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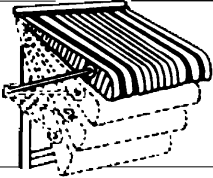
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LETTER FROM THE EDITOR

By Violet Escobar

Life holds many changes for all of us. One important thing that I've learned is that there are reasons for those changes and that we have to adapt as we go.

Life is precious.

Seek out the needs of those around you who may need and appreciate your help no matter how big or small the task.

Understanding goes a long way.

That said, I want to apologize for repeating so much information in this and the previous newsletter. I do realize that my personal situation should not affect my work as editor of this publication but as many of you know, this is a very difficult time for me... it's hard to even think. I hope to be back on track very soon.

HOA NEWS

MONTHLY HOA MEETING – August 6, 2018

6:15 PM Our evening begins with Coffee & Donuts & time to mingle with our friends.

6:45 PM – HOA Business Meeting begins then continues briefly after the speakers are done.

7:00 PM – Speaker

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Many thanks to our cook, Ron Gaines and Margie Vega who sets up the drinks and condiments table and then takes the orders.

Bingo

Bingo continues Friday nights at 7pm and usually runs for about 2 hours. This past season was a great success and enjoyed by all who attended.

Our newest feature is a “Progressive” Bingo. Last month, Michelle Banks walked away with almost \$600. Congratulations Michelle!!

A new “Progressive” Bingo began the very next week and is growing quickly. I hope you plan to come and join in the excitement of watching it grow!!

Thank you to everyone who volunteered their time and to all those who participated.

Poker

Friends & neighbors gather on Sunday evenings for Texas Hold‘em, so if you’re looking for something to do, head on down to the clubhouse and join in the fun.

that follow. Come and share with us!

Fortune Cookie Contest

There were only 3 entries in last month’s Fortune Cookie Contest so we’re going to suspend the contest for a few months and try again at a later date. The August entries were: Lainee Guffey (Circle), Kim Gaines (4th St.), and Joyce Larocque (1st St.). Each one called me and read the message to me. The winner of the August contest is Joyce Larocque who will receive a gift card and much thanks for reading our Courier. Thanks to all who played





FMO: FEDERATION OF MANUFACTURED HOME OWNERS OF FLORIDA, INC.

What is the difference between the terms “HOA” and “FMO”?

HOA: The HOA is the local “governing body” of the community. It is a homeowners’ association, created under Chapter 723, Florida Statutes, for the specific purpose of either purchasing the community on behalf of the residents and/or representing the community on behalf of disputes between management and the residents.

FMO: The FMO is the statewide organization that lobbies for and defends your rights as a mobile/manufactured home owner in Florida. We assist in the training, and offer advice, for the HOA officers and directors in a community. The FMO does not assist with or interfere in the governing of the community. That is left up to the community HOA.

FMO needs your help. If FMO is to continue fighting for your rights and protecting your lifestyle, we must keep our membership numbers high. That is what gives FMO clout with legislators and other government officials.

TOGETHER WE MUST STAND

Now more than ever!

An important meeting of the FMO is scheduled for March 20th. One featured speaker will be Attorney and Retired Judge Dan Perry. Mr. Perry specializes in Mobile Home Laws and will be answering all legal questions that are asked.

COMMITTEES

Committees are always being formed to carry out some very important tasks.

1. Welcome Committee – Our Welcome committee went out last week and visited 5 new residents and gave them packets of information to keep for information and reference. It was fun! We have some very interesting and friendly new people living amongst us and look forward to getting to know them better. I can’t wait to do this again.
2. Sunshine Committee – It’s not always easy to know who is sick, in the hospital or in rehab or who has gone to a nursing home. We would love to have someone who knows “who’s who” in the park or who can find out who might like for others to know what’s going on with them. It would be so nice for someone to send a get-well card or even plan a visit to someone who might feel under the weather and alone or might need someone’s help.
3. Meals-on-Wheels – We have been made aware of several people usually miss out on the awesome meals that are prepared for our potlucks. These friends and neighbors miss out on our events due to poor health or the inability to come to the Clubhouse to join in and share a meal. Our HOA routinely delivers meals to those who cannot be with us.

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5. **H.O.P.E. (Helping Our People Excel)** is the HOA-sponsored Neighbor's helping Neighbor's Committee. Our last day of helping was a great success and some of our most deserving neighbors received some very needed aid. We washed homes, trimmed trees and overgrown bushes, replaced blocks that had fallen around a home, pulled weeds and some other things that I've forgotten about and had it all done before noon. We worked, we laughed, we got sweaty and dirty and had a lot of fun doing it. When we were done working, we met back at the clubhouse to cool off and eat lunch.

We are planning on having another day of helping in the Spring but would like to see more volunteers than just the 5 we had the last time. It would be so nice to see more men step up to help us ladies... Ron G. was the only guy to help last time. We need more! With more volunteers, we could help more of our friends clean up their homes (outside) and improve the appearance of our community.

6. And last, but certainly not least, Manager Tom has offered a "Yard of The Month" prize each month of the year. The winner will be given a sign in their yard for all to see, they will receive a gift card from a local garden center and of course they'll have bragging rights. Maybe we can post a picture of the winning yard on the Bulletin Board in a special "Wall of Fame" place. More details about this will be discussed later.

LOOKING FORWARD

Who wants to play cards? Do you like to play board games? The clubhouse is the perfect place to meet up with your friends for some friendly games and a good night out.

Suggestions for tournaments are also being discussed: In addition to the ongoing Pool (Billiards), we'd like to see Corn hole, Bowling, Darts and hopefully soon, Shuffleboard.

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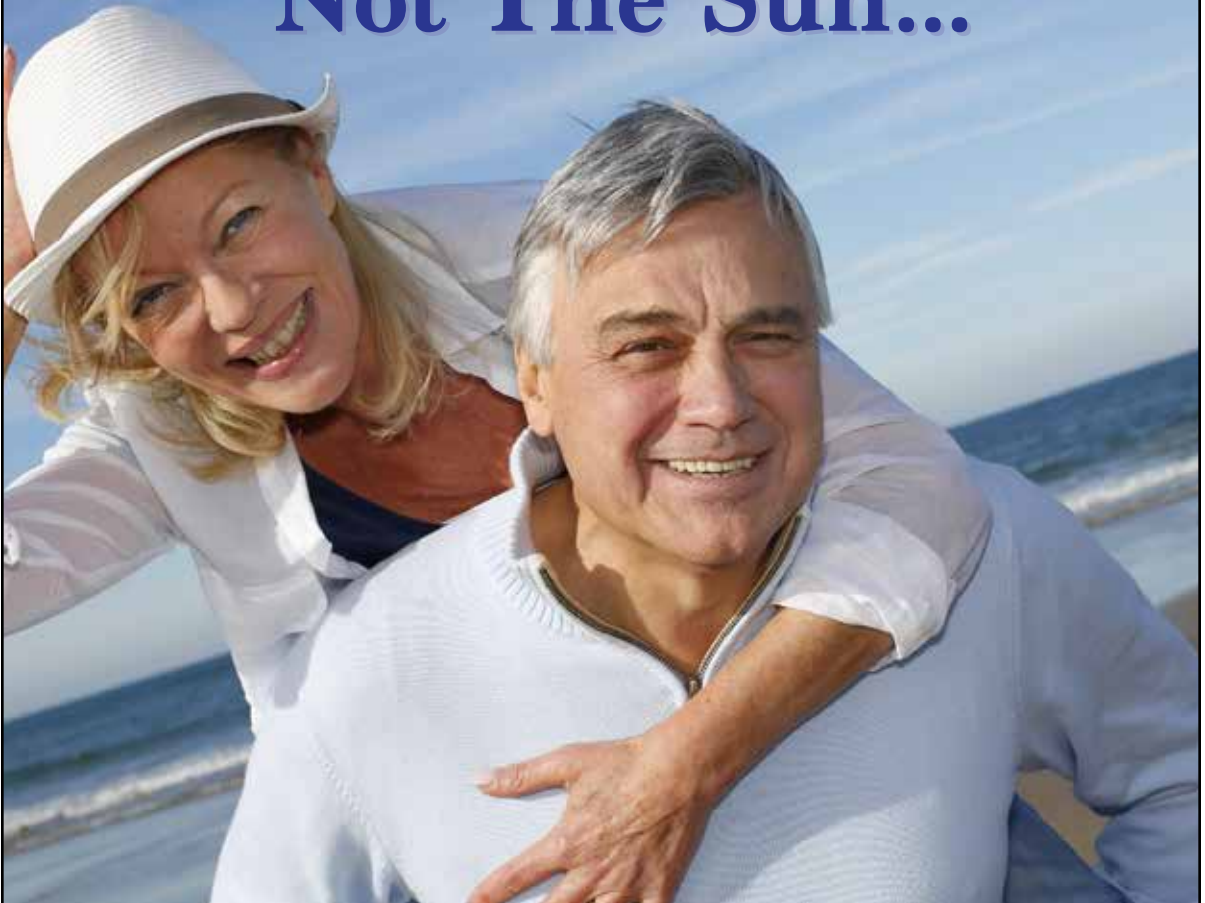


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PLEASE SLOW DOWN



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STREET LIGHT OUT

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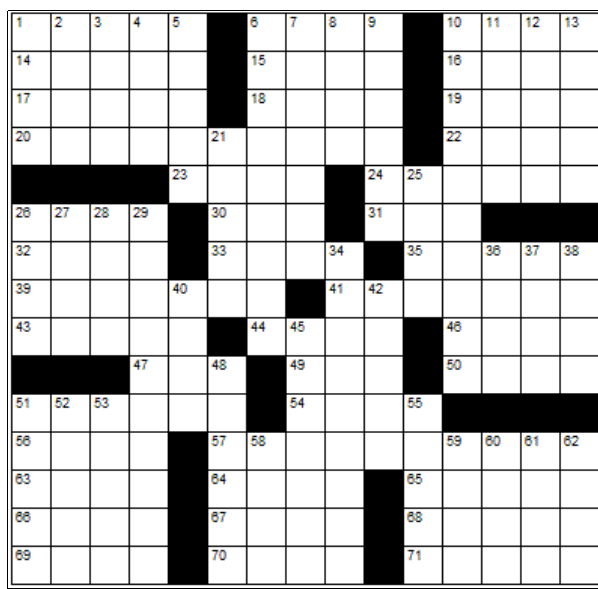
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ACROSS

- 1. Clearing
- 6. Behold, in old Rome
- 10. Claim
- 14. Bodies of water
- 15. Groan
- 16. False god
- 17. Wall climbers
- 18. Stopper
- 19. Arid
- 20. A decorated dart
- 22. Walking stick
- 23. Indian dress
- 24. Esophagus
- 26. Young cow
- 30. Offer
- 31. Historic period
- 32. Found in some lotions
- 33. Anagram of "Dice"
- 35. Factions
- 39. A porch
- 41. Unyielding
- 43. Busybody
- 44. Tardy
- 46. Cocoyam
- 47. Not her
- 49. Make lace
- 50. Coarse file
- 51. Adorable
- 54. Black, in poetry
- 56. Anagram of "Rave"
- 57. Repose
- 63. Curtail
- 64. Identical or fraternal
- 65. Flatboat
- 66. If not
- 67. Scallion
- 68. A drama set to music
- 69. Sow
- 70. Makes a mistake
- 71. Assail



DOWN

- 1. Smooth-tongued
- 2. Magma
- 3. Related
- 4. Accomplishment
- 5. S S S S
- 6. Experimental
- 7. Clash
- 8. Inner membrane of embryos
- 9. Captivate
- 10. Disavowal
- 11. Something to shoot for
- 12. Carried
- 13. Mixture of rain and snow
- 21. Fanatical
- 25. Constellation bear
- 26. South American rodent
- 27. Away from the wind
- 28. Forsaken
- 29. Mollycoddle
- 34. Databases
- 36. Slang for Father
- 37. Concludes
- 38. "Cut that out!"
- 40. Found on a finger
- 42. Treat for drug dependence
- 45. Artist's workroom
- 48. An evergreen shrub
- 51. Shoestrings
- 52. Small egg
- 53. Line of a poem
- 55. Wealthy man
- 58. Pitcher
- 59. Adhesive strip
- 60. Angers
- 61. Monster
- 62. Tidy



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4	2	9	7	8	1	6	5	3
7	5	1	6	2	3	9	8	4
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International Augmentative and Alternative Communication (AAC) Awareness Month. AAC is a set of strategies, tools, and devices used by people to overcome communication challenges. People who rely on AAC might use sign language, text, pictures, symbols, speech-generating devices or a combination of these for their basic communication. This month let's increase our awareness of the possibilities that could develop when everyone has the ability communicate effectively.

National Work and Family Month. In 2003 the U.S. government designated October as a time to promote sensible, flexible, and healthy work environments, as well as the benefits of work/life balance. Don't wait for your employer to create an initiative or perk to combat the daily grind. Take a day or more of PTO to decompress from your busy life and reconnect with your family.

Positive Attitude Month. Researchers believe people who embrace a positive outlook have less stress, an increased sense of well-being, better coping skills, and longer life spans. Purge the negativity from your life: Meditate, pray, practice positive affirmations, and surround yourself with only happy people. Do whatever you must, but always look on the bright side.

Fire Prevention Week, Oct. 7-13. This year's motto is "Look. Listen. Learn. Be aware. Fire can happen anywhere." Look for and eliminate potential fire hazards in your home. Listen for the sound of smoke alarms. Learn two ways of exiting every room in the event of an emergency. Visit the National Fire Protection Association website at <https://www.nfpa.org/Public-Education/Campaigns/Fire-Prevention-Week> to access more information.



Bone and Joint Action Week, Oct. 12-20. It's estimated that more than half of the U.S. population over 18 is dealing with some sort of musculoskeletal issue. This can include arthritis, osteoporosis, back pain, injuries or other conditions causing pain, disability, and a diminished quality of life. There is hope. Visit the website for the U.S. Bone and Joint Initiative at <https://www.usbj.org/> to find out about research, prevention, and initiatives targeting bone and joint issues

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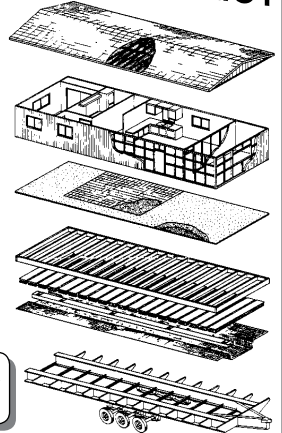
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Favorite places to eat, 2018 edition

What's your favorite place to eat? The American Customer Satisfaction Index's Restaurant Report 2018 ranked consumer preferences based on such factors as food quality, food order accuracy, courtesy of servers, and food variety. The top full-service restaurants in the United States are:

- Texas Roadhouse
- Olive Garden
- TGI Friday's
- Ruby Tuesday
- Cracker Barrel
- Outback Steakhouse
- Applebee's
- Denny's
- Longhorn Steakhouse
- Red Lobster
- Chili's

Trends in U.S. dining: Quick decisions and lots of delivery

Diners in the United States are pretty spur-of-the-moment when it comes to deciding where to go out to eat, according to a survey cited on the Fast Casual website. Eighty-five percent make their dinner decision on the day of the meal.

Delivery is a popular option among all age groups, from Baby Boomers to Generation Z (born 1995–2010 or so). Fifty-one percent in the survey said they'd gotten food delivered in the past three months, with millennials doing the most ordering—77 percent of the age group.

What are people ordering?

- Burgers (28 percent)
- Wings (27 percent)
- Mexican (21 percent)
- Barbecue (14 percent)
- Desserts (11 percent)



Anyone who considers arithmetical methods of producing random digits is, of course, in the state of sin. For, as has been pointed out several times, there is no such thing as a random number—there are only methods to produce random numbers, and a strict arithmetic procedure of course is not such a method.

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Thinking of a fast? Try these approaches

Many people practice intermittent fasting—going without food for a limited period of time. Benefits include fat loss, greater longevity, and better overall health. The Medical News Today website offers these strategies for fasting:

- **Twelve hours.** Some researchers say that fasting for 10–16 hours can cause your body to start burning fat and turning it into energy. The easiest way to do a 12-hour fast is to start at night. Fasting from 7 p.m. to 7 a.m., for example, means you won't spend all day reminding yourself that you're not eating, so you avoid the temptation to give in when hunger pangs start to rise.

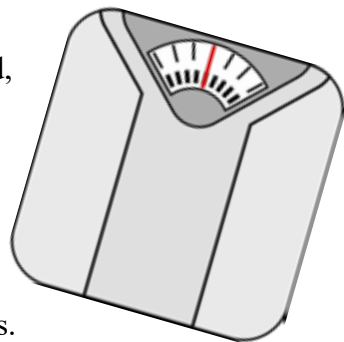
- **Two-day fast.** You don't have to go completely without food, but under this plan, men should eat only 600 calories a day and women should consume 500. Separate the days—don't go two days in a row. Instead, plan at least one non-fasting day between your efforts. Studies suggest that this can help reduce weight and also improve insulin levels.

- **Every other day.** Again, limit yourself to 500–600 calories per day on your fast, but eat as much as you want on non-fast days. One study found that this is effective for weight loss and heart health. It's a little extreme, though, and may not be suitable or sustainable for long periods of time.

- **Twenty-four hours.** Once a week, abstain from eating for a full 24 hours—maybe from one breakfast to the next. You can drink coffee, tea, or other calorie-free beverages during your fast. Return to your normal routine afterward. Be aware, though, that this fast can cause fatigue, headaches, and/or irritability.

- **Skip a meal.** This type of fast is good for beginners. Instead of fasting for long periods of time, simply skip breakfast, lunch, or dinner. Just remember to eat nutritious and healthful foods during your other meals.

It's important to stay hydrated during your fast, with lots of calorie-free drinks. Try not to obsess about food—plan distractions, like going to the movies or catching up on chores. Finally, avoid strenuous activity when you fast. Rest and relaxation will help you maintain your motivation.



Nanotubes in your clothes may power your phone

Someday you may not have to remember to plug your smartphone in to recharge it. Scientists are working on clothes that will charge your phone for you, according to the Science Daily website. The fabric contains carbon nanotubes, replacing polyester and other artificial fibers. At present the nanotubes are too expensive to mass produce, but researchers are looking at military applications that may allow soldiers' equipment to recharge—lights, communication gear, and night-vision capabilities.



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