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Cruise Time!

East Bay Oaks and El Dorado Village residents (45+ in total) recently went on a Bahamas Cruise aboard the Carnival Paradise sailing on February 10th, 2024. Great time was had by all! Thanks to David MacAskill for the photo!

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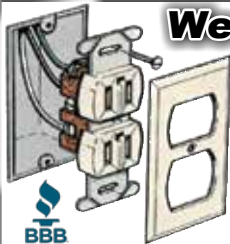
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Home Owners Association

Bob Campbell



The next HOA meeting is scheduled for April 8, 2024 @ 7:00 pm in the Clubhouse.

Residents' Club

Karen Stancick

There will be a Resident's Club meeting April 1 at 7:00 pm in the Clubhouse. April Showers bring May flowers. I love this time of year seeing all the flowers being planted around the park! It is so refreshing!

The Activities Committee is looking at possible dates to reschedule our Calypso Cruise. It was cancelled due to mechanical problems with the boat. Keep an eye out for more information.

As many of you are aware, we sadly lost both Chuck and Annette Watts recently. They were both amazing people who put in so much of their time and energy involved in the community. They loved living here and were a big part of the Residents Club Board and Activities Committee for many years. They will surely be missed. Please keep their children and family in your thoughts.

Canadian Club

Hazel Regan

Our Canadian Club members continue to enjoy the glorious Largo sunshine. While our friends up north say it is warmer than usual up there, we all know it's still warmer here, eh?



The Canadian Club annual Olympics were great fun for everyone involved. Lots of laughs and a few "almost" athletic events made for another successful day, followed by a pizza dinner. It was our last event of the season and we are already planning our next event in the fall, when the snowbirds return!

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Jill Chambers

The next give-away will be April 2 at 1:00 pm in the Clubhouse.



Activities Committee Update

Michelle Rudy, who is now part of the Activities Committee, has arranged for a golf outing for residents and guests on Sunday, April 28 at the Mainlands Golf Course. The cost is \$25 per person and includes golf, your cart, lunch of hamburgers and hot dogs. Please call Michelle at 716.432.5208 ASAP if you are interested. Michelle is an avid golfer and has played there often. Sounds like a great afternoon on the course to catch up with old friends and make some new ones

Neighborhood Watch

Joy Emmons



Who is responsible for your well-being? Who is responsible for your health and safety? Is it the grocer because he sells the carbs and sugar? Are the police responsible for your accident because they didn't arrest you for speeding before the accident?

Is the doctor responsible for your high blood pressure because he didn't give you enough medicine to reduce it down? I had a doctor speak to me in very, very strong words "I can't keep giving you a pill and another and now a third! "You need to stop putting salt into your body." He seemed to be yelling at me. He was tall and big and I was shaken. "But I don't add salt at the table and I cook with 'no-salt' salt. "Here is your assignment" he went on, "Keep track of the salt in the food you cook with!" That's when I learned that my favorite Skyline Chile was 47 % of my daily in-take! Yikes!

Who is responsible for the welfare of the cyclist riding after dark with black clothes and no lights on the bike? Or the woman in a black trench coat and wearing a black hat walking her dog after 10:00 PM?

Who is responsible for the 'could have been' crash when the driver runs the stop side, pulls over to the left cutting into the incoming lane?

Who is responsible the safety of this community? The residents who tell their neighbor what is going on that is so wrong? The missing items from their yard? The speeding neighbors? The drugs being sold? "If you see something, say something" doesn't mean "If you see something, tell your neighbor." It means "If you see something, let the Sheriff know."

Also, this is a second appeal to become part of the Neighborhood Watch. Neighborhoods with a Neighborhood Watch throughout the country are volunteers who stand up and say, "I want to help keep my community safe."





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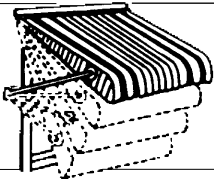
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Editor's Note

There are several activity groups that still need volunteers to coordinate activities. If someone is interested in spearheading ARTS and/or HOBBY; POKER; SHUFFLEBOARD; CORNHOLE and PICKLEBALL please let me know. You can also view the Messenger at www.monthly-media.com

Facebook Sites



- Oakcrest/Acorn HOA.....Admin – Rick Martin
- Oakcrest/AcornAdmin – Linda Bennett Galan, Rick Martin, Kevin Grimes
- Oakcrest/Acorn Sharing.....Admin – Gisela Michael, Marianne Olson, Jeannie Carter, Rick Martin
- Oakcrest/Acorn Activities...Admin – Laurie Stone
- Oak Crest/Acorn MHC –inactive, last post 8.3.2020. think it is the owners....





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Celebrate Diversity Month. April 1–30. To celebrate all diversity that exists within our workplaces, schools and communities. For more information, browse Diversity Calendar 2024: DEI Inclusion Events, Cultural Months (diversityresources.com).

Child Abuse Prevention Month. April 1–30. To prevent child abuse in all its forms. For more information, browse www.preventchildabuse.com.

International Customer Loyalty Month. April 1–30. To honor and generate customer loyalty. For more information, browse www.hyken.com.

National Autism Awareness Month. April 1–30. To raise awareness of autism. For more information, browse www.njcosac.org.

National Donate Life Month. April 1–30. To encourage Americans to consider organ and tissue donation and to sign donor cards when getting a driver's license. For more information, browse www.organdonor.org.

National Sexual Assault Awareness Month. April 1–30.

To raise awareness that every two-and-a-half minutes, somewhere in America, another person is sexually assaulted. Also to promote legislative efforts to address sexual assault violence, and to laud efforts of volunteers who assist in crisis services. For more information, browse www.rainn.org.

Weekly

Golden Rule Week. April 1–7. To remind everyone of the importance of the Golden Rule in making this a better world in which we can all live. For more information, browse www.holidaycalendar.io/holiday/golden-rule-week.

Laugh At Work Week. April 1- 7. To tout the benefits of laughing at work, including improved productivity, team work, communication, stress relief, job satisfaction and employee retention. For more information, browse www.CreativelySpeaking.com.

Administrative Professionals Week. April 21–27. To acknowledge the contributions of all administrative professionals and their vital roles in business, industry, education and government. For more information, browse www.iaap-hq.org.

Daily

April Fools' Day. April 1. Began in France in 1564. April 1 used to be the first day of the new year, but was changed to Jan. 1 that year. People who insisted on celebrating the new year on April 1 became known as April fools and it became common to play jokes on them.

Earth Day. April 22. To accelerate the transition to renewable energy worldwide. For more information, browse www.earthday.net.



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Drop the drive for perfection

Journalist and novelist Anna Quindlen says that when she was younger and in college that she rose every day and tried to be perfect—in every possible way. She studied when she was supposed to, she got her assignments turned in on time and she smiled at everyone as she passed them in the dorm halls.

In a 1999 commencement address given at Barnard, where she had graduated 25 years earlier, she said that being perfect was hard work—and the rules changed. What constituted perfection in 1970 when she started college (sweaters and pleated skirts) morphed into her new version (Doc Martens and turtlenecks) as she found herself striving to be a hyper intellectual.

Eventually, the burden of trying to be perfect year after year became too heavy. Here are her words of wisdom on the art of perfectionism:

“Trying to be perfect may be sort of inevitable for people like us, who are smart and ambitious and interested in the world and in its good opinion. But at one level it’s too hard, and at another, it’s too cheap and easy. Because it really requires you mainly to read the zeitgeist of wherever and whenever you happen to be, and to assume the masks necessary to be the best of whatever zeitgeist dictates or requires. Those requirements shapeshift, sure, but when you’re clever you can read them and do the imitation required.

“But nothing important, or meaningful, or beautiful, or interesting, or great ever came out of imitations. The thing that is really hard, and really amazing, is giving up on being perfect and beginning the work of becoming yourself.”



Daily meditation can bring insight

When you’re feeling at loose ends, it could be a good idea to participate in some type of meditation. According to the Web site *Learningtomeditate.com*, you don’t have to think of meditation as an Eastern art, complicated to learn, where an old man under a tree comes up with all the answers to the mysteries of life. It can be a lot more practical than that.

Meditation often is no more than seeking out peacefulness and calmness during the stress and struggle of everyday living. Simple practices can work well. Find a quiet place, focus on your breathing and grow quiet. Eventually you will grow calm, and if you practice on a daily basis and learn how to empty your mind, you may find that you gain insight into matters that seemed to evade your understanding previously.



On self-development

Every artist was first an amateur.

— ***Ralph Waldo Emerson***

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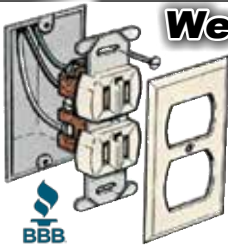
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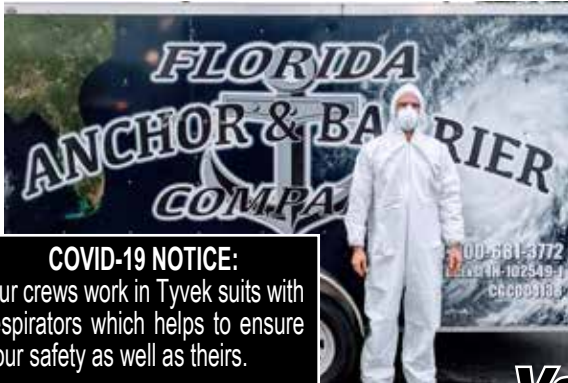
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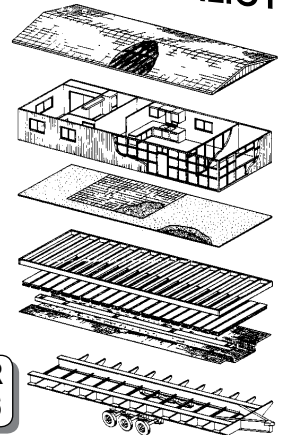
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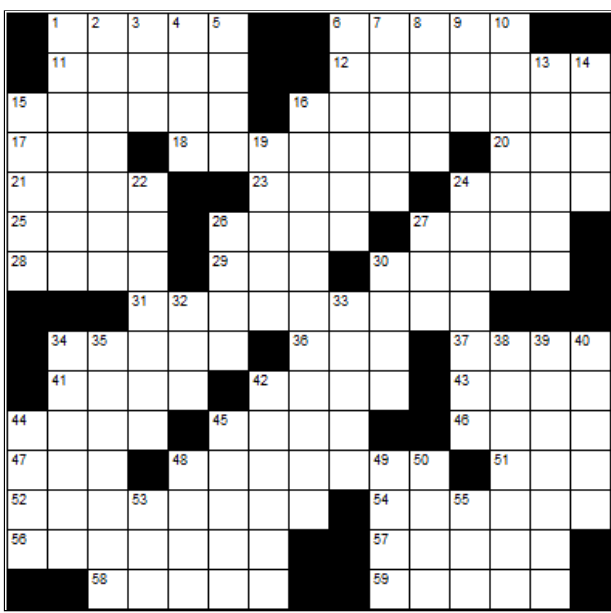
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- 6. Condition
- 11. Extreme
- 12. Rhythmic pattern
- 15. Remnants
- 16. Scales
- 17. N N N
- 18. Bicyclist
- 20. Local Area Network
- 21. Mark down
- 23. Brews
- 24. Amount of medication
- 25. A set of garments
- 26. Small fastener
- 27. Sage
- 28. Engrave
- 29. Picnic insect
- 30. Uninterested
- 31. Humiliation
- 34. Walking sticks
- 36. Dung beetle
- 37. Big party
- 41. Double-reed woodwind
- 42. Cozy
- 43. Dwarf buffalo
- 44. Noble
- 45. Not now
- 46. Jewels
- 47. South southeast
- 48. Forceful
- 51. Encountered
- 52. Sporting venues
- 54. Not a single person
- 56. Perfume
- 57. Large Asian country
- 58. Thick woolen fabric
- 59. It comes from bees



DOWN

- 1. Emotional exhaustion
- 2. Stretchable
- 3. And more
- 4. Ship workers
- 5. Chop finely
- 6. Climbed
- 7. Fables
- 8. Jewish month
- 9. 5 plus 5
- 10. Surround completely
- 13. Stopped
- 14. Feudal worker
- 15. On edge
- 16. Unpunctual
- 19. Deservedly receives
- 22. Grain alcohol
- 24. Lowlife
- 26. Bleats
- 27. Was victorious
- 30. Large mass of floating ice
- 32. Honey insect
- 33. Climb up
- 34. Seashores
- 35. Side by side
- 38. Windflower
- 39. Eventually
- 40. Hurried
- 42. Humiliated
- 44. Being
- 45. Ceasefire
- 48. Banquet
- 49. 2.53 centimeters
- 50. Type of salmon
- 53. Morning moisture
- 55. Container



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One day Levant showed up for a physical to join the World War II effort.

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"I don't know about strangers," Levant said, "but friends, yes."

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Joke-telling 101

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- Form a picture of what is happening in the joke in your mind. That should key in voice tone and body language that will help you with the storytelling facet of your joke.
- Practice on family or friends before you go public with your joke telling. Develop confidence in the telling of your joke.
- Never tell people that you're not good at telling jokes. Let them decide. Do not sabotage yourself.
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Oprah shares the secret of her success — learning to be herself

Life should teach you who you are, according to Oprah Winfrey in a 1997 commencement address she gave at Wellesley College. The talk show host and media mogul says that life's everyday experiences will teach you who you are — moment by moment. How did she learn this? Oprah says for a long time she spent her life wanting to be someone else. She says when she first saw Diana Ross with the Supremes on The Ed Sullivan Show she thought, "I want to be like that." However, she says it took her some time to realize that no matter how many diets she tried—she was never going to have Diana Ross's thighs.



Later, when Oprah was an anchorwoman, her news director told her that her hair was too thick and her eyes were too far apart and that she needed a makeover. Oprah found herself sitting in a French beauty salon. There she had a French permanent put on her hair. The perm burnt her, but she didn't have the confidence to say that it was hurting her. She ended up bald a week later. She had to go on air as a bald news anchor.

Oprah also says she wanted to be like Barbara Walters, and discovered she was not when she could not pronounce "Barbados" on air. "That may be 'Barbados' to you but it was 'Barb-a-does' to me," she said. She said she started to laugh on air — which was not very Barbara like. But Oprah felt OK about it, because she was being who she really was—finally. From that moment, Oprah says she knew that she could be a better Oprah than a Barbara, and though she still kept Barbara as a mentor, she decided to pursue just being herself once and for all. Her phenomenal success was the result of being "demoted" from news anchor to talk show host.

"I am just thrilled that I get paid so much money every day for just being myself, but it was a lesson long in coming, recognizing that I had the instinct, that inner voice that told me that you need to try to find a way to answer to your own truth was the voice I needed to be still and listen to."

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