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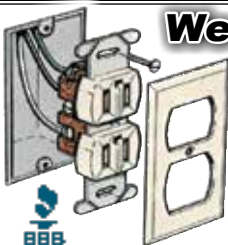


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Co-op Updates

By Al Noeller, President PI Co-Op



With the election season over for the HOA, PISC and Co-Op, I would like to congratulate all the new and returning board members and we look forward to another very productive year for the community working together for the benefit of all. The Church in the Park has also been very supportive of the community. I can't thank all that volunteer of all the organizations enough for their great events and efforts, you are what makes Paradise Island special.

The year has been busy with the now completed Starkey Rd. sidewalk project, and we also had a few storms to contend with. As a team we did great, Thank You.

The long-awaited Traffic Light was scheduled to start in February and it is scheduled to be completed by November, we hope. The office will monitor the construction and open the rear gate near lot 500, when appropriate, to help avoid construction delays. One-Call messages will be used to inform everyone when the gate is open or to be closed, if you haven't already, please sign up, at the office, for the one call notification system, if that information will be helpful to you.

Towing of vehicles, left on the streets overnight or at the clubhouse, will start soon. We have distributed approved parking permits and we have done a warning survey twice, to warn violators and to test the system. Please abide by the rules and don't get towed (at your expense). Unexpected visitors can park overnight in one of the three identified spots by the Shuffleboard courts until you can get a temporary permit at the office. Remember this is being done to ensure



emergency vehicles can get to you or your neighbors in an emergency.

The Spectrum Contract is going well, and I hope everyone is taking full advantage of the higher speeds, additional channels, and the DVR with free DVR service. In addition, Spectrum has added Paramount+ and Disney+ free with your Spectrum account, but you must sign up with Spectrum. Note, if you get the Spectrum app you will be able to take some of the services with you when you travel or go North for the season, you should check it out. Get the full value from your Spectrum account while you're here and away. Call Spectrum for help, you are part of the bulk account, but each home has an individual account that you need to manage yourself.

With April just around the corner I know some of you may/should start the process to move back to your northern retreat or just get away. Please plan to finish required storm repairs, secure and prepare your home here, so you and your neighbors don't have to worry about it, consider giving a friend a key. Secure possible flying objects, clean gutters, make minor repairs to prevent costly damage. If appropriate, plan to shut off your water, hot water heater, refrigerator, clean gutters and unplug unneeded items, set sprinklers to proper settings, and forward your mail. Thank You in advance for those efforts and support of your community.

Whether you are a full-time resident or a summer traveler, please plan to stop by the office before you leave to keep the office informed of any address, phone number, email or emergency contact changes, so we can contact you and keep you informed appropriately. If you plan to sell your home or rent it, please stop by the office and get the latest information needed to do it properly. Residents and renters must be preapproved.

As we move into Spring, find a way to Enjoy Every Day!

HOA PERSPECTIVE

By Ken Hopkins

A dieu to St Valentine, Hello St Patrick! Wow--this year is flying by. This month I thought I would give some perspective to the HOA as to our purpose and accomplishments over the past two years.

The Paradise Island HOA is a bit different than a true HOA community in that we do not make or enforce rules and regulations. Our purpose here is to be the voice for the leaseholders to the Co-Op and to assist with enhancing our community for the benefit of all. And over the past few years, the Board has made some significant changes to allow for such activity.

First and foremost, a Bingo Committee was established to manage the weekly activity and programs for Bingo. Under the leadership of Jane Reitz and Linda Carver, this committee has freed the Board to work on more important matters. Here is a list of current and past activities and accomplishments:

We have assisted the Co-Op with funding for the tables and chairs in the pool area; we provided funding with the PISC and Church in the Park for the free Thanksgiving Dinner and community Christmas party; We adopted the Caring Hearts program; providing medical equipment for our residents when needed, and purchased a shed for the storage of the equipment. We established a Helping Hands committee for the benefit of our residents; We formed a

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committee to establish a Christmas Showcase program to recognize decorating efforts during the holidays; Out of that program was born the Home of the Month recognition committee recognizing resident's beautification efforts; For the first time in many years, the entrance to Paradise Island was decorated for Christmas making a festive statement. This was accomplished under the leadership of Linda LaVine and her merry band of elves; Mike Mitchell is leading a committee in applying for a matching grant for the purchase of up to 6 park benches to enhance the community common grounds; We are in the beginning stages of establishing a Records Management program to insure our historical documents are kept safe and secure; For the first time in many moons, we have complete financial statements and budgets, giving us the ability to better manage our resources to the benefit of the residents; And finally, we established quarterly informational residents meetings which have proven to be well attended.

The 2025 Board is a dedicated group committed to continuing to help keep Paradise Island a great community in which to enjoy life. If you have an interest in assisting in any area, please contact any board member. You won't be disappointed.

Have a great March. Erin go Bragh! Be well

HOA Home of the Month

By Vicky Ellis

Congratulations to our HOA-sponsored Home of the Month winners for February, John & Roselyn Sams at 378 Martinique. They were awarded a \$50 Visa gift card and a Paradise Island Home of the Month sign was placed in their yard until the March winners are chosen. Thank you for your efforts to make our community beautiful!

Did You Know?

By Co-Op BOD



Did you know the Neighborhood Watch program, in conjunction with the Largo Police Department, is continually conducting a program designed to make your home more safe and secure? Officers from the LPD will come to your home and conduct a security assessment and make suggestions on what you can do to "crime-proof" your home, or at least make it less likely that you will be a victim of crime at your home. Additionally, the officer will install a key lock box in a suitable place, free of charge.

The combination to retrieve your key from the box is known only to you and the police department.

To take advantage of this program, email LPD at securityassessments@largo.com. Include your name, address and phone number to be put on a list for service.

Your Neighborhood Watch program urges you to take advantage of this program. As always, call the LPD non-emergency number (727-587-6730) and your section block captain if you observe any suspicious activity in our community.

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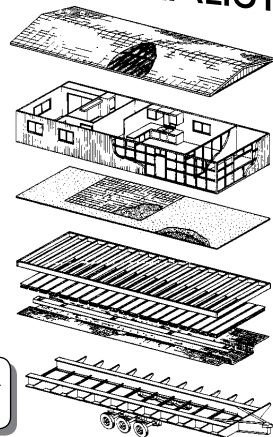
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Paradise Island Social Committee Calendar 2025

Questions contact Nadine Peters 402-750-3083

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<u>tickets for all events are sold on Monday nights from 6-7 pm</u>				
Feb 28	Flea Market Set-up		Volunteers needed for set-up	
Mar 1	Flea Market & Bake Sale	\$1 early	Clubhouse	8 am - 2 pm
Mar 8	Men's Club Event	\$10	Two Shay Entertainers - Shania Twain Imp	6 - 10 pm
Mar 15	Dance	\$10	Double M Band	7 - 10 pm
Mar 18	Blood Drive	NC	Donate blood	9 am - 2 pm
Apr 5	Men's Club Event	\$10	William Florian - Singer/Entertainer	6 - 10 pm
Apr 12	Dance	\$10	Red	7 - 10 pm
Jun 21	Dance	\$10	Carl Motyka	7 - 10 pm

Neighborhood Watch

By Nancy LaBelle



Everyone is always welcome to attend our meetings on the 3rd Tuesday of every month at 10AM.

Officer Keith Bowling our LARGO PD liaison, is usually there to keep us up to speed on neighborhood issues, recent increases in crime overall and recommendations to improve our quality of life. He tells us about programs that our community has available for us.

SCAMS just keep coming! They are frequently on the local news.

The relative, usually a grandchild, who needs money to get out of jail is common right now. I got this call myself. It's very easy to have that moment of panic. Never meet anyone local, even if it's outside a bank. Take time to call family and verify the situation. If the caller won't agree to your demands, they usually hang up. My caller called 3 family members, changing the relationship. Better yet, don't answer calls if you are not familiar with the number. They can leave a message. In my case, the SCAMMERS left 2 messages. I laughed and did not return the call. IF you do get caught up in a situation, alert the police, your Credit card company, your bank, wherever your money came from and get your family's help. Your information could help others.

IF YOU SEE SOMETHING SAY SOMETHING. BE KIND BE SAFE

Thanks to all who came to our Golf cart/ bicycle registration.



The Big Red Bus

By Christine Sheetz



The Big Red Bus will be here in Paradise Island on Tuesday, March 18th from 9 am to 2 pm, for our 1st blood drive of the year. Please be sure and save the date on your calendar. A few minutes out of your day may save a life. More details on how to sign up coming soon. Please call Christine Sheetz at 301-466-7027 with any questions.

FMO

By Ray LaBelle

How would you like to be paying an extra seven percent on your lot rent for a sales tax? Or perhaps you would like to find an insurance company to cover your carport. You might as well add in your shed and its contents. Well, thanks to our lobby group, the Federation of the Mobile Home of Florida (FMO) you currently don't have to because as our lobbyist they have stopped these from happening. Since 2012 the state legislature has attempted to add sales tax to our lot rent at least three times. Each time their effort was defended by the FMO, our lobbyist. I am sure you are also aware that lobbied the legislature to force Citizen's to extend coverage to our sheds and carports. I am also sure that you know that they are the sponsors of the tie down program for the last 50 years, which we have been a recipient of once and are on the list for another go round. They helped secure another ten years of this program along with funding. How appreciative are that you can now take the co-op to arbitration over their decisions instead of having to spend thousands of dollars going to court? THESE ARE ALL THINGS THAT THE FMO has done. What do they need from you? SUPPORT. This Park currently has seven residents out of 832 that support the FMO through their membership. Check them out at FMO.ORG and if you want to them to continue supporting our life style then join and quit sitting on the sidelines waiting for someone else to take care of you.

Social Committee Update

By Nadine Peters

March will be a busy month here in Paradise Island. Starting off with the Flea Market and Bake Sale March 1st.

Men's Club event March 8th, Two Shay Entertainers. March 15th Dance with Double M Band. Blood Drive March 18th.

The PISC welcomes Paulette Rich as new Vice President and two new directors, Kim Gibson & Jana Wolf. Thank you, Terri Dacy, for your service to the PISC.

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CANADIAN CLUB

By Brenda Struble



March 19th Clubhouse Pavilion 4PM -8PM

Another season coming to a close and sad as it is there are not too many of our snowbirds here to celebrate! Let's get together to say hello and goodbye! Bring your own place settings and your choice of beverage. A dish to pass to be served with BBQ chicken. Sign-up sheet on bulletin board in clubhouse. Hope to see you there! Brenda Struble 726 533 5672.

St. Patrick's Dance!

By Judi Mitchell



For all you Irish or Irish at heart. Come celebrate St. Patrick's Day with us on March 15th from 7-10 PM. Entertainment will be the Double M Band. Tickets (\$10) will go on sale Monday's, February 17-March 10th at the clubhouse 6-7 PM. BYOB and snacks.

Cake me away

By Cindy Maciejewski

Please consider donating to the Bake Sale being held at the fabulous PI Flea Market on March 1. The Sweet-things staff will be at the clubhouse on Friday, February 28 from 6-8pm to accept all your delicious (bake sale ready) dessert donations. You "donut" wanna miss this sweetest occasion.

Men's Golf

By Bob Pultorak



Men's golf. Men's golf will tee off at 7:30 am at Lans Brook golf course every Monday. Any questions call Bob Pultorak at 315 -796-2153

BOCCE BALL

By Paul Snellenberger and Mike Casey

Join us for Bocce Ball every Saturday and Wednesday afternoon (weather permitting) - 1:00 pm at the Clubhouse Bocce Ball Courts next to the Shuffleboard courts. Beginners are welcome. No experience is necessary. Bocce Ball is easy to learn. Have a lot of fun, get some fresh air, and enjoy some easy exercise while meeting new friends!

Questions contact: Paul @ 815-592-2829



Walk Away the Pounds

By Bev MacMillan



Well, the holidays are all over, Decorations are down and now it's time to think about those pounds we have put on with all the turkey and fixings. I will be starting our exercise program, January 6, 2025.

Every Monday, Wednesday and Friday 8:45 a.m. to 9:45 a.m.

Come join me you will feel better, sleep better, reduce stress and hopefully lose a few pounds.

SHUFFLEBOARD

By Gary MacDonald



Join us for drop-in shuffleboard every Tuesday and Thursday mornings at 9:30 a.m. for random team selection. No experience necessary - we simply play for fun. Cues are provided. We look forward to returning players and to welcome new players. Hope to see you on the courts!

Please Note: Just a reminder that our Shuffleboard courts are available all year for residents. The storage shed at the courts is locked outside of our organized play. Call Gary at 727 474 6420 for key access should you wish to play.

Horseshoes

By Stacy Pupecki

Organized horseshoes are Monday mornings 10 to 11 am. The horseshoe courts are available to all residents throughout the year for play or practice. The horseshoes are locked up outside of organized play. Please contact Stacy at 860-919-7325 for access to the horseshoes or for more information.

Line Dancing

By Barb Steinmetz



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Ladies Monthly Luncheon

By Beth Pieckiel



Happy March to all the wonderful ladies of Paradise Island. The Monthly Ladies Luncheon is scheduled for Tuesday, March 25th, 2024 at 11:30 a.m. and your hostess for this month is Sharona Oglesbee. She has chosen for us to have lunch at:
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As always you can find the sign-up sheet on the bulletin board in the clubhouse. Also, if you do sign up and then find you are unable to attend, PLEASE remove your name so that your hostess can give her restaurant of choice an accurate headcount.

If you should have any questions regarding our Monthly Ladies Luncheon, please contact either myself, Beth Pieckiel at (214) 538-7094 or Kim Gibson at (440) 840-4093. Hope y'all come out and join us for a fun afternoon of friendships new and old.

Spring Paradise Island Community Flea Market

By Tiffani Neu

We're quickly approaching our Spring Flea Market, which will take place Saturday, March 1 at the clubhouse. We enjoyed the hybrid flea market in November 2024, sharing the clubhouse with the residents - a huge success all around! In March, we'll be back to the regular flea market format. As such, we're COLLECTING DONATIONS and LOOKING FOR VOLUNTEERS. If you have any tools, home decor, furniture, linens, toys, etc that are in very good condition that you would like to donate, contact Tiffani Neu (713.922.9025) or Liz Neumann (727.242.4597.). We will come by, take a look, and whisk them off to the storage sheds. We can't experience the level of success we've had without our volunteers. If you can help on Friday, Feb 28 (room set up) and/or Saturday, March 1 (flea market sales), contact Tiffani or Liz. Net proceeds from the flea market go to the Social Committee to provide fun activities for our residents. In the meantime, mark your calendars for Saturday, March 1, 9 am - 2 pm (or pay \$1 to gain early entry at 8 am) for our next big sale!

New England Plus

By Gail White

The luck of the Irish and lucky for the New England Dinner+ group, which gets to celebrate St. Patrick's Day early, at 3:45 pm. March 5, when we meet to greet and eat at O'Keefe's Tavern, 1219 Ft. Harrison Ave., Clearwater.

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As usual, everyone is invited -- New Englander or not, Irish or not.

You can sign up on the New England Dinner Facebook page, or on the signup sheet in the clubhouse. Questions? Please contact dinner coordinators Gail White (412-561-5943) or Maureen Ronney (248-835-8127).

Thanks to everyone for our splendid February turnout to celebrate the Year of the Snake. And so we'll ignore the idea that St. Paddy drove the snakes out of Ireland

Men's Club

By Ken Jonas



Boy, do we have a show for you and you only have one more chance to get tickets in advance!! Get your tickets Monday 3/3 between 6&7 PM, for the Two Shay Show on Saturday night 3/8. She does an unbelievable Shania Twain Tribute and he is fantastic on the banjo. We have had this duo here before and you don't want to miss this one!!

Then starting on Monday night 3/10, 3/17, 3/24 and 3/31, be sure and get your tickets for the last show of the season to be presented on Saturday night, April 5th. This show will feature William Florian, who for many years was the lead singer for the New Christy Minstrels, and he does some great tributes including John Denver among many more. Be sure not to miss this show either!!

Our March Meeting is Tuesday morning 3/4 with coffee and donuts at 8:30 and a short meeting at 9:00 AM. I know some of you snowbirds may be heading back north soon, so come on over to the meeting and say good bye before you leave us for another season!

Dart League

By Larry Kraus

We are over half way through the season so far. Our last day will be March 31st. We still need substitute players to fill in when we have players out for vacations, illnesses ect. So spread the word!! It's a fun time!

We will be having our year end banquet on the first Monday in April at 5pm.





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1/30. Steve Wilson.
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The Sunshine Committee

By Gloria & Wilma



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Paradise Island Church in the Park

By Pastor Serena Johnson



Happy Spring!

Happy St. Patrick's Day! Many reasons to celebrate! On the 16th we are supposed to have Daylight savings again. Are they going to stop the changing all the time? I hope one day they will. That is really the least of our worries today. There has been so much sickness and so many of our loved ones failing or going home to be with Jesus. Thank God He made the way for us if we just follow it.

If you do not know Him today, why don't you ask Him into your heart and life and to forgive your sin. When you lay your head on your pillow at night, no guarantees, you will wake up in the morning well and whole. If you know Jesus, He has you in the palm of His hand and you do not need to worry about it.. Praise the Lord!

Everyone is cordially invited to join us on Sunday mornings at 9:30 AM in the

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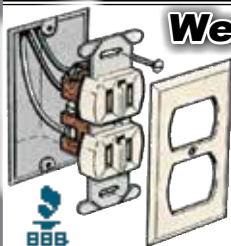
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By HOA Media Committee



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Updated: February 15, 2025

Editor's Corner

By Harold Noeller



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VETERAN'S CORNER

By Bob Behm

Sad that a man who has dedicated his life to the service of our country would be treated like this. President Donald Trump focused his ire and retaliation on one person in the very first minutes of his presidency, even before his inauguration concluded -- retired Army Gen. Mark Milley, the highest-ranking and most visible officer in the military during the president's first term in office. On Jan. 20, as Trump was sworn in, Milley's recently unveiled portrait painting from his time as Joint Chiefs chairman was quietly removed from a hallway in the Pentagon that displays portraits of all former chairmen. A week later, another portrait of Milley, a retired Green Beret with more than 40 years of service, from his time as Army chief of staff was removed. The humiliation wasn't over for Milley. Trump's newly appointed defense secretary, Pete Hegseth, announced he was ending Milley's security detail and initiating an investigation into the retired general to see whether they could strip him of rank, removing one of his stars in retirement. This would cost he and his family thousands!

But the final blow for Milley might be the silence after the open retaliation by Trump, who campaigned on punishing his political enemies. Few have come to Milley's defense and even the military, to which the four-star general had given decades of service, was unwilling to offer any pushback. One recently retired general noted to Military.com that Milley is "as radioactive as it gets." Military.com reached out to nearly a dozen current and retired general officers for comment on the actions the Trump administration has taken against Milley. None would speak even under the condition their names be withheld from publication to protect them from retaliation, a common practice in the press to allow officials to speak candidly when their views could draw retribution. Keeping Milley at a distance, even anonymously, showed the widespread concern that Trump and his allies pose a threat to those who may fall out of step. While removing a portrait may seem like a trivial matter, the Pentagon is not just office space -- its miles of hallways are also living memorials of military history and heritage. Aside from each service dedicating hallways to their accomplishments and history, memorialized within the Pentagon are hundreds of leaders, heroes and battles that stretch back to the founding of the nation or the creation of the services. There are portraits of the secretaries of war, historical artifacts, and even dioramas so elaborate that one incorporates two Vietnam-era Huey helicopter cabs. Among those displays are hallways lined with portraits of every chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff and, for the Army, a hallway with every chief of staff. Both hallways now have gaps where Milley's portrait hung -- his service scrubbed from the living timeline of the Defense Department's headquarters. One editorial published Thursday called the move a "Soviet-style" purge.

This is certainly a sad day for the History of the Military and our country! This certainly should send a message to all officers of the Military, pledge your loyalty to the King or Perish!

Bob Behm LTC, (US Army Ret.)



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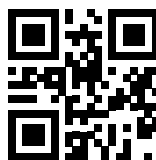
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By the Welcome Team, Paulette Rich & Nancy Jonas

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328 Janet Durso	March 2	410 Sadie Wetmore	March 13
363 Sandy McCormick	March 2	681 Ruth McLaws	March 13
66 Ronald Dellechiaie	March 3	718 Joyce Christensen	March 13
553 Pat Olley	March 4	129 Sonja Cherrix	March 14
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35 Cheryl Byers	March 5	204 Pamela Lipka	March 15
356 Beverly Spikes	March 5	431 Jim Moore	March 15
498 Christine Wilson	March 5	694 Ruth Powers	March 15
581 Karen Laufenburger	March 5	803 Susan Simpson	March 15
743 Tammi Hersrud	March 5	509 Ruth Miller	March 16
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606 Vern Cummings	March 6	74 Patricia Carwile	March 17
643 Jay Mulholland	March 6	181 Estelle Hewitt	March 18
759 Janet Florczak	March 6	345 Helen Carter	March 18
76 Jeff Klauck	March 7	442 Patti Morgan	March 18
303 Jackie Kunkleman	March 7	88 Mary Ann Hopkins	March 19
332 Gary Kuthe	March 7	283 Don Hunt	March 19
800 Chuck Pariseau	March 7	631 Nadine Peters	March 19
20 Larry Kuykendall	March 8	379 Charles (Bill) Prain	March 20
151 Anne Robbins	March 8	738 Stevewalker	March 20
566 David Havens	March 8	36 Melinda Clayton	March 21
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93	Dennis Cable	March 28		6	Marty Noeller	March 31
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133	Paul & Cathy Gray	March 1 2003	12	Bill & Martha Knudsen	March 26 1965
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616	Earl & Theresa Goliber	March 4 1993	783	Bill & Laurie Jazbec	March 26 1988
529	Larry & Linda Stege	March 4 1994	812	Mike & Jenny Caldarello	March 27 1987
692	Dale & Kathleen March	March 5 1983	604	Charles & Kay Harrison	March 28 1964
378	John & Roselyn Sams	March 6 1999	102	Judy & Denny Pieczonka	March 28 1975
393	Don & Lawanda Shaffer	March 14 1950	750	Gary & Kathy MacDonald	March 29 1980
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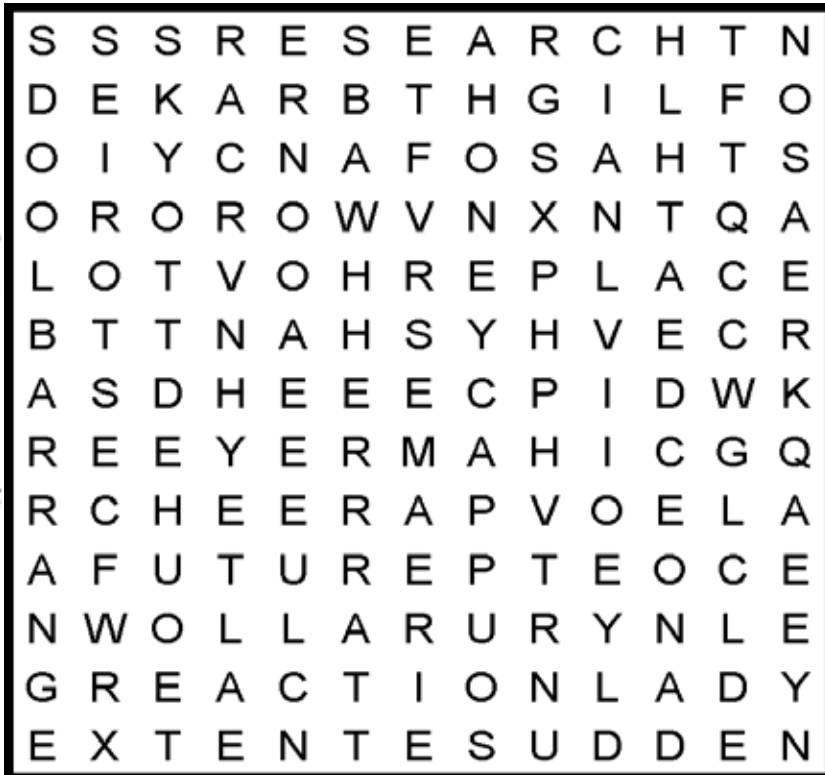


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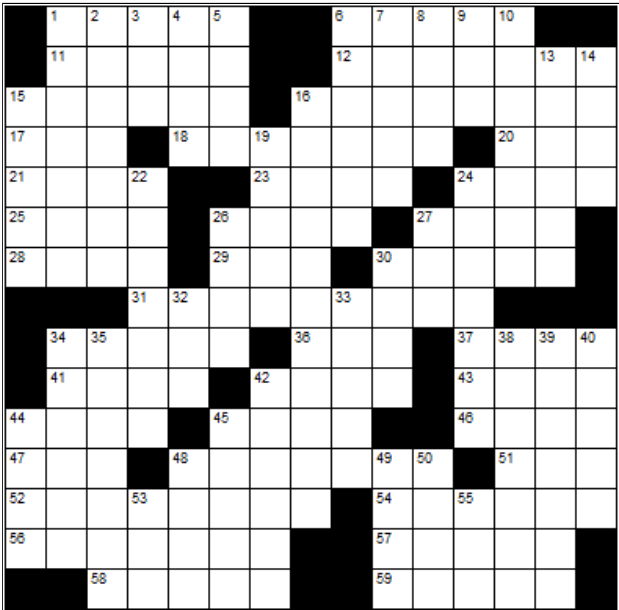
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- 27. Dregs
- 28. Jump
- 29. Anagram of "Eat"
- 30. Destitute
- 31. Book of scriptures
- 34. A rustling sound
- 36. Guff



Down

- 1. Relaxation
- 2. Inability to remember
- 3. Frozen water
- 4. Anagram of "Dear"
- 5. Sandwich shop
- 6. Water vapors
- 7. Joyous
- 8. Jittery
- 9. Falsehood
- 10. Despised
- 13. Apprehensive
- 14. Flower stalk
- 15. Flower feature
- 16. Style of train
- 19. Artist's stand
- 22. More content
- 24. Searching
- 26. Mormon state
- 27. Fifth sign of the zodiac
- 30. No
- 32. South southwest
- 33. Basin for washing anal area
- 34. Apparition
- 35. More of the same
- 38. Able to be healed
- 39. Comestibles
- 40. Feeling
- 42. Entry
- 44. Young woman
- 45. Daisylike bloom
- 48. Largest continent
- 49. Ticks off
- 50. An abandoned calf or lamb
- 53. Anger
- 55. Combine



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