepsi
2 Milky Way Bars
Entire Frozen Cheesecake eaten directly
from freezer.

Your Welcome!

JUST SAYIN'

Jeanne Hunter

I just burned 1200 calories...I forgot the pizza in the oven!



Do you like audio books? There is a great phone app that connects you to the county library system. It's called Libby. If you have a library card, you can “borrow” from 40,000 available books. Remember after Milton when we got our electricity back, but no internet for a few days? I borrowed a couple of books. They were immediately available on my phone and replaced tv viewing. One trip to the library and you never have to go there again.

My brother took an elevator to the tenth floor, and as he got out the operator said, “Have a good day, son.” “Don't call me son. You're not my Dad.” The operator looked puzzled and said, “No, but I did bring you up.”

Once again, because my current life is so boring, we are going...

Back in the day: I got married in November 1966, and early in 1967 my husband was shipped to Germany. I followed a couple weeks later. He was stationed on a small – very small – missile base. No housing, no PX, no amenities. They had a barracks, a mess hall with a pull-down screen to play occasional movies and a counter with shelves where you could buy a candy bar or soda (that was our PX). And there were loaded missile silos in holes in the ground. With a bit of luck, my husband found an apartment for us.

I will be forever grateful for all the memorable adventures we had and glad we didn't go to a big base with on base housing and amenities. We made lifelong friends off base and learned the history and traditions of the area. There are lots of stories I could tell, including how we traveled Europe for 30 days using advice from the Frommer “Europe on \$5 a day” travel guide (it actually worked, with a \$10 daily budget between us we got rooms, meals and

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entertainment), but memories of our German Christmas are in my mind today. On December 6, Germans celebrate St. Nicholas Day and if you've been good, you may get a dish with oranges, nuts, cookies and candy at your door. If you've been bad, you get a lump of coal.

We had our best Christmas tree ever. We had no lights or ornaments, so we used our pitiful imaginations. I made tiny little cardboard boxes, wrapped them and put them on the tree. We strung popcorn we colored with sprinkles of food coloring. We learned the hard way that if you put popcorn in liquid, it disintegrates so we tried sprinkling. Stringing popcorn is not fun like in the movies. It's a pain, but we persevered (we were young). Finally, we took a paper cup (back when they had the fold out handles which looked like angel wings) and topped it with a tennis ball with a magic marker face. The tree slanted way to one side from the weight of the tennis ball, but it lasted through Christmas. We've had trees big and small, bright and fancy, but none were as special as this one.

By this time, we were living with a German family, so we celebrated with them. On Christmas Eve, as we ate dinner, Ewalt, the Dad, snuck out of the kitchen. Soon after, we heard the tinkle of a bell. This was a small silver bell handed down from father to son to be used once a year. That sound signaled the Christ child had come. Everyone ran to the living room to see the beauty of the holiday. The tree was now illuminated by candles – real candles – and small gifts lay under the tree. Nobody dove for a present. We stood and joyously sang Silent Night. Afterwards presents were opened and thank you's given for gifts of socks, underwear and clothing, no toys or sporting equipment. On Christmas Day, we went to church in an ancient stone church. Multiple trees inside were lit with candles. I still don't know how the buildings didn't burn down, but it was so much more beautiful than colored lights.

I often think about that special Christmas and its simple beauty.

Now for some nonsense with no value and no meaning!

A cat died and went to Heaven. God met her at the pearly gates. He pet her and said, "You've been a good cat your whole life. Anything you want is yours for the asking." The cat said she was a farm cat and always slept on hard wooden floors. She said that she would love to have a nice fluffy pillow to sleep on. Instantly the cat had a big fluffy pillow

A few days later, six mice were killed in an accident, and all arrived in Heaven together. God met them at the pearly gates with the same offer he had given the cat. The mice said, "All our lives we have had to run from dogs, cats and even people. If we could just have some roller skates, we'd never have to run again." God said, "It is done." And all the mice had beautiful little roller skates.

About a week later, God decided to check on the cat. He found her sound asleep on her fluffy pillow. He gently awakened her and asked, "Is everything okay? How have you been doing? Are you happy?" The cat replied, Oh, I've never been so happy in my life. My pillow is so fluffy and those meals-on-wheels you've been sending over are delicious"

Meanwhile, out on the golf course with his wife, a husband said, "Twenty years ago I had

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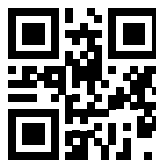


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an affair. It meant nothing. I hope you can forgive me.” His wife was hurt, but said, “Dearest, those days are long gone. What we have now is far more valuable. I forgive you.” They embraced and kissed. On the seventeenth tee, the husband was starting his backswing when the wife blurted out, “I’m sorry, darling. I’ve been so conscience stricken since you told me, but since we’re being honest with each other, I have something to tell you too. Fifty-two years ago, I had a sex change operation. I was a man before I met you. I hope you can forgive me.”

The husband froze at the top of his backswing and threw a fit. He slammed the driver into the ground, threw his ball into the woods, stormed off the tee, pushed the golf cart over onto its side, broke the rest of his golf clubs one by one and started on hers. He screamed and ranted, “You liar! You cheat! You despicable deceiver! How could you? I trusted you with all my heart and soul...and all these years you’ve been playing off the ladies’ tees!!”

Hope you're enjoying the holidays. Just sayin',

Christmas Pageant.

Did you miss this year’s annual Christmas Pageant? If you did, what a loss for you.

Let’s give some credit to our wonderful Bay Ranch Choir under the direction of Becky Webber.

Our songbirds include: Paige Andrews, Carol Braga, Cindy Douglas, Charlie Hastings, Jeanne Hunter, Wayne Jones, Ione Jones, Mindy Jordan, Kathy Labeau, Lynda MacNeill, Mary Magerno, Bonnie Martin, Rodger Martin, Carol Olson, Nancy Peterson, Paul Puerling, Bob Quish, Jan Raebe, Ray Rose, Joan Sieders and Carol Wallace.

A shout out to Carol Raebe for the beautiful Wise Men costumes she made. Great Job, Thank you Carol.

Also, we should thank Patty Harwood and her helpers for the delicious after show snacks and punch.



My doctor said I need to get more exercise. So, I shared my daily workout routine:

I jump to conclusions,
climb the walls,
drag my heels,
push my luck,
make mountains out of molehills,
bend over backward,
run around in circles,
put my foot in my mouth,
go over the edge,



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and beat around the bush.

By the time I finish all that, I'm completely worn out! Who has the energy for anything else?

A good laugh or even a smile to start the day—it's the best kind of workout!

Resident Club News



January 11th will be our breakfast this month. Come hungry as there will be scrambled eggs, pancakes, sausage, home fries, juice and coffee. Remember it's all you can eat for only \$8.00. Serving starts at 8:30.

On the 19th, we will have our annual Spaghetti Dinner. Come and enjoy the pasta and meatballs, salad, garlic bread and dessert. Price is \$10.00 per person and tickets will be available in advance or at the door. Dinner is served around 5:00 pm, so be there or be square.

Ladies Bible Study



A new group is forming led by Bonnie Martin, with Mindi Jordan assisting.

They will be meeting at 11:00 on Thursdays beginning the 9th of January.

All are welcome and bring your bible if you have one.

Clubs and Activities

Bid Euchre



Bid Euchre is held on Friday afternoons at the clubhouse at 1:15pm

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Bingo

Cindy Devinney 550-7377



We start selling at 5pm. We stop selling at 6pm and Bingo starts at 6:30.
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

We will meet every Tuesday at 1:00.

Card Bingo

Debbie and Roger Heil, Coach 104, 423-1264



This 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 at the end of the next season.

Flea market and Craft Sale at the Clubhouse Saturday November 16th. Get Ready.

Choir

Thank you for coming to our Christmas concert and the Tree Lighting where we remember those we are missing at Christmas. I appreciate the gift of your time to share the holiday season with us.



Thank you for the non perishable items that were delivered to families in need.

The Chorus will now prepare for our Annual Memorial Service where we will honor those Bay Ranch residents who have passed in the year 2024

Becky Webber

Chorus Director

beckywebber61@gmail.com

Cigar Club

Cigar Dudes will be meeting every other Saturday at 1PM at Cozy Cigar, which is located on West Bay in Largo. If interested or have questions, please call Adam Pirhofer at 623-7808 or Dave Andrews at 727-542-6917.



Coffee Klutch

Held 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

Corn hole is held next to the shuffleboard courts. We will be meeting on Tuesdays.

Please come sign up at 6:15 and we will start playing at 6:30.



CRAFTS

ARTS & CRAFTS

Crafts will be starting up again this month. Everyone who has any project to work on such as Swedish weaving, knitting, crochet, diamond art or any other project come on down to the clubhouse on Friday at 9:30 and enjoy the camaraderie.

Euchre

Joan Seiders, Coach 123, 532-8409

Euchre has started back up meeting at the clubhouse on Tuesday evenings at 6:30. Don't forget your \$1.00



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Fitness For Life



We are back into the clubhouse for chair exercises.
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Come join us for a fun time, all you need is a couple of hand weights and a stretch band.
Don't forget your water!

We meet on Tuesday and Thursday at 9AM.

Golf

We are back on the greens. Tee off is at 8:10 am. Contact Jim Jones for a ride or information.



HOA



The HOA has two member meetings scheduled:

1/16/2025 7:00 pm Membership Meeting to introduce current Board members and candidates for positions at the 2025 election. Anyone wishing to run for the Board may be nominated from the floor HOA members comments and questions will be addressed.

2/19/2025 7:00 pm Annual Meeting and Election

The HOA helps with issues that may come up and works on rent negotiations as they come up. You can join the HOA there is a one-time fee of \$20.00 to join.

Hoss Collar

Paul Perling 533-9324

We are back! See you on Saturdays at 1pm. Don't forget your \$1.00



Karaoke

Adam Pirhofer 623-7808



Bring your voice, beverages, and you down and join in the fun and entertainment. As usual subject to change.

If you can sing or not come out and join in the fun, there is no judging here. Want some free entertainment? Come on down to the clubhouse and enjoy the music and cheer on your fellow Rancher.

Koffee Klatch

We are back! Come join us at 8-9 for coffee and doughnuts or muffins or whatever we can find. Join in the conversation and meet some of your fellow Ranchers.



Ladies Bible Study

Bonnie Martin

Meeting every Thursday at 11:00 at the clubhouse. Bring your Bible if you have one.



Ladies Having Fun

Cindy Douglas 260-715-0646

Dues are now due for the 2025 year. \$7.00.

The ladies meet the last Friday of every month, we will meet at 11:30.



Library

Bonnie Bach, Coach 1051

There is a new librarian at the Ranch. Welcome Bonnie Bach.

Books in the library are donated by Bay Ranchers.

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Residents' Club

We are also back. Meetings start at 9am right after Koffee Klatch. Want to stay informed and help plan events?? Then join us every Monday. Hope to see you there.

Shuffleboard



Coaches Corner:

I am happy to announce that the Sunshine League will continue for another season. At our Captains meeting in November, we agree on a few changes which the Captains have passed on to players. Our first game on December 4th was cancelled due to cold weather, hopefully we will make it up later.

I would like to thank all the Friendly players who have agreed to fill-in on our team this year. There will be a Captains Meeting on the 14th.

Remember Shuffleboard is all about blocks and hides. 'Hope everyone has a very enjoyable season.

Practices are @ 10:00am the day before the games.

Matches are: January 8th Donovan here, 15thth Ranchero here, 22nd play at Fairway

Friendly Team will have matches on January 2nd @ Mainlands 4, on the 9th Embassy plays here, on the 16th East Bay plays here and on the 30th They play at Point west.

Matches start at 11, so come on down and cheer on our shufflers.

Practices starting after Monday morning meeting. Always looking for more players.

Stein Studs

Adam Pirhofer 623-7808



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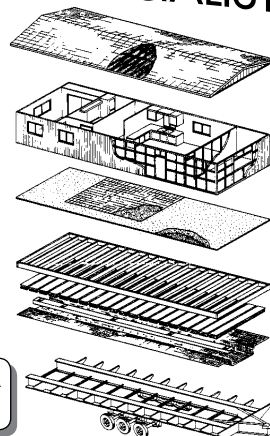
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2. Drink as much eggnog as you can. And quickly, it's rare. You cannot find it any other time of year but now. So drink up! Who cares that it has 10,000 calories in every sip? It's not as if you're going to turn into an eggnog-alcoholic or something. It's a treat. Enjoy it. Have one for me. Have two. It's later than you think. It's Christmas!
3. If something comes with gravy, use it. That's the whole point of gravy. Gravy does not stand alone. Pour it on. Make a volcano out of your mashed potatoes. Fill it with gravy. Eat the volcano. Repeat.
4. As for mashed potatoes, always ask if they're made with skim milk or whole milk. If it's skim, pass. Why bother? It's like buying a sports car with an automatic transmission.
5. Do not have a snack before going to a party in an effort to control your eating. The whole point of going to a Holiday party is to eat other people's food for free. Lots of it. Hello?
6. Under no circumstances should you exercise between now and New Year's. You can do that in January when you have nothing else to do. This is the time for long naps, which you'll need after circling the buffet table while carrying a 10-pound plate of food and that vat of eggnog.
7. If you come across something really good at a buffet table, like frosted Christmas cookies in the shape and size of Santa position yourself near them and don't budge. Have as many as you can before becoming the center of attention. They're like a beautiful pair of shoes. If you leave them behind, you're never going to see them again.
8. Same for pies. Apple, Pumpkin, Mincemeat. Have a slice of each. Or if you don't like mincemeat, have two apples and one pumpkin. Always have three. When else do you get to have more than one dessert, Labor Day?
9. Did someone mention fruitcake? Granted, it's loaded with the mandatory celebratory calories but avoid it at all cost. I mean, have some standards.
10. One final tip: If you don't feel terrible when you leave the party or get up from the table, you haven't been paying attention. Re-read tips; start over, but hurry, January is just around the corner. Remember this motto to live by:

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But my rememberer is broke
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But, to me, that is no joke
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If I really should be 'there'
And, when I try to think it through,
I haven't got a prayer!
Oft times I walk into a room,
Say 'what am I here for?'
I wrack my brain, but all in vain!
A zero, is my score.
At times I put something away
Where it is safe, but, Gee!
The person it is safest from
Is, generally, me!
When shopping I may see someone,
Say 'Hi' and have a chat,
Then, when the person walks away
I ask myself, 'who the hell was that?'
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And it's driving me plumb crazy
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2. "I don't wanna grow up"
3. "Gimme a break, gimmie a break"
4. "The best part of waking up"
5. "Sometimes you feel like a nut"
6. "I'd like to teach the world to sing"
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January Sudoku

		6				7	8	
9					5			
	1					4		2
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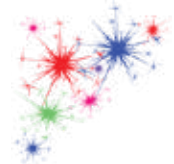
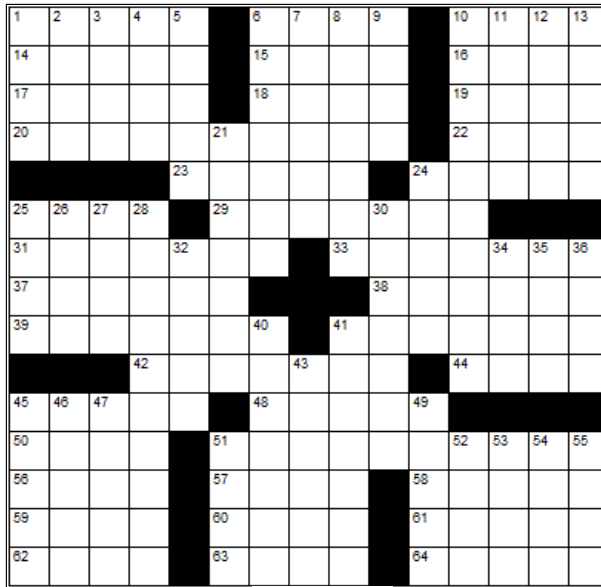
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ACROSS

1. Dig (into)
6. Unit of land
10. Burrowing marine mollusk
14. More aloof
15. Implored
16. Anger
17. Gloss
18. Heap
19. Broadcast
20. Declutter
22. Opera star
23. Holy person
24. Kind of nut
25. Sit for a photo
29. Experienced
31. Gathers
33. Tooth doctor
37. Type of TV comedy
38. For naught
39. Robber
41. Accuser (archaic)
42. Electrician
44. Timber wolf
45. Lieu
48. Ballroom dance
50. Pitching to one side
51. She wore a glass slipper
56. Decorative case
57. African sheep
58. Grill
59. Countertenor
60. Nothing more than
61. Fatuous
62. Eager
63. P P P
64. Canvas dwellings

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DOWN

1. Plate
2. Bounce back
3. In place of
4. V V V
5. Sea eagles
6. Puts on
7. Customer
8. Associated
9. Biblical garden
10. Certification
11. Boundary
12. Not dead
13. Nickel or steel
21. Neanderthals
24. Humdrum
25. Overtake
26. Leave out
27. Fill to excess
28. Increase
30. Tit for tat
32. Firm
34. Put ____ words
35. Untidy one
36. Apprentice
40. Pensioner
41. Fops
43. Farmer's fertilizer
45. Hearty entree
46. What books are called
47. Wash out with a solvent
49. Path around a star
51. Tent-pitching place
52. Sea eagle
53. Amount leant
54. Fluff
55. Anagram of "Sale"



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Annual Carport sale, Lincolnshire Estates: 1071 Donegan Rd., Largo FL 33771. Saturday January 11th 8AM to 1PM. Over 50 homes: housewares, arts & crafts, clothes, furniture, tools and lots more. Maps available at entrances.	Flea Market! Teakwood West Largo. January 18th, 8-1pm, Ohana Clubhouse. Large Selection of home goods, furniture, clothing, jewelry, baked goods, and lots more!	Huge carport sale outside and inside. Browse in comfort! Furniture, art, housewares. Saturday, February 15th 8am-NOON 9790 66th St. North, Pinellas Park. Refreshments available.
Rummage & Bake Sale: 1/11/25 8AM-Noon Golden Crest Clubhouse, 800 Main St, Dunedin	Sat. Jan 25, 2025 - Community Sale - 8:30AM - 1:00PM. Paradise Island Section of Lake Haven MHP. Main St. (SR580) & Lake Haven Rd. (W of Keene/CR1) Dunedin. Housewares, Linens, Small Appliances, Bakery, Jewelry, Raffle Baskets, 50/50 drawing, Lunch.	Sat. March 1st, 8-12noon. Flea Market, Colonial Village, 2000 East Bay Drive, Largo. Furniture, Kitchen appliances, housewares, bicycles, clothing, home-baking.
Largest Garage Sale in southwest Florida! Northwood Presbyterian Church, 2875 State Road 580, Clearwater, FL 33761 will hold a gigantic sale on January 16th, 17th, 18th from 8:00am - 2:00pm. There will be something for everyone. Contact Susan Curry 727-709-8237 for information.	Point West M.H.P Bazaar and Flea Market. January 25th, 8am-2pm. 12651 Seminole Blvd, Largo. Furniture, Clothes, Household Electroics, Jewelry & Misc. Chinese Auction, 50/50 & Food	FOR SALE
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