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## President's Message

*On behalf of Diane Brinker*



To Diane and Dave our prayers for a speedy recovery. We all love you both very much!!!! Americana Cove.



## Board Of Directors Message

*By Vice President Janice Zebley*



The coming of June brings the Lazy Days of Summer to the Cove. We hope our Snowbirds have made it to their summer homes safely. The summer hiatus began with the last scheduled meeting of the Board on May 16. We would like to thank all who have worked to make this another successful year at the Cove. We will try to keep what is going on as current as possible. Please watch for updates on Amcove, if you have a computer, too. If you have questions or comments, please feel free to write the Board at the Cove Office.

***A father carries pictures where his money used to be***



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





# Letter From The Manager

By Loey Antonucci



**D**ue to many factors, i.e., below average rainfall, SWFWMD (South West Florida Water Management) has declared a Severe Water Shortage. Once a week watering restrictions are now in effect:

Addresses ending in even numbers water on Saturdays: 5 am - 9 am and/or 7 pm - 11 pm

Addresses ending in odd numbers water on Sundays: 5 am - 9 am and/or 7 pm - 11 pm

Check your sprinkler systems and timers to ensure they are working properly and the settings are correct.

These restrictions are effective immediately through July 31, 2012, unless extended or rescinded. I will keep you informed. For further information, [www.stpete.org/water/watering\\_restrictions.asp](http://www.stpete.org/water/watering_restrictions.asp)



## ADMINISTRATION:

We acquired 372 Mt. Richmond several months ago. We have donated some of its contents to Pinellas Hope (Parrs), and we are working on getting it market ready for rent or sale.

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When we received our February water bill, I questioned it due to an increase of \$10,000.00. However, we had to take into consideration the two fires that had just taken place. I also asked Maintenance to check along the seawall. When the March bill came in at \$111,555.73, I knew there was a bigger problem. During that same timeframe, Maintenance noticed we were losing at least 2" of water per day at the pool. After discussing it with our plumber, he offered us a free meter on 3/13/12 to see how much water we were losing. Once we realized that we were losing around 130 gallons per day, I called

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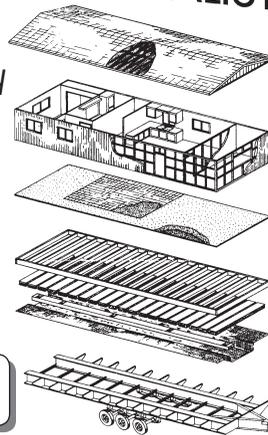
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J. R. Simmons who came out and found two leaks, but neither was our major leak. Pinellas Water Company was called on 3/19/12 to do a meter test. They scheduled us for Monday 3/26/12, but actually arrived on Tuesday 3/27/12 and their employee saw 700 gallons run through the meter in ten minutes and stated that nothing was wrong with our meter. Since we couldn't find any water gushing upward and had done several property inspections, I scheduled a 2:00 am Sunday meeting with Maintenance and Jim from Just in Time Plumbing to isolate the property to determine which side of our property had this leak prior to contacting a leak detector company, "I Find Leaks", and spending thousands of dollars for them to determine which side. Luckily, our leak became apparent on 3/28/12, when standing water behind 7107 Mt. Essex was noticed. We had a major main water pipe with a 2" galvanized pipe about 6' down, encased with roots, pitted and was gushing out sideways. On 3/29/12, the yard was dug up with a backhoe and the pipe was replaced with a sch. 40 PVC. After this was completed, the city rechecked the meter which determined that water usage is back to normal usage. I kept in contact with Mr. Kinard from the City; he walked me through procedures I will need to take to obtain a leak adjustment and to submit the plumber's bill (\$635.00) and statement. Since then, we have been credited \$50,529.51, and possibly more will be credited for April. We are now taking daily meter readings for preventative maintenance reasons. As far as the pool is concerned, we have J.R. Simmons coming out to epoxy the two small leaks (\$350.00) before the Memorial Day weekend, May 21st, at 2:00 pm. This will hold us until the fall when we will need to address what our options are for refurbishing the pool.



Our Lawn Service will repair the 500 sq. ft. of grass that was damaged behind the homes on Mt. Essex Dr. with sod for \$ 495.00.

Kevin, our electrician, replaced another meter box at Founder's Park area. The bottom was rusty, and bare wires were showing at the panel box. Total came to \$550.00.

Between now and next week, a subcontractor company for Progress Entergy, will re-pipe underground power lines from transformer to transformer along Mt. Piney Road. There will be no interruption in service.

Three blue & white chaise lounges were purchased for the pool at \$60.00 each.

One final note, I would like to acknowledge Don Delzell for all his hard work and dedication for maintaining the rose garden that honors all of our loved ones.

# ACA News

By President Dan Dugger



June has arrived, and in 21 days summer will officially begin. Summer began in Americana Cove at the last Old Timers' meeting on May 9th, with many of the snowbirds telling friends they would see them in the fall. As life slows for the summer, it is time to begin planning for the coming season.

My goal is to implement some new activities which will appeal to everyone in the Cove. In May, Movie Night was introduced. If you have an activity that you would like to see started, please let me know. My email address is [duggerd65@yahoo.com](mailto:duggerd65@yahoo.com).

There have been many questions asked about scheduling use of the "Tiki Hut". The following is the policy for scheduling activities utilizing the Tiki Hut.

MAROA or ACA will not be responsible for Tiki Hut events because the pool area is not restricted to attendees of a Tiki Hut event. Any resident is able to use the pool area when a Tiki Hut event is being held.

A "Tiki Hut Events" signup sheet is posted in the MAROA office.

Residents signing up for use of the Tiki Hut must abide by the pool area rules and regulations, plus clean up after their party. Also, the doors between the pool area and the clubhouse cannot be propped open.

If outside guests attend, they must stay in the pool area and not use any other common area (examples: Clubhouse, Atrium, Pool Room). Outside guests must abide by the pool rules and regulations and wear "visitor" wrist bracelets when using the pool.

May sunshine and good weather be your constant companion until we all gather together again in our homes in the Cove.



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02 Pam French	09 Tom Donahue	17 Gerri Bassett
03 Theresia Volk	Ken Olney	Chris Whiteford
05 Carol Risley	10 Joe Gray	20 Louise Franchetti
Pat Silva	Mary Gilfillan	21 Dale Endy
Judy Howland	Kathy Shepard	Mark Olsen
Dan Dugger	12 Gregory Moe	23 Kathy Wiglund
06 Lillian LaRochelle	Mick Marckese	25 Rita Hahn
07 Shirley Giaquinto	13 Debbie Gottardi	26 Michelle Schiavone
Dewie Masho	15 Joe Werner	28 Peggy Stuckey
08 Martha Pratt	16 Edna Bolin	29 Ellie Oliviera,
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## June Anniversaries



01... Dorothy & Ed Kimak.....	60 years
04... Rita & Paul Legere.....	52 years
06... Nita & Tom Lambert.....	15 years
11... Margaret & Leonard Schmitz ....	46 years
12... Linda & Terry Campbell .....	36 years
14... Mary Ann & Drew Fairlie.....	60 years
..... Lori & Dave Casey .....	37 years
17... Anne & Bill Kocher .....	62 years
18... Sue & Paul Line .....	18 years
21... Dotty & Gerry Kirby.....	54 years
..... Connie & Dave Panach.....	13 years
22... Nedra & Joe Hebbard.....	38 years
30... Kellie & Dale Endy.....	5 year





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By Nancy Hubartt

## Deaths

Dennis Epilone  
William Nygard



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## Old Timers

By Sue Line



**W**e have had our last luncheon of the season and the community continues to wind down. We hope everyone has a safe trip north and then again on their return to the Cove in the fall. I am sure you have all noticed the two benches going in at Mt. Arlington & Mt. Piney across from the laundry.....one of them is our Old Timers Bench! I am sure by the time we get back that the plans for the grounds and landscaping will be approved and the work will be well on the way. Also, I would like to extend a big **“Thank You”** to **John Bassett** for stepping up and paying half of the shipping cost on the picnic table which will be installed by the boat ramp on Mt. Curve. Apparently, the charges were going to be quite high due to the cost of gas, and our Manager was having trouble approving that amount. Way to go, John! We certainly do have some wonderful residents in our community.....they come through when needed. Paul, Mom and I had a good trip home and are back in the swing of things here. Weather has been sunny but not hot. As Kathy Laramee keeps saying.....I’m still waiting for the hot weather! Please mark your calendars for October 10th which will be our first luncheon of the new season. I hope you all have a wonderful summer and we will see you in the fall.

# Terri's Summer Solstice June Horoscope

By Terri Mottl



**GEMINI (05/21 - 06/20)** A strong yearning for harmony this month. Pay attention to your dreams and song lyrics....the answer appears there, if you listen.

**CANCER (06/20 - 07/22)** You focus on thoughts and feelings that have been difficult. Invoke a spirit of forgiveness and gratitude. Also forgive yourself.

**LEO (07/22 - 08/22)** You seek freedom and something new. Too much on your plate causes stress.....let someone else step up while you take a nap.

**VIRGO (08-22 - 09/22)** Old beliefs fall away to make room for enlightenment. What will you do with this new understanding? Now, THAT'S the question!

**LIBRA (09/22 - 10/21)** Filled with energy, ambition, and strength, your "to do" list gets smaller and smaller, until.....ALL DONE!!!

**SCORPIO (10/22 - 11/22)** You seek comfort and security in your relationships--more than usual this month. Listen more. Give more. Understand more.

**SAGITTARIUS (10/02 - 11/22)** You're looking to become a whole new person; but who, exactly? A wound and a healing through words propels you to a new you.

**CAPRICORN (12/21 - 01/20)** You want to move forward, but the past keeps pulling you back. Incorporate past lessons and future plans to begin anew.

**AQUARIUS (01/20 -02/18)** You're maturing and finding a new way to deal with family, friends, and associates. Keep up the good work!

**PISCES (02/19 - 03/20)** Your main focus this month is communication, even when it's difficult. Use as much laughter as possible and you will be heard!

**ARIES (03/21 - 04/19)** You're filled with desire and frustration--pushed here, there, and everywhere. Write it down, make a list, and study your options. Smile!

**TAURUS (04/20 - 05/20)** You want to relate more deeply than usual, and that's just fine. Talk, dance, write poetry, and send flowers. It's all good.



*"Love is like a rubber band held at both ends by two people. When one lets go, it hurts the one still holding on."*



## Taken Too Young

By Sandie Reid

On April 19, 2012, the Lord decided to take my dear friend Eppi (Dennis Epilone) to heaven with him. Eppi, we will miss you. Miss your smile, your laughter and the way we use to tease each other like brother and sister. Rest in peace, my dear friend. We will remember you often in a thousand different ways, when we look at the stars, a date, a song, a place, a smell.



*In Loving Memory of  
Dennis Joseph Epilone  
September 17, 1959  
April 19, 2012*



## After Glow

I'd like the memory of me to be a happy one. I'd like to leave an afterglow of smiles when day is done. I'd like to leave an echo whispering softly down the ways. Of happy times and laughing times and bright and sunny days. I'd like the tears of those who grieve, to dry before the sun. Of happy memories that I leave behind when day is done.

Fran Epilone (Dennis's mother) would like to thank everyone for the cards and flowers.



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## Crafters

By Ginny Marcott



The Crafters will be meeting as usual each Monday evening at 6:30 in the Crafters Corner of the Clubhouse.

We will also be meeting Thursday mornings at 9 AM to work on Christmas items and to get ready for the Bazaar. This year will be a little different because we will be the only group selling handmade crafts. The rest of the clubhouse and atrium will be white elephant items. Last year ACA

only took in \$260 on rented tables and \$1000 on the white elephant so we are going to try something new with only the Crafters Club selling crafts. Our goal is to surpass last year. Let's show the ACA that we are here to support them. We have a hard working group of crafters and I know we can reach our goal. If anyone has a special project you would like to share, we are always looking for new inspiration, besides I am running out of new ideas... Stop in and see what we do at our group. We also need to be thinking about our STATE FAIR entries. December isn't that far away.

*"Anyone can make you happy by doing something special, but only someone special can make you happy without doing anything."*



## Thank You

By Sandy Wilkinson



I would like to thank everyone who sent cards to my Mom on her 100th birthday. She misses the park and her many friends, but was delighted with the cards. What a wonderful place to call home.

## Jeanne's Cove Garden

By Jeanne Sheppard

**T**he Night Blooming  
Cirius only blooms for  
one hour each year.

My sister, Marilyn from  
Ohio, had a wonderful time  
here and donated a new rose.

Here is a pic of her and me  
in front of the Night Blooming  
Cirius.

Gloria Cousins donated  
two yellow Lantana...this  
doesn't need a lot of care.

Carl helped dig and  
planted a nice palm. People  
wave, and comment and volunteers also bring plants.

This is going to be the best summer of my life...even though getting around is more difficult.

Thanks to everyone, including Sandie and Rachel for the FROGS, and Brad and Bob who share the watering chores.

Carl and Margie Slaugenhaupt are going to be thanked regularly. Bob Siebert and Brad Coath donated a lemon tree and help water it. My brother, Jim, sent seven Canna Lilies from Marco Island.

Claire and Vincent Mosakowski donated an Easter lily.

The bunnies are trimming the marigolds.  
The Bird of Paradise was donated by Joan  
Steich. And a tiny rose bush was left.

Gail Jones brought a plant and planted it.

Corena Wirtz gave two beautiful plants. The garden  
thanks all of you.



## Enlightened Cole Slaw

By Jeanne Sheppard



1/2 head cabbage grated  
2 grated carrots  
1/4 cup plain nonfat Yogurt  
1/2 tsp. celery seeds

(Optional) 1/4 cup chopped red onion  
2 tbsp. chopped fresh parsley

(I never have any)

And...add a dollop of sour cream if you like sour cream!



## Russ On The Road

By Russ Steele



Herb Steele of Mt Arlington is like the Energizer bunny--he goes on and on.

**W**e may not even be related, although his ancestors lived in northwestern Arkansas and some of mine in eastern Arkansas. But we did get to know each other last winter when we struggled with his balky computer printer, trying to get it to put ink on paper.

So last month, I was most pleased to hear from him in Michigan--following a week at the Senior Olympics at Tucson, AZ, and a trip back to Michigan where he will spend the summer months near where he was a Detroit policeman most of his working life.

Herb is something of an overachiever, Forecaster readers will remember. The St Petersburg Times featured him and his athletic (track and field) achievements two years ago during the Senior Olympic events in Tampa Bay.

Now he writes that "it's awful hard to keep from slowing down after 85 years" and has some stories to tell about the trip to Tucson and participating in the track and field events in the national competition in May.

Here he won more ribbons than anyone else in his age group (85 to 89) in the track and field events.

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Day One. "The first event was the 1500 meter run. There were four finalists. The first two runners broke the record and the third was just behind them. You can guess who got the fourth place ribbon. In the discus throw, I did well enough to have won it two years ago, but picked up another fourth place--inches behind the second and third place finishers."

Day Two. "The first event was the pole vault where I had set a record two years ago. A young 85-year old from Arkansas set a new record, leaving me with the silver medal."

Day Three. "Another fourth place ribbon in the long jump."

Day Four. "The high jump--where I had also set the record two years ago--was won by the same young man from Arkansas. I pulled a groin muscle and got fifth place. I just missed a gold medal in the 400 meter run, after six of the nine runners were not able to compete."

Day Five. "Another fourth place in the javelin throw, not one of my best events."

Day Six. "Our toughest and hottest day. Of 11 entries in the shot put, two broke my record of two years ago and I ended up fourth. A third place medal followed for the 200 meter run, and a fourth place finish in the final event--the 800 meter run."

"When we finished we were met by a Red Cross nurse with a cup of water and a wet towel. This was our only really hot day."

"I was able to get one silver (second) and two bronze (third) place medals, five 4th place ribbons and one 5th place ribbon in nine events."

Herb sent a short description of Tucson "A city of 750,000, surrounded by mountains on the west, north and east, with desert all around. The homes look as if they are dug into the ground, appearing to be only about eight feet high and with flat roofs. There is little grass and more cactus than trees. The trees were more like shrubs."

Herb's journey was interesting. He first flew from Tampa to Minneapolis, then to Tucson. After the competition it was back to Minneapolis, then on to his home base at Detroit--where it was raining and 55 degrees when they landed.

This will allow him some time in Michigan to recuperate before coming back to MA in October !!

If Herb really didn't start to slow down until 85, what is the feeling I have after just passing 75 by a year or two ?



## Mock Crab Cakes

By Joyce Sutton



- 2 cups shredded zucchini
- 1 cup seasoned breadcrumbs
- 1 egg
- 1 tsp Old Bay Spice
- 1 tbs mayonnaise

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Coat each side with breadcrumbs and fry med heat until golden brown.

Great served with a side dish of spaghetti and a salad.



*“A relationship is not based on the length of time you spent together; it’s based on the foundation you built together.”*

## Genealogy Of Americana Cove

By Pat Ruedy



**W**e first wish to thank our in-house genealogist and those who want to be. Also, thanks to those same thought persons for attending our monthly meeting on the third Wednesday of each month. We have had good speakers, both from the Largo Library Genealogy Society and from those within Americana Cove for sharing their ah-ha moments of discovery and more.

The last meeting in May was a planning meeting;

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## Hi, Daddy, Happy Father's Day!

By Terri Mottl



**M**y mom called him, “Daddy”, and nothing irritated me more. “Go ask Daddy”, she’d say, and I’d give her my squinty eyes and my pouty face while frantically looking around to see if any of my cool friends heard the childish title.

He was a big, big man, but more than that, he lived a big, big life--big dreams, big plans, big business, big gifts. The man wore mint green or saffron yellow leisure suits (use your imagination) on his 6’2” frame, often with a baby-blue tie to match his eyes.

We were only a family of three, but he always cooked for four: four steaks, four potatoes, and enough side dishes for the entire Supreme Court.

Every morning, at 7:45, he made a full breakfast of eggs, over-easy, crispy bacon, and buttered toast.....for our two German Shepherds, even when the rest of us were having Wheaties!

But, when he died, he died small....sleeping quietly and alone in his bed, gone for hours before we ever noticed. No sign, no illness, no warning. No goodbye bellow, last announcements or demands. A big, big silence, left by a big, big man.

As adults of retirement age, many of our fathers are no longer with us. If you’re lucky enough to have a father to celebrate with, enjoy him with all of your heart; but, if your father is on “the other side” like mine, take a minute or two while your own children are calling and honoring you to tell a story, give a thought, say a prayer, or share a memory of your own big, big man on this Father’s Day, 2012.

## Nickel Bingo And Brown Bag Lunch

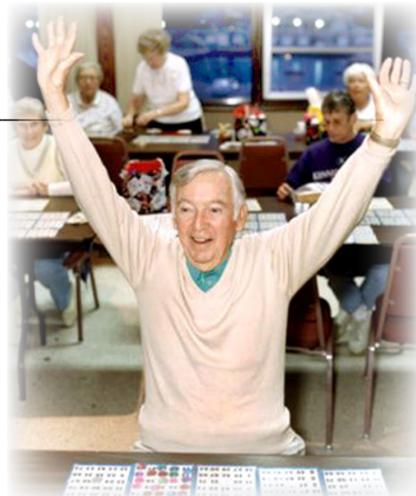
By Nancy Hubartt



**I**n June, we will start the weekly Nickel Bingo on Wednesdays at 1 PM in the clubhouse.

On the second Wednesday of every month, the “Brown Bag Lunch” is held prior to bingo at noon. There is a possibility that the lunch will be over before 1 PM, and Nickel Bingo may start early on the second Wednesdays. Bring your Brown Bag lunch; tea and ice cream will be waiting for you at the clubhouse.

The first game day will be the 6th of June 2012, and the last will be the 26th of September 2012. Bring your nickels, dimes and quarters.



# Beautification, Benches, Blessings

By Mary Bickhart



I suppose that I should have included another “B” for bumps in this bench project. Our friends Mike Walsh and Chuck MacDonald wanted a bench placed in the dog park so you could “rest your paws”. It seems that there are too many roots to accomplish that task...bump!

John Bassett removed a huge bump! Shipping doubled in price because of gas prices, and John graciously donated half of the cost of this unforeseen expense. We all wish to express our sincere gratitude for his generosity. Thank you.

Then there was Crafter’s Bench that was supposed to go on the corner around Wanda’s house for our residents who walk from the grocery store – water pipes, gas lines, electric lines...bump, bump, bump!

The beautiful corner at Mt. Arlington that is the first to be developed into a little park area, and includes Virginia Curtis’ and Old Timer’s benches, first had to have water and sewer lines removed and/ or capped off and a committee decision as to placement... bump!

We had a wind storm and the park had to be cleaned up...big bump!

A shipping error resulting in a missing bench was a scary bump but thankfully smoothed out by the manager, Loey.

Water leaks ...bumps! Regular maintenance...daily bumps! I need to thank Maintenance and our manager Loey for the extra time and effort put into installation.

In reference to the above mentioned lot at the corner of Mt Piney and Mt. Arlington, it was decided by the committee that there was a need to give people a chance to avoid walking around that dangerous corner in traffic so the plan included that in the considerations.

Don’t panic when you see the benches. We know that they sit high. It was planned that way because we are hoping to get cement installed. Lori Casey and Carol Risley took point and led the committee in drawing plans and getting bids with the intention of presenting them to Loey, the executive committee, the whole board and finally the residents. The intention is to follow proper procedure and have any expense included in the budget. This all takes time. Please be patient and remember a nice park in that area will draw the eye away from the more mundane but necessary buildings across the street.

Thank you Ginny Marcott for filling in for Diane and for all other members. Thank you for your input.

Lastly, we missed Diane Brinker at our last meeting. Our prayers are with her.





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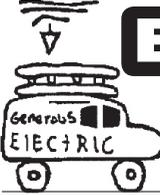
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## Boat Club

By Rick Lopez



The boat club is on hiatus for the summer. We will try to take a ride out on July 4th to see the fireworks. More info in the next issue. We also will be going out to the sandbar. Oh what a life!



## Americana Cove “Attitude Of Gratitude” Corner

By: Terri Mottl (with gratitude)



I am constantly and continuously grateful and delighted by the Americana Cove wild life. (No, Neal, I am NOT talking about YOU! ).

Every morning, I’m greeted by a beautiful egret gracing my driveway, as my squirrel family chats and chortles in the trees. Last month, I was proud and blessed to assist a mourning dove couple with their newborns. I watched the newborns being fed and learning to fly from my front row seat in my sunroom. Our prolific balls of bunny are so friendly that they continue their business as I walk by and greet them, and the canal is bursting with manatee, dolphin, manta rey, Blue Heron, and a pelican or two. I’ve met a possum and a raccoon in my early-morning walks, and the ever-thieving blue-jays hop around my carport in joyous abandon, looking for gifts of crumbs. Every day is like my own, cost-free subscription to National Geographic! Does it get any better than this?

## Garden Club

By Linda Lou Fairbanks



I want to apologize to Jerry Regan for omitting her name as the Membership Coordinator for 2012-2013. She does a spectacular job and is a valued member of our team of officers/coordinators. Sorry, Jerry.



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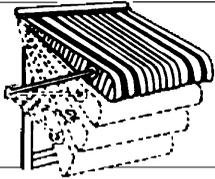
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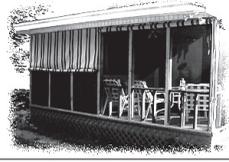
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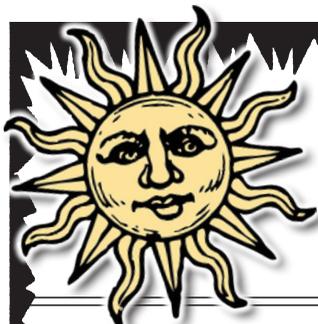
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