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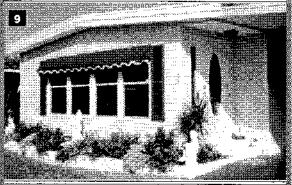
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Prayer for October 2006

Heavenly Father,

We thank You for the beauty of the blue sky, the sun and the variety of clouds during the day. The night sky with the moon, planets and stars is always an inspiration to behold. We pray for those who have felt the devastation from the wind, water and earthquakes. May we give all the help we can sacrifice. We also continue to pray for those in war torn places

on this earth. May we give as we can of our own blessings to relieve those left homeless, hungry and diseased. Finally, this month we give thanks for all who are making Americana Cove a wonderful place to live...the paid staff in the office, the maintenance help, and lest we forget, all those on the Board and the many volunteers who help. Help us to be more thankful. All this we ask in the name of our Savior and Lord, Jesus the Christ. Amen. John Whittredge Hill, Chaplain.

There is a harmony in autumn, and a luster in its sky, which through the summer is not heard or seen, as if it could not be, as if it had not been! ~Percy Bysshe Shelley

Hymn of the Month: There's Within My Heart a Melody

Submitted by Gerri Bassett

This joyous text combined with an uplifting tune invites everyone to sing. The text speaks of a melody within the heart because the name of Jesus "keeps me singing as I go." A life of discord becomes harmonious when "Jesus swept across the broken strings, stirred the slumbering chords again." Luther B. Bridgers, a Georgia Methodist pastor, wrote both words and music after losing his wife and children in a house fire.

In My Heart Rings A Melody



I have a song that Jesus gave me; It was sent from heaven above, There never was a sweeter melody, 'Tis a mel-o-dy of love.

Chorus

In my heart there rings a melody, There rings a melody with heaven's harmony, I love the Christ, who died on Calvr'y, For he washed my sins away, He put within my heart a mel-o-dy, And I know its there to stay.

In my heart there rings a melody, There rings a melody of Love.



Prepare your hearts and minds to attend our Vespers Services, beginning Sunday November 5, 2006 at 4:50 P.M. If you would like to sing in the choir you are welcome to attend practice on Friday mornings at 8:45 A.M. on the Clubhouse stage. The first practice will be the end of October. New singers are always needed and welcomed! We hope you can join us. Refreshments always follow the service. Look for more information in the November Forecaster. If you have any question call our leader Jennie Titus at 520 9448.

It is only when men begin to worship that they begin to grow. ~Calvin Coolidge

YOUR MORNING THOUGHT FOR THE DAY:

The best index to a person's character is: a) how he treats people who can't do him any good, and b) how he treats people who can't fight back. ~Abigail van Buren

Sunshine Report October 2006

By Gerri Bassett

DEATHS

Sunny Knutson Hilda (Maisie) Kirk (Former Resident) Janie Seawell Jane Kerr



Bereavement is darkness impenetrable to the imagination of the unbereaved. ~Iris Murdoch

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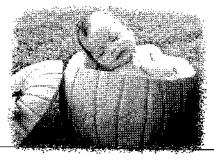
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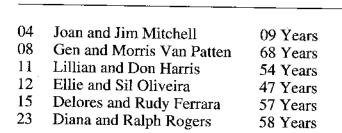


October Birthdays

01	Dorie Tarpley, Phil Tarpley	20	Bernie Ruedy
02	Carolyn Norcross	22	June Best
04	Ed Clifford	23	Ed Higgins
07	Don Delzell, Glen Scharf	25	Russ Steele
11	Doris Hodge, Nicol Lapointe	27	Gene Rybka, Bernard Duffy
15	Arlene Harmon	29	Jim Chase

Birthdays are good for you; the more you have, the longer you live. ~Anonymous

October Anniversaries





Two souls and one thought, two hearts and one pulse. ~Halen

Would you like your **Birthday** or **Anniversary** in the Forecaster? Let me know. E-mail me at: Gerri3@tampabay.rr.com or see me at one of the park functions I attend.

To My Friends in Americana Cove



Thank you for all the cards and well wishes you have sent me recently. I felt each and every prayer, am feeling stronger every day, and look forward to seeing all of you soon. ~Annette Solomon

A Special Thank You

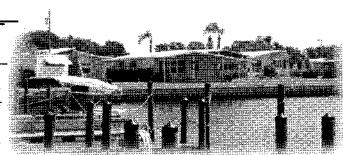


Thank you to all the people who sent cards, spoke to me or sent emails on the recent passing of my Mother, Maisie Hilda Kirk. I appreciate all your thoughts and best wishes. ~John Bassett

Board Report

By Virginia Curtis, President

We are experiencing a lot of activity here in Americana Cove. Since the first of September we have had several new homes delivered by our dealers. One day a home was being pulled out and two arrived. Two



days later another came in! It is wonderful to see these beautiful new homes in our community.

The Finance Committee has been meeting weekly and will have the 2007 Budget ready to mail to the certificate holders October 13, 2006. The Business Office has finally moved to the Sales Office and the contract for the new office has been approved. It certainly makes for togetherness but every thing fits and will save \$10,000. We expect the old business office to be removed soon and the site prepared for the new building. And we are anticipating seeing our homes inhabited (once again) by the many snowbirds migrating south to Americana Cove! We wish everyone safe travels.

Everybody wants to do something to help, but nobody wants to be the first. ~Pearl Bailey

Manager's Report

By Dawn Simmons



CONSULTANT

Rick Lopez has been hired as a part time consultant to oversee all new home placements. He will be responsible for placement, drawings, dealer contracts, job progress and check thru list for outside packages until the completion of the home. He will be involved with replacement homes also. **WELCOME ABOARD RICK!**

RECYCLE CONTAINERS:

Please read when depositing re-cycle items at the RV Storage, as we have people throwing glass into the plastic bins and vice versa. The city will not separate these items and if they are not in the proper containers, they will pull out the container all together. <u>PLEASE SEPARATE CORRECTLY</u>. THANK YOU

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DOG WALKING:

Since we expect more "northerners" to begin arriving this month, I wanted to remind everyone to please be considerate of your neighbors and **pick up after your dogs**. There is bound to be an increase in traffic as well so be careful walking along the roads. The Board adopted rules about our pet section and if you have any questions or concerns please see me or a Board member. Thank you in advance for your cooperation.

Nothing strengthens authority so much as silence. ~Charles De Gaulle

Community Notice



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:

<u>There has been a change for disposal of phone books.</u> 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.

LABELS: 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.

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BRUSH PICK-UP: Please place your brush &/or tree trimmings at the side of the road **ON MONDAYS ONLY**. 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.

<u>DUMPSTER:</u> The large dumpster located on Mt Piney Avenue is for <u>RESIDENTS</u> <u>ONLY</u>. It is <u>NOT</u> 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.

<u>ICE MACHINES:</u> The ice machine located in the Clubhouse is <u>NOT</u> for personal or visitor use. It is used for community functions ONLY. You are asked to please refrain from walking through the kitchen area for safety and sanitation reasons. Questions may be directed to Betty Chase.

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 your information as an attachment, or as part of your email text. Information can be sent to: <u>Linda Lou Fairbanks</u>, <u>Editor</u>, at the following email address: mspiglover@aol.com. 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, Nora Adell Andrews has offered to assist anyone who may need help with typing items. You can call her at 528-9888. 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.

Welcome New Residents

By Frances McVay

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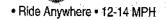
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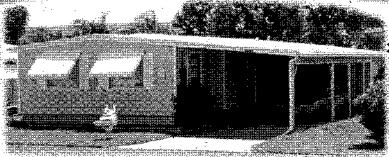
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TEACHER: What sign?

JOHNNY: The one that says, "School Ahead, Go Slow."

TEACHER: JOHNNY, how do you spell "crocodile"?

JOHNNY: "K-R-O-K-O-D-I-A-L" TEACHER: No, that's wrong

JOHNNY: Maybe it's wrong, but you asked me how I spell it!

TEACHER: What is the chemical formula for water?

JOHNNY: "HIJKLMNO"!!

TEACHER: What are you talking about? JOHNNY: Yesterday you said it's H to O!

TEACHER: JOHNNY, why do you always get so dirty? JOHNNY: Well, I'm a lot closer to the ground than you are.

TEACHER: "George Washington not only chopped down his father's Cherry tree, but also admitted doing it. Do you know why his father didn't punish him?"

JOHNNY: "Because George still had the axe in his hand?"

ACA News

By Betty Chase, President



October is finally here and we are getting back in the swing of things!

Sunday October 1, 2006 at 4:00 p.m. is the annual

Oktoberfest. This is always a fun-filled evening! Don't forget to attend the ACA Council meeting Tuesday, October 3, 2006 at 10:00 a.m. in the Atrium. We need your opinions and support on several winter projects we are proposing. The ACA Luncheons are held at 12:00 noon on the first Wednesday of each month, and our first one for this season is Wednesday October 4, 2006. We hope to see you there! ... continued on page 14



JUST A FRIENDLY REMINDER!!! When you, or your club/activity, use the facilities in the Clubhouse or the Atrium **PLEASE** return everything the way you found it! It is not fair to leave your mess for others to do. When you use the kitchen please make sure you rinse the coffee out of the sink. If the coffee sits in the sink it makes a stain. I am sure you would rinse your sink at home. As for the coffee grounds, or any other garbage, do not allow anything to go down the sink. We have sensitive drains that become clogged. Just don't 'rinse and park', but dry and put away what you used. The ice machine acts up at times. If you see a problem please notify Paula or Betty so we can correct it immediately. Thank you for your cooperation.

Please watch the Clubhouse bulletin board for coming events. We invite you all to participate in all the fun things that will be happening! Have a great October everyone!

"Strength is the capacity to break a chocolate bar into four pieces with your bare hands - and then eat just one of the pieces." ~Judith Viorst

A Heartwarming Poem

(Taken from Bill Stanford's email on Listbot)



When an old lady died in the geriatric ward of a small hospital near Dundee Scotland, it was believed that she had nothing left of any value. Later, when the nurses were going through her meager possessions, they found this poem. Its quality and content so impressed the staff that copies were made and distributed to every nurse in the hospital. One nurse took her copy to Ireland. The old lady's sole bequest to posterity has since appeared in the Christmas edition of the News Magazine of the North Ireland Association for Mental Health. A slide presentation has also been made based on her simple, but eloquent, poem. And this little old Scottish lady, with nothing left to give to the world, is now the author of this "anonymous" poem winging across the Internet:

CRABBY OLD WOMAN



What are you thinking When you're looking at me? A crabby old woman Not very wise, Uncertain of habit, With faraway eyes?

Who dribbles her food And makes no reply. When you say in a loud voice, "I do wish you'd try!" Who seems not to notice The things that you do, And forever is losing A stocking or shoe?



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October Poem

O hushed October morning mild, Begin the hours of this day slow Make the day seem to us less brief. -Robert Frost



Enter the Publisher's Cover Photo 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)

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Then open your eyes, nurse,	You're not looking at me.

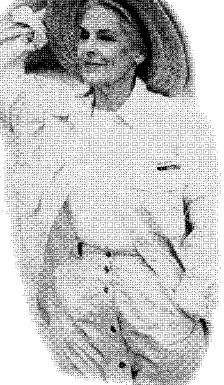


I'll tell you who I am As I sit here so still,
As I do at your bidding, As I eat at your will.
I'm a small child of ten With a father and mother,
Brothers and sisters Who love one another.

A young girl of sixteenWith wings on her feet
Dreaming that soon now A lover she'll meet.
A bride soon at twenty, My heart gives a leap,
Remembering the vows That I promised to keep.

At twenty-five now, I have young of my own, Who need me to guide And a secure happy home. A woman of thirty, My young now grown fast, Bound to each other With ties that should last.

I think of the years All too few, gone too fast,
And accept the stark fact That nothing can last......
So open your eyes, people, Open and see,
Not a crabby old woman; Look closer see, ME!!



~Author: Anonymous~

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Exercise! Let's Continue This Good Habit!

By Sharon S. Miller

Your traveling exerciser has returned! Please join me for a collection of "feel good" exercises on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday at 8:15 a.m. in the Atrium. I will be sharing some favorites from various exercise tapes, plus some Classical Stretching, and a doable session of free weight use. Consider this your personal invitation to do something good for your body at a convenient place right here in our community...the Atrium. I will begin these exercises again with you personally Monday, October 2, 2006. If any questions, please call me at 527-8150. SEE YOU THERE!



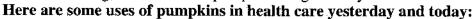
Few people know how to take a walk. The qualifications are endurance, plain clothes, old shoes, an eye for nature, good humor, vast curiosity, good speech, good silence and nothing too much. ~Ralph Waldo Emerson

Pumpkins For Your Health

From PumkinNook.com



People eat pumpkins because they taste delicious in hundreds of different recipes. If that is not enough to convince you to eat more, consider the fact that they are also nutritious. And, if you need even more convincing, be advised that pumpkins are good for your health.



- *Pumpkins were believed to help eliminate freckles.
- *Pumpkins were once used as a remedy for snakebites.
- *A number of facial and anti-wrinkle cremes include pumpkins.
- *Pumpkins have zero cholesterol, zero!
- *Pumpkins are low in salt, real low.
- *Pumpkins contain beta carotene which helps to reduce certain types of cancer and lowers the risk of heart disease.
 - *Pumpkin seeds help to reduce the risk of prostrate cancer.

Pumpkins are also nutritious. Many pumpkin recipes are sky high in cholesterol. The reason for this is the recipe calls for several eggs. Try substituting with a cholesterol free substitute or reduce the number or size of eggs you use. We also suggest that those on low salt

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diets look to use reduced salt or use less of this ingredient. As for pumpkins themselves, they are just plain good for you. They are low in fat, low in calories, loaded with vitamins and just plain good. Here are some stats on what's in one cup of pumpkin puree:

*Calories: 80

*Carbohydrates: 19 gram

*Cholesterol: 0

*Fat: less than 1 gram

*Potassium: 588 milligrams

*Protein: 2.4 grams

*Vitamin A: 310% of RDA *Vitamin C: 20% of RDA

Also...did you know? Pumpkins are 90% water. While this may seem surprising, many fruits and vegetables are largely water.



Pumpkin Orange Cake

From Diana Rattray, Southern U.S. Cuisine Magazine



INGREDIENTS:

1 1/2 cups granulated sugar

1/2 cup shortening

1 cup pumpkin puree

2 eggs

1/3 cup frozen orange juice concentrate, thawed

1 2/3 cups all-purpose flour

1 teaspoon baking powder

1/2 teaspoon baking soda

1/2 teaspoon salt

1/2 teaspoon ground allspice

1 teaspoon ground cinnamon

1/2 teaspoon ground nutmeg

whipped cream or whipped topping



PREPARATION: In a mixing bowl with electric mixer, cream sugar and shortening. Beat in pumpkin puree, eggs, and undiluted orange juice concentrate. In another bowl, stir together the flour, baking powder, soda, salt, and spices. Beat dry ingredients into the pumpkin mixture. Spoon batter into a greased and floured 13x9-inch baking pan. Bake in a preheated 350 degree oven for 30 to 35 minutes. Serves 8 to 12.

Par Seekers

By Ed Higgins, President



It's that time of season again and I wanted to let everyone know in advance what's going on with our efforts to obtain a definite place for play for 2006-2007. I was unable to get an answer from the people at Airco Golf Course for the 2006 and 2007 season. I contacted Mainlands and we were able to get our old spot back on Thursdays



at 11:00 a.m. You will be able to walk or ride at Mainland, whichever you prefer. There will be a few new steps to follow. You must be signed up for play by Sunday evenings at 7:00 p.m., as I must call Mainland Monday mornings with a final count of the players each week; 10 play tickets will be available from November to mid- December, then mid- December to March, the end of our season.

The first PAR SEEKERS CLUB meeting will be held in the Atrium on November 2, 2006 at 9:15 am. We will also begin play that day at 11:00 am so please plan to attend and get the season off to a great start. I look forward to seeing everyone soon.

If you watch a game, it's fun. If you play it, it's recreation. If you work at it, it's golf. ~Bob Hope



The Spirits of Halloween: Recipes for Cocktails (Alcoholic or Non-Alcoholic)

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Note: 1.1/4=1 shot. S=shot glassH=high ball C=Cocktail glass T=tumblerN/A=Non-alcoholic

Why the Long Faced Iced Tea (H)

1/2 Vodka

1/2 Gin

1/2 Rum

1oz. Tequila

Add splash of Triple Sec and lime juice and fill with Pepsi or Coke.

Zombie (H)

1oz. Vodka

1oz. Kahlua

1oz. Cream

1oz. Teguila

Mix and fill with Pepsi or Coke

Sweet as Skin (C)

1/2 Cranberry Juice

1/2 Peach Schnapps

1/2 Vodka

Shake and pour into glass

Thunder (T)

1/2 Vodka

1/2 Kahlua

Fill glass with coke and ice

Something Wicked (T)

1 1/2 Malibu Rum

1 1/2 Blue Curação

Fill glass with pineapple juice and ice

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Full Moon (S)

1/4 Rum

1/4 Blue Curação

1/4 Grenadine

1/4 Cranberry Juice

Pour into a shot glass

Howler (H) (N/A)

1oz. Vodka

loz. Apple Juice

1/2oz. Lemon Juice

Add a splash of grenadine, shake and stir

Get Slimed (C) (N/A)

1/2oz. Gin

1oz. Crème de Menthe

1oz. Lemon Juice

Shake and add to glass

Psycho (T)

1 shot Vodka

1 shot Vanilla Schnapps

Fill with orange juice and and pour into glass

Drip Drops (T or S)

1oz. Vodka + glass mostly filled with

Cranberry Juice and add a splash of grenadine

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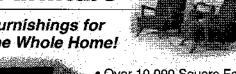
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E-Mail Tips: Copying & Pasting

Submitted by Conrad Weiser



Share only the good stuff! Try the following steps the next time you get a forwarded e-mail with a good cartoon, picture, (even animated), or joke:

- 1. Scroll down through the e-mail until you reach the part you want to share.
- 2. Position your cursor just above, and to the left of the area on the screen you want to share. (Starting with either text or graphics)
 - 3. Depress and hold down the left mouse button.
- 4. Slowly drag the mouse down the page until you reach the bottom of the material you want to share. You should see all of the text &/or graphics becoming highlighted, usually a blue color.
 - 5. Now, let go of the mouse!!!
 - 6. Place your cursor on the word "Edit" on the menu bar at the top of your screen.
 - 7. On the drop down menu, click on the word "Copy".
- 8. The material, (text and graphics), which you highlighted are then stored in an area of your computer RAM called the clipboard.
 - 9. Now start an outgoing e-mail to your friend(s).
- 10. At any point in your new e-mail that you position your cursor you can insert your highlighted material. Click your left mouse button on "Edit" in the Menu Bar at the top of your screen.
 - 11. In the drop down menu, click your cursor on "Paste".
- 12. The highlighted item you wanted to share will now be inserted, ("pasted"), into your outgoing e-mail.

All the other "Junk" in your incoming mail will be gone, so you will share only the "Good Stuff". **GOOD LUCK!**

Man is still the most extraordinary computer of all. ~John F. Kennedy

Disabled American Veterans (DAV) Auxiliary Elects Emericana Cove Resident Donna Tanner National Commander

Pledging continued dedication to the mission of the Disabled American Veterans (DAV) and its Auxiliary to build better lives for America's disabled veterans and their families, Donna Tanner, of Lynn, MA and 102 Americana Ct., Americana Cove, St. Petersburg FL., was elected National Commander of the quarter-million-member DAV Auxiliary at the 85th National Convention of the DAV and Auxiliary in Chicago August 14, 2006. Commander

Tanner has been a life member of Unit 115, Saugus, MA, since her 1983 marriage to Jim Tanner, a disabled veteran, made her eligible for membership. Jim, a U.S. Navy veteran, is a past DAV State Commander of Massachusetts. She is the daughter of Ed and Barbra Higgins of 130 Americana Court. She is also granddaughter of Mary Higgins, a former Mobel Americana resident who passed away in 2002, making her the third generation of Higgins' to reside in Americana Cove. Commander Tanner earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in English from North Adams State College. After graduation, she worked in the banking industry and was a bank Branch Manager in Boston, MA. She regularly volunteers at the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) medical center in Bedford, MA. She serves as a DAV Auxiliary Deputy VA Voluntary Service (VAVS) Representative at the facility, where she also works part-time as Hospital Service Coordinator for the DAV arranging rides for veterans to get to the hospital for medical appointments. Nationally, Commander Tanner has served as the National VAVS Representative; and Americanism, Legislation and Membership Chairman. She served as Massachusetts State Commander of the DAV Auxiliary in 2001. Commander Tanner was first elected to national office as the 3rd National Junior Vice Commander in 2002 at the national convention in Dallas, Texas, and consecutively served as 2nd and 1st Jr. Vice Commander before being elected National Senior Vice Commander last year.

I think patriotism is like charity — it begins at home. ~Henry James

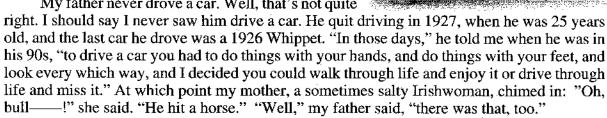
A Great Little Story

By Michael Gartner



(Michael Gartner has been editor of newspapers large and small and president of NBC News. In 1997, he won the Pulitzer Prize for editorial writing.)

My father never drove a car. Well, that's not quite



So my brother and I grew up in a household without a car. The neighbors all had cars — the Kollingses next door had a green 1941 Dodge, the VanLaninghams across the street a gray 1936 Plymouth, the Hopsons two doors down a black 1941 Ford — but we had none. My father, a newspaperman in Des Moines, would take the streetcar to work and, often as not, walk the 3 miles home. If he took the streetcar home, my mother and brother and I would walk the three blocks to the streetcar stop, meet him and walk home together.

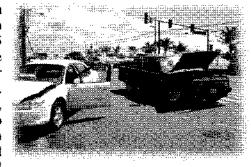
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My brother, David, was born in 1935, and I was born in 1938, and sometimes, at dinner, we'd ask how come all the neighbors had cars but we had none. "No one in the family drives," my mother would explain, and that was that. But, sometimes, my father would say, "But as soon as one of you boys turns 16, we'll get one." It was as if he wasn't sure which one of us would turn 16 first. But, sure enough, my brother turned 16 before I did, so in 1951 my parents bought a used 1950 Chevrolet from a friend who ran the parts department at a Chevy dealership downtown. It was a four-door, white model, stick shift, fender skirts, loaded with everything, and, since my parents didn't drive, it more or less became my brother's car.

Having a car but not being able to drive didn't bother my father, but it didn't make sense to my mother. So in 1952, when she was 43 years old, she asked a friend to teach her to drive. She learned in a nearby cemetery, the place where I learned to drive the following year and where, a generation later, I took my two sons to practice driving. The cemetery probably was my father's idea. "Who can your mother hurt in the cemetery?" I remember him saying once.

For the next 45 years or so, until she was 90, my mother was the driver in the family. Neither she nor my father had any sense of direction, but he loaded up on maps — though they seldom left the city limits — and appointed himself navigator. It seemed to work.

Still, they both continued to walk a lot. My mother was a devout Catholic, and my father an equally devout agnostic, an arrangement that didn't seem to bother either of them through their 75 years of marriage. (Yes, 75 years, and they were deeply in love the entire time.) He retired when he was 70, and nearly every morning for the next 20 years or so, he would walk with her the mile to St. Augustine's Church. She would walk down and sit in the front pew, and he would wait in the back until he saw which of the parish's two priests was on duty that morning. If it was the pastor, my father then would go out and take a 2-mile walk, meeting my mother at the end of the service and walking her home. If it was the assistant pastor, he'd



After he retired, my father almost always accompanied my mother whenever she drove anywhere, even if he had no reason to go along. If she were going to the beauty parlor, he'd sit in the car and read, or go take a stroll or, if it was summer, have her keep the engine running so he could listen to the Cubs game on the radio. (In the evening, then, when I'd stop by, he'd explain: "The Cubs lost again. The millionaire on second base made a bad throw to the millionaire on first base, so the multimillionaire on third base scored.") If she were going to the grocery store, he would go along to carry the bags out — and to make sure she loaded up on ice cream. As I said, he was always the navigator, and once, when he was 95 and she was 88 and still driving, he said to me, "Do you want to know the secret of a long life?" "I guess so," I said, knowing it probably would be something bizarre.

"No left turns," he said. "What?" I asked. "No left turns," he repeated. "Several years ago, your mother and I read an article that said most accidents that old people are in happen when they turn left in front of oncoming traffic. As you get older, your eyesight worsens, and you can lose your depth perception, it said. So your mother and I decided never again to make a left turn." "What?" I said again. "No left turns," he said. "Think about it. Three rights are the same as a left, and that's a lot safer. So we always make three rights." "You're kidding!" I said, and I turned to my mother for support. "No," she said, "your father is right. We make three rights. It works." But then she added: "Except when your father loses count." I was driving at the time, and I almost drove off the road as I started laughing. "Loses count?" I asked. "Yes," my father admitted, "that sometimes happens. But it's not a problem. You just make seven rights, and you're okay again." I couldn't resist. "Do you ever go for 11?" I asked. "No," he said. "If we miss it at seven, we just come home and call it a bad day. Besides, nothing in life is so important it can't be put off another day or another week."

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My mother was never in an accident, but one evening she handed me her car keys and said she had decided to quit driving. That was in 1999, when she was 90. She lived four more years, until 2003. My father died the next year, at 102. They both died in the bungalow they had moved into in 1937 and bought a few years later for \$3,000. (Sixty years later, my brother and I paid \$8,000 to have a shower put in the tiny bathroom — the house had never had one. My father would have died then and there if he knew the shower cost nearly three times what he paid for the house.) He continued to walk daily — he had me get him a treadmill when he was 101 because he was afraid he'd fall on the icy sidewalks but wanted to keep exercising — and he was of sound mind and sound body until the moment he died.

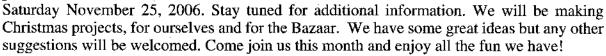
One September afternoon in 2004, he and my son went with me when I had to give a talk in a neighboring town, and it was clear to all three of us that he was wearing out, though we had the usual wide-ranging conversation about politics and newspapers and things in the news. A few weeks earlier, he had told my son, "You know, Mike, the first hundred years are a lot easier than the second hundred." At one point in our drive that Saturday, he said, "You know, I'm probably not going to live much longer." "You're probably right," I said. "Why would you say that?" He countered, somewhat irritated. "Because you're 102 years old," I said. "Yes," he said, "you're right." He stayed in bed all the next day. That night, I suggested to my son and daughter that we sit up with him through the night. He appreciated it, he said, though at one point, apparently seeing us look gloomy, he said: "I would like to make an announcement. No one in this room is dead yet." An hour or so later, he spoke his last words: "I want you to know," he said, clearly and lucidly, "that I am in no pain. I am very comfortable. And I have had as happy a life as anyone on this earth could ever have." A short time later, he died.

I miss him a lot, and I think about him a lot. I've wondered now and then how it was that my family and I were so lucky that he lived so long. I can't figure out if it was because he walked through life. Or because he quit taking left turns.

Crafter's News for October

By Rosemary Kegebein

The Crafter's took a short break for the month of September, and now everyone is ready to go! We will meet at our usual time, 6:00 pm on Mondays during the month of October, and plan to meet every week after that! We anticipate the ANNUAL CHRISTMAS BAZAAR will be held on



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Indian Summer

(From Wikipedia, the free encyclopedia)



INDIAN SUMMER (also called Old Wives' summer in the United Kingdom) is a name given to a period of sunny, warm weather in autumn, not long before winter. This time can be in late October or early November (Northern hemisphere) / late April or early May (Southern hemisphere), usually sometime after the first frost. It can persist for just a few days or weeks.

The dates for Indian summer are very inexact due to the enormous variations in climatic patterns throughout each hemi-



sphere. In the northern U.S. state of Minnesota, for example, warm Indian summer weather generally occurs earlier: in early or mid-October rather than in early November. Meanwhile, in San Francisco, where winter and summer temperatures vary relatively little and some of the warmest weather of the year tends to occur in October anyway, the term "Indian summer", if used at all, does not have the same potency as it would in a region with hot summers and very cold winters.

The term is also used metaphorically to refer to anything that blooms late, or unexpectedly, or after it has lost relevance. For example: "The team experienced an Indian summer, winning the series after losing the first six games." In some regions, such as the southeastern United States, Indian summer is colloquially used to describe the hottest times of the year, typically in late July or August. These are more commonly known as dog days. The term has been used for well over two centuries. The earliest known use was by French American writer St. John de Crevecoeur in rural New York in 1778. There are several theories as to its etymology:

It may be so named because this was the traditional period where North American First Nations/Native American peoples would harvest their fall crops.

In <u>The Americans, The Colonial Experience</u>, Daniel J. Boorstin speculates that the term originated from raids on European colonies by Indian war parties; these raids usually ended in autumn, hence the extension to summer-like weather was an "Indian" summer. Indeed, two of the three other known uses of the term "Indian summer" in the 18th century are from accounts kept by two Army officers leading retaliation expeditions against Indians for raids on settlers in Ohio and Indiana (1790), and Pennsylvania (1794).^[1]

It could be so named because the phenomenon was more common in what were then North American Indian territories, as opposed to the Eastern seaboard.

It may be of Asian Indian origin, rather than North American Indian, origin. H. E. Ware, an English writer, noted that ships at that time traversing the Indian Ocean loaded up their cargo the most during the "Indian Summer", or fair weather season. Several ships actually had an "I.S." on their hull at the load level thought safe during the Indian Summer.

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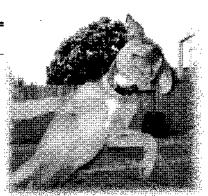
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The Dog Days of Summer



Everyone knows that the "dog days of summer" occur during the hottest and muggiest part of the season. Webster defines "dog days" as...

1: the period between early July and early September when the hot sultry weather of summer usually occurs in the northern hemisphere;



2: a period of stagnation or inactivity

But where does the term come from? Why do we call the hot, sultry days of summer "dog days?" Here's why...

In ancient times, when the night sky was unobscured by artificial lights and smog, different groups of peoples in different parts of the world drew images in the sky by "connecting the dots" of stars. The images drawn were dependent upon the culture: The Chinese saw different images than the Native Americans, who saw different pictures than the Europeans. These star pictures are now called constellations, and the constellations that are now mapped out in the sky come from our European ancestors.

They saw images of bears, (Ursa Major and Ursa Minor), twins, (Gemini), a bull, (Taurus), and others, including dogs, (Canis Major and Canis Minor). The brightest of the stars in Canis Major (the big dog) is Sirius, which also happens to be the brightest star in the night sky. In fact, it is so bright that the ancient Romans thought that the earth received heat from it. Look for it in the southern sky (viewed from northern latitudes) during January.

In the summer, however, Sirius, the "dog star," rises and sets with the sun. During late July Sirius is in conjunction with the sun, and the ancients believed that its heat added to the heat of the sun, creating a stretch of hot and sultry weather. They named this period of time, from 20 days before the conjunction to 20 days after, "dog days" after the dog star. The conjunction of Sirius with the sun varies somewhat with latitude. And the "precession of the equinoxes" (a gradual drifting of the constellations over time) means that the constellations today are not in exactly the same place in the sky as they were in ancient Rome. Today, dog days occur during the period between July 3 and August 11. Although it is certainly the warmest period of the summer, the heat is not due to the added radiation from a far-away star, regardless of its brightness. No, the heat of summer is a direct result of the earth's tilt. (Copyright 1999, 2000 by Jerry Wilson)

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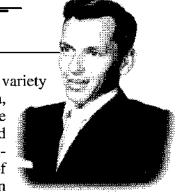
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Submitted by Don Delzell



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I believe that every person is born with talent. ~Maya Angelou

Americana Cove Garden Club

By Linda Lou Fairbanks

details!



I don't have any garden wisdom for you this month, only a sincere desire to see you all again soon. There were rumors last season that the Colonnade Restaurant in Tampa was planning to close its doors. I am pleased to report they are still very much "OPEN" and are looking forward to welcoming our members on TUESDAY NOVEMBER 14, 2006 (my sister Debbie's birthday) at 11:30 a.m. as we launch our 2006-2007 season! Look for the sign-up sheet to be posted soon on the bulletin board in the Clubhouse. I am busy trying to line up some new, interesting and unique programs for the coming season. So, get ready to come join in the fun and bring along a friend or two. The more, the merrier! See you soon!

So Soon?

By Richard H. (Dick) Fay 8/31/06



I saw the first extended flush, Of leaves on the maples today; Oh, I've seen single ones a week ago, But now autumn is here to stay. Of course, I'm in Michigan's north woods, And you're all in St. Pete; We're concerned with evening frost, While you still have summer heat! We'll be back in Americana Cove, Before October's ending; Trailing a surprise for all,





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