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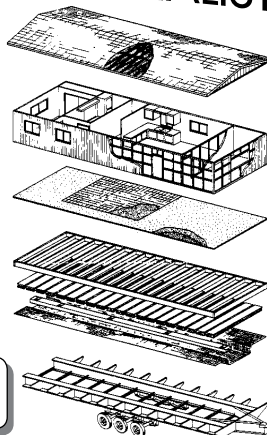
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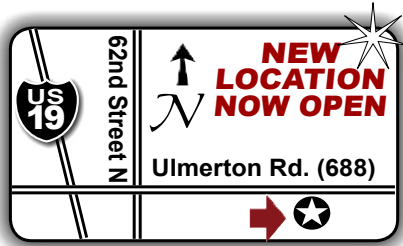


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- 2 Fred Grant
Donna Sprague
Paul Thibault
- 4 Gary Burk
Cheryl Cruz
Wayne Stoner
- 5 Richard Champagne
- 6 Mike Davenport
Mike Nowak
Beryl Olson
- 7 Carol D'Ascoli
Arnold Jungkind
Joan Shaughnessy
- 8 Peg Gifford
Kenneth Rodgers
- 9 Frank Niziolek
Annette Small
Paul Winn
- 10 Derrick Frowen
Dennis Kierman
Andre Lamy
Sandra Sharpe
- 11 Angele Lanovaz
Mike Ray
- 12 Larry Bobko
Peggy Mozo
Lou Quenneville
Bonnie Ruff
- 13 Terry Riley



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- 15 Kellee Croke
Bill Dixon
Lola Goller
Pat Richards
- 16 Don LeBleu
Marilyn McCarney
Dennis Waite
- 17 Peggy Barrett
Bill DeBar
Charles Lessa
- 19 Ken Marston
- 20 Ron Paul
- 21 Janie Lang
- 22 Cookie Caron
Glenn Gifford
- 23 Vera Carver
- 24 Mitch Frail
Brian Hurley
Ron Naglic
- 25 Bob Burns
Maurice Caron
Lori Jariz
Bea Meagher
- 26 Keith Carver
Tom Fontaine
- 27 Don Croteau
Irwin Lett
- 28 Sam Dow

February Anniversaries

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|----|------------------------|------|
| 1 | Mike & Yoyo Cunningham | 1958 |
| 1 | Ray & Claire Labbe | 1964 |
| 3 | Keith & Vera Carver | 2007 |
| 7 | Mike & Sharon Ray | 1959 |
| 11 | Bob & Carol D'Ascoli | 1961 |
| 14 | Glenn & Peg Gifford | 1959 |
| | Charlie & Dianne Lessa | 1970 |
| | Allen & Mary Tavernier | 2011 |
| 17 | Ray & Sandy Barrow | 1968 |



Dance Club Report

Norma Alexander

Welcome back everyone! The first dance took place on Nov. 13th with approximately 145 people in attendance. Thanks to Kathleen and Bob for acquiring the music at the last minute as the previous band was unable to attend. Also a big thank you to Ginny and her volunteers for the decoration. Congratulations to all of the winners of the 50/50 draws and the door prizes (names not available).

The Christmas dance took place on Dec. 13th. The door prize winners were: Bill Summers, Jacqueline Piper, Bryan Grinnell and Phyllis Grinnell. The Share the Wealth was won by Sandy Barrow, Ivan Thurlow, Julie Burns, Ken Eck and Roger Kattenheinrich. The dance was well attended and a great time was had by all!

The New Year's Eve dance was a great success with wonderful hot and cold snacks which were plentiful and lots of dancing. The Door Prize winners were: Marg Mainer, Esther Bianci, Chuck Davis, Alice Summers and Robert Sanphy.

The upcoming dances will take place on Jan. 17 (Western Dance), music provided by Sun Coast Bank; Feb. 14 (Valentine's Dance), music provided by Sea Breeze band; Feb. 28 (Clash Bash), music provided by Frank & Dean; March 13 (St. Patrick's Day Dance), music provided by Dazzler Band; April 4th will be the Hawaiian Luau (details to be provided at a later date), music to be provided by Blinkey-N-Fritz.

If you have not attended one of the Ranch Mobile dances, why not come out and give it a whirl. To add you name to the waiting list for seats or for ticket availability please contact Jackie House at 536-8382.

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PLEASE NOTE THAT ELECTIONS FOR THE DANCE COMMITTEE WILL TAKE PLACE IN MARCH. POSITION WILL BE POSTED. THERE ARE 4 SPOTS AVAILABLE. PLEASE CONSIDER RUNNING FOR A SEAT AND PASS THE WORD. IF YOU ARE CONSIDERING RUNNING PLEASE CONTACT VICKI THURLOW @ 330-7355. VICKI WILL ANSWER ANY QUESTIONS YOU MAY HAVE.





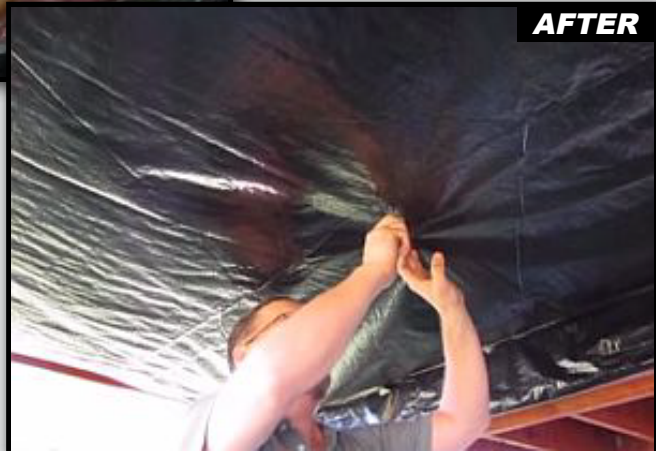
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Court Whist Scores

Submitted by Betty Bober

April 16, 2016

Marilyn Lett	205
Amelia Hynes	195
Jean Cahill	195
Louise Innes	191

December 3, 2016

Keith Paradine	202
Marilyn Lett	202
Valarie Vaughn	199
Jerry Wheeler	189

November 19, 2016

Mary Agostinelli	193
Linda Stone	190
Betty Bober	187
Shirl Higbie	185
Noella Gallant	185

December 17, 2016

Al Belli	203
Amelia Hynes	200
Betty Bober	195
Marilyn Lett	191

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Wednesday Night Euchre Scores

December 2016 Winners

December 7th

Lone Hands	Pat Peever	6	
First Place	Mary Agostinelli	69	
Second Place	Bob Ward	57	
Third Place	Irwin Lett	55	HS 14
Fourth Place	Dale Peever	55	HS 11



December 14th

Lone Hands	Alice Summers	4	
First Place	Sharon Ray	56	
Second Place	Bill Summers	53	
Third Place	Jim Shafer	50	
Fourth Place	Mary Jo Ward	45	

December 21st

Lone Hands	Eleanor McDaniel	4	
First Place	Jeannine LeBleu	56	
Second Place	Bob Ward	54	HS 14
Third Place	Shirley Higbie	54	HS 11
Fourth Place	Mike Higbie	53	

December 28th

Lone Hands	Betty Bober	2	
First Place	Elleen St. Pierre	57	
Second Place	Jim Shafer	55	
Third Place	Doreen Snow	53	





Weird Things You Didn't Know About Valentine's Day

The Price of Love

The average American will spend about \$120.00 on Valentine's Day.

Men spend almost twice as much on Valentine's Day as women do. The average man will spend about \$156, while the average woman will only spend \$85.

More than one-third of men would prefer not receiving a gift. Less than 20% of women feel the same way.

Around this season, a dozen long-stemmed roses can cost an average of \$75, or about 30% more than the normal price of \$58.

More than nine million pet owners are expected to buy gifts for their pets this Valentine's Day.

15% of U.S. women send themselves flowers on Valentine's Day.

I Choo Choo Choose You

Teachers receive the most valentines, followed by kids, mothers, wives and sweethearts.

Over 50% of all Valentine's Day cards are purchased in the six days prior to the holiday.

The oldest surviving valentine dates from 1415. It is a poem written by Charles, Duke of Orleans to his wife. At the time, the duke was being held in the Tower of London following his capture at the Battle of Agincourt.

One billion valentines are sent each year worldwide, making it the second largest card-sending holiday of the year behind Christmas. Women purchase approximately 85% of all valentines.

In a classic Simpsons episode, Lisa gives Ralph a valentine with a picture of a locomotive saying, "I Choo Choo Choose You."

Hallmark produced its first valentine in 1913.

Today, Hallmark employs an 80-person research staff to analyze the sales pattern of previous valentines. That analysis, combined with more than 100,000 annual customer interviews, focus groups and in-store observations, will help create roughly 2,000 cards in Hallmark's core Valentine's Day line.

While Hallmark offers thousands of different cards for Valentine's Day, one card was the top choice of customers in New York, Los Angeles, and virtually every other city in the country in 2006.

Sharing Love Around the World

In Japan, women are expected to give chocolate and other gifts to men on Valentine's Day. This tradition was started as a marketing campaign by Japanese chocolate companies. Men are not off the hook, unfortunately. They are expected to return the favor on March 14th, commonly known as White Day.

"I love you" in German is "Ich liebe dich."

History, Legends, and Rumors

The roots of St. Valentine's Day can be traced back to the Roman fertility festival of Lupercalia. On Lupercalia, a young man would draw the name of a young woman in a lottery and would then keep the woman as a sexual companion for the year.

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Three different Saint Valentines have been mentioned by the maartyrologies of the Roman Catholic Church.

The Catholic Church struck St. Valentine's Day from its official calendar in 1969.

The phrase "Sweets for the sweet" is a line from Shakespeare's Hamlet, Act 5, Scene 1.

Famous Valentine's Day weddings: The Captain and Tennille, Elton John and Renate Blauel, Meg Ryan and Dennis Quaid, Jerry Garcia and Deborah Koons, and Pamela Anderson and Tommy Lee.

Famous Valentine's Day birthdays: Thomas Malthus (1766); Frederick Douglass(1817), Jack Benny (1894), Jimmy Hoffa (1913), Hugh Downs (1921), Florence Henderson (1943), Carl Bernstein (1944), Tim Buckley (1946), Gregory Hines (1946), Jules Anser (1968), Rob Thomas (1972), Steve McNair (19744)

You Had Me at Hello

For every 120 single men who are in their 20s, there are 100 single women in the same age range.

The story changes drastically when we look at people over 65. Beyond 65, there are 33 single men for every 100 single women of the same age range. I guess all that extra spending for Valentine's Day takes a toll.

How do Americans celebrate Valentine's Day? U.S. Census Bureau has the answer:

- Greeting Cards 65%
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- 1/4 cup ground almonds
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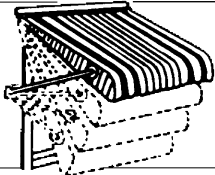


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The Old Coot Reveals a Secret

By: Merlin Lessler

One of the burning questions across the country is, "What do old coots talk about when no one else is around?" It's a well-guarded secret, but in the spirit of Edward Snowden's release of the secret files at the N.S.A. I've decided it's time to let the world in on the "old coot conversations."

Old coots don't talk about religion or politics. They learned those subjects are taboo from years of experience and conversations that ended in arguments, fistfights and loss of friendships. Besides people believe what they believe and trying to talk them out of it is futile. Eventually, you learn this and keep your mouth shut.

Old coots talk about four things: ailments - how old we are - who dies - and what was that guy's name. Ailments are an everyday topic. "My neck hurts. I can't turn it to the right today." - "My knee has been sore for a week." - "I had a leg cramp in the middle of the night, jumped out of bed to kick it out, stepped on the cat and sprained my wrist when I fell." These are conversations I call "ailments lite." Nothing serious, just common, everyday things that happen to old coots. It's a way of finding out how serious something might be. You throw it out there in hopes that one of the group will say, "I had that. I goes away after a week or so." Or, it could go the other way, "Get to the doctor as soon as you can. Charlie had the same thing and let it go, 'May he rest in peace.'" Us old guys know. As a group we've had everything and are better equipped than an emergency room at figuring out what you have and how to proceed. It's old coot triage.

How old we are - is one of our favorite topics. We can't talk about it enough. We just can't believe it! A couple of years ago we were complaining about turning thirty and now we're sitting around in clothes older than that, not believing we've been retired for 10, 20, or 30 years. We also do it to fish for compliments. A guy will say, "I'm 68!" We'll say, "Wow, you don't look a day over fifty" and hope he'll do the same when we tell him we're seventy-one. We know it's a lie, but it still feels good to hear it.

Who died - is always coming up. My crowd is in that phase of life. "John Doe died last week," one of us will report. Then the discussion ensues to find a reason why he left the building so early and why we won't do the same. "Did he still smoke?" - "He never did lose that beer gut like his doctor told him to." - "I told him, and told him, he needed to get out and walk more, move around." We loved John Doe, but still, we have to figure out that it's his fault and we are exempt from his fate.

What's his name - doesn't usually start out to be a topic in and of itself. It's an offshoot from one of the three other topics. "Joe what's his name has that sore neck thing you have. You know, the guy who used to live over by the guy from IBM next to the drug store." The conversation just skipped from one name to three. In trying to get it resolved, several more nameless people pop into the conversation. When it reaches a fever pitch we call it a day. Our brains overheat. We take our stiff necks, sore knees and sprained wrists and go home. The rest of the day is spent racking our brains to come up with one of the missing person's names so we can call or text the other guys and let them know we're not as senile as they are. If we could only remember where we put the phone.

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Groundhog Day was adopted in the U.S. in 1887. Clymer H. Freas was the editor of the local paper Punxsutawney Spirit at the time, and he began promoting the town's groundhog as the official "Groundhog Day meteorologist."

The largest Groundhog Day celebration is held in Punxsutawney, Pennsylvania, with Punxsutawney Phil. Groundhog Day, already a widely recognized and popular tradition received widespread attention as a result of the 1993 film Groundhog Day.

The celebration began as a Pennsylvania German custom in southeastern and central Pennsylvania in the 18th and 19th centuries.

Meteorological Accuracy

According to Groundhog Day organizers, the rodents' forecasts are accurate 75% to 90% of the time. According to the StormFax Weather Almanac and records kept since 1887, Punxsutawney Phil's weather predictions have been correct 39% of the time. The National Climatic Data Center has described the forecasts as "on average, inaccurate" and stated that "the groundhog has shown no talent for predicting the arrival of spring, especially in recent years.

In popular culture

At the end of Disney's 1930 Silly Symphonies short film Winter, Mr. Groundhog the Weather Prophet comes out of his hole to determine whether or not there will be more winter. At first, he does not see his shadow, but the clouds clear and his shadow appears, causing him to run back inside. At this point, the winds pick up again and winter continues.

Tex Avery's 1940 Warner Brothers cartoon Wacky Wildlife features a brief gag with a groundhog that peeks outside, then retreats into a burrow filled with high-tech (for the time) weather equipment.

In the 1979 Rankin-Bass Christmas TV special Jack Frost, a crucial plot point in the story involves Jack casting his own shadow on Groundhog Day for six more weeks of winter. At the end of the story it is revealed that the narrator (voiced by Buddy Hackett) is the groundhog.

The 1993 comedy movie Groundhog Day is set in Punxsutawney, Pennsylvania on this day. The main character is forced to relive the day over and over again until he can learn to give up his selfishness and become a better person.

In Disney's 2006 film Bambi II, Bambi accompanies his friends Thumper and Flower to go and see the Groundhog, whose shadow will foretell if winter will end soon.

Even within the U.S. Groundhog Day is not necessarily observed uniformly throughout the entire country; it is sometimes acknowledged differently in western and southeastern states where groundhogs are generally not considered indigenous. In the state of Alaska, for example,

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Marmot Day is celebrated on February 2 instead.

Likewise the Red Rock Canyon National Conservation Area in Clark County, Nevada is home to a similar tradition that has been observed since 2000 with a desert tortoise named Mojave Max.

Louisiana celebrations also vary somewhat from the traditional Groundhog Day theme. Since about the 1980s Groundhog Day in New Orleans has featured T-Boy the Nutria, a coypu based at the Audubon Zoo.

Since 1997 Pierre C. Shadeaux, also a coypu, has been the focus of "Cajun Groundhog Day" festivities in New Iberia. Because of Louisiana's subtropical climate, Pierre actually forecasts either a longer spring or an earlier summer, as opposed to the usual groundhog options of a longer winter or an earlier spring.

Another Louisiana tradition influenced by Groundhog Day occurs in Shreveport on February 1 - one day before Groundhog Day - centering on Claude the Cajun Crawfish. Claude annually predicts the weather for Northwest Louisiana-area parades held during Mardi Gras season, a season that has a long history in Louisiana but also happens to overlap with Groundhog Day festivities.

Incidents

Several unforeseen incidents have involved animals handled during Groundhog Day events. During New York City's annual Groundhog Day event at the Staten Island Zoo on February 2, 2009, a groundhog named "Chuck" drew blood when biting Mayor Michael Bloomberg's gloved finger while Bloomberg was trying to lure Chuck out of his wooden shelter. Five years later, on February 2, 2014, Bloomberg's mayoral successor, Bill de Blasio, dropped "Chuck" (subsequently revealed to be Chuck's granddaughter "Charlotte"), who seven days later died of "acute internal injuries." At the city's next Groundhog Day event on February 2, 2015, "Staten Island Chuck" walked out of a hutch that an elevator had lifted onto the stage of a portable Plexiglas-enclosed habitat, while de Blasio watched from six feet away.

During Sun Prairie, Wisconsin's annual Groundhog Day celebration on February 2, 2015, "Jimmy the Groundhog" bit Mayor Jonathan Freund's ear while being held by Jimmy's caretaker. The next day, Freund issued a proclamation that officially pardoned and absolved Jimmy "of any perceived wrongdoing and charges" under the city's ordinance. The proclamation stated that Jimmy had "created an international media sensation, thereby helping the world to learn more about our great City."

Following the biting incident, the United States Department of Agriculture and the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources informed the organization that had sponsored Sun Prairie's celebration that capturing wild animals for exhibit was against the law. The organization's manager then reported that Jimmy had escaped from his hutch before she could respond to these complaints. Sun Prairie's next Groundhog Day celebration on February 2, 2016, featured a caged groundhog purchased for \$1,200, an elected costumed "mascot" and a different mayor.

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February Facts

The 2nd month of the year brings us George Washington's Birthday, Valentine's Day, and the shortest month of the year.

In the Gregorian calendar, the calendar that most of the world uses, February is the second month of the year. Most of the months have 30 or 31 days in a month but February is shorter, February has 28 days until Julius Caesar gave it 29 and 30 days every four years. This is because the Roman emperor Augustus took one day from February and added that to August because August was a month that was named after him. February is a very cold month followed by January in the northern half of the world. However, there are sunny days in February that indicates that spring is almost here. Different from the northern half, the southern hemisphere usually enjoys midsummer weather

Below are some fun facts about February:

1. The birthstone for February is Amethyst.
2. Two zodiac signs for February are Aquarius (January 20 - February 18) and Pisces (February 19 - March 20).
3. The month has 29 days in leap years, when the year number is divisible by four. In common years the month has 28 days.
4. Viola (plant) and the Primrose are the birth flowers.
5. Black History Month is celebrated in Canada and United States.
6. National Day of the Sun is celebrated in Argentina.
7. In order to complete the Soviet Union's victory in Stalingrad during World War II, the last German troops surrendered in the Stalingrad pocket.
8. On February 4, 1861, a temporary committee met at Montgomery, Alabama where they organized a Confederate States of America.
9. On February 6, 1933, Amendment 20 to the United States was proclaimed which moved the Inauguration Day to January 20th.
10. In February 1910, the Boy Scouts of America was incorporated.
11. On February 6, 1899, the U.S. Senate ratified the peace treaty that led to the end of the Spanish-American War.
12. On February 6, 1952, Princess Elizabeth became Queen Elizabeth II of Great Britain.
13. February 11 - National Foundation Day in Japan
14. February 12 - Abraham Lincoln's Birthday
15. February 14 - Valentine's Day
16. February 21 - International Mother Language Day
17. February 22 - Independence Day in Saint Lucia
18. February 22 - George Washington's Birthday
19. February 24 - Flag Day of Mexico
20. February 25 - People Power Revolution (Phillippines)

Jokes

Leaving a Light On

An elderly man visits the doctor for a checkup. "Mr. Smith, you're in great shape," says the doctor afterward. "How do you do it?"

"Well," says Mr. Smith, "I don't drink, I don't smoke, and the good Lord looks out for me. For weeks now, every time I go to the bathroom in the middle of the night, he turns on the light for me."

Concerned, the doctor finds Mrs. Smith in the waiting room and tells her what her husband said.

"I don't think there is anything to worry about," she says. "And on the bright side, it does explain who's been peeing in the fridge."

Dangerous Driver

One day at the office of the orthopedic specialist I work for, we had to make arrangements for an elderly patient with spinal arthritis to have a special injection. We said we would phone him with the information.

Two days later, the patient called us concerned that he had missed our calls because of poor hearing. "I can barely hear, barely see, and barely walk" he told me.

Then he added cheerfully, "Things could be worse, though. At least I can still drive."

Caught in a Lie

When a woman called 911 complaining of difficulty breathing, my husband, Glenn, and his partner - both EMTs - rushed to her home. Glenn placed a sensor on her finger to measure her pulse and blood oxygen. Then he began to gather her information.. "What's your age? he asked.

"Fifty-eight," answered the patient, eyeing the beeping device on her finger. "What does that do?"

"It's a lie detector," said Glen with a straight face. "Now, what did you say your age was?"

"Sixty-seven," answered the woman sheepishly.



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A minister told his congregation, “For next week’s sermon, I would like everyone to read the 17th chapter of Mark from your Bible. This will help you fully understand my topic on an important sin.”

The following Sunday, the minister opened his sermon with, “Now, how many of you have read Mark 17 this week as I asked?” Nearly all the hands went up.

The minister smiled. “Mark has only 16 chapters. I will now proceed with my sermon on the subject of lying.”



How many cats?

Teacher: “If I gave you two cats, and another two cats, and then another two, how many would you have?”

Johnny: “Seven.”

Teacher: “No, listen carefully. If I gave you two cats, and another two cats and another two, how many would you have?”

Johnny: “Seven.”

Teacher: “Let me put it to you differently. If I gave you two apples, and another two apples and another two, how many would you have?”

Johnny: “Six.”

Teacher: “Good. Now if I gave you two cats, and another two cats, and another two, how many would you have?”

Johnny: “Seven!”

Teacher: “Johnny, where do you get seven from?”

Johnny: “Because I’ve already got a cat!”



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- **Watch what you eat before bedtime.** A heavy snack right before you hit the mattress will make you feel lethargic in the morning. Stick to fruit, vegetables, and lean, protein-rich foods, and don’t eat anything for at least 90 minutes before you go to bed.
- **Go to bed early.** You’ll wake up feeling refreshed and ready to work out if you get enough sleep—seven to eight hours. Limit your TV, computer, and cellphone use before bedtime so you can get to sleep easier. 
- **Look forward to something.** Don’t think of exercise as drudgery. Find something you enjoy about it so you wake up excited about hitting the gym, or give yourself a reward for working out once you’re finished.
- **Find a workout buddy.** Exercising alone can be boring. Ask around your neighborhood, workplace, or health club and find someone who works out on the same schedule you do. When you know you’ve got someone waiting for you, you’ll be more motivated to show up.

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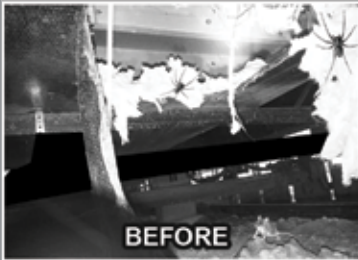
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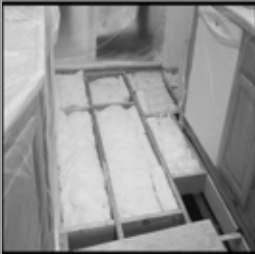
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