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Prayer For June 2007

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Eternal and gracious God we praise you for your continued blessings.

As I write this, we are engulfed in smoke from fires many miles North of us. I pray for those in the fires and those fighting them. We cannot imagine the problems facing them when we are so far away. But we know that your Holy Spirit is present wherever there is need.

This month we think of fathers. Help us to remember other men who have had influence in our lives: teachers, grandfathers, uncles and friends. Particularly, if they are living and we can tell them how grateful we are for their guidance.

We pray for friends who have already left for their Northern homes. Have safe travel, a restful and refreshing summer and an early return to the fellowship we enjoy in Americana Cove.

Finally, let us not forget our neighbors and friends who are still here in a hospital, a nursing or rehab facility, or who are housebound. A visit, a call or a card to let them know we are thinking of them would brighten their day.

Grace and Peace to all. Amen.

Father! – to God himself we cannot give a holier name. William Wordsworth

Do You Miss Vespers in the Summer?

Jennie Lee, Vespers Committee



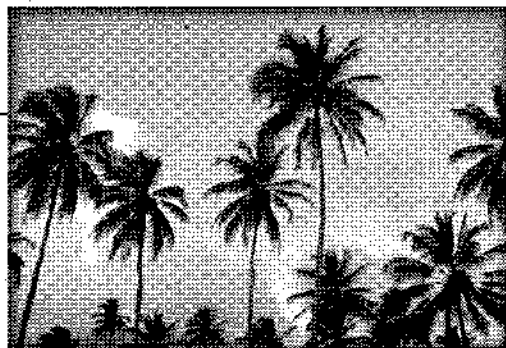
How about a **Singspiration**, with your friends, to close your Sunday? The clubhouse will be open so that we can begin promptly at 5 PM and end at 6 PM. We can use the hour to make a joyful noise in song! No refreshments, just inspiration. Hope to see you there.



That the hymn has gained, in these twenty odd years, such a hold as it has upon our people, is clearly due to the fact that Americans are at heart idealists, with a fundamental faith in human brotherhood. —Katherine Lee Bates (1859-1929)

Board Report

By John Bassett, President



As we all enjoy the summer in our various ways, remember that there is still work being carried out by numerous resident volunteers to keep the community on an even keel.

Some of these are social in nature, to keep residents occupied during the summer quiet time. Some involve planning for the storm season, evacuations etc., which naturally we hope does not materialize. But preparation is everything.

Other work being carried on is by several committees, notably Finance and Planning, as under Florida statutes we must have budgets prepared and ready for voting by predetermined dates. As many of you realize these dates do not conform to the dates you are in residence here, and it is not always clear how and why budgets are prepared. But rest assured, the committee members are always cognizant of what is important to the Cove.

There have been/several political fronts under way by the Florida legislature that will impact Cove residents. One of course is property insurance, and which, while seemingly settled, is still a work in progress, and the full impact on Floridians, and mobile homeowners in particular, is still to be seen.

Then there are property taxes, and more specifically the homestead exemptions. The legislature is meeting early in June to try to come up with some more equitable way to deal with property assessments and its effect on property taxes. As we all know the present system is not equitable with respect to non-homesteaders and renters. Some of the ideas being touted seem to exacerbate this inequity and others seem to offer a ray of hope that a more equitable system will be found. The one thing I glean from all the preliminary skirmishing by our politicians is that homesteaders will benefit more than at present, particularly at the lower property values, such as exist in this community. However the verdict is still out, and whatever may transpire politically, it will only be a first step, and similar to insurance, will undoubtedly be a work in progress for some time.

The Architectural Review Committee, under the chairmanship of Dick Nemi, has made a suggestion to help us fill the empty lots in the community. This proposal will also need the input of the Planning and Finance Committees, and will need a recommendation of the Board to the membership before being possible. The present Incorporation documents limit the minimum size of homes in the community to double wides, that is to say a minimum outside perimeter of 24 ft. by 36 ft.

The proposal under consideration is to change this to a minimum square foot size. This would allow single wides in the community. In other words there will be flexibility in the types of units allowed. A number of the existing quad lots, and also a number of single lots cannot easily accommodate homes based on the present perimeter sizes, and this is restricting our ability to fill the open spaces, and increase our revenue.

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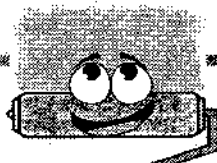
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Manager's Report

By Dawn Simmons



LAUNDRY HOURS:

We have had a request from a couple of residents to extend the laundry hours.

At present, the laundries are open in excess of 98 hours a week Monday – Sunday from 7:00 am to 9 plus pm. We are not willing to extend the hours for a couple of people.

Please remember the last load of wash needs to be in early enough to get them **dry before** the night guard stops by at **9.45 to lock up**. We have also been asked to purchase a larger dryer for large items such as comforters. There are two commercial laundries on 4th street that have large dryers to accommodate you.



WATER RESTRICTIONS:

Last month I gave particular instructions for watering. Soon after I wrote the article the City was around giving water restriction notices. The problem was the timing – over 300 of our residents had already left for the north.

We have applied for a variance since we do have our own wells. We do not use reclaimed **City Water** to irrigate our lawns and flower beds. We had been turning the wells off during the week, as the city's strict instructions were **Saturday even numbers and Sunday odd numbers ONLY**.

The well system has suffered some damage by being turned on and off. We can no longer do that and run the risk of breaking a very costly well. Everyone is in the drought together. We will all have to stick together and do what is required to save our ground water. We seem to go through this every April and May.

Rainy season will be upon us soon. **PLEASE, PLEASE CONSERVE. WATER ON YOUR DAY AND TIME!**



OFFICE EXPENDITURE:

The office expenditure seems to be a major topic of conversation on our ListBot web site. So we will attempt to clear this up. Anyone wanting to see all the figures to date – Actual and Proposed, go to the MAROA Bulletin Board at the Clubhouse.

This should answer all questions.

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RULE REMINDER:

11: Exterior Maintenance: "The exterior of the home and other structures (carport and shed) shall be maintained in a neat appearance to include painting and repair, and should be professionally washed at least once a year".



MOVING VANS:

When moving in or out of our Community, **PLEASE** remember that we **do not allow 18-wheelers** in the park. They are too large to get in and around the corners in here and traffic gets tied up in all directions.

Please, when making arrangements to move, make sure it is **not a semi tractor-trailer**.



PARKING OF BOAT TRAILERS:

There is a small boat trailer with Massachusetts Plates 2004, on the tree lot on Mt. Pleasant that cannot remain there. **Plate No.647 705**. Also a 17 ft. boat trailer behind the maintenance building with **Massachusetts Plates 226 ALS**.

Both trailers need current tags along with a copy of insurance. Please bring to the Business Office.

HELPING HAND COMMITTEE:



Russ Tarver has started up a "**Helping Hand Committee**" in Americana Cove. The purpose of this group is to assist qualified Cove Residents, who are **in need of very general home maintenance**. Included in the range of work of the will be flowerbed care, weeding and general landscaping concerns, small tree and bush trimming, removal of "eyesore" items in carports, porches, yards, etc.

The group will be comprised exclusively of caring volunteers. Beginning now, we are ready to lend a helping hand. Our initial group is Russ Tarver, Ed Walters, Pat Feighan, Bob Johnson and Herb Connolly. We are looking for additional volunteers to come aboard as more hands create lighter work. If you are willing and able please contact Russ or any of the other members. Our Manager, Dawn Simmons is supporting this cause and has agreed to work closely with our group to identify the needs in our Community. Remember, in Americana Cove, Help is just a neighbor away. Have a great summer!



CATS, CATS, CATS:

Are you letting your cat out to roam? We are getting reports from residents on both sides of the Community pertaining to **cats running loose**. All cats, regardless of which side of the Community, are supposed to be **indoor cats only**!

We have had requests from your neighbors for animal traps to catch them. Animal control will come and pick them up. We can do this but we know there will be a lot of unhappy cat owners. So, before we get to this radical step of hauling off cats, a better solution would be to just keep your cat housebound like the rules stipulate.



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Richard Wheeler



The smallest cat ever was a male blue point Himalayan-Persian named Tinker Toy that measured only 2.75 inches tall when fully grown. —Guinness World Records 2007

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 Ave.

PHONE BOOKS: Please place old phonebooks 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 Ave, 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 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. For the summer, we are accepting cans only!

Please do not put these items in the trash bins – the bins are for household trash only.



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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 Crafter's 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 corner area in the Clubhouse. Start saving your labels today and help a child.

BRUSH PICK-UP: Please place your brush and/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 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 or property. Contractors must remove any materials from the community and dispose of it at their cost.

ICE MACHINES: The ice machine in the clubhouse is **not** for personal or visitor use. It is 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 to the Forecaster

Submissions for the Forecaster will be accepted either by e-mail, or by dropping information off at **224 Mt. Piney Avenue**. If submitting information by e-mail, you can either send it as an attachment, or simply include it as part of your e-mail. Information can be sent to Mary Bickhart, Editor, at the following address: **Oldmarm@tampabay.rr.com** or telephone her at **368-3432**. When you do submit electronically, please put **FORECASTER** in the subject line. This will avoid having your information overlooked and possibly deleted unintentionally. Thank you for your cooperation.

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The deadlines for submissions are the **14th** of every month. When submitting information please do not use fancy fonts – the publisher requires font type **Times New Roman** in size **12**.

FORECASTER CALENDAR:

The deadline for the calendar is the **13th**, which is different from the articles, so please **make note** of this. **All** calendar submissions must come from, and be approved by the **Americana Cove Association**. **Please contact President Betty Chase at 525-7481 if you need or require information.** If you prefer e-mail, please send information to **nandrews3@tampabay.rr.com**. Thank you.



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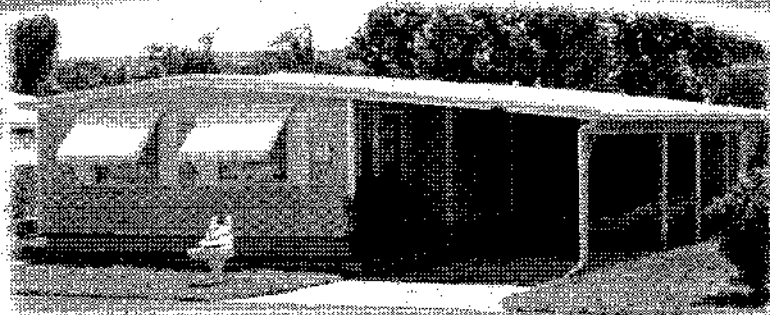


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| 06 | Lillian LaRochelle |
| 07 | Margie Powell, Shirley Giaquinto |
| 08 | Martha Pratt |
| 10 | Joe Gray, Judi Connolly, Mary Gilfillan |
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| 16 | Edna Bolin, Marcia Fay |
| 17 | Gerri Bassett |



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| 26 | John Layner |
| 29 | Ellie Oliviera,
Joan Hutchison |

*Life is short! Break the rules! Forgive quickly! Kiss slowly!
Love truly, Laugh uncontrollably
And never regret anything that made you smile. ~ANONYMOUS*

On June 6, 1755, American patriot **Nathan Hale** (1755-1776) was born in Coventry, Connecticut. During the American Revolution, he volunteered for a dangerous spy mission in Long Island and was captured by the British on the night of September 21, 1776. Brought before British Gen. William Howe, Hale admitted he was an American officer. Howe ordered him to be hanged the following morning. As Hale mounted the gallows he uttered, **"I only regret that I have but one life to lose for my country."**

June Anniversaries

01	Dorothy and Ed Kimak	55 years
06	Nita and Tom Lambert	10 years
14	Mary Ann and Drew Fairlie	55 years
	Norma & Russ Steele	60 years
17	Anne and Bill Kocher	57 years
19	Mary and Cal St. Sauver	14 years
20	Midge and Orrie Bull	59 years
21	Dotty and Gerry Kirby	49 years



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 that I attend.

The most wonderful of all things in life, I believe, is the discovery of another human being with whom one's relationship has a growing depth, beauty, and joy as the years increase. This inner progressiveness of love between two human beings is a most marvelous thing; it cannot be found by looking for it or by passionately wishing for it. It is a sort of divine accident, and the most wonderful of all things in life. —Hugh Walpole 1884-1941

June 3, 1937 - The Duke of Windsor married Wallis Warfield Simpson in Monts, France. As King Edward VIII, he had abdicated the British throne in December of 1936 amid tremendous controversy to marry Simpson, an American who had been divorced. Following the wedding, the couple lived in France and had minimal contact with the English Royal family. The Duke died in Paris on May 28, 1972, and was buried near Windsor Castle in England.

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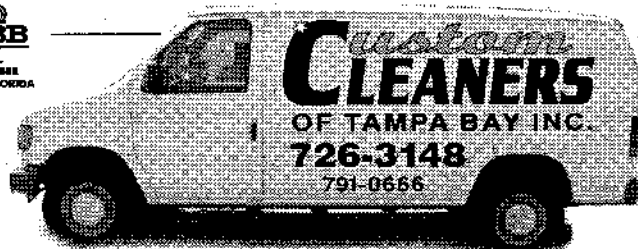
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Flag Day, June 14



The Meaning of the Pledge of Allegiance

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Whoever would overthrow the liberty of a nation must begin by subduing the freeness of speech. —Benjamin Franklin

History of Our Flag



The flag of the United States of America today has 13 stripes - 7 red and 6 white - and 50 white stars on a blue field - five rows of 6 and four rows of 5. The stripes remind us of the 13 original colonies that gained us our liberty. The stars represent the states that are bound together into one country.

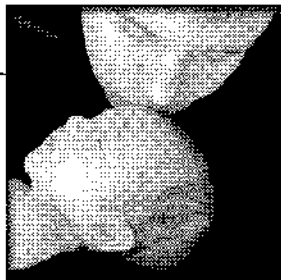


The flag of today grew out of many earlier flags raised in days gone by over American soil. From the time that America was discovered, different flags flew over different parts of the country; the flags of Spain, France, Holland, Sweden, and England. An English flag, known as

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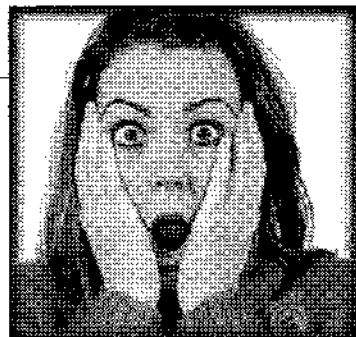
If you have a holiday photo that you think would be entertaining for the covers of all of our Monthly Media Newsletters, send it to Monthly Media at 151 1st Street N.W., Largo, FL 33770. We are now looking for pictures of mobile home residents that are holiday oriented. Also if people tell you that you look like a celebrity, send in your best impression photo. All photos must include the following four things ... (1) your park name, (2) your phone number, (3) name(s) of person(s) in photo and, (4) signed, written permission of all people in picture to print. Photos will not be returned to sender. Original photos only. No photocopies, laser or ink jet printer copies will be published. If we use your photo you will be our guest for a dinner for two at a local restaurant.



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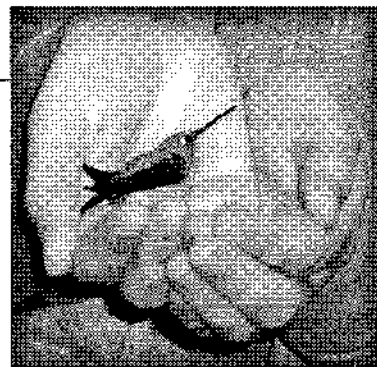
Attracting Hummingbirds



Donald and Lillian Stokes — authors of Stokes Hummingbird Book: The Complete Guide to Attracting, Identifying, and Enjoying Hummingbirds — offer this recipe and tips to attract hummingbirds to your feeder:

Boil 1 part sugar to 4 parts water for one to two minutes; cool and store in the refrigerator. They caution not to substitute honey or artificial sweeteners for sugar because both are detrimental to the birds.

Hummingbird feeders should be rinsed with hot water (not detergents) and filled every three to four days (and more often in particularly hot weather). Tie a red ribbon on the feeder and place it near flowers that hummingbirds like, such as fuchsias, hollyhocks, and geraniums.



the Red Ensign, waved over the 13 colonies from 1707 to the Revolution. The Red Ensign was the merchant flag of England. It was red with a union in the upper corner combining the cross of St. George (red on white), patron of England, with the diagonal cross (white on blue) of St. Andrew, patron of Scotland.

The flag that became known as the Grand Union flag was raised over George Washington's headquarters outside Boston on January 1, 1776. The Revolutionary War had started the year before and the colonies needed a flag of their own. The Grand Union flag retained the union of the English flag. Six white stripes broke the red field into seven red stripes - a total of 13 stripes.

The first official flag of the new nation was created by a resolution of the Continental Congress meeting in Philadelphia. The resolution was passed on June 14, 1777. That is the date we celebrate each year as Flag Day. The resolution specified, "that the flag be 13 stripes alternate red and white; that the union be 13 stars, white in a blue field, representing a new constellation." Since the resolution did not state how the stars were to be arranged, flag makers arranged them in different ways, among them; rows, in a half circle, and in a full circle. The one adopted was made by Besty Ross and had the stars in a full circle.

The flag that waved over Fort McHenry when it was bombarded, September 13-14, 1814, was a 15 star and 15 stripe flag. Two stripes and stars had been added to the original 13 on May 1, 1795. It became famous as the Star Spangled Banner. It was the flag that inspired Francis Scott Key to write our national anthem.

The Flag of 1818 had the stripes reduced to 13. Five more stars had been added, for a total of 20. When still more states joined the United States, it became evident that the flag would get to be an awkward shape if more and still more stripes were added. Therefore, on April 4, 1818, Congress passed a law that restored the design back to the original 13 stripes. It also provided that a star be added to the blue field for each new state.



Greatest Generation

They may walk with a little less spring in their step, and the ranks are growing thinner, but let us never forget, when they were young, these men saved the world. —Bill Clinton

Thanks to All



• The family of Lucille Ayotte would like to thank everyone for the cards and gifts that we received. We'd also like to thank all those who spoke at and helped with her memorial. Bless You All ~ **Rachel, Sandie and Irene**

• There are no words to explain the surprise at such a lovely "retirement" and appreciation program!! How very thoughtful of everyone. Jim and I are so grateful for the many cards and gifts that we received. We have found so many wonderful friends at Americana Cove. You will remain in our lives and hearts forever! Please remember that the "door" at the Chase's home is always open!! —Love~ **Betty and Jim**

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Blue Moon: What is a Blue Moon?

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The term "Blue Moon" is used to describe the **second full moon** when a full moon occurs twice in the same calendar month. **This month** there is a full moon on the first and the thirtieth. It happens once every 2.7 years and **never** in the month of February because there are not enough days. The moon does not actually turn blue, though in late September 1950, the moon in eastern North America actually did appear blue. This occurred due to smoke from forest fires in western Canada. Any fine aerosol in the atmosphere can have similar effects. The 1991 eruption of Mt. Pinatubo in the Philippines also resulted in reports of blue moons around the world.

The next Blue Moon will occur on June 30, 2007. The name of June's full moon is The Strawberry Moon.

If you want a unique treat, wait until the year 2018 when there will be two blue moons in the same year, one in January and one in March.

A change of fortune hurts a wise man no more than a change of the moon. —Benjamin Franklin 1756 Poor Richard's Almanac

Friends of the Library

By Linda Lou Fairbanks

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It doesn't seem possible summer is almost here. The Cove is beginning to settle down with a quietness and emptiness since the migration north of many of our dear friends and neighbors. Despite this, the work continues with the library. The books are still there, waiting for readers to come along and pick them up for a visit. If you haven't visited the library lately, please drop by and acquaint yourself with the wide selection of authors on the shelves. And, if you have a yearning to do a good deed, call Rita Lewis and she will direct you to a chore of your choice- labeling books, organizing shelves, taking care of books, etc. There is ALWAYS something to do. **Rita can be reached at 527-0693.**

The READING LIST for our 2007-2008 Season has been finalized and here it is for those of you who want to get a jump-start on your reading:

NOVEMBER 8, 2007: THE WEDDING by Nicholas Sparks **Hostesses:** Rita Varney & Jean Stevens;

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DECEMBER 13, 2007: WATER FOR ELEPHANTS by Sara Gruen **Hostesses:** Susie Doyle & Nancy Hill; **JANUARY 10, 2008: THE TIME TRAVELER'S WIFE** by Audrey Niffenegger **Hostesses:** Jerry Regan & Arlene Harmon; **FEBRUARY 14, 2008: THE MEMORY KEEPERS DAUGHTER** by Kim Edwards **Hostesses:** Susie Doyle & Mary Ann Fairlie; **MARCH 13, 2008: RANDOM FAMILY** by Adrian N. LeBlanc **Hostesses:** Linda Fairbanks & Lorraine LeRoy; **APRIL 10, 2008: YOUNG MEN & FIRE** by Norman Maclean **Hostesses:** Lorraine LeRoy & Linda Fairbanks.

We hope everyone has a great summer season, filled with many restful and relaxing moments to savor the wonderful stories our reading list offers! See you in November.

Jimmy Carter is a speed-reader. He has been recorded reading 2000 words per minute. *Reading is a basic tool in the living of a good life. ~ Joseph Addison 1672-1719*
June is Audio Book month – try one.

Around the Cove



Dottie Farren is back from visiting her new GREAT GRANDDAUGHTER, not granddaughter as was reported last month. This is her first great-granddaughter so you can imagine she is bursting with pride!

Sharon Miller is taking a few months off from land exercises in the atrium to travel and bike. **Cathy Thomas** is holding down the fort with the pool exercises, and invites all of us 'chicken-souls' to jump in and join them!

We would like to know the answer to this one! Why is it that those who win the 50/50 and Bingo prizes do so frequently? Those who seem not to win, never do! Guess what category we are in?

Nancy and Gerald Keen celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary with a great party. Congratulations to you both!

Have you gone by the clubhouse on Tuesday's and Thursday's lately? The **Jammin' Group** is on stage practicing away for the Memorial Day Program and for your entertainment. Last time there were singers and dancers joining in, so 'come on down'. It's at 1:00 pm on those days.

And speaking of singing, the new program that is sponsored by our Vesper Group, is on Sunday evenings and **Jennie Titus** is playing the piano while everyone sings along many of the old familiar hymns.

Stanley Harmon has a problem and needs your help. He walked away from a **TAMPING TOOL** at the aluminum area and someone mistakenly picked it up thinking that it was trash. The handle is marked **Harmon**. He needs it back, please.

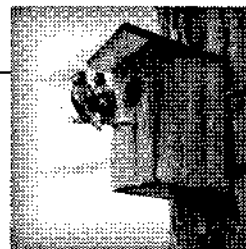
Jeanette Imbrogulio has had her two knees replaced and is going through rehabilitation now. Wow! What a brave girl she is, but she has her husband Ed and daughter Laurie watching over her. Get better quickly, Jeanette!



In 1900, if a father put a roof over his family's head, he was a success. Today, it takes a roof, deck, pool, and 4-car garage. And that's just the vacation home.

EDITOR'S NOTE: I would like to attempt a new column called Know Your Neighbor. We, the community, have a wealth of experiences, talents and stories that should be shared. I have asked John Hill to be the first and he agreed. How brave is he! Please e-mail me a submission or drop one off at my house but either way we want to know you. —*MaryBickhart*

Know Your Neighbor



John Whittredge Hill was born on March 11, 1922 in Dorchester, Massachusetts and was educated in Boston Schools and Universities. Edward H. Best, an industrial Textile Company, employed him in 1939. He retired as president in 1982. John married Nancy James on April 10, 1948 and bought a home in Braintree, Massachusetts where they raised three sons who married and gave them eight grandchildren. Since 1957, many a happy summer was spent with his family in their cottage on Lake Winnepesaukee in Wolfeboro, New Hampshire.

John served in the US Air Force during WWII and flew thirty missions as a Navigator in B24's in Europe and is Chaplain of the 446th Bomb Group with whom he flew. Remarkably, John has been active in the Boy Scouts of America since 1934.

An unheard of thirty-two years of perfect attendance as a Rotarian punctuates his dedication to community service.

All his life John has served God, taught Sunday School and still teaches Bible Classes and sings in choirs. He is now an Elder in the Woodlawn Presbyterian Church.

Formerly, John was a Chairman and Choir director of Vespers and is a former Commander and Chaplain of the St. Petersburg Sail and Power Squadron.

John praises God for all the friends in the park who take him to visit those in nursing homes and hospitals since he became visually impaired in 1998.

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It is time to recess until October when we will begin a new season. We hope that everyone will have a lovely summer. Those of us that remain all year will enjoy a monthly **Brown Bag Luncheon** followed by **Bingo**. Watch the bulletin board and Forecaster for dates.

The **Craft Bazaar** is to be Saturday, **December 1, 2007**. The ACA officers will serve as the "overall" managers. But each group should have their own chairperson; crafts, table rentals, bakery, advertisement, parking etc. Please continue to support this annual event.

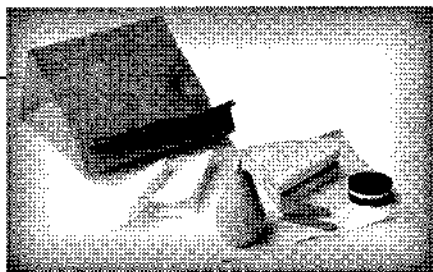
The ACA thanks the faithful members of the Kitchen Krew for their years of service to our community. They will remain an active club sponsoring a few special events during the year. (We hear they are doing a Thanksgiving Dinner!)

Enjoy each and every day until we see you in the Fall.

Technical skill is mastery of complexity, while creativity is mastery of simplicity. ~ Erik Christopher Zeeman, mathematician

Brown Bag Lunches and Nickel Bingo

By Jeanette Imbroglio



The 'Luncheon Munchkins' are getting ready, so prepare your **Brown Bag** and join us in the **Clubhouse** on **June 13, 2007 at noon**. We plan to furnish iced tea, and a dessert. Bring whatever else you would like to eat, and join the fellowship of other 'Brown Baggers'.

We plan to have one luncheon a month on the second Wednesday of each summer month. The menu of the Munchkins will probably change, so keep checking the Forecaster.

However every Wednesday, beginning with June 13th, we will have the ever-popular "Nickel Bingo". The first summer Nickel Bingo will be at the luncheon, but from then on, it will be every Wednesday at 1:00 pm. Have your nickels and dimes ready after this lunch, and hopefully win something! See you there!

If you need to eat on time the way I do, make sure you do it. You don't want to be around when I'm hungry and the meal is taking too long to arrive. ~ Patty Duke

An Almost Best Kept Secret

By Sharon S. Miller



Are you ready for a walk with a little shade along a creek? I'm not kidding. This opportunity is right at our doorstep. This adventure is an almost, best kept secret!

Find yourself a partner; put on your walking shoes; and follow me. I will continue out our entrance and turn right (North) on FIRST Street and will continue on the sidewalk, which parallels the street marked bike lane, until we cross 78th Ave NE. We will see a sign that will say "NO OUTLET." This means cars...not us. Please trust me and keep with me. I will continue on the wooden bridge across the creek taking a right turn to follow the Pedestrian/Bicycle trail along the north side of the creek. Let's hope for a nice day for our walk so we can enjoy the shade of the Australian Pine Trees on the right a nice green space and a grove of pine trees greet us on our left. This green space area is officially known as Rio Vista Park. The path then bends to the left along a small pond. We will most always see a heron or an egret. We are now walking along the parking lot of Rio Vista Elementary School and continue past the Rio Vista Presbyterian Church ending our trek at the corner of 83rd Ave. NE and Macoma Drive NE.

We have walked about two miles here in the city, which, to me, seems almost like a walk in the country. Let's return the same way we came enjoying this small part of extensive trails under development for cyclists and pedestrians here in Pinellas County. Perhaps you might even share our walk with a friend so my almost, best kept, secret is better known.

Summerland Exercise Time on Your Own

Sharon S. Miller



"Summer time, and the livin' is easy. Fish are jumpin' and the cotton is high." These Gershwin memorable lyrics suggest we take it easy in the Summer. BUT, I suggest we, Land Exercisers don't slow down too much or we endanger what we have in our ability to move about easily. Please join me in choosing your own way to keep moving this summer. However, if you have not exercised recently, please be sure you have your doctor's OK to do medium level exercising. Here are some suggestions:

Please consider taking an early AM or evening walk on the main sidewalk at Americana Cove. It is a little over 2/10 mile from Mt. Isle to Mt. Piney Ave. If you walk two round trips you will have traveled about ONE mile.

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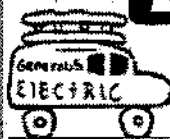
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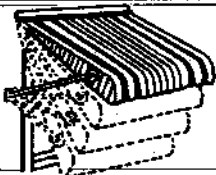
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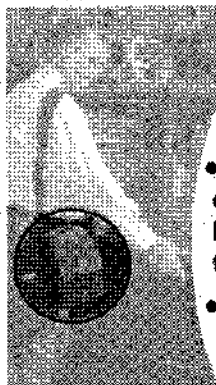


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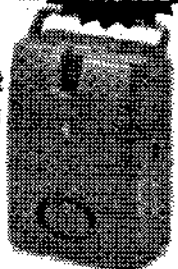
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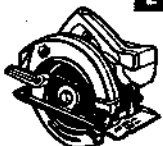
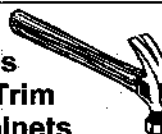
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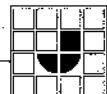


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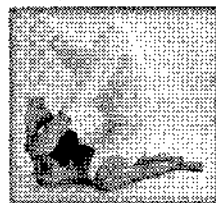
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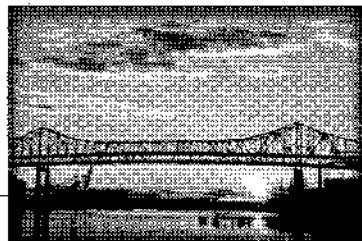
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1997 (09 JUNE) British lease on New Territories in Hong Kong expires

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1967 (25 June) 400 million watch Beatles "Our World" TV special

1957 (01 June) 1st US runner breaks 4-minute mile (Don Bowden)

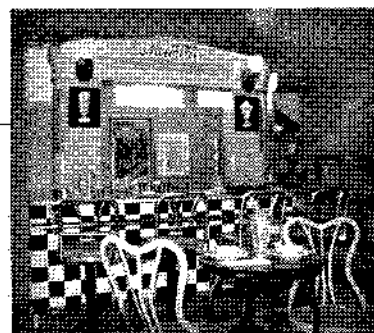
1947 (05 June) Secretary of State George C Marshall outlines "The Marshall Plan"

1937 (03 June) Duke of Windsor (Edward 8) weds Mrs. Wallis Warfield Simpson in France

Ice Cream Soda Day - June 20, 2007

Kay Houston

There was a time when every town had an old-fashioned ice cream parlor with wispy metal chairs around glass-topped tables and shadowy booths where fellas took their girls. Ceiling fans whirled overhead and as you entered you were met by sloping glass cases filled with candies and chocolates.



Then there was the soda fountain with it's marble top in front of a massive mirror, shiny spouts and gleaming metal work area where a prince in a whit jacket presided. He was a fellow of infinite skill able to produce an ice cream soda with a few deft moves.

The ice cream soda is a treat made, typically, by mixing ice cream with either a soft drink (commonly root beer) or flavored syrup and carbonated water, often with some special technique to encourage the partial sloshing of the ice cream itself.

The ice cream soda was invented in Denver. It was discovered by accident in 1871 by restaurateur Otto Baur. I'm going to discover one very soon!



Four is the only number in the English language in which the number of letters matches the value.

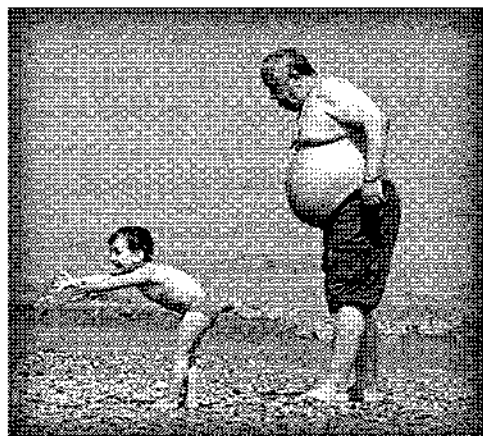
Oh My Pa-Pa (O Mein Papa)

From Wikipedia, the free encyclopedia



“O Mein Papa” is a German language song, written by Paul Burkhard in 1939 for a musical called *Der Schwarze Hecht* or *Feuerwerk* (Fireworks). Under the original German title, an instrumental version by trumpeter Eddie Calvert topped the United Kingdom charts in 1954 and was also a top ten hit in the USA. It was adapted into English by John Turner and Geoffrey Parsons, under the name “Oh! My Pa-Pa.” A recording by Eddie Fisher became a #1 hit on the US charts in 1954. Fisher’s version also made the UK top ten; thus, in the UK, Calvert’s version was number one while Fisher’s made the top ten but missed the top spot, and in the US, the roles were reversed.

Oh, my papa, to me he was so wonderful
Oh, my papa, to me he was so good
No one could be, so gentle and so lovable
Oh, my papa, he always understood.
Gone are the days
when he could take me on his knee
And with a smile
he’d change my tears to laughter
Oh, my papa, so funny, so adorable
Always the clown so funny in his way
Oh, my papa, to me he was so wonderful
Deep in my heart I miss him so today



The History of Father’s Day

By Cheri Sicard



While many people believe that Father’s Day is a holiday invented by the fine folks at Hallmark, it’s not so. The celebration of Dad’s special day can most likely be credited to Mrs. John B. Dodd, of Washington State, who first suggested the idea of the holiday in 1909.

Mrs. Dodd’s father, civil war veteran William Smart, was widowed when his wife died in childbirth with their sixth child. Despite the obvious hardships, Mr. Smart proceeded to raise the newborn along with his five other children, by himself.

It wasn’t until Sonora Dodd became an adult that she realized the strength and selflessness her father had shown in raising his children as a single parent. The original date chosen for the holiday was June 5, Mr. Smart’s birthday, however the celebration was postponed until June 19, the third Sunday in June, because there was not enough time to prepare.

At about the same time in various towns and cities across America other people were beginning to celebrate a Father's Day. Some accounts credit Mrs. Charles Clayton of West Virginia, as the founder of Father's Day, although most histories give credit to Mrs. Dodd.

In early times, wearing flowers was a traditional way of celebrating Father's Day. Mrs. Dodd favored the red rose to honor a father still living, while a white flower honored a deceased dad. J.H. Berringer, who also held Father's Day celebrations in Washington State as early as 1912, chose a white lilac as the Father's Day Flower.

In 1924 President Calvin Coolidge supported the idea of a national Father's Day, but it never became official until 1966 when President Lyndon Johnson signed the presidential proclamation that set aside the 3rd Sunday of June as Father's Day.

Grandfather's Clock

By Kathy Fasiq

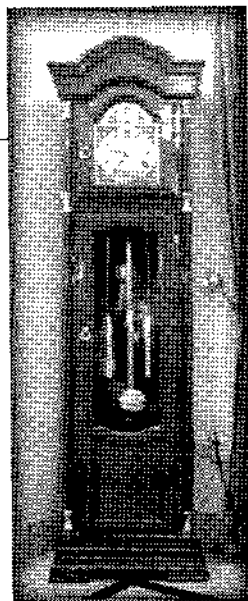


In the dining room of my grandfather's house stood a massive grandfather clock. Meals in that dining room were a time for four generations to become one. The table was always spread with food from wonderful family recipes all containing love as the main ingredient. And always that grandfather clock stood like a trusted old family friend, watching over the laughter and story swapping and gentle kidding that were a part of our lives. As a child, the old clock fascinated me. I watched and listened to it during meals. I marveled at how at different times of the day, that clock would chime three times, six times or more, with a wonderful resonant sound that echoed throughout the house. I found the clock comforting. Familiar. Year after year, the clock chimed, a part of my memories, a part of my heart. Even more wonderful to me was my grandfather's ritual. He meticulously wound that clock with a special key each day. That key was magic to me. It kept our family's magnificent clock ticking and chiming, a part of every holiday and every tradition, as solid as the wood from which it was made. I remember watching as my grandfather took the key from his pocket and opened the hidden door in the massive old clock. He inserted the key and wound-not too much, never over wind, he'd tell me solemnly. Nor too little. He never let that clock wind down and stop. When we grandkids got a little older, he showed us how to open the door to the grandfather clock and let us each takes a turn winding the key. I remember the first time I did; I trembled with anticipation. To be part of this family ritual was sacred. After my beloved grandfather died, it was several days after the funeral before I remembered the clock!

"Mama! The clock! We've let it wind down."

The tears flowed freely when I entered the dining room. The clock stood forlornly quiet, as quiet as the funeral parlor had been. Hushed. The clock even seemed smaller. Not quite as magnificent without my grandfather's special touch. I couldn't bear to look at it.

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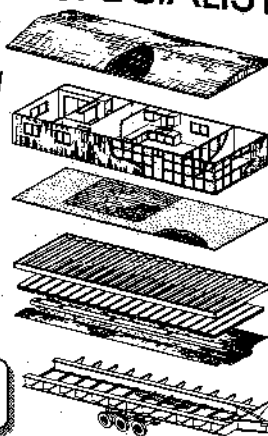
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Sometime later, years later, my grandmother gave me the clock and the key. The old house was quiet. No bowls clanging, no laughter over the dinner table, no ticking or chiming of the clock—all was still. The hands on the clock were frozen, a reminder of time slipping away, stopped at the precise moment when my grandfather had ceased winding it. I took the key in my shaking hand and opened the clock door. All of a sudden, I was a child again, watching my grandfather with his silver-white hair and twinkling blue eyes. He was there, winking at me, at the secret of the clock's magic, at the key that held so much power. I stood, lost in the moment for a long time. Then slowly, reverently, I inserted the key and wound the clock. It sprang to life. Tick-tock, tick-tock, life and chimes were breathed into the dining room, into the house and into my heart. In the movement of the hands of the clock, my grandfather lived again.

Roller Coaster Breakfast



6 eggs
1 c flour
1/2 tsp salt
1 c milk
2 tbs melted butter
Powdered sugar



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Sprinkle with powdered sugar and serve with butter and syrup.

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Be Careful What You Pray For

Once upon a time there was a pastor. He was driving down the road and his car broke down. He got out and started walking. Soon, he came to a farm. He asked the farmer if he could borrow a horse. The farmer agreed, but warned: "Sir, this is no ordinary horse. You have to say, "praise the Lord" to make it go, and "Amen" to make it stop". The pastor said, "Oh, that's easy, I'm a pastor. So he jumped on the horse and said, "Praise the Lord!" and the horse took off down the road. About an hour down the road (close to his destination), a rattlesnake came out in front of the horse, and the horse, rather startled turned and ran off the road, through the woods, straight for a cliff. The pastor forgot what to say, so he said a prayer, and at the end of the prayer, of course, he said "Amen". Screech!! The horse stopped right at the edge of the cliff! The pastor looked down and sees all of the thousands of feet down that he had almost plundered... and to give thanks to God, he yelled out "Praise the Lord!!!!"



Father's Day, June 17



The first Father's Day was observed in 1910. It was the inspiration of Sonora Dodd, who hit on the idea while listening to a Mother's Day sermon the previous year. Her own mother had died in childbirth when Sonora was 16. She helped her father, William Smart — a Civil War veteran who had moved his family to a farm in Washington State — to raise the newborn, along with her four other brothers. Sonora had long held her father in high esteem, but it was not until she was an adult with her own family that she realized the hardships and sacrifices he had made as a single parent. Sonora approached the Spokane Ministerial Alliance with the idea of creating a day to honor fathers. She suggested that the observance take place on June 5th, her father's birthday, but the alliance chose to make it the third Sunday in June.

Today, Father's Day has become a day not only to honor fathers but also all men who serve as father figures, such as stepfathers, uncles, grandfathers, and male friends of the family.

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Thunderstorms are a major factor in summertime airport delays. To avoid delays, travel experts recommend not scheduling flights between 7 and 10 pm. Another tip: fly on Tuesdays and Wednesdays. These are the least congested days, resulting in fewer delays.

Hall of Famer: Jacques Cousteau, June 11, 1910



Oceanographer Jacques Cousteau was born near Bordeaux, France. As a young man, he attended the naval academy in Brest and became a gunnery officer for the French Navy. While training to become a pilot, Cousteau was seriously injured in a car accident and began swimming regularly in the Mediterranean to regain the strength in his injured arms. A fellow officer gave him a pair of pearl fisherman's goggles to keep the saltwater from stinging his eyes. The fantastic underwater world he saw through those goggles changed the focus of his life from the skies to the oceans. In 1943, Cousteau and colleague Emile Gagnan invented the aqualung, the first commercially successful scuba diving gear. While still a naval officer, Cousteau explored sea wrecks, convinced the French Navy to build him a diving capsule, and generally advanced the state of the art in undersea exploration. He retired from the Navy in 1957 but continued his deep-sea explorations in a research vessel named Calypso. He developed improved underwater filming techniques and hosted the internationally successful television series *The Undersea World of Jacques Cousteau* for eight years. Critics praised Cousteau's ability to describe complex theories and issues in simple terms. In 1974, he founded the Cousteau Society to raise public awareness about oceanic pollution. He wrote several books and produced numerous films on his explorations on and under the seas, including three that won Academy Awards. In 1985, Cousteau received the U.S. Presidential Medal of Freedom. Two years later, he was inducted into the Television Academy's Hall of Fame, and in 1988, the National Geographic Society honored him with its Centennial Award. Cousteau died in 1997 at 87.



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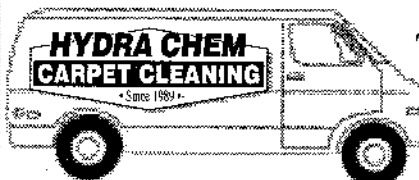
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