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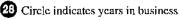
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## Prayer for August 2006

John Whittredge Hill, Chaplain

Most Gracious Heavenly Father we praise and magnify Your Holy Name. The Beauty of Your Creation is everywhere we look. The moon, stars and everywhere planets we can see nightly; the beauty of the trees, shrubs and flowers growing wild every where; the songs of the birds, the wind through the trees; so much

we take for granted and fail to say thanks. We feel the strength of the wind and the rolling waves, sometimes frightful and awesome. The thunder and lightning, scary at times. Let us never lose sight of Your Omnipotence and Your Love for us. Help us to show that love for others as we see the need. Love is worthless unless it is shared. Thank You God. Amen.

I used to think that God's gifts were on shelves- one above the other and the taller we grew, the more easily we could reach them. I now find that God's gifts are on shelves one beneath the other and that it is not a question of growing taller but of stooping lower. ~ F.B. Meyer

#### **HYMNS**

#### There's Something About That Name

This gentle, soothing tune and text by Bill and Gloria Gaither praises the name of Jesus with the reassurance that his name has given hope to believers through the ages in spite of the rise and fall of leaders and governments. It is a fitting congregational act of praise or prayer response.

#### His Name is Wonderful

Inspired by a worship service one Christmas Sunday morning, Audrey Mieir wrote the words to "His Name is Wonderful" in the back of her Bible. The text is based on the passage from Is. 9:6: "His name shall be called Wonderful" (KJV); it praises Jesus as the "great shepherd" and "rock of all ages." The repetitive tune and the simple words of praise and adoration have helped to make this hymn a favorite.

### Sunshine Report August 2006

By Gerri Bassett

#### **DEATHS**

None known at this time.



To love someone more dearly every day ... To help a wandering child find his way ... To ponder o'er a noble thought, and pray .... And smile when evening falls ... This is my task ... To follow truth as blind men long for light ... To do my best from dawn of day till night ... To keep my heart fit for His holy sight ... And answer when he calls ... This is my task. ~ Maude Louise Ray

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#### NURSING HOMES

Mitzi Delzell	. Shore Acres
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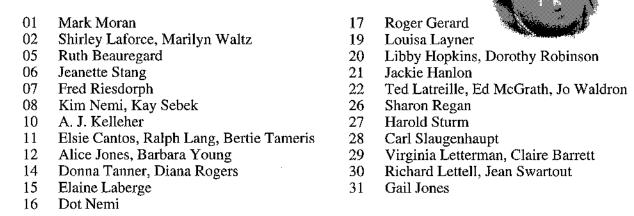




Life is short, and we have never too much time for gladdening the hearts of those who are traveling the dark journey with us. Oh, be swift to love, make haste to be kind! ~Henri Frederic Amiel

#### August Birthdays





Life gets more enjoyable the older you get. The hardest years in life are between ten and seventy. ~ Helen Hayes

#### Enter the Publisher's Photo Cover Contest

f 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 looking for pictures of mobile home residents that are funny, odd, interesting, silly, crazy, impressive, eccentric, unusual, remarkable, daring, exciting, unique, extraordinary, rare, festive, playful, relaxing and, well you get the idea. 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.

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### August Anniversaries





01	Dot & Dick Nemi	48 years	20	Joanne & Tom Wallace	40 years
03	Dolly & Bert Couture	21 years	23	Bertie & Allen Tameris	18 years
06	Gene & Ted Latreille	52 years	25	Marge & Ralph Lang	50 years
10	Irene & Bob Kmieciak	60 years	30	Alice & Doc Jones	65 years
12	Jennie/Anthony Boccarossa	43 years		Jerry & Mike Reagan	49 years

A happy marriage is a long conversation, which always seems too short. ~Andre Maurois

Would you like your **Birthday** or **Anniversary** in the Forecaster? Let me know. E-mail me at: <a href="mailto:lyonsbassett@iuno.com">lyonsbassett@iuno.com</a>, or see me at one of the park functions I attend.

#### The Benefits of Peroxide



Submitted by Lucy LaBerge

Most of us have used this product for years for certain things. Here are some more things. Becky Ransey of Indiana wrote this and I want to share it with you.

- 1. Take one capful (the little white cap that comes with the bottle) and hold in your mouth for 10 minutes daily, then spit it out. No more canker sores and your teeth will be whiter without expensive pastes. Use it instead of mouthwash;
  - 2. Let your toothbrushes soak in a cup of peroxide to keep them free of germs;
- 3. Clean your counters, table tops with peroxide to kill germs and leave a fresh smell. Simply put a little on your dishrag when you wipe, or spray it on the counters;
- 4. After rinsing off your wooden cutting board, pour peroxide on it to kill salmonella and other bacteria:
- 5. I had fungus on my feet for years until I sprayed a 50/50 mixture of peroxide and water on them (especially the toes) every night and let dry;
  - 6. Soak any infections or cuts in 3% peroxide for five to ten minutes several times a day;
- 7. Fill a spray bottle with a 50/50 mixture of peroxide and water and keep it in every bathroom to disinfect without harming your septic system like bleach or most other disinfectants will:
- 8. Tilt your head back and spray into nostrils with your 50/50 mixture whenever you have a cold or plugged sinus. It will bubble and help to kill the bacteria. Hold for a few minutes then blow your nose into tissue;
- 9. If you have a terrible toothache and can not get to a dentist right away, put a capful of 3% peroxide into your mouth and hold it for ten minutes several times a day. The pain will lessen greatly;

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- 10. And of course, if you like a natural look to your hair, spray the 50/50 solution on your wet hair after a shower and comb it through. You will not have the peroxide burnt blonde hair like the hair dye packages, but more natural highlights if your hair is a light brown, reddish, or dirty blonde. It also lightens gradually so it's not a drastic change;
- 11. Put half a bottle of peroxide in your bath to help rid boils, fungus, or other skin infections:
- 12. You can also add a cup of peroxide instead of bleach to a load of whites in your laundry to whiten them. If there is blood on clothing, pour directly on the soiled spot. Let it sit for a minute, then rub it and rinse with cold water. Repeat if necessary;
- 13. I use peroxide to clean my mirrors, there is no smearing, which is why I love it so much for this.

#### Board Report

By Virginia Curtis, President

Early this year at Town Hall Meeting our Certificate holders stated they wanted competition amongst dealers here in the community. The Board of Directors and the Manager have five dealers approved for Americana Cove. They have all of the



requirements of all prospective buyers. Each will sign a Dealers Agreement with Mobel Americana RO Association. Three of the Dealers are placing model homes in the community. Starting September 1, 2006 Dealers will be:

Nick Ferraro Homes—Palm Harbor

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Citrus Homes of Florida—Jacobsen

AAA Manufactured Housing—Skyline

Baker enterprises—Homes of Merit

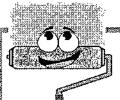
The new office building is also a prime work project for everyone and we hope by the time you read this the present office will be getting packed to move into a temporary building. Stay tuned for updates on the progress.

Did is a word of achievement ... Won't is a word of retreat ... Might is a word of bereavement ... Can't is a word of defeat ... Ought is a word of duty ... Try is a word each hour ... Will is a word of beauty ... Can is a word of power. ~Anonymous

## A Berry Medley



Want a simple, colorful, and delicious topping for angel food cake or cheesecake, or a dish tasty enough to be eaten alone? Mix together a pint each of blueberries, red raspberries, and sliced strawberries. Squeeze half a lemon over the berries and stir in a heaping tablespoon of powdered sugar.



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## Mosquito Remedy

Submitted by Joyce Clark

Pass this on to anyone who likes sitting out in the evening or when they're having a cook out. So you don't like those pesky mosquitoes, especially now that they have the potential to carry the West Nile Virus? Here's a tip that was given at a recent gardening forum:

Put some water in a white dinner plate and add a couple drops of Lemon Fresh Joy dish detergent. Set the dish on your porch, patio, or other outdoor area. Not sure what attracts them, the lemon smell, the white plate color, or what,



but mosquitoes flock to it, and drop dead shortly after drinking the Lemon Fresh Joy water mixture, and usually within about 10 feet of the plate. Check this out. It works just super! May seem trivial, but it may help control mosquitoes around your home, especially in the South and elsewhere where the West Nile Virus is reaching epidemic proportions in mosquitoes, birds, and humans.

#### From the Manager

By Dawn Simmons, Manager



#### **CLUBHOUSE FACELIFT**

The clubhouse is finally done! The ceilings have been painted and the floors stripped and waxed. It all looks so nice. We apologize for the inconvenience-it took longer than expected. But I hope you will all agree it was well worth the wait. Also, I am pleased to report the seal coating and the overlay on the roads has been done and it too looks great.

#### **GUEST RULES**

The summer season is here and that means many of our residents are having guests. PLEASE remind your guests that they are NOT to use the exercise room. And any children using the pool are NOT to use disposable diapers-only diapers that are swimming pool approved are allowed. We have had three mishaps this summer and don't want anymore.

#### ANOTHER REMINDER ABOUT TRASH/BRUSH

People are still putting raw garbage in the open container. Someone disposed of oil at the RV dumpster and it ran all over the ground making a huge mess. If you are in doubt about trash PLEASE call the office for instruction. This causes a lot of extra work for the maintenance department and they already have enough to do. Please see that your trash is curbside by 8:00 am. and that brush and tress are cut in 4ft. sections. This will make it much easier to load than large pieces of trees.

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#### **NEW OFFICE UPDATE**

The new office construction is in the preliminary stages. The temporary office will be on the corner of Mt. Piney Ave. and Americana Drive during construction. Again we ask for your patience and understanding through this process.

That's all for now... and remember...Stay Cool!

Make no little plans ... They have no magic to stir ... Men's blood ... And probably themselves will not ... Be realized ... Make big plans, aim high ... In hopes of work ... Remembering that a noble ... Logical diagram ... Once recorded will not die. ~David H. Burnham

### **Community Notices**



AIR PUMP: There is an air pump that you may use to inflate your bicycle tires. It is located outside the Hobby Shop on Mt Piney Avenue.

**PHONE BOOKS:** There has been a change for disposal of phone books. Please place old phone books out on trash pick-up days. Make sure they are separated from your garbage.

NEWSPAPERS/MAGAZINES: NEWSPAPERS are to be placed in the newspaper bins located at two places: one on Mt Piney Avenue, the other on Americana Drive. Please do not put brown paper or plastic bags in these bins! MAGAZINES may be placed in the storage area on Americana Drive. If you want to donate current, popular magazines to the library, contact Rita Lewis.

**ALUMINUM:** The Old Timers Club collects and crushes cans and other aluminum items, which are then taken to be recycled. The proceeds from the sale of these items help with social activities here in our community. We ask that you bring your aluminum to one of the storage sheds located on Mt Piney Avenue or Americana Drive. Please do not put these items in the trash bins- the bins are for household trash only.

TABS: Please save the tabs from your cans and donate them. Each tab counts towards helping a sick or dying child/family member at a Ronald McDonald House. There is a large jar, clearly marked, located in the Clubhouse.

<u>LABELS</u>: The Crafty Crafters Club collects and donates food labels to area schools for the purchase of much-needed school supplies and equipment. There is a large "Campbell's Soup" container in the crafting area in the Clubhouse. Start saving your labels today and help a child! A list of accepted labels is available from Annette Solomon.

**BRUSH PICK-UP:** Please place your brush &/or tree trimmings at the side of the road <u>ON</u> <u>MONDAYS ONLY</u>. The exception to this is if there is a Monday holiday. Make sure your brush is either in trash bags, plastic containers or bundled tightly, for easy pick-up.

**DUMPSTER:** The large dumpster located on Mt Piney Avenue is for **RESIDENTS ONLY**. It is **not** for contractors doing renovations or repairs on your home/property. Contractors must remove any materials from the community and dispose of it at their cost.

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## Directions for Submitting Information for the Forecaster

During the months of <u>June</u>, <u>July</u>, <u>August</u>, <u>September</u>, <u>and October</u> submissions will be accepted <u>BY EMAIL ONLY</u>. You can either send it as an attachment, or as part of your email text. Information can be sent to: Linda Lou Fairbanks, Editor, at the following email address: <a href="mailto:mspiglover@aol.com">mspiglover@aol.com</a>. You can also call me in Maine at 207-585-2182 and I'll help you in any way I can... <u>and</u>, if you do not have access to email, former Editor John Bassett has offered to assist anyone who may need help with typing items. You can call him at 526-6046. When you do send information, <u>PLEASE PUT "FORECASTER"</u> in the subject line. This will avoid having your information overlooked and possibly deleted unintentionally. Thank you for your cooperation.

#### Little Known "Stuff" and Trivia

Submitted by Don Delzell



- In the 1400's a law was set forth in England that a man was allowed to beat his wife with a stick no thicker than his thumb. Hence we have "the rule of thumb"
- Many years ago in Scotland, a new game was invented. It was ruled
   "Gentlemen Only...Ladies Forbidden"...and thus the word GOLF entered into the English language.
- The first couple to be shown in bed together on prime time TV was Fred and Wilma Flintstone.
  - Every day more money is printed for Monopoly than the U.S. Treasury.
  - Men can read smaller print than women can; women can hear better.
  - · Coca-Cola was originally green.
  - It is impossible to lick your elbow.
  - The State with the highest percentage of people who walk to work: Alaska
- The percentage of Africa that is wilderness: 28% (now get this...) the percentage of North America that is wilderness: 38%
  - The cost of raising a medium-size dog to the age of eleven: \$6,400
  - The average number of people airborne over the U.S. in any given hour: 61,000
  - Intelligent people have more zinc and copper in their hair.
  - The first novel ever written on a typewriter: Tom Sawyer.
  - The San Francisco Cable cars are the only mobile National Monuments.
- Each king in a deck of playing cards represents a great king from history: Spades King David; Hearts Charlemagne; Clubs Alexander, the Great; Diamonds Julius Caesar

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- If a statue in the park of a person on a horse has both front legs in the air, the person died in battle. If the horse has one front leg in the air the person died as a result of wounds received in battle. If the horse has all four legs on the ground, the person died of natural causes.
- Only two people signed the Declaration of Independence on July 4th, John Hancock and Charles Thomson. Most of the rest signed on August 2, but the last signature wasn't added until 5 years later.
  - Q. Half of all Americans live within 50 miles of what?
  - A. Their birthplace
  - Q. Most boat owners name their boats. What is the most popular boat name requested?
  - A. Obsession
- Q. If you were to spell out numbers, how far would you have to go until you would find the letter "A"?
  - A. One thousand
- Q. What do bulletproof vests, fire escapes, windshield wipers, and laser printers all have in common?
  - A. All were invented by women.
  - Q. What is the only food that doesn't spoil?
  - A. Honey
- Q. Which day are there more collect calls than any other day of the year?
  - A. Father's Day
- In Shakespeare's time, mattresses were secured on bed frames by ropes. When you pulled on the ropes the mattress tightened, making the bed firmer to sleep on. Hence the phrase....... "Goodnight, sleep tight."
- It was the accepted practice in Babylon 4,000 years ago that for a month after the wedding, the bride's father would supply his son-in-law with all the mead he could drink. Mead is a honey beer and because their calendar was lunar based, this period was called the honey month, which we know today as the boneymoon.
- In English pubs, ale is ordered by pints and quarts... So in old England, when customers got unruly, the bartender would yell at them "Mind your pints and quarts, and settle down." It's where we get the phrase "mind your P's and Q's"
- Many years ago in England, pub frequenters had a whistle baked into the rim, or handle, of their ceramic cups. When they needed a refill, they used the whistle to get some service. "Wet your whistle" is the phrase inspired by this practice.
  - AND FINALLY: At least 75% of people who read this will try to lick their elbow!

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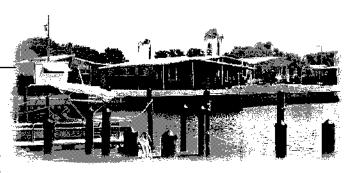


No matter how grouchy you're feeling, You'll find the smile more or less healing. It grows in a wreath All around the front teeth-Thus preserving the face from congealing. ~Anthony Euwer

#### ACA News for August

By Betty Chase, President

A big thank you is in order to the maintenance department for the wonderful job they did on the Clubhouse floor. It was tedious and hard work! They deserve medals for "above and beyond the call of duty"! Paula always does a good deal of



cleaning up after all of us. We really appreciate her expertise! The Kitchen Krew really is thankful for the maintenance help in taking out all that trash after the dinners.

We realize that the summer gets a little long for those of us staying here year 'round. So, the Kitchen Krew is coming off vacation long enough to prepare a roast beef dinner with all the trimmings!! It will be THURSDAY, AUGUST 10, 2006 at 5:00 pm. Charlie Regan (Banjo Man) will entertain us at 6:30 pm. Tickets will be sold before the Brown Bag Luncheon on August 2, 2006 and preceding Bingo on Friday, August 4, 2006. Be sure to bring your own table service and beverage. Coffee will be served. The Kitchen Krew will be replacing the freezer and refrigerator that we had the misfortune of losing this summer. It looks like we will have to get a different ice machine also, as the present one malfunctions quite regularly...

Summer is going by fast and the winter season will be here before we know it. Please stay happy and safe and enjoy our beautiful weather!

The finest gift a man can give to his age and time is the gift of a constructive and creative life. ~Wilfred Peterson



#### Welcome New Residents

By Frances McVay



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Three things we can all do today; To pause a moment just to pray, To be a friend both tried and true And find some good that we can do. ~ William A. Ward

#### A Greeting From Your Editor

By Linda Lou Fairbanks



I knew this would eventually happen. I am usually faced with having to pare down submissions to the Forecaster each month, making sure I have captured the most important information for our community, while at the same time trying to lend a little entertainment and enlightenment. As you can tell, the news is on the scant side for August 2006 and after searching through my files of "fillers" I decided to keep this

issue brief and to the point. I do have a few "newsy" things to report... I am pleased to welcome two new members to the Forecaster team-Frances McVay and Sharon Miller graciously accepted my plea to assist with proof reading duties, and they, along with faithful and diligent Nora Adell **Andrews**, will work hard to hopefully deliver an interesting Forecaster to your doorstep each month. I also would like to thank all the deliverers that work tirelessly every month to deliver to you. I usually only hear about the Forecasters that **DON'T** get delivered to a resident's satisfaction, but I can only admire and praise the many volunteers around our community for their willingness to do this thankless job. I appreciate it very much.

It sounds like while many of us are languishing in our "northern" homes Americana Cove is still busy with activities. It's nice to know everyone still gets together to share meals and fellowship. I can't wait to see all the work that's been done to the Clubhouse, along with some of the other improvements to our community. I extend my best wishes to all and look forward to seeing you soon!

## Brown Bag Lunch

By Sharon Regan

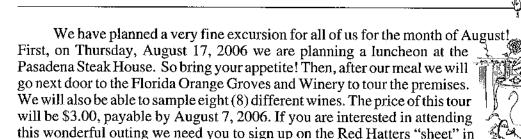


Come one; Come all to the "Brown Bag Lunch"! Pack your sandwich in a bag, and that is all you need! A surprise, a dessert, and a beverage will be furnished! There will also be free bingo after our lunch. How can you beat that? Come out and meet your year-'round neighbors!

The time to relax is when you don't have time for it. ~Sidney J. Harris

#### Red Hat Chilies

By Adele Seaman, Queen Mother



the Clubhouse. If you need transportation, or have questions please contact Adele Seaman at 522-7188, or Joan Fernandez at 527-7880. Hopefully we will see you at the Clubhouse at 12:00 noon, on Thursday, August 17, 2006!

Joy is the feeling of grinning on the inside. ~Melba Colgrove

#### Monthly Media Jackpot



f you see a gold sticker like the sample at right in your newsletter you have won the Monthly Media Jackpot! The prize amount will increase by \$25.00 per month until someone claims it. The current prize amount is \$25.00. The sticker will be affixed at random on an ad page in one copy of our total monthly circulation of approx. 18,000. Be sure to check the ad pages in your newsletter. You may be the lucky one to find this hidden

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#### The Thought Forgot

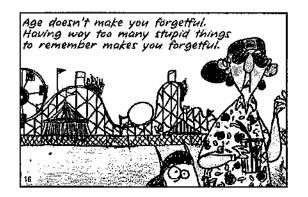


I thought a thought the other day,
The thought I thought just went astray,
I sought my thought,
And grew distraught,
That the thought I thought had got away.

I knew, of course, it would come back, It always does, though I do lose track, About Four A.M.
I'd think it again,
That's When I think less about thought lack. And if my thought returned by then,
I'd want to call and tell a friend,
But no friend that's home,
Would pick up the phone,
So by morning it would be gone again.



I know who wrote this - "Old Whazzername," Who won't admit it; she's so ashamed, Her name rhymes with Ninny, Do you s'pose that's Ginny? Oh dear, now she's forgotten her name. by Virginia (Ginny) Ellis



#### Read On!



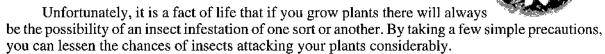
Since the summer season will soon be coming to a close, this is a gentle reminder to all book lovers and readers everywhere! The Friends of the Library 2006/7 Reading List is as follows: November 9, 2006 LIGHT ON SNOW by Anita Shreve; December 14, 2006 FOR MY DAUGHTER by Barbara Delinski; January 11, 2007 MY SISTER'S KEEPER by Jodi Picoult; February 8, 2007 THE RED TENT by Anita Diamont; March 8, 2006 A SALTY PIECE OF LAND by Jimmy Buffett and last but not least, April 12, 2007 NICKLE and

**DIMED** by Barbara Ehrenreich. We warmly welcome anyone who wants to join us as members read, discuss and share thoughts about each month's featured book. So stop by your local library and pick up one of the books on the list or if you're lucky enough, purchase one of the books on sale, and **READ ON!!!!** See you in November.

When love and skill work together, expect a masterpiece. ~Charles Reade

#### Insects, Bugs and Pests That Invade Your House Plants and Flowers

From www.thegardenhelper.com



- · Always use clean pots and planters when repotting;
- Always use sterile potting soil. Using garden soil can have disastrous effects;
- Isolate any new plants for a month or so, and check them frequently for signs of insects or disease. This also applies to any of your plants that may have been outside for the summer;
  - · Promptly remove dead flowers or leaves;
  - Give your plant a bath now and then with a soft cloth and a little soapy lukewarm water;
- Examine your plants now and then. Don't wait for them to start looking sad. Use a magnifying glass to look for mites;
- Proper feeding, care and fresh air make a healthy plant which is more resistant to insect problems.

It would be impossible to list every possible insect that attacks plants. The insects encountered the most often are mites, aphids, mealy bugs, scale, whitefly, thrips and various soil insects. If the problem is found early enough, it can often be taken care of without the use of insecticides, and that is, by far, the best way. It can't be stressed enough- the importance of reading the instructions and warnings that the manufacturer puts on the label. *Especially the warning that says to use outdoors* 

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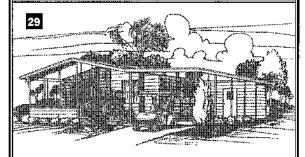
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in a well ventilated area! Some pesticides that control insects can actually kill certain plants. Be sure that you are using the right product for the insect you have. Don't spray your plant once and forget it, check every week of so for signs of the return of the bug. Any single pesticide does not usually kill all pests and repeat applications are usually necessary. When used properly most chemicals are tested and safe to use. If you don't have to use chemicals, then please don't! The pesticides listed here as remedies have been in use for many years, and are considered as traditional in the nursery and greenhouse industries. There are newer products that may work better but it is recommend you visit a website like Ortho.com and use their search to find more information about specific insects.

APHIDS are common on houseplant insects but fortunately, are easily controlled. Aphids suck sap from the plant and can cause new growth to be stunted and distorted. Aphids may be just about any color and are found on new growth and the undersides of the leaves, usually clustered together in a group. Heavy infestations cover the plants with sticky honeydew. If you can handle living with Ladybugs in the house, they will take care of any aphid problem for you. Aphids can also be controlled with malathion, diazinon, and systemic insecticides.

SPIDER MITES are almost impossible to see with the naked eye. They are extremely small and a magnifying glass is usually needed to see them. They usually attack new leaves and buds. Plants infested with mites lose their green color and appear bronzed or washed out. In severe cases, the mites will form fine webbing covering the underside of leaves. Once a plant is infested with mites, control will be difficult, if not impossible. Isolate your plant immediately, and dip it or spray it weekly with insecticidal soap. Systemic insecticides are sometimes effective if used soon enough.

MEALY BUGS look like little white tufts of cotton so are often mistaken for a disease. They are normally found on the undersides of leaves or on stems at the apex of leaf joins. The white, waxy coating protects the insects from sprays, making control difficult. Touching each insect with a small brush or Q-tip dipped in alcohol will kill them, but the babies are very small and often overlooked, so a recurrence is possible. Be vigilante! Systemic insecticides may work. Diazinon is effective as long as the mealys are thoroughly wetted.

The adult <u>WHITE FLY</u> is a small 'white' fly. Their control is made more difficult by the fact that they will leave the plant as soon as you try to spray them. The immature stage of white fly is scale-like and doesn't move, so it is in this stage that you must defeat them by weekly spraying or dipping with insecticidal soap. Malathion and diazinon sprays are effective.

SCALE INSECTS often build up to large numbers because they go undetected. These insects are oval, about 3mm in length and look like small brown limpets. Their shell protects them from pesticides, which makes their control more difficult. Scales are usually found on stems and the undersides of leaves but can be on top of the leaves. Small infestations can be removed by touching each insect with a cotton swab dipped in alcohol. Scales suck your plants juices, stunting the plants growth and they secrete sticky honeydew which attracts ants and other pests. If it becomes necessary, spray or dip using malathion as directed.

SOIL INSECTS are noticed when brought to the surface during watering. Adults and larvae of several insects may fly or crawl around on the soil surface. In most cases they do no real harm to the plant. Large populations can cause wilting and poor plant growth due to minor root pruning. A soil drenching with insecticidal soap will usually solve the problem. Systemic insecticides are usually effective.

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ANTS-the damage done by ants is usually indirect and actually caused by the aphids, mealy bugs or other insects which they 'farm' for the honeydew. They can however cause damage to the root system of the plant as they burrow to build their nest. A soil drenching with insecticidal soap will usually solve the problem. Systemic insecticides are usually effective as are malathion and diazinon.

**THRIPS** are very small and hard to see. They are light brown, slender insects, which while in the adult stage will fly to other plants when disturbed. They 'rasp' into the leaves to obtain the plants juices, leaving the leaf distorted, with noticeable scars. Spraying with insecticidal soap will usually solve the problem. Spraying with malathion or diazinon is effective. Systemic insecticides are sometimes effective.

#### Lessons on Living Life From Phenomenal Woman Maya Angelou



(From Americana Cove's LISTBOT)

In April, Oprah interviewed Maya Angelou on her 70+ birthday. Oprah asked her what she thought of growing older. And, there on television, she said it was "exciting". These are the words she used to explain things she has learned so far about life:

- ~ I've learned that no matter what happens, or how bad it seems today, life does go on, and it will be better tomorrow.
- ~ I've learned that you can tell a lot about a person by the way he/she handles these three things: a rainy day, lost luggage, and tangled Christmas tree lights.
- ~ I've learned that regardless of your relationship with your parents, you will miss them when they are gone from your life.
  - ~ I've learned that making a "living" is not the same as "making a life."
  - ~I've learned that life sometimes gives you a second chance.
- ~I've earned that you shouldn't go through life with a catcher's mitt on both hands; you need to be able to throw some things back.
- ~I've learned that whenever I decide something with an open heart, I usually make the right decision.
  - ~I've learned that even when I have pains, I don't have to be one.
- ~I've learned that every day you should reach out and touch someone. People love a warm hug, or just a friendly pat on the back.
  - ~I've learned I still have a lot to learn. And,
- ~I've learned that people will forget what you said, people will forget what you did, but people will never forget how you made them feel.

### The Accidental Potato Chip

he potato chip is the fortuitous result of a restaurant complaint. In 1853 at Moon's Lake House, a high-fashion resort in Saratoga Springs, N.Y., a patron complained that chef George Crum's fried potatoes were too thick. According to the National Snack Association, Crum was miffed - and decided to fry up a batch of potatoes so thin and crisp that



they couldn't be skewered by a fork. His get-even plan backfired: the unhappy patron and other restaurant guests loved his innovation, and Crum's "Saratoga Chips," as they were first called, immediately became a popular restaurant item. By 1895, entrepreneurs began making potato chips for sale in stores, but potato chips really took off with the invention of a mechanical potato peeler in the 1920s. According to the Snack Food Association, potato chips are currently a \$6 billion retail market, making them America's number one savory snack. Annual consumption of potato chips and shoestring potatoes in the U.S. amounts to 17 pounds per person.

### From the Beach to the Olympics

olleyball, originally called "Mintonette," was developed by William Morgan at the Holyoke Massachusetts YMCA in 1895. In 1915, the Outrigger Beach and Canoe Club in Hawaii came up with the idea of organizing games on Waikiki's scenic - and cushioning - sands. By the late 1940s, annual two-man beach volleyball tournaments were taking place in Southern California before spreading to Northern California, Florida, and Brazil. At the same time, women joined the fun, first on coed, then all-women teams. The California Beach Volleyball Association was founded in 1965, and professional men's and women's beach volleyball organizations appeared in the

1980s. The popularity of the sport grew steadily, with the first men's world championship in 1987, followed by the women in 1993, by which time televised tournaments were a staple of cable TV sports. Beach volleyball proved itself as a demonstration sport at the 1992 Olympic Games in Barcelona and was elevated to an official sport at the 1996 Atlanta Games. At the 2004 Olympic Games in Athens, Brazil took gold in the men's competition; the U.S. took gold in the women's event.

## National Dog Day, Aug. 26

This day is sponsored by the National Dog Day Foundation, a charitable organization established to help shelter dogs find homes. It is hosting its first annual National Dog Day parade in New York City, with proceeds going to animal rescue organizations in an effort to save 10,000 homeless dogs. Hotel Pennsylvania in Manhattan will present shows and entertainment for the dog-loving public.



"Not only will National Dog Day help galvanize the public to recognize the number of dogs that need to be rescued each year, but it will acknowledge the dogs that work selflessly each day to save lives, keep us safe, and bring comfort," says Colleen Paige, founder of the NDDF, adding that we are a nation of dog lovers with more than 43 million as pets.

#### Birthday Sampler



Lifestyle Guru Martha Stewart, Nutley, N.J., Aug. 3, 1941 Race Car Driver Jeff Gordon, Pittsboro, Ind., Aug. 4, 1971 Humorist/Author Garrison Keillor, Anoka, Minn., Aug. 7,

Comedian David Steinberg, Winnipeg, Manitoba, Canada, Aug. 9, 1942

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Actress Angela Bassett, New York, N.Y., Aug. 16, 1958

Minnesota Senator Norm Coleman, Brooklyn, N.Y., Aug. 17, 1949

Actor/Director Robert Redford, Santa Monica, Calif., Aug. 18, 1937

Former Second Lady Tipper Gore, Washington, D.C., Aug. 19, 1948

Singer Kenny Rogers, Houston, Texas, Aug. 21, 1938

Former Baseball Player Cal Ripken, Hayre de Grace, Md., Aug. 24, 1960

Olympic Gold Medal Figure Skater Scott Hamilton, Toledo, Ohio, Aug. 28, 1958

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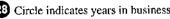
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### Quick Creamy Vegetable Dip

Prep Time: 10 Minutes Chill: 2 Hours



#### **INGREDIENTS**

1/2 cup mayonnaise 1/2 cup sour cream 1/4 cup drained, chopped jarred roasted red bell peppers\* 1/4 cup finely chopped onion 1/4 cup finely chopped green bell pepper 1/2 teaspoon salt 1/8 teaspoon garlic powder 1/8 teaspoon pepper 1/8 teaspoon hot sauce Baby carrots, celery sticks, radish slices

Stir together first 9 ingredients in a medium bowl. Cover and chill at least 2 hours. Serve dip with baby carrots, celery sticks, and radish slices.

**Yield:** Makes about 1 1/2 cups

On-line recipe by Charlotte Guttormsen, Titusville, FL

#### Senior Exercises



The Doc told me to start an exercise program. Not wanting to harm this old body, I've devised the following:

MONDAY: Beat around the bush. Jump to conclusions. Climb the walls. Wade through the morning paper

TUESDAY: Drag my heels. Push my luck. Make mountains out of mole hills. Hit the nail on the head

WEDNESDAY: Bend over backwards. Jump on the Band Wagon. Run around in circles

THURSDAY: Advise the President/ Prime Minister on how to run the country. Toot my own horn. Pull out all the stops. Add fuel to the fire

FRIDAY: Open a can of worms SATURDAY: Pick up the pieces

SUNDAY: Kneel in prayer. Bow my head in thanksgiving .Up lift my hands in praise. Hug someone and encourage them.

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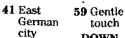
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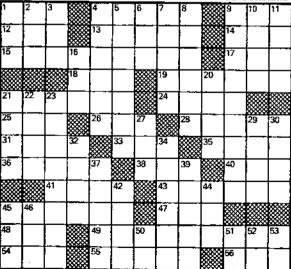
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