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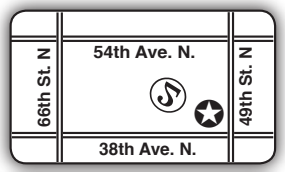

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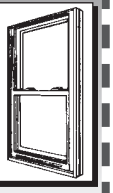

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Holy God, Creator and Provider of all good things, we come to You in thankful prayer for the individual gifts You give to each of us.

Labor Day, established in 1882, was one of the first holidays for the working class. It used to mark the day vacations end and work and school begin. How our world has changed!

Schools begin earlier; work days follow one another without stop. We've forgotten to set aside time and days to worship You, Dear God. Is it any wonder our world is breaking down morally and spiritually?

September 21 has been designated as an International Day of Peace. O, God, how we pray for that. September 23 is "Native American Day." When we look back, we can be embarrassed at how we have mistreated them. Finally our Jewish friends celebrate "Rosh Hashanah," the beginning of their New Year, September 29 and 30. If you have friends who celebrate, be sure to call, write or at least send a card.

We pray, O God, for our country and its leadership to come to their senses about handling the finances of our country, to put us back on a firm financial basis. You are always there to listen. Help us, O Holy Spirit, to pray regularly for all of the above. Amen.

Acting President's Message

By Diane Brinker

I love the Cove! After six years and a new home, I cannot imagine another place I would call home. Although I'm not a native of the area, I have always loved the welcome that Floridians give to those of us who did not grow up here.

Hard to believe that when this message arrives, fall is on the way, and soon our "snowbird" friends will be returning home.

Realizing that this was a number one concern of our residents from the last survey, our Gate Security Team has been hard at work and the security cameras are up and working. We have worthwhile work to be done this year, and I look forward to your input and suggestions.

Safety is our main concern for our senior citizens here in the Cove, and I want you all to be aware that the Florida Attorney General's office is committed to bringing justice to those who defraud and exploit our senior citizens. While our diverse population con-

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tains mostly decent and responsible people, some dishonest and uncaring persons seek to take advantage of individuals and families. Scam artists believe that senior citizens are an easy target; but informed seniors, like any other consumers, can protect themselves from these financial predators. Stay tuned for a Fall Seminar on further information.

The pool is beautiful, activities continue and people are out and about walking, riding, boating and enjoying this beautiful place we call home. See you around the Cove.

Letter from the Manager

By Loey Antonucci

DID YOU KNOW?

Trash in our waterways and on our beaches lasts a long time, often years. Litter, especially plastics, takes many decades to several hundred years to break down, thereby threatening wildlife and public health for generations. Consider how long it takes for items commonly found to break-down.

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1 glass, 1 million years.

As you can see, the natural items take a shorter time to decompose and the man-made items take much longer.

Earlier I mentioned that I was working on getting our colored glass recycled. Unfortunately, after many phone calls with the City of St. Pete, I have been told that they no longer have bins available for colored glass, since it's a contaminate to the clear glass. This is throughout Pinellas County. Even if they were to accept it, they would have to pay someone else to take it, which means that the cost will trickle down to us.

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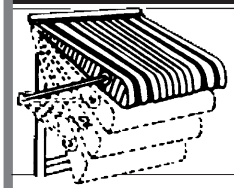

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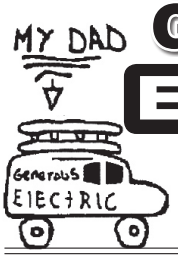

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ACA News

By Paul Line

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Sue and I are presently visiting in Nova Scotia. We stopped in and had a great visit with Jony & Tom Wallace. What a beautiful spot they have! Thanks again, Tom & Jony, for your hospitality.

It is still fairly quiet in the Clubhouse as most clubs and activities do not start until October. Anyone wishing to use or book the Clubhouse or Atrium must contact me at 1-800-898-4272 or email me at: sline@electpwrquip.com

The first ACA council meeting and luncheon will be October 4 and 5.

For all you traveling back to the Cove, drive safely and see you all soon.

Sunshine Report for September 2011

By Nancy Hubartt

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03 Archie Gilzow
03 Betty Chase
03 Joyce Bailey
04 Gary Costanzo
05 Laura Paige
11 Teresa Hansen
11 Mary Myers
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21 Lois & Dave Vogle..... 09 years
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Autumn is a second spring when every leaf is a flower

Audio Books

By Jeanne Sheppard

The first book I ever listened to was A Is for Alibi, by Sue Grafton…then I listened to all the others written by her and I was hooked on audio books.

Then I found the name of George Guidall and his voice was so soothing that I'd read just about anything as long as he was the narrator.

My first CD player (portable) came from the Dollar General for less than $20. Ear phones and batteries are sold separately. Then I got my library card from North Branch Library on Martin Luther King, Jr. Blvd…a block away!! I go to the library site on my computer and order a book; they send an email message when it comes in.

The TV is so filled with commercials and bad shows that listening to books has become the most enjoyable of all hobbies. I crocheted a little bag to wear my CD player around my neck, making ironing and cooking go much faster. I keep my TV on "mute" and only turn the sound on for special shows like the Rays game.

Right now I'm listening to Ship of Ghosts, by James D. Hornfischer. This is the story of the USS Houston, FDR'S legendary lost cruiser, and the epic saga of her survivors. I suggest this as a fine first audio adventure for any of you men who are interested in WWII.

Terri's Strange But True September Horoscope

By Terri Mottl (We're all just mooning around)

ARIES (March 21 – April 19) A very active month for family and friends, which means a very active month for conflict and ego trips, which means a very active month. Life is a circle.

TAURUS (April 20 – May 20) Accidents and mishaps and challenges are just opportunities. Try to keep them YOUR opportunities and not your Aunt Mabel's.

GEMINI (May 21 – June 20) Be careful with your investments. Use your intuition. Use your journal. Use an advisor. Just don't use your check book.

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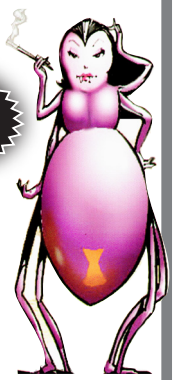

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LEO (July 23 – August 22) Try not to interrupt me while you're answering the phone, getting the door, and fighting off your admirers. And, remember: Popularity requires vitamins!

VIRGO (August 23 – September 22) It's all about money. Lost or found. Give or take. Lend or borrow. Just don't forget to check your pockets before doing laundry, and look down while walking.

LIBRA (September 23 – October 22) Make new friends, but keep the old; one is silver, and the other.....wants all of your attention. Have a gathering; make everyone happy at once.

SCORPIO (October 23 – November 21) You know that big, chocolate chip, double fudge, brownie delight sundae you're obsessing over? Try brussel sprouts. Sorry, but someone has to be realistic.

SAGITTARIUS (November 22 – December 21) Beauty. Humor. Personality. Fun. But, enough about me. Make the most of this comfortable month....cozy down, watch your favorite flick and enjoy!

CAPRICORN (December 22 – January 19) All right, money-bags, keep it flowing. Count it, roll in it, and make dollar bill airplanes. I'm not talking lottery, but I am talking POSITIVE cash flow.

AQUARIUS (January 20 – February 18) We know you want to save the world. We know you want world peace. We know you want to greet aliens. For now, just try to keep the in-laws happy.

PISCES (February 19 – March 20) A full moon in your sign on the 12th.....you're a magical, mystical, metaphysical manifestation of love, light and laughter. Hope to bump into you soon!

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Open House

By Betty and Jim Chase

Our annual "Open House" dinner and socializing will be on Saturday, September 24, beginning at 4:30 p.m. at our house, 7216 Mt. Georgetown. Those who have attended over the years know it's not an event to miss! There is always plenty to eat, and it's a wonderful time to get to meet your neighbors. We have a lot of new residents in our community and wish to extend a warm welcome to them. Everyone is invited!! We always find room inside and out. This is for all those special events when we never send a card!!

Crime Watch

By Rachel Stewart

Just a short note about the crime that has been going on here in the park. We all need to be aware of everything that is happening. Therefore, I suggest that whenever something does happen, that we inform one another by posting it to the Listbot. Unfortunately, we need to keep everything locked up, no matter how close or far away you are from your home. Get to know your neighbor and the people around you so that we all can keep an eye out for one another. Our first Crime Watch meeting will be in October; and, hopefully, we can get our people back out and patrolling the area.

Crafters Club News

By Ginny Marcott

The summer is flying by and the Crafters have been busier than ever. Our cookbook has been sent off to the publishers so it will be back in time for fall sales and great Christmas gifts.

August saw some beautiful beaded necklaces coming from our monthly get-together. Our angel spoon dolls are cute as can be. We also had a lesson on making GORGEOUS flowers from nylon stockings. Attendance numbers have been amazing, with up to 18

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members at a crafters meeting. It is wonderful to see so many talented ladies in our midst. Items have been arriving in the mail from our snowbirds; so our luncheon sales will be well stocked this year. It is amazing how crafters will continue with their crafts even when they aren't at a meeting. We appreciate all of our members more than we can ever say. September classes will be finishing up left-over items and starting on Halloween projects. It is never too late to participate. So stop by any Monday evening at 6:30 in the Crafters Corner.

Ricotta Cake

By MaryAnn Foley

1 box of Duncan Hines Butter Recipe Cake Mix
Follow box directions. Mix & pour into 9x13" greased & floured pan.
Then add ricotta mix (see below).

RICOTTA MIX
1 lb ricotta cheese
1 cup sugar
4 eggs
1 tsp vanilla

Mix all of the above until creamy. Pour over cake mix...so not to mix it in. Bake at 375 for 1 hr and 20 min or until done. Top off with powdered sugar.

Unsafe At Any Speed? Drivers Fail Safety Survey

You may be an excellent driver, but what about all those others idiots on the road? A survey by GMAC Insurance found that approximately 36.9 million current U.S. drivers—close to 5 percent—would fail a driving test if they had to take one today. And that's actually good news, as even more motorists (38 million) would have failed the test in 2010.

In the survey, over 5,000 licensed drivers in 50 states (plus the District of Columbia) took a 20-question test based on driving exams from state departments of motor vehicles. Drivers in Kansas had the highest average score; D.C. drivers scored worst.

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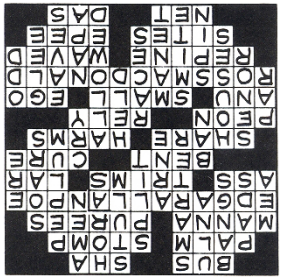

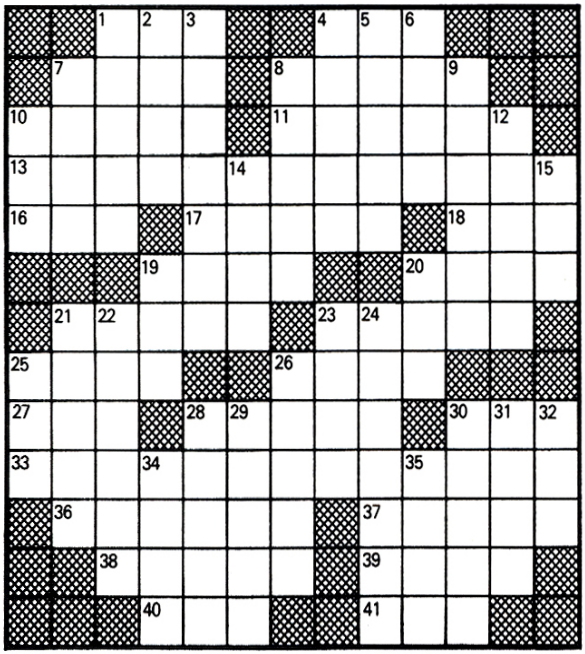

Do You Know Someone in These Parks?

Monthly Media is looking for new parks to add to our growing family of communities. Some of the parks we would like to add are: **Bay Aristocrat, Bay's End, Gull Aire, Honeymoon, Isle of Palms, Lowe's City, Harbor Lights, Village Green and Westwind I**. If you know someone in another Manufactured Home community, tell them about us. If they come to us for printing of their monthly newsletter, you will receive a one time payment of $1.00 for every lot in that park. **EXAMPLE: If you send us a park with 350 units, you will receive a check for $350.00!**

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Life Can't Get Any Better

By Jeanne Sheppard

The Bathing Suit (by a middle-aged woman unknown)

When I was a child in the 1950's, the bathing suit for the mature figure was boned, trussed and reinforced, not so much sewn as engineered. It was built to hold back and uplift, and it did a good job. Today's stretch fabrics are designed for the pre-pubescent girl with a figure carved from a potato chip.

The mature woman has a choice--she can either go up front to the maternity department and try on a floral suit with a skirt, coming away looking like a hippopotamus that escaped from Disney's Fantasia; or, she can wander around every run-of-the-mill department store trying to make a sensible choice from what amounts to a designer range of fluorescent rubber bands.

What choice did I have? I wandered around, made my sensible choice and entered the chamber of horrors known as the fitting room. The first thing I noticed was the extraordinary tensile strength of the stretch material. The lycra used in bathing costumes was developed, I believe, by NASA to launch small rockets from a slingshot, which gives the added bonus that if you manage to actually lever yourself into one, you would be protected from shark attacks. Any shark taking a swipe at your passing midriff would immediately suffer whiplash.

I fought my way into the bathing suit; but as I twanged the shoulder strap in place, I gasped in horror. My boobs had disappeared! Eventually, I found one boob cowering under my left armpit. It took a while to find the other. At last, I located it, flattened beside my seventh rib.

The problem is that modern bathing suits have no bra cups. The mature woman is meant to wear her boobs spread across her chest like a speed bump. I realigned my speed bump and lurched toward the mirror to take a full view assessment.

The bathing suit fit all right, but unfortunately it only fitted those bits of me willing to stay inside it. The rest of me oozed out rebelliously from top, bottom and sides. I looked like a lump of PlayDoh wearing undersized cling wrap.

As I tried to work out where all those extra bits had come from, the pre-pubescent sales girl popped her head through the curtain. "Oh, there you are," she said, admiring the bathing suit.

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I replied that I wasn't so sure and asked what else she had to show me.

I tried on a cream crinkled one that made me look like a lump of masking tape, and a floral two-piece that gave the appearance of an oversized napkin in a serving ring.

I struggled into a pair of leopard-skin bathers with ragged frills and came out looking like Tarzan's Jane, pregnant with triplets and having a rough day.

I tried on a black number with a midriff and looked like a jellyfish in mourning.

I tried on a bright pink pair with such a high-cut leg I thought I would have to wax my eyebrows to wear them.

Finally, I found a suit that fit; it was a two-piece affair with a shorts-style bottom and a loose blouse-type top. It was cheap, comfortable, and bulge-friendly, so I bought it. My ridiculous search had a successful outcome, I figured.

When I got it home, I found a label that read, "Material might become transparent in water."

So, if you happen to be on the beach or near any other body of water this year and I'm there too, I'll be the one in cut-off jeans and a T-shirt!

Life isn't about how to survive the storm, but how to dance in the rain, with or without a bathing suit!

Ever Wonder

By Unknown

Why the sun lightens our hair, but darkens our skin?
Why women can't put on mascara with their mouth closed?
Why don't you ever see the headline "Psychic Wins Lottery"?
Why is "abbreviated" such a long word?
Why is it that doctors call what they do "practice"?
Why is lemon juice made with artificial flavor, and dishwashing liquid made with real lemons?
Why the man who invests all your money is called a broker?
Why is the time of day with the slowest traffic called rush hour?
Why do they sterilize the needle for lethal injections?
Why don't sheep shrink when it rains?
Why are they called apartments when they are all stuck together?
If flying is so safe, why do they call the airport the terminal?

10 Points To Ponder

By Unknown

I was thinking about one of the status symbols of today – those pagers that everyone has clipped on. I can't afford one, so I'm wearing my garage door opener.

I was thinking that women should put pictures of missing husbands on beer cans!

I was thinking about old age and decided that it is when you still have something on the ball but you are just too tired to bounce it.

I thought about making a movie for folks my age and call it "Pumping Rust."

I have gotten that dreaded furniture disease….that's when your chest is falling into your drawers!

You know when people see a cat's litter box, they always say, "Oh, have you got a cat?" Just once I wanted to say, "No, it's for company!"

I thought about how mothers feed their babies with little tiny spoons and forks so I wonder what Chinese mothers use. Perhaps toothpicks?

Employment application blanks always ask who is to be notified in case of an emergency. I think you should write….A Good Doctor!

Why do they put pictures of criminals up in the Post Office? What are we supposed to do…write to these people? Why don't they just put their pictures on the postage stamps so the mailmen could look for them while they deliver the mail?

I was thinking about how people seem to read the Bible a whole lot more as they get older; then it dawned on me, they are cramming for their finals.

Vespers

By Martha Pratt

Plans are in the works for the annual Welcome Back get-together. Mark your calendars for November 12 at 6:30 p.m. so you don't miss the jovial, uplifting singing group for the first time ever at Americana Cove. Come and be entertained, followed by yummier refreshments. Tickets will go on sale at the October lunches, or by calling me at 954-7948. Just a reminder, you don't have to attend Vespers to come to the Welcome Back event. We are only the sponsors and wish to welcome everyone back to the Cove. For all of you who remained in the Cove and all who traveled to other destinations, I hope you're having a wonderful summer. May you all have safe travels returning to us and I look forward to seeing you at Vespers on November 6.

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Common Reasons for Dry Skin

ByJoAnna Gilford

Some of the most common reasons for dry skin include showering, environment and medication. If you have extremely dry skin, limit the number of hot showers you take and always use a quality natural skin care product after bathing.

Certain medications can cause dry skin or skin issues. Check with your health care provider if you are on medication and experiencing dry skin. Your provider may be able to suggest other options for you.

Summertime may be filled with wonderful outdoor activities; but, all that outdoors, going to the beach, boating and picnics create havoc with your skin. Not only is sunburn painful, it's hazardous for dry skin as well. Use a good sunscreen during the day even if you don't plan on being in the sun. Use a quality Shea body butter made with raw Shea butter to replenish and protect your skin at night.

When choosing body products or bath products, always read the label. Those with sensitive type skin should choose fragrance-free or chemical-free products, but I'm sure you already knew that :)

Many over-the-counter hand and body lotions contain chemicals that eliminate their moisturizing power. That's why you have to keep applying them over and over. Body oil is more concentrated than lotion and excellent for severely dry, cracked skin. Use it plain or add your own essential oils for an extra kick.

In a pinch with no lotion? Unless you make lotions and soaps, you probably don't have the ingredients I have on hand. Most people do have some sort of oil in their cupboards; so take a look at what you have. Olive, sunflower and soybean oils have moisturizing properties and are good for your skin. The trick is to use tiny amounts so it absorbs faster and won't feel greasy.

A Complete Listing of Resident Services can be found on the page before your calendar

On The Move

By Erna Messenger

We're on the MOVE to end Alzheimer's! "Walk to End Alzheimer's" is the nation's largest event to raise awareness and funds for Alzheimer care, support and research. The mission of the Alzheimer's Association is: to eliminate the disease through the advancement of research; to provide and enhance care and support for all affected; and to reduce the risk of dementia through the promotion of brain health.

To participate in the 2011 "Walk to End Alzheimer's" on September 24 at the St. Petersburg Pier, go to www.alz.org/flgulfcoast and click on "walk to register". Or to make a donation, contact Americana Cove resident and Alzheimer's employee, Erna Messenger, by calling 727-578-2558. If you are interested in services offered by the local chapter, please call the 24-hour helpline 800-272-3900.

Life Can Be Short

Laugh when you can. Apologize when you should. And let go of what you can't change. Love deeply & forgive quickly. Take chances & give your everything. Life is too short to be anything but happy. You have to take the good with the bad. Love what you have. Always remember what you had. Forgive & forget. And always remember, that life goes on.

When the Music Stopped...

Written by Chaplain Jim Higgins, LSA Anaconda is at the Ballad Airport in Iraq, north of Baghdad.

For those who are unaware: At all military base theaters, the National Anthem is played before the movie begins.)

I recently attended a showing of "Spiderman 3" here at LSA Anaconda. We have a large auditorium that we use for movies as well as memorial services and other large gatherings.

As is the custom at all military bases, we stood to attention when "The National Anthem" began before the main feature. ....continued on page 27

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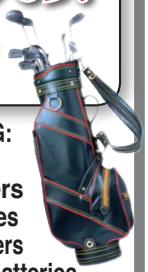

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All was going well until three-quarters of the way through “The National Anthem” and the music stopped.

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Here in Iraq, 1,000 soldiers continued to stand at attention, eyes fixed forward. The music started again, and the soldiers continued to quietly stand at attention. Again, though, at the same point, the music stopped. What would you expect 1,000 soldiers standing at attention to do?? Frankly, I expected some laughter, and everyone would eventually sit down and wait for the movie to start.

No!! You could have heard a pin drop while every soldier continued to stand at attention.

Suddenly, there was a lone voice from the front of the auditorium, then a dozen voices, and soon the room was filled with the voices of a thousand soldiers, finishing where the recording left off:

"And the rockets' red glare, the bombs bursting in air, gave proof through the night that our flag was still there. Oh, say, does that Star Spangled Banner yet wave, o'er the land of the free, and the home of the brave."

It was the most inspiring moment I have had in Iraq, and I wanted you to know what kind of U.S. Soldiers are serving you! Remember them as they fight for us!

Pass this along as a reminder to others to be ever in prayer for all our soldiers serving us here at home and abroad. Many have already paid the ultimate price.

San Franciso Salad

By Susie Dugger

1 pkg. chicken Rice-A- Roni. Prepare according to package directions. Then add the following:
1 cup chopped celery
1 - 3 1/2 oz can of tuna (water packed) drained well
1 cup chopped onion

Mix together: 2 tsp. fresh lemon juice and 2 tsp. wine vinegar. Sprinkle over the tuna mixture. Add additional vinegar and lemon juice to personal taste. Serve warm or chilled or on lettuce leaves with tomato wedges.

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If you have a photo that you think would be entertaining for the covers of all of our Monthly Media Newsletters, send it to **Monthly Media at 151 1st Street N.W., Largo, FL 33770.** We are now looking for pictures of mobile home residents that are of interest to readers from all communities. We're looking for something funny, interesting, exciting, surprising, etc. All photos must include the following four things ... **(1)** your park name, **(2)** your phone number, **(3)** name(s) of person(s) in photo and, **(4)** signed, written permission of all people in picture to print. Photos will not be returned to sender. Original photos only. No xerox copies, laser or ink jet printer copies will be published. Deadline: 1st of month preceding the issue the photo is to appear. **If we use your photo you will receive a dinner for two gift card at a local restaurant.**

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And, speaking of the water....who hasn't enjoyed the offerings of our very own, unprecedented, glorious, stupendous, **BOAT CLUB**? The monthly meetings are very popular, well organized, social gatherings of information packed discussions, interrupted only by appropriately placed good humor or the munching of a sweet donut hole or two. They offer training sessions from outside companies and authorities, and discounts from dealers.

It's a shame that some of us don't have a boat.....but.....wait.....who needs a BOAT to be a member of, or to benefit from the BOAT CLUB? **ALL** are welcome to the meetings and the many, many activities sponsored by this club! The club sponsors the biggest, most rip-roaring party of the year, full of music and laughter and creative food fare. They are the captains of the fleet that offers the Founder's Day picnic rides throughout the day.... who's not grateful for such a wonderful outing? Of course, there's the unique opportunity to see the fireworks in full party mode, right from the water....with no parking, no traffic, no crowds, and no mosquitoes, but plenty of friends and fun, and the best darned view in the whole county!

Which brings us to the **SAND BAR**. Oh, what a wonderful thing is a Sunday afternoon at the **SAND BAR**! Several boats, tied together, warm water, music, clinking ice, food, food, food, water games, stories, and FRIENDS! HOW LUCKY ARE WE? Do you have any thoughts for thankfulness ?

"KUDOS" to my Forecaster staff Debbie Gottardi and Terri Motl !!

One Rule For Living—Don't Over-Specialize

The science fiction writer Robert A. Heinlein once wrote: "A human being should be able to change a diaper, plan an invasion, butcher a hog, conn a ship, design a building, write a sonnet, balance accounts, build a wall, set a bone, comfort the dying, take orders, give orders, cooperate, act alone, solve equations, analyze a new problem, pitch manure, program a computer, cook a tasty meal, fight efficiently, die gallantly. Specialization is for insects."

If that's not enough, here's a short list of skills that everyone should master to survive and prosper in today's world:

- Operate a computer. You should be able to go beyond locating the "on" switch.
- Search the Internet. Understand how to use Google and other search functions to gather and confirm information.
- Perform CPR (and the Heimlich maneuver). You can always be prepared to save a life.
- Cook. Everyone should know the basics of preparing a meal that isn't just microwaved.
- Tell a story. You can persuade and inspire people by telling stories that move them.
- Change a tire. Because you can't always wait for AAA.
- Take good notes. You can't remember everything. Develop a reliable system for documenting what you need to know in the future. *(Provided by First Draft)*

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Sat., Oct. 29, 9-1:00P, PARADISE ISLAND CRAFT FAIR. Paradise Island Clubhouse, 1001 Starkey Rd., Largo. Crafts, Bake Sale, Raffle & Good Eats. Tables $10.00. Carmen Hale, 530-9049

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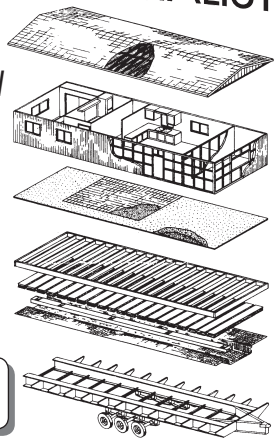

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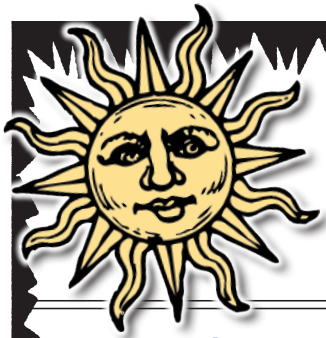

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