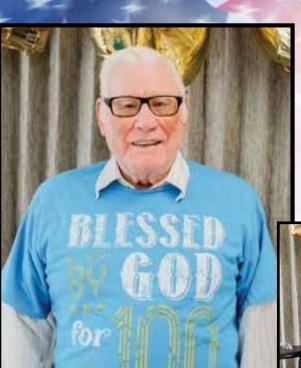


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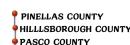
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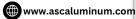




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Editor Notes

his time I would like to put out a thank you to our part time maintenance guy: Wayne Perkins. Yes, he is a part-time employee of the park, but he does so much to help residents here, He can be counted on to help with plumbing issues, he has built several ramps so people can have easier access to their coaches. He helps by picking up lawn debris, appliances, broken down furniture and dispose of it for us. He has helped with projects in coaches and repairs. This is all on top of his regular duties. Wayne is always willing t help residents out when ever he can. He truly does care about the people who live in this park. So even though he is a paid part-time employee of the park, maybe you can just say thank you, the next time you see him.



Manager's Moment

Carol Alvey

ere we are again at the beginning of hurricane season. Please make sure you have any loose debris, that may even be left from the last season of storms, as this is like flying missiles around that can damage yours or a neighbor's property.

Another reminder: Large dumpster is for maintenance use only, not to be used for mattresses, etc. You must dispose of these yourself by taking them to the dump or finding someone to do it for you. If you have a contractor, come and do work for you, they must take those items out of the park for their disposal. That is what you are paying them for.

I hope everyone has a safe July.



JUST SAYIN'

Jeanne Hunter



The fact that there's a highway to hell but only a stairway to heaven says a lot!

More fun with Publix....You can now buy a two-pound bag of snack size apples,
Does that mean a regular apple is a meal?

New product – cod loins. I only ever heard loins mentioned in romance novels. Fish have loins. I'm not eating that.

Another new product – Momofuku noodles, made with soy and scallions. Doesn't that just make your mouth water?

Here's one we will all line up for – Land O Lakes butter balls for only \$5 for 8 ounces, yep that's \$10 a pound! It's butter, no matter how you shape it.

Remember when they just had sale prices? You could buy one of something and save a little. Now it's all about BOGO. You must buy two whether you want to or not. They've gone nuts with soda; you can get buy one, get one free, buy two, get one free, or the insane buy two, get two free. Yep, take home four packs all at once. You need an extra shed to store all the free stuff they make you buy.

Whenever I see chocolate, I hear two voices in my head. One of them says, "Eat the chocolate." And the other one says, "You heard her....eat the chocolate."

Have you ever noticed that a woman's "I'll be ready in five minutes" and a man's "I'll be home in five minutes" are exactly the same?

Animal Tails: It's a rainy morning which means, of course, Lucy will not go in the backyard. However, the front yard is fine. I don't understand why, but all my dogs have done this. It must be acid rain in the back. In front, she will go squat in the rain, get soaked and stay and sniff the grass (okay, that's a stretch, the green stuff) and happily march back in the house. Not one paw will step on wet grass in the backyard though.

Pip continues to come into the house four or five times a day, eating, drinking and meowing orders at me. The dance goes on...he goes to the back door, loudly meows until I get up and take a step towards him. That's his signal, he immediately saunters to the kitchen, and I swear

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his meow changes to a laugh, done enough times, I think this qualifies as aerobic exercise. I consider just ignoring him and his look reminds me he will gladly turn my house into a litter box if I don't bend to his will.

Feeling bad for Pip again, I decided I should make water available for him outside. I put a little bowl on the top step at the back door. Nice location for Pip, out of the way and it was convenient for me to pour water in it. Another good plan until...enter Pip and Lucy. Morning, I open the door to let Lucy out and Pip races in. Three feet in, Pip does a U-turn and races back to the top step to drink the water. Now I can't close the door without knocking him off the step (tempting). He s-l-o-w-l-y laps the water. Finally, the king comes in and I feed him. Lucy still needs to go out because she couldn't get past Pip before. And again, to the back door. Time for Lucy's OCD routine. The door is in my closet. Lucy pauses because my shoulder touched a blouse and now it sways on the hanger. My little warrior princess chihuahua studies it closely and slowly enters the closet. Next, she approaches the door, stops and looks through the opening between the door and door frame. This is repeated at least three times. One step closer to the steps and she stops and studies the outside world for dangers, looking closely at the brick on the ground next to the steps (same location for a year). Then she spots the water bowl. This causes her to back up, stop and reconsider tackling the steps. A gentle nudge and sincere threats encourage her to go outside. I'm reconsidering the bowl location.

We must all do our part for the planet. The other day I unplugged a row of electric cars nobody was using.

A blonde was driving home after a football game and got caught in a really bad hailstorm. Her car was covered with dents, so the next day she took it to a repair shop. The shop owner saw that she was a blonde, so he decided to have some fun.

He told her just to go home and blow into the tail pipe really hard, and all the dents would pop out. So, the blonde went home, got down on her hands and knees and started blowing into her car's tailpipe. Nothing happened. She blew a little harder, and still nothing happened.

Her roommate, another blonde, came home and said, "What are you doing?"

The first blonde told her how the repairman had instructed her to blow into the tailpipe in order to get all the dents to pop out. Her roommate rolled her eyes and said, ... "HELLLLO" "You need to roll up the windows"





New Residents

Connie Kaley

Suzanne Kaley 1341

Rebecca Eades

Jacquelene King 1317

Daniel Santos 140

James Bowen 1394



Welcome to Bay Ranch. We hope to see you at one of our events or functions.

Resident Club News

Plans are being made for the month of July.
On July 5th, we will be serving a pulled Pork meal.

The menu will include pull pork sandwiches, hot dogs, cole slaw, beans, corn on the cob, watermelon and lemonade. Serving will start at approximately 1:00pm until we run out of food. So don't be late as it will be delicious.

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Did You Know?

oins left on headstones, particularly military veterans, are a way to show respect, honor, and remembrance. The specific denomination of the coin can also convey a deeper meaning, indicating a shared experience or a visit. This practice, which has roots in ancient traditions of paying the "boatman" Charon to ferry the deceased across the River Styx, became more common during the Vietnam War in the United States as a way to honor fallen soldiers in a politically charged environment.

Here's a breakdown of the meanings associated with different coins:

Penny: A simple penny signifies a visit to the grave and a show of respect.

Nickel: A nickel indicates that the visitor trained with the deceased service member at boot camp.

Dime: A dime suggests that the visitor served with the deceased in some capacity.

Quarter: A quarter means that the visitor was present when the service member died.

The practice of leaving coins on military graves has evolved over time, becoming a meaningful way for individuals to honor the fallen without necessarily needing to engage with the family directly. The coins are often collected from cemeteries and used to help maintain the grounds, or support burial costs for indigent veterans.

My, how things have changed in 50 Years

In 1975, common items like milk, eggs, and bread were much cheaper than they are today. A gallon of milk cost \$1.57, a dozen eggs cost around \$0.70, and a loaf of white bread cost \$0.36 per pound. Gas averaged \$0.57 per gallon. A new car, like a 1975 Mustang, could cost around \$4,000.

Here's a more detailed look:

Groceries:

White bread: \$0.36 per pound

Milk: \$1.57 per gallon Butter: \$1.03 per pound Eggs (dozen): \$0.70

Round steak: \$1.89 per pound Potatoes: \$0.134 per pound Rice: \$0.47 per pound

Apples: \$0.34 per pound Bananas: \$0.232 per pound

Gas: \$0.57 per gallon

Other Items:

Median home price: \$42,600 New car (1975 Mustang): ~\$4,000 8-track car tape player: \$24.88 - \$38.88

Oil change: \$4.19

Shocks: \$34.88 - \$49.88 per pair Tires: \$17.88 - \$29.88 per tire Men's sports coat: \$30.00 - \$55.00

Men's suit: \$35.00 - \$60.00 Women's pant suit: \$10.99 Women's dress: \$50.00 - \$60.00

Cigarettes (pack): \$0.479

Eating in the 50s

asta was not commonly eaten.

Curry was a surname.

A takeaway was a mathematical problem.

A pizza was associated with a leaning tower.

Crisps were plain; the only choice we had was whether to add salt or not.

Rice was only served as milk pudding.

A raincoat was what we wore when it rained.

Brown bread was considered food only for the poor.

Oil was for lubricating; fat was for cooking.

Tea was brewed in a teapot using tea leaves, and green tea was unheard of.

Sugar was highly regarded, considered "white gold," and cubed sugar was seen as luxurious.

Fish didn't have fingers.

Eating raw fish was seen as poverty, not sushi.

None of us had ever heard of yogurt.

Healthy food consisted of anything edible.

People who didn't peel potatoes were viewed as lazy.

Indian restaurants existed only in India.

Cooking outdoors was called camping.

Seaweed was not recognized as food.

"Kebab" wasn't even a word, let alone a type of food.

Prunes were considered medicinal.

Surprisingly, muesli was available, but it was called cattle feed.

Water came straight from the tap; if someone had suggested bottling it and charging more than petrol, they would have been laughed at!

And the things we never, ever had on our table in the 50s and 60s: elbows or phones.

The Choice is ours!

ad has 3 letters, but so does Joy.

Fall has 4 letters but so does Rise..

Curse has 5 letters, but so does Bless.

Ignore has 6 letters but so does Listen.

Enemies has 7 letters, but so does Friends.

Immature has 8 letters, but so does Maturity.

Ignorance has 9 letters, but so does Knowledge.

Negativity has 10 letters, but so does Positivity.

You have two realities to choose from: It's up to you.







Clubs and Organizations

Ash Emperors

Cigar Dudes are now known as the Ash Emperors and 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.

Bid Euchre

On hiatus for summer.



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



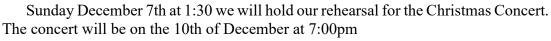
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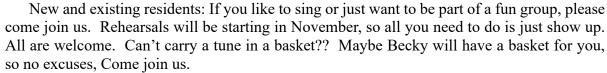
This is Bingo where every 4-some (and sometimes 3-somes) deals out a full deck of cards, then discards the card as the caller calls it. Whoever runs out of cards first wins the pot of 1 quarter for each player.

Held on Wednesdays, calling starts at 6;30.

Chorus



Sunday December 21st, we will have our annual tree lighting at 7pm.



Becky Webber

Chorus Director

beckywebber61@gmail.com





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

For the summer we will be changing our time to play at 7:00pm. Please come 15 minutes early to sign up to play. Feeling like doing a good deed? Then please come early and help us set up to get ready to play.



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

CRAFTS

Crafts are taking a break until fall. However, if someone has a great craft idea. Let us know and we will get a gang together.



Euchre

Joan Seiders, Coach 123, 532-8409 On break until fall also.

Fitness For Life

We are back in the water! Easy exercises and great stretches, with even some breathing allowed!!

Come join us for a fun time, don't forget your water!

We meet on Tuesday and Thursday at 9AM.

<u>Golf</u>

Off the greens until fall.



HOA

Watch the website for any information about upcoming meetings.

Hoss Collar

See you at the courts next fall.

Karaoke

Adam Pirhofer 623-7808

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

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Koffee Klatch

Come join us at 8:30-9 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

The ladies meet on the last Friday of the month. Sign up and location will be posted at the clubhouse two weeks prior. Please remember to sign up, so an accurate count may be given to the restaurant. Besides a great meal and company, there will be a 50/50 and a door prize. Please come join us for a good time. All are welcome!

Library

Bonnie Bach, Coach 1051

Books in the library are donated by Bay Ranchers.

Come on in and borrow a book or drop off the ones you have read. Please put books in the tote and we will put them back on the shelf. Looking for any large print books. Sorry. No magazines please.

Residents' Club

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

On break for the summer, but you can practice all summer if you so desire and be ready to take on the fun next fall. Jim Jones or Wayne Jones will be back in the fall and will be willing to help you learn if you need some help.



Stein Studs

Adam Pirhofer 623-7808

Stein Studs (and Beer Babes) are a group of folks who enjoy the sampling of Craft Beers from local, as well as everywhere else, brewers.

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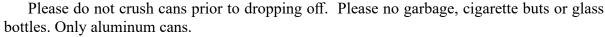
12500 Starkey Rd, Largo, FL 33773, on Friday's at 2:00 pm. But if someone would prefer distilled libations, we are happy to make trips for those.

Let me know if you have any suggestions,

Apirhofer@hotmail.com

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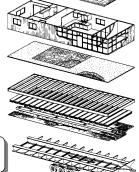
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By Cindy Devinney, Coach 1342, 550-7377

July Birthdays

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- 3. Paul McGarth
- 9. William (Jan) Raabe
- 11. Jean Fostvedt
- 12. Gilbert Mulrooney
- 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 2025

- 17. Richard & Joan Haslam
- 22. Brian & Jeannie Gill
- 23. Robert & Bonnie Sterry
- 25. Tom & Patricia Gardner26. Michael & Karen Helmer
- 28. Ron & Cathy Griffin
- 30. Jerry & Kathy LaBean



National Holidays (USA):

Tuly 4th: Independence Day Canadian Holiday: July 1st: Canada Day

Other Observances:

July 2nd: Made In The USA Day July 5-27: Tour de France (general) July 6-13: Shark Week (general) July 7th: World Chocolate Day July 16th: National Hot Dog Day July 17th: World Emoji Day

July 19th: WNBA All-Star Game



July 20th: National Ice Cream Day July 24th: International Self-Care Day July 30th: International Friendship Day

July 31st: National Avocado Day, National Intern Day

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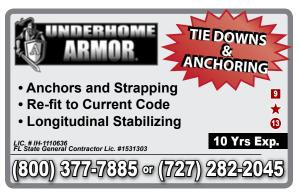
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Floridian Choc Chip Cookie

definitely understand now why it's a big hit. I scooped mine with a ice cream scoop and froze it for a few hours since I like mine quite thick and chunky instead of thinner cookies Soooo, delicious straight out of the oven, eaten warm

Ingredients

2 ½ Cups All-Purpose Flour

1 Teaspoon Baking Soda

½ Teaspoon Salt

10 Tablespoons of Butter softened

1 Cup Brown Sugar

3/4 Cup Powdered Sugar

 $2\;Eggs$

2 Teaspoons Vanilla

12 Ounce Bag Chocolate Chips



Instructions

Mix together the flour, baking soda, and salt in a mixing bowl. Set aside.

Use a stand mixer or hand beaters to cream the butter, brown sugar, and powdered sugar until light and fluffy.

Beat in the eggs one at a time, then mix in the vanilla.

Combine the flour mixture with the butter mixture.

Stir in the chocolate chips.

Use a 2-Tablespoon cookie scoop to scoop the dough onto a parchment paper-lined baking sheet.

Bake at 330 degrees for 12-14 minutes.

Allow the cookies to rest for 1 minute, then transfer to a cooling rack.



THE "ARE YOU KIDDING" CAKE

3 large eggs

1 box cake mix (any flavor)

1 can pie filling (any flavor)

Put the three ingredients into a bowl, mix them well, and bake for 35 minutes at 350 degrees in a 9 x13 pan.

It's got almost a pudding-cake kind of consistency, lighter than pound cake. It's spot-ted on the inside with little pieces of whatever fruit filling you are using. The edges are crispy, like you would get on brownies.

Suggestions --

Pineapple cake mix and blueberry filling

Chocolate cake mix and cherry filling

Yellow cake mix and cherry filling

Yellow cake mix and blueberry filling

Butter pecan cake mix and apple filling

Yellow cake mix and apple filling

Yellow cake mix and blackberry filling

Strawberry cake mix and blueberry filling



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Ingredients:

- 1 bag of plain M&Ms
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- 1 bag of peanut M&Ms
- 1 bag of peanut butter M&Ms
- 1. DO NOT preheat the oven. DO NOT grease pan.
- 2. Pour 1/2 bag of each bag of M&Ms into casserole dish.
- 3. Stir gently until evenly mixed (Approx. 2 minutes).
- 4. Pour the other half of each bag of M & Ms. Stir gently.
- 5. Cover Casserole dish with lid.
- 6. Dish is now ready to serve.
- 7. Do not forget the potholders! Makes 20 servings. You must be an experienced cook to master this recipe!





Jesus vs. Satan: The Ultimate Office Showdown

hey had been arguing for days.

Who was better at getting things done: Jesus or Satan?

God had finally had enough.

"Enough!" He thundered.

"I'm giving you both a two-hour computer test. Whoever does the best work—wins."

So, they sat down at their keyboards.

They typed. They clicked.

Spreadsheets, emails, presentations, Photoshop, genealogy charts, even greeting cards, they did it all.

Then, 10 minutes before time was up...

BOOM!

Lightning. Thunder.

Power outage. Total darkness.

When the lights came back on, Satan was furious.

"My files! My work! It's all gone!!"

But Jesus?

He just calmly hit print.

Satan screamed, "That's not fair! How did he still have everything?!"

God smiled and said,

"Jesus saves."







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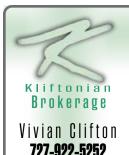
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- 3. 7 LISTEN TO WHAT THE MAN SAID --- Wings
- 4. 3 WILDFIRE Michael Murphey
- 5. 5 LOVE WON'T LET ME WAIT -- Major Harris
- 6. 9 MAGIC --- Pilot
- 7. 4 I'M NOT LISA -• Jessi Colter
- 8. 2 WHEN WILL I BE LOVED / IT DOESN'T MATTER ANYMORE -• Linda Ronstadt
- 9. 16 ONE OF THESE NIGHTS -- Eagles
- 10. 15 PLEASE MR. PLEASE --- Olivia Newton-John)



- 12. 14 SWEARIN' TO GOD --- Frankie Valli
- 13. 27 ROCKIN' CHAIR --- Gwen McCrae
- 14. 12 ONLY WOMEN --- Alice Cooper
- 15. 19 THE WAY WE WERE / TRY TO REMEMBER (Medley) —— Gladys Knight and the Pips
- 16. 20 MISTY → Ray Stevens
- 17. 21 MIDNIGHT BLUE -- Melissa Manchester
- 18. 8 GET DOWN, GET DOWN (Get On the Floor) --- Joe Simon
- 19. 23 DYNOMITE (Part 1) --- Tony Camillo's Bazuka
- 20. 24 WHY CAN'T WE BE FRIENDS? -•- War How many do you remember?

Always wondered why this was common:

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

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

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





resulting in the idiom, "It's raining cats and dogs."

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

The floor was dirty. Only the wealthy had something other than dirt, leading folks to coin the phrase "dirt poor."

The wealthy had slate floors that would get slippery in the winter when wet, so they spread thresh (straw) on floor to help keep their footing. As the winter wore on, they added more thresh until, when you opened the door, it would all start slipping outside. A piece of wood was placed in the entranceway, subsequently creating a "thresh hold."

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

England is old and small, and the local folks started running out of places to bury people. So they would dig up coffins and would take the bones to a bone-house and reuse the grave. When reopening these coffins, 1 out of 25 coffins were found to have scratch marks on the inside and they



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realized they had been burying people alive, so they would tie a string on the wrist of the corpse, lead it through the coffin and up through the ground and tie it to a bell. Someone would have to sit out in the grave-yard all night (the graveyard shift.) to listen for the bell; thus, someone could be saved by the bell or was considered a dead ringer.

And that's the truth. Now, whoever said History was boring?

Why Women Are Crabby!

had to share this—it made me laugh out loud because, honestly? It's too real.

So, we girls start "budding" in our blouses around age 9 or 10, only to discover that anything brushing against those tender little bumps feels like a full-on attack. And just when

we think we're adjusting, we get strapped into a so-called "training bra"—which, let's be honest, trained absolutely nothing except the boys in school to perfect their snap-and-run technique.

Then comes the real fun—periods. Suddenly, we're bloated, crampy, moody, and faced with two options: wear a mini mattress between our legs or shove a mystery cotton torpedo into a place we didn't even know existed.

Then there's the much hyped "first time." And what a magical moment it is—assuming he doesn't finish before we even figure out what's happening, and it doesn't feel like someone is prying us open with a crowbar.

Next stop: Motherhood! Months of dry crackers and ginger ale, trying not to vomit on innocent bystanders while a tiny human uses our organs as punching bags. By the final stretch, we've swollen to the size of a small planet, our feet look like loaves of bread, and we're waddling around like a cartoon duck.

And then, surprise! Our water breaks in the middle of Target, and off we go to the hospital, moaning like a haunted house soundtrack. Labor itself? Oh, just a fun little game of "shove a 10-pound bowling ball through a keyhole while people yell at you to calm down."

And the grand prize? A beautiful, crying, pooping, spitting, sleep-stealing little angel.

Fast-forward a few years (cue horror movie music)—our sweet baby transforms into a sleep-deprived, food-inhaling, door-slamming hurricane of attitude.

But don't worry, it gets better! Just when we finally have time for fun, we hit our wild and enthusiastic 40s—right as hubby settles comfortably into his watch-sports-on-the-couch era.

And then, the grand finale: Menopause. We either take hormone replacement therapy and risk cancer, or we go the natural route—sweating like a farm animal, crying over commercials, and snapping at innocent bystanders for breathing too loudly.

And yet... men still have the nerve to ask, "Why are women crabby?"

Gee, I don't know. Maybe because we've endured ALL OF THIS while they get to pee standing up without soaking their socks.

So yeah, we women are tough as hell. We handle all of it—and still look fabulous doing it.

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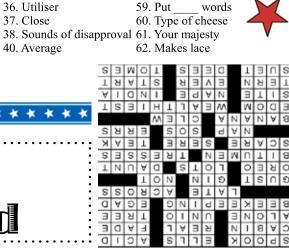
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