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## May Anniversaries and Birthdays

Submitted by Robert Newman #46, 724-6283 [pcfriar64@yahoo.com](mailto:pcfriar64@yahoo.com)

If you would like your birthday and/or anniversary listed in the newsletter, please contact me by phone or email with the information. I only need the name(s), lot number, and the month and day. You may also jot it down on a piece of paper and drop it off in the office and they will get the information to me. Thank You

### May Anniversaries

- 1 Horrace & Mildred Mathews
- 5 Art & Irene Kelsey
- 7 George & Hannah Hunt
- 15 Roger & Joyce Nauheimer



### May Birthdays

- 10 Valerie Dayton
- 11 Liza Crane
- 13 Judy Gay
- 21 Gail Swinburne
- 27 Shirley Fennell
- 27 Marcie Shields
- 28 Hazel Stuart
- 29 Curtis Juffs



## Ladies Breakfast Bunch

Submitted by: Karen Custy

The Ladies Breakfast Bunch will be on May 5th at Bob Evans located at Gulf to Bay and Belcher at 9:00 AM. Please sign up at the clubhouse. Hope to see you there!

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- Esposito, Mario 52 Nassau
- Grimm, Bill & Robin 286 Nassau
- Van Overloop, Lisa 98 Barbados
- Skelly, Margaret 5 St. Thomas
- Harley, Art 206 Windward
- Kenney, Pat 93 Barbados
- Matejek, Joe 135 Caribbean
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- Closs, Edgar 215 St. Martin
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- Haskins, Sandy 47 Nassau

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- Gillespie, Margaret 176 Leeward 734-564-0709
- Koenig, John 176 Leeward 734-564-0709
- Oosterhuis, Jack & Gertie 71 Bahama 705-352-0916
- Clark, Danny & Denise 52 Nassau 802-279-0203
- Sanders, Julie 286 Nassau
- Sanders, Shirley 283 Bermuda
- Shepard, Wesley & Rosalie 206 Windward 365-0943
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### Correction:

- Reed, Dorothy 88 Barbados 726-2821
- Davis, Bonnie 93 Barbados 781-233-5808
- Babb, Charles & Dorothy 152 Caribbean 798-7240
- Champigny, Dave & Sandy 47 Nassau 648-4815



## IITS Park Services List

Submitted by Karen Custy, #229

We are updating the Island in the Sun Services list. If you would like to be included on the list to provide a service in the park, please contact Karen Custy at 727 729-3441 or [karencusty@tampabay.rr.com](mailto:karencusty@tampabay.rr.com). We are looking for people who would like to do yard work and clean gutters and rake especially. Also if you are already on the services list I will be calling to see if you want to continue providing a service in the park. Thanks to all our service providers who help keep the park looking beautiful.



## Clearwater Beach Ferry

Submitted by Sherry Bartmanski, #102

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*A little gem of information that you may not be aware of.*

**A**t the end of Drew it curves to the left and just before the causeway there are a couple of parking lots. Small one at the water on the right and large on the left side of the road (Coachman Park). They are FREE!! Right there before the road curves again is the pier that the "Clearwater Ferry" sails from. This is an inexpensive and fast way to travel to Clearwater Beach area. Avoid the traffic jam on the causeway, avoid the over priced parking lots. You can take your cooler/chairs etc. Some people have the small pull alongs to handle their items. The cost is currently \$4.00 per person (one way). The ferry departs on the hour and return on the half hour. The time table is extending and it is best for people to call. It drops you off at the Marina near the bait house.

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## Favorite Quotes Corner

Submitted by: Liza Crane #193, *lizac@tampabay.rr.com*

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- Memorial Day is observed in May. It is observed in memory of those who died while serving the United States in war and first observed in 1866.
- "Life is a quotation!" Jorge Luis Borge
- "The impossible takes fifteen minutes longer." Anonymous
- "Worry never robs tomorrow of its sorrows, it only saps today of its joy." Leo Buscaglia
- "The world's favorite season is the spring. All things are possible in May." Edwin Way
- "You must do the things you think you cannot do." Eleanor Roosevelt (One of my heroes!)
- "You cannot have a positive life and a negative mind." Joyce Meyer
- "I am always doing that which I cannot do in order that I may learn how to do it." Pablo Picasso

*See ya!*

*Liza*

## An Act of Kindness and Compassion

Submitted by Richard Oliver

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**I**t was 10:00 AM Saturday, March 14th. I was sitting at the stop sign at the exit of the IITS Park. I saw Jerry Fisk of #275 Bermuda crossing the Gulf to Bay/Drew lane. He had the lane stopped and was crossing to the other lane. He was using his cane and carrying a silvery sheet in his hand.

I said to myself, "Why is he doing that! He'll get killed." I then saw this rather large turtle in the lane. Jerry got that lane to stop too. He then spread the sheet on the road and with his-



cane, prodded the turtle onto it. Jerry then carried it to the water at the corner.

This act of kindness and compassion shows the gentle souls who live in our park. I believe Jerry deserves a big ATTA BOY from us.

Here's a roaring ATTA BOY from me to you, Jerry!!!

## **Spotlight on Residents Dave and Sandy Champigny, Lot 47 Love is in the Air - Part 1**

*Submitted by Judy Koonter*

**T**he theme of my spotlight articles this month is "Love is in the Air". The first love bug couple is Dave and Sandy Champigny. They have lived in our park for nine years. When I asked how they met, Dave said "we both were born and raised in Massachusetts; we both got married (to others); we both had kids; we both got divorced, and we both moved to Florida." They did not know each other during all of those life events even though they lived in the same town and on the same street in Massachusetts. Dave has four sons and three grandchildren. Sandy has two daughters, one son and five grandchildren. Dave and Sandy met in Fort Myers Florida 15 years ago. They began dating and learned of the many similarities in their lives. After a year of dating, Dave proposed and Sandy accepted. They got married on October 4, 2014, 14 years after becoming engaged. Dave jokingly said he didn't want to rush things. They were married on the Starlight Dinner Cruise in Clearwater and the Captain of the ship performed the ceremony. Sandy's son walked her down the aisle and all of their children responded "We do" when the Captain asked who gives them to be married. They also had their reception on one deck of the ship. Dave's father was a carpenter and Dave learned many of his skills from him. He has put those skills to good use as the two of them have done extensive improvements and renovations to their home, including the window improvements to their lanai and laminate wood on their ceiling - beautiful. Dave and Sandy both



retired last year, him after 45 years as a TV repair technician. He had his own business in Massachusetts and worked for several box stores after moving to Florida. Sandy retired from a career as a medical assistant, a career that she also had in Massachusetts and Florida. They said they have both been working harder ever since they retired. The home renovations are now about complete and they are ready to rest.

Dave restored a Corvette and likes classic cars, race cars, any kind of cars. He also plays with radio controlled planes. Sandy is a professional cake decorator. She baked the cakes for a son and nephew around the same time of their own wedding. They are an energetic couple and they like hiking, biking, camping, kayaking, and fishing. They have not had their honeymoon yet but think that some of these activities could be in the honeymoon plans. Dave and Sandy's IITS family includes four beautiful birds. They said they learned how to train the birds and work with them through Linda and George, bird dealers at the Oldsmar Flea Market. They have Mozart who dances and bops back and forth like he is conducting, thus his name. Tiki is the singer who has a good voice and sings many songs. Mozart will scold the other birds when they are being too noisy saying "Knock it off", etc. All of the birds love to be outside and Dave and Sandy are often seen walking them on a bird stroller around the park. Mozart has been known to dance on the top of the fence during noodle aerobics. We have so many talented and interesting people in our community. I thoroughly enjoyed learning about Dave and Sandy's love story. I hope you enjoyed it too.

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## Spotlight on Residents Richard and Rose Oliver, Lot #184

### Love is in the air - Parts 2 and 3

*Submitted by Judy Koonter*

Richard and Rose Oliver sat in the same pew at church in Maryland for many years. Rose and her husband sat on one end; Richard and his wife sat on the other end; no one sat between them. When Richard's second wife died of cancer, Rose looked up his name and sent him a sympathy card. Her husband had previously died of Alzheimer's and she was fully aware of the grief when a spouse passes. When Richard's very special daughter-in-law died a short time later, Rose sent another card. She signed her cards "Dr. Rose Montgomery". When Richard received the second card, he pondered "Who is this person? I don't have a female doctor." He guessed it must be someone from church and went to his church directory and found her. He called to thank her for her kind cards. Rose asked if he had been close with his recently passed daughter-in-law. Richard explained that they went to lunch together every Friday and he really misses her. Soft-spoken and coy Rose said "It has been a long time since anyone took me out for lunch". Thus began their dating only it wasn't lunch dates because Rose was still working as a psychologist working with troubled kids. They began going to Saturday night Mass together, followed by dinner and then Richard took Rose home. They dated this way for two years. IITS Resident Diana Twomey had been Richard's neighbor in Maryland since 1989. She introduced Richard and Rose to our park and they loved it. They bought a small home here and played the snowbird role for three years. When they decided to move to Florida permanently, they looked and waited for a larger home to become available. They bought the home they are in now and totally renovated it. They have been here full-time for three years.



They traveled together to Olympia, Washington in 2012 to attend the wedding of Richard's oldest granddaughter. While there, they contacted a good friend of Richard's that he met during his 30 years in the Navy. They only had three days that they would be in Washington and they asked the friend/priest if he could perform their marriage ceremony. They were married on a Monday and flew back to Florida on Tuesday. All of Richard's children attended their wedding since they were also in Washington for the other family wedding. On their first anniversary, they repeated their vows in their back yard in front of their statue of the Virgin Mary. Father Marino of St. Catherine's officiated. IITS Residents Wayne and Terry Cleveland stood up with them; Karen Custy and Kris Taylor catered their reception. Richard has four daughters, 7 grandchildren and 4 great grandchildren. Rose has two daughters, (she had a son who was murdered) eight grandchildren and six great grandchildren. Their immediate family includes "Captain", their 12 year old Cocker Spaniel. Captain has a glass eye that he got following surgery for glaucoma. He is in his golden years and is quite sedate unless a coastguard plane flies overhead. Captain tries to chase it in their backyard. And now we enter Part 3 of "Love is in the air". A new Bichon puppy has joined their family, She is a tiny 2-3 lb darling and her name is "Lovey".



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## Presidents Message

*Submitted by Larry Taylor, Lot 257, 727-286-7740*

**O**n April 7, the new board had our first monthly meeting. There was good attendance but we encourage all residents to attend. Please join if you haven't already. We have several functions each month. Come and make new friends and enjoy your neighbors.

Have a great summer!



## Lunch Bunch

*Submitted by Rose Montgomery Oliver 301-332-9358 or 727-726-0637*

**O**ur monthly luncheon was held March 19th at O'Keefes located at 1219 Fort Harrison in Clearwater.

We all had fun by sharing good things and things not so good. I was so happy with my good news. After a little over three years, be became the proud parents of Lovey Bear, our 2 pounds and 4 ounces of love. She is a beautiful ball of fluff! This is our third Bichon so we are very happy.



Marcie Shiels, #133 continues with lots of friends visiting from the North.

Linda Czerniak had company from Michigan and she learned to drive to Disney World, Busch Gardens, Clearwater Beach, and Tampa Aquarium and all over! WOW!

Janet Coats, #292 mentioned how comforting it is to be able to go to "Grief Share" after her husband's death.

Ladies, you and your gentlemen friends are always welcome to join us for lunch. You will have a wonderful time!

## Men's Breakfast


*Submitted by Richard Oliver, #184, 727-726-0637*

**O**n March 19th, the "Men of the Hood" gathered for their monthly breakfast. The restaurant of choice was the newly opened Bob Evans.

One could tell it was new as it was so pristine. The menu was typical Bob Evans. It, however, lacked the big he-man type breakfasts which some men prefer.

The attendees were: Larry, Skip, Gene, Wayne, two Bills, Alex, Jerry and Richard.

The conversation centered mostly around fishing. It was kicked off by Ed when he was asked



why he and Helen missed the Sunday Sundae. He said that he and Helen had gone fishing at Safety Harbor. This kicked off many fish tales. The catches grew larger. You know how fish stories go. Nothing more needs to be said.

Men, please join us for your next breakfast outing. We meet every third Thursday. There is a sign up sheet in the clubhouse.

Here's looking forward to seeing ya!

## **Remembrance and Concerns**

*Submitted by Rose Montgomery Oliver, #184, 301-262-3057 or 727-726-0637*

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- We are so sorry to hear sad news from Charlie and John, #176. Charlie lost her father and her favorite aunt. John lost his sister. Our thoughts go out to both of them.
- Cindy Grow, #315, continues to improve.
- Marie Conni, #100, continues to improve after having stints pit in at Morton Plant Hospital. Se is also having back problems.
- It is good to see Sally Shoop, #214, with a big smile on her face. She has been through so much and is feeling better.
- Our prayers go out to Helen Dennison, #210. Helen's great-great-granddaughter, Nina, is only two years old. She recently has been diagnosed with Type 1 diabetes.
- Bob Newman, #46, continues to do well with his new pace maker. Please continue to take it easy Bob!
- Please send prayers for strength and healing to Ernie Grow #315. Also, our thoughts are with Cindy as she helps Ernie on his recovery and also for Cindy's brother who has some health issues.
- Irene Gendrot #230 was recently in the hospital but is now back at home. We send our thoughts and prayers to her.
- Ann and Pat Troise #66 would welcome all thoughts and prayers as they continue to recovery and grow stronger from their previous surgeries.
- Prayers and thoughts go out to those who have recently had cataract surgery including Marcie Shiels and Marge Ellis. Bless you both and prayers for healing.
- We would also like prayers sent out to all those residents who for some reason or another are housebound and aren't able to get out and about in the park. We want you to know you are not forgotten by your neighbors and if anyone needs help or assistance, please contact a board member.

Please remember to give me a call if you have a remembrance or concern. Thanks so much for your continued help.



## A poem written by Sharron Hendrixson

*Submitted by Sharron Hedrixson, #28*

Sleep precious sleep,  
How I long for your touch.  
The blessed feeling you give me,  
When you caress my eyes as they close.

The feeling my mind brings of sweet dreams and excitement!

When the morning light comes,  
You release my eyes and mind to the reality of the morning sun.

Only to miss your touch and  
Long for the night to come for your next visit again.



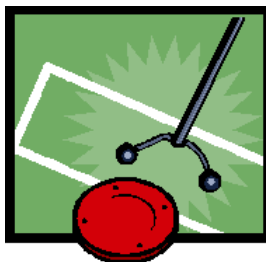
## Annual IITS Shuffleboard Tournament

*Submitted by John Mackay, #271, 727-230-1663*

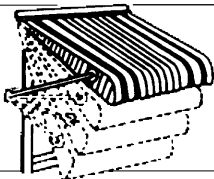
The annual IITS season ending shuffleboard tournament was held this past March 17th with a total of sixteen (16) players participating. The tournament was conducted in a round robin format which saw each of the teams having a chance to qualify for either the first round winners playoff bracket or the consolation bracket categories. The tournament winner results are as follows:

Consolation Team Winners were: Pete Henderson (who recently celebrated his 90th birthday) and Ross Duncan.

Tournament Champion First Place Winners were: Keith Johnstone and Wayne Dodd. A good time was had by all and everyone enjoyed the closing banquet pizza party with food, refreshments and trophies courtesy of Cal-Am. Special thanks goes out to Kris and Larry Taylor for their generous assistance in setting up our morning coffee and donuts and of course baking those delicious chocolate chip cookies for dessert. Weekly organized shuffleboard activities will now take the next five (5) months off but will resume scheduled activities again in October. I would also like to take this opportunity to invite park residents who are interested in taking up shuffleboard to contact myself if you would like to schedule some shuffleboard instructions to be ready for our Fall kickoff schedule. Have a wonderful Summer everyone and look forward seeing you on the courts in the Fall.



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## Easter Egg Hunt Success!

*Submitted by Linda Webster*

**T**hank you all for coming out! Debbie Rhoads and I had a good time playing Easter Bunny! Thanks to Chrissie Riley for providing the flowers for the main prizes! Diana Kidd took the prize for Best Basket.

There was a close race between grandchildren for the most eggs (27) collected. Each egg had a number taped inside so the kids of all ages took the numbers and put them on their arms so they could rush up to collect prizes. Cal-Am donated 25 (IITS logo) prizes; Thank you! There were strange items (shower head, bottle dress), pretty items (pictures, tissue box), useful items (pen & whiteout, carafe) as well as toys and candies which were donated by a few of the residents. Thank you all!



## IITS International Chorus

*submitted by: Bill Shiels and Wayne Cleveland*

**H**ere we are at the end of another season. Our last performance was the opening of the Saint Patrick's Day party at the clubhouse. Our songs included, It's a great day for the Irish, My name is Paddy Leary, The wearing of the green, An Irish lullaby, Harrigan (with help from the audience), When Irish eyes are smiling, and Galway Bay. There were solos by Helen Dennison, If you're Irish come into the parlour; Bill Shiels, Father O'Flynn; and Wayne Cleveland, Danny Boy. Two very twinkling eyed leprechauns showed up with gold to give out to everyone; one even conjured up carnations for all the lovely ladies.

On March 16, most of the chorus members got together for our yearly breakfast at the Village Inn. Present were Bill and Marcy Shiels, Juliette Beaulieu, Bonnie Davis, Helen and Ed Dennison, Grace Dumond, Pat Forest, Rose and Richard Oliver, Kay Robinson, Larry and Kris Taylor, Linda Webster, and Wayne and Terry Cleveland.

The chorus members presented to Bill Shiels and Wayne Cleveland gift certificates to thank them for all of their work this past year. Both Bill and Wayne spoke to say how grateful they were to be co-directors of the chorus.

The practices will begin again in late October 2015, and both directors mentioned working on all new songs.

The food, as usual, was great but the camaraderie was fantastic. Approximately 10 of our members will be heading back north very soon. They will be missed.

If you would like to become a chorus member next year, please get in touch with either Bill Shiels at 727 437 7101 or Wayne Cleveland at 727 600 6773. No musical training is needed; only a desire to enjoy the songs and the company. We wish everyone a safe trip north and then back to sunny Florida again in the fall. We are looking forward to seeing all of you next season.

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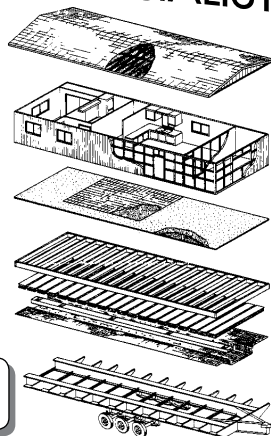
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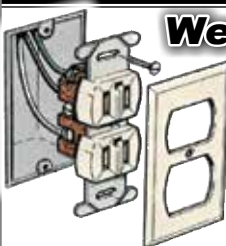
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# The Death of Common Sense

Submitted by Pat Henderson, #266, 727-400-6002

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Today we mourn the passing of a beloved old friend, Common Sense, who has been with us for many years. No one knows for sure how old he was, since his birth records were long ago lost in bureaucratic red tape. He will be remembered as having cultivated such valuable lessons as:

- Knowing when to come in out of the rain;
- Why the early bird gets the worm;
- Life isn't always fair;
- And maybe it was my fault.

Common Sense lived by simple, sound financial policies (don't spend more than you can earn) and reliable strategies (adults, not children, are in charge).

His health began to deteriorate rapidly when well-intentioned but overbearing regulations were set in place. Reports of a 6-year-old boy charged with sexual harassment for kissing a classmate; teens suspended from school for using mouthwash after lunch; and a teacher fired for reprimanding an unruly student, only worsened his condition.

Common Sense lost ground when parents attacked teachers for doing the job that they themselves had failed to do in disciplining their unruly children.

It declined even further when schools were required to get parental consent to administer sun lotion or an aspirin to a student; but could not inform parents when a student became pregnant and wanted to have an abortion.

Common Sense lost the will to live as the churches became businesses; and criminals received better treatment than their victims.

Common Sense took a beating when you couldn't defend yourself from a burglar in your own home and the burglar could sue you for assault.

Common Sense finally gave up the will to live, after a woman failed to realize that a steaming cup of coffee was hot. She spilled a little in her lap, and was promptly awarded a huge settlement.

Common Sense was preceded in death,

- by his parents, Truth and Trust,
- by his wife, Discretion,
- by his daughter, Responsibility,
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## IITS CHORUS TAKES A BREAK

*submitted by Helen Dennison*

The Island In The Sun Chorus will be taking a much needed break until the fall season. The Chorus, under the leadership of Wayne Cleveland, and Bill Shiels, has been quite busy lately, singing at activities here in our park. Not too many folks outside of the Chorus are aware of all of the effort that these two faithful musicians put forth to pull off these performances.

Every Monday evening between six and seven-thirty, these men can be found at our clubhouse doing what they do so well.... directing and playing piano for the fifteen or twenty residents who arrive to "make a joyful noise". Together, your chorus will, practice, practice, practice, until Wayne and Bill agree that it sounds ok. Then the following Monday night it begins all over again.

All in all, this has been a rewarding experience for all who are involved, and the invitation is out for you if you would like to join the Chorus in the fall. If you have enjoyed the appearances of your Choir, let them know by a smile or friendly greeting.. Everyone needs to feel appreciated once in a while.



## "Bella the Block"

*By Terry Cleveland*

Introductions are in order, I believe. Here I present Queen Isabella. If you haven't met her before you might enjoy hearing her story. Her mommy and Daddy and Auntie stopped in a pet store when returning from the beach, where they saw the cutest little puppy. They became acquainted with the little room reserved for such things, but all three choked up when the worker said what the dollar amount was. So, out the door they went without the puppy. What a shame! But Auntie read the dog ads on Sunday morning and found a puppy of the same breed. A phone call was made and the three prospective parents headed to the house of the breeder.



Now the breeder had rescued a male and a female not realizing that the female was in heat, Voila! A few months later there were three puppies, 2 females and a male. Mommy and Daddy, & I believe Auntie wanted a female. 1 female had already been promised and the second female was beautiful.

So, about the breed, she is a Biewers (pronounced like Beavers) Yorkshire terrier. I know you never heard of that before, they are new to the United States as of 2002, and come originally from Germany. Here I'm bragging, but the grandmother in Germany was a grand champion. The father however since he was a rescue had no papers. So the babies had none either and we could afford what they were asking. That puppy is our own Bella, she became our love in such a short time, but we had already made reservations in Key West for the next three days. We couldn't take the baby, so our wonderful neighbors, Rose and Richard Oliver agreed to take care of her for us. When we returned home, neither Rose nor Richard wanted to part with

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her. She was a good puppy if that can be said of any puppy not house trained. Anyway, Bella became the love of two homes.

We decided she needed some training, so off we went for the first of 8 weekly sessions. The first night we were the only puppy there. The trainer was very good, using treats and a clicker to reinforce behavior. About 15 minutes into that first session, Bella decided she had had enough and crawled back into her carrier and went to sleep. Nothing could coax her out. The trainer said that she had never had that happen before.

Richard says she is part mountain goat since she always chooses high ground, the back of a chair or sofa even outside. Rose and Richard call themselves aunt and uncle and every night Bella has to go over to check on them. As for her original Auntie Mari Sorrell, we have to check her bags when she visits to be sure she leaves Bella behind. Just about every day you will see Bella out walking her caretakers around the pickle ball court and then leading them home. She is so unbelievably smart, I know all parents say the same thing, but we just know she is above average.

Bella is now two and a half years old and she grows bigger in our hearts everyday. Oh yes, Bella is bugging me to say, like another diva, "come up and see me sometime". You can find her and us if that matters, at lot 183 or Bella may be checking up on Rose and Richard and their new precious "lovely bear" at 184.

## February Euchre Winners

*Submitted by Patrick King #90*

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March 4rd  
High Score-----Ron K. #165  
2nd High Score-----Buckeye Bill #95  
Lone Hands-----Patrick K. #90

March 18th  
High Score-----Donna O. #76  
2nd High Score-----Dave H. #318  
Lone Hands-----Patrick K. #90

March 11th  
High Score-----Buckeye Bill #95  
2nd High Score-----Pete H. #267  
Lone Hands-----Patrick K. #90

March 25th  
High Score-----Fred G. #70  
Lone Hand-----Donna O. #76

*Thanks  
Patrick King*

## In Case you need to know!

*Submitted by the editor*

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- Bats, owls and other birds can control mosquitoes. Although they may include mosquitoes in their diet, they do not consume enough mosquitoes to make an appreciable difference in their populations.
- Some mosquitoes can be two inches long. They don't get that big. What you may have seen is a crane fly.
- Mosquitoes nest in vegetation. Mosquitoes do not nest.

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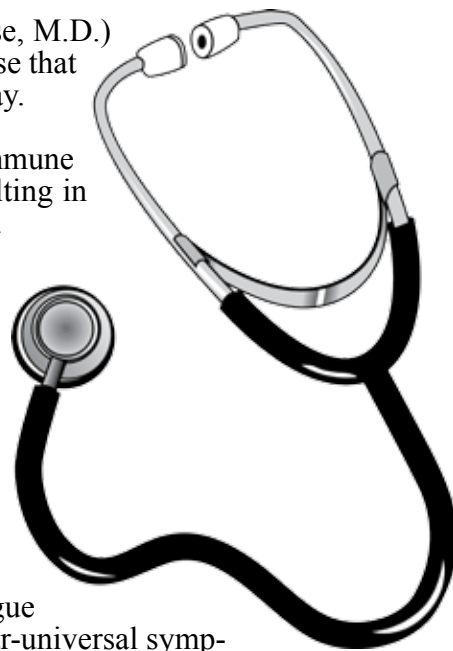
Lupus is an autoimmune disease in which the patient's immune system attacks healthy parts of his or her own body, resulting in inflammation, swelling, and pain, among other symptoms.

What can make lupus dangerous is when it attacks vital organs such as the heart, lungs, or liver. It is more likely to affect women than men, as well as people of non-European descent. However, if caught early, those affected by lupus have a good chance of living normal and healthy lives.

Symptoms of lupus include the following, and if it seems like many apply to yourself, you may want to visit your doctor:

- **Fatigue.** Most people who have from lupus suffer fatigue whenever the disease is about to flare up. This is a near-universal symptom regardless of how strong or mild the case is.
- **Joint and muscle pain.** Arthritis is another common side effect of lupus. Almost three-fourths of all patients report joint and muscle pain to be the first sign that they have lupus. Look for arthritis in the wrists, small joints of the hands, elbows, knees, and ankles.
- **Skin irritation.** Many lupus patients wind up with skin rashes, especially on the face. Sores, flaky red spots, and scaly rashes are also possible, and can be located on the face, neck, back, hands, and arms.
- **Chest pain.** The disease can cause inflammation of the heart and the lungs, which can result in very strong chest pains that can put people at an increased risk of a heart attack or a stroke.

Celebrities who have had lupus include singers Michael Jackson, Lady Gaga, and Toni Braxton, as well as My Favorite Martian actor Ray Walston.



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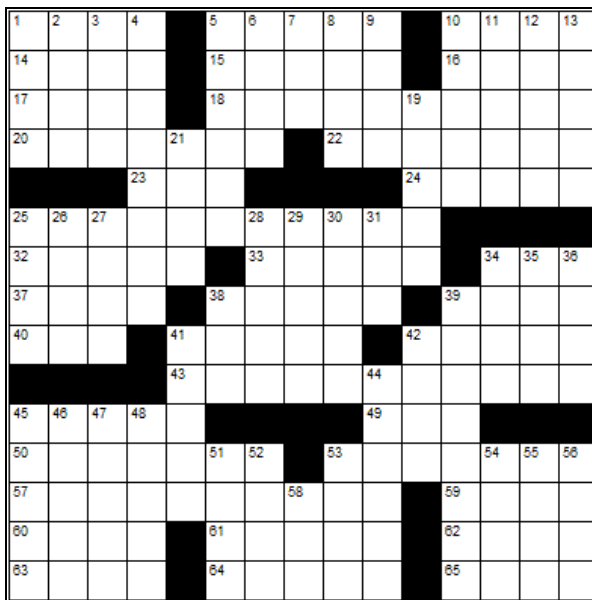
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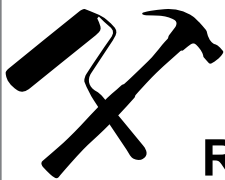
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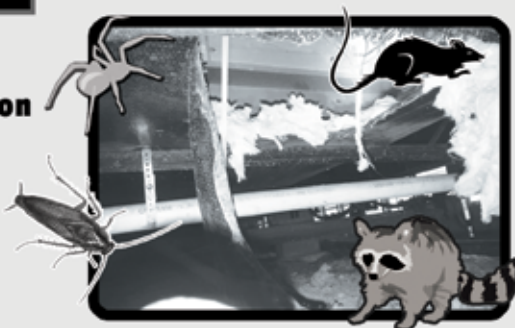


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