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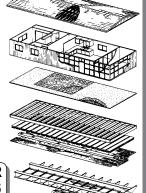




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January Birthdays

1 2	Dorothy Correira Joseph Lavigne	13	Mike Warby Sherry Morneau	24	Judy Pepin Mary Gaboury
3	Bill Hughes	14	Roberta Patterson	25	Tom Randazzo
4	Gary Hollenbeck		Candy Attili	26	
5	Ray Ouellette	16	Lynne Myles		Bonnie Kempke
	Susanne Laundry	17	Lynch Curran		Regina Prater
6	Nancy Smith	18	Frank Lenhart	27	Shirley Chouinard
	Joan Brochey		Bud Dickey	6	Jean Butler
	Renald Berard	19	Don Gibson	28	Sam Spaulding
	Albert Malenica		Rose Paquette	. 60	Gary Hurley
	Janet Wallace		Sandra Pare	29	Jean Griffiths
8	Kim Riley	20	Russ Attili		Cyril Blake
9	Jerry Paquette	21	Ann-Jeannette Hussey	30	Harold Cranmer
	Lucy Jungkind		Robert Grimes		Rod Emberly
10	Walter madsen	22	Betty Panek		Janice Siddall
	Dale Peever		Sun Somel	31	Ginny Byrne
	Ken Stour		Beverly Horlbogen		Joann Kehoe
11	Richard Bolduc		Bill Byrne		Elaine Croteau
	Ray Jewell	23	Robert Knauff		Bob Hampe
12	Helga Frank				-

January Anniversaries

4	Larry & Betty St. Pierre	1958	
6	Gary & Denise Jackson	2001	
	Peter & Judie Howes		and the second
8	Richard & Noella Gallant	1966	
20	Gary & Cindy Hurley	1979	
26	Louie & Flo Renfro	1963	是对1100000000000000000000000000000000000
	Zach & Ida Taylor	1957	
	Lucien & Ida Girouard	1946	
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Feb 8 - Bingo Charity Hamburger Mary Ybor City

This sells out a <u>FULL</u> bus every trip, please sign up early. Hosted Tampa's fabulous drag queens, this is not your typical "church basement bingo!" The show can get a little risqué. It's all about having fun, great laughter, while supporting local Tampa charities. Additional bingo sheets an additional donation-<u>CASH ONLY</u>. So "eat, drink, and be... MARY." A different local charity every week! Also a 50/50 raffle. 10 games of bingo and bus transportation. Boarding 4:15 p.m. Return Time: Approximately: 10:15 p.m. Sign up deadline is Jan 25.

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Dance Club News

Vicki Thurlow, President

ur season started off with the Welcome Back Dance with music by the At Large Band, a duo enjoyed by all. Lucky door prize winners were Sue Hartley, Yvonne Large, Jim Jewel & Donna Butts. Share the Wealth winners were Helen Selwitschka, Bev Horlbogen, Norm Levesque, Steve Butler & Roberta Patterson.

By the time you are reading this, we will have celebrated the season with the Xmas Dance, music by Bert & Sassy & have rung in the New Year with the Sun Coast Band.

Next up is the Western Dance on January 12, 2016. This dance promises to be a foot stomper as we welcome back the At Large Band.

For those who are new to Ranch Mobile, the Dance Club is open to all Ranch Mobile residents. Cost to join is \$3.00/person. If you do not have a permanent seat & wish to get on the waiting list please call me (Vicki) @ (727) 330-7355. For ticket availability for any dances, please call Jackie House @ (727) 536-8382.

All Ranch Mobile residents are welcome to attend any Dance Club meeting & express their opinion. Please note that you must be a paid up member to be on the permanent seating wait list or to vote in a Dance Club election or at a Dance Club meeting. The permanent seating wait list is posted on the bulletin board outside the club house.

Hope to see your feet on our dance floor soon

New Year's Quotes

Bill Vaughan

Youth is when you're allowed to stay up late on New Year's Eve. Middle age is when you're forced to.

P. J. O'Rourke

The proper behavior all through the holiday season is to be drunk. This drunkenness culminates on New Year's Eve, when you get so drunk you kiss the person you're married to.

Jay Leno

Now there are more overweight people in America than average-weight people. So overweight people are now average ... which means, you have met your New Year's resolution.

James Agate

New Year's Resolution: To tolerate fools more gladly, provided this does not encourage them to take up more of my time.

Eric Zorn

Making resolutions is a cleansing ritual of self assessment and repentance that demand personal honesty and, ultimately, reinforces humility. Breaking them is part of the cycle.

Bill Vaughan

An optimist stays up until midnight to see the New Year in. A pessimist stays up to make sure the old year leaves.

Charles Lamb

New Year's Day is every man's birthday.

Oprah Winfrey

Cheers to a New Year and another chance for us to get it right.

Mark Twain

New Year's Day ... now is the accepted time to make your regular annual good resolutions. Next week you can begin paving hell with them as usual.

Judith Crist

Happiness is too many things these days for anyone to wish it on anyone lightly. So let's just wish each other a bile-less New Year and leave it at that.

Anonymous

Many people look forward to the New Year for a new start on old habits.

Joey Adams

May all your troubles last as long as your New Year's resolutions!

Anais Nin

I made no resolutions for the New Year. The habit of making plans, of criticizing, sanctioning and molding my life, is too much of a daily event for me.

Oscar Wilde

Good resolutions are simply checks that men draw on a bank where they have no account.

Robert Paul

I'm a little bit older, a little bit wiser, a little bit rounder, but still none the wiser.

Anonymous

A New Year's resolution is something that goes in one Year and out the other.

Leonard Bernstein

From New Year's on the outlook brightens; good humor lost in a mood of failure returns. I resolve to stop complaining.

G. K. Chesterton

The object of a New Year is not that we should have a new year. It is that we should have a new soul and a new nose; new feet, a new backbone, new ears, and new eyes. Unless a particular man made New Year resolutions, he would make no resolutions. Unless a man starts afresh about things, he will certainly do nothing effective. Unless a man starts on the strange assumption that he has never existed before, it is quite certain that he will never exist afterwards. Unless a man be born again, he shall by no means enter into the Kingdom of Heaven.











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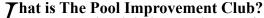
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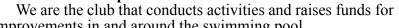
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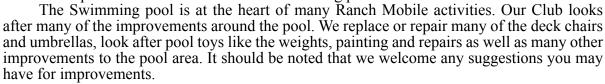


Pool Improvement Club





improvements in and around the swimming pool.



What activities do we conduct during the year?

In order to raise funds we hold the annual "Pork Roast Dinner" each November and hold a "Spaghetti Dinner" in January. In addition we participate with other Ranch Mobile Clubs in the Santa Parade and the White Elephant Sale (Jan. 30th) and we recycle the pop cans that Ranchers place in the recycling slot by the clubhouse. The money from the pop cans usually pays for part of the costs relating to the annual "Splash Party" held each April.

Please review your weekly Ranch Mobile Bulletin to see when the next Pool Improvement Club meeting is to be held. The meetings are usually on the first Thursday of each month during the winter and we would like to see every Rancher attend.

Annual Dues?

Annual Pool Improvement dues are \$3.

For those of you who would like a little exercise, please come out to an Aquacise class, held most Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays at 10:00 a.m. (weather permitting).

Our famous **Spaghetti Dinner** will be held at the club house on January 16th. Tickets will be sold at Koffee Klatch or can be purchased from Lou Lowery or Bob D'Ascoli in early January. A special thanks to all ranchers who support our dinners.

On behalf of Lou Lowery (President), Chuck Davis (Vice-President), Bob D'Ascoli (Treasurer) and Joanne Lavigne (Secretary) we would like to wish everyone a very happy and healthy 2016.

The Old Coot Rides the Rails

By: Merlin Lessler

was sitting in the Amtrak train station in Sanford, Fla. The other day, waiting for my car to be unloaded. A 30-something guy was on the bench next to me, talking about his experiences Lon the auto-train. It left northern Virginia at 4:00 p.m. and arrived in central Florida at 8:00 a.m. It was his first time; I'm an old pro.

I asked him how he'd slept. "Not well, not well at all," he replied, and went on to describe just how bad his night was. He woke every hour; first it was his hip that got him up, sore from lying sideways on a reclining train seat, even though it was longer and wider than those in first class on an airplane. He'd turned to the other side, but an hour later, his shoulder started to ache and woke him up again. A little later, a cramp hit his calf, forcing him to leap over his wife, waking her in the process as he rushed to the aisle to shake it out.

An hour later, the train stopped to change crews. The quiet roused him from slumber. He'd gotten used to the click, clack of the steel wheels on the metal track. Sore hip, sore shoulder, leg cramp, quiet and finally, a 2:00 a.m. call from Mother Nature that sent him down a narrow, winding staircase to the rest rooms, just as the train hit a bad section of track, sending him reeling into the wall. "I got eight hours of sleep, one hour at a time," he said, in summary.

I chuckled, but only to myself. He's just described a typical night's sleep for an old coot. I didn't want to depress him, so I refrained from telling him that he had many of those nights ahead, in his not too distant future. Thirty or 40 ears by the calendar that will seem like 15 minutes when he gets there and looks back. It's a speeding, rocking train, this thing we call old coot time.

Finally, our car came rolling out of the automobile container unit; I said goodbye to my 30-something friend. That was 30 seconds ago, by old coot time, 28 days by the calendar. Pretty soon, 10 days from now, I'll face up to a train ride back home. I won't be able to complain to my wife about the fractured sleep we will endure, the rocking motion of the passenger car, the long wait to get going, and a longer wait for our car to be unloaded. I've shot my mouth off too many times about how fast time flies. If I start bellyaching, she'll look me dead in the eye and say, "Why are you complaining; it will be over within ten seconds?" She is right (as usual). I'll be home before I know it and complaining about something new. The weather!

I Buckeye Brownies

For Brownie:

1 - 9 - 1/2 ounce package of brownie mix

egg

vegetable oil

water

or whatever the package calls for.

Prepare and bake brownie mix in a greased 13x9" baking pan according to package directions. Let cool.

For Middle Layer:

2 cups powdered sugar

1/2 cup butter

1 (8 ounce) jar creamy peanut butter

Mix powdered sugar, 1/2 cup butter and peanut butter. Mix well and spread over cooled brownies. Chill for one hour.

For Top Layer:

1 (6 ounce) packages semi-sweet chocolate chips

6 tablespoons butter, softened

Melt together chocolate chips and remaining butter in a saucepan over low heat, stirring occasionally until melted. Spread over brownies. Let cool; cut into squares.

















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Fitness at Ranch Mobile

hances are that your New Year's Resolution was to lose a little weight or to get more exercise. Fitness is a key ingredient to a happy and healthy life. Here at Ranch Mobile we have a great deal of fitness related activities. We have a modest amount of exercise equipment in the shuffleboard storage room. In addition we have Walkercise, Aquacise, Dancing, Bowling, Golfing, Shuffleboard and much more.

Walkercise

Walkercise is held Monday to Friday at 9:00 in the Clubhouse. The sessions follow CD walkercise programs and run for 40 minutes each day. This is a great cardio workout and take it from those who attend (daily turnout varies but everyone in the park is welcome to attend) you can sure work up a good sweat.

Aquacise

Aquacise is held Monday, Wednesday and Friday, providing the outside air temperature is about 80 deg. (the water temperature is always above 80 deg.). This exercise is led by Carole Dumican and runs for 30 to 40 minutes each day. Carole does a great job keeping us in shape.

Golfing

Golfing is a big hit at Ranch Mobile with many participating in the weekly golf groups as well as other golf related activities. Ken Paradine is the president of this club and if you desire a great day out walking the local golf courses and carrying your clubs, give Ken a call.

Shuffleboard

Shuffleboard is also great for those seeking a little fitness. We have group shuffles on Tuesday at 9:30 a.m., Thursday at 6:00 p.m. and Saturday at 12:30 p.m. If you don't know how to shuffle, come out and we will show you. This is a very social activity so be prepared to meet lots of new folks.

Dancing

The Dance Club holds several dances during the fall and winter, please see the weekly bulletin for more details. In addition Line Dancing lessons are provided free of charge most Wednesday mornings.

Bowling, Billiards, Walking, Biking, etc.

There are so many activities that we can't list them all. Please come out and participate in any of the clubs meetings or club activities. Everyone is welcome.

Our park is a great success, due mainly to all of you who come out and participate in our activities. We wish you a happy and healthy new year. Good luck with your New Year resolutions.

Wednesday Night Euchre Scores

Submitted by Marilyn Lett

November 4, 201	5		November 25, 20)15		
Lone Hands	8	Gus Agostinelli	Lone Hands	6	Bill Summers	
First Place	68	Mary Agostinelli	First Place	57	Marilyn Lett	
Second Place	63	Shirley Higbie	Second Place	57	Gary	
Third Place	62	Mary Jo Waerd	Third Place	56	Mike Higbie	
Fourth Place		J	Fourth Place	44	Carol Glacobbe	
November 11, 20	15		December 2, 201	5		
Lone Hands	7	Gus Agostinelli	Lone Hands	5	Denise Donovan	
First Place	68	Pat Wookey	First Place	62	Alice Summers	
Second Place	66	Bob Ward	Second Place	61	Bill Summers	
Third Place	64	Pete Pigeau	Third Place	57	Marilyn Lett	
Fourth Place	61	Sue Beaton	Fourth Place	54	Pete Pigeau	
November 18, 2015						
Lone Hands	4	Irwin Lett	•			
First Place	66	Doreen Snow	5 1000			
Second Place	59	Ron Glacobbe			N 2V	
Third Place	58	Shirley Higbie				
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White Elephant Sale

The Annual White Elephant Sale will be held on Saturday, January 30th. This is always a great Ranch Mobile success. Not only do we recycle and reuse, but a couple of hundred Ranchers come out and participate in the white elephant sale in one way or another. Again, this year we call upon all Ranchers, those who donate the goods, those who purchase all the hidden treasures and those who donated their time to continue to do so.

The White Elephant Sale is a big event here at Ranch Mobile and requires dozens of helpers. Participants are drawn from the Dance Club, Shuffleboard Club, Pool Improvement Club, Billiard Club and Golf Club. The proceeds from the sale are divided between the aforementioned clubs and used for various activities here in the park.

Without the kind support of our fellow Ranchers here at Ranch Mobile, who donate all the hidden treasures, we would never be able to have such a sale. We also have to mention all the support from the Board of Governors as ell as all the extra work put on Jose, and the maintenance crew.

Vicki Thurlow (President of the Dance Club) will be running the White Elephant Sale this year. If you have any treasures to donate, do not hesitate to drop them off at the maintenance shop on any Tuesday or Thursday between 9:30 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. For larger items contact Cookie Caron (207-615-4705) or Tom Walsh (599-2063) and either of them will make arrangements to pick the items up from your home.

On behalf of the Dance Club, Shuffleboard Club, The Pool Improvement Club, The Billiard Club and the Golf Club, we wish to encourage all residents of the park to participate in the white elephant sale. Ranch Mobile is a great place to live, and by participating in park activities you continue to make this park a really great place to live.



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The Shuffleboard Club

T That is The Shuffleboard Club?

We are the club that promotes shuffleboard activities and we raise funds for improvements in and around the shuffleboard courts.

Shuffleboard is a game of skill and strategy, as well as being a vehicle for social activities in and around the park.

What activities do we conduct during the year?

In order to raise funds and to contribute to the family atmosphere around Ranch Mobile, the shuffleboard club, during winter, holds the monthly "Ranch Mobile Breakfast" open to all Ranchers. In addition we hold the annual "Thanksgiving Dinner" and the "Christmas Dinner." We are an integral part of the yearly "Santa Parade" and we hold at least three (3) Fun Days – where you come out and shuffle around the obstacles and then sit down with the other participants to a great lunch. We participate in the White Elephant Sale each January together with the other Ranch Mobile Clubs.

We hold open shuffle games every Tuesday at 9:30 a.m., Thursday at 6:00 p.m. and Saturday at 12:30 p.m. so feel free to come out and play (free lessons to any newcomers). In addition, we hope to hold a Ranch Mobile wide Shuffleboard tournament each April in order for Ranchers to test their skills.

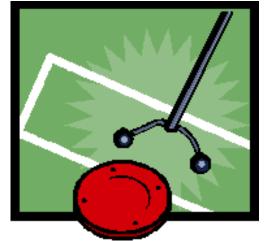
Who are the Executives of this Club?

Bryan Marshman is the President, Shirley Higbie is the Vice-President, Jean Cahill is the Treasurer, Doris Coulombe is the Secretary.

Please review your weekly Ranch Mobile Bulletin to see when the next Shuffleboard Club meeting is to be held. We only hold three meetings in the winter and we would like to see every Rancher attend these meetings.

Annual Dues?

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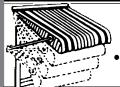
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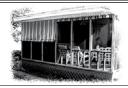
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elebrations for New Year begin from New Year's Eve on 31st December. This is the last day of the Gregorian calendar and the day before New Year's Day. The idea behind New Year's Eve celebration is to bid adieu to the year gone by and give a warm welcome to the coming year. Popular way of celebrating New Year's Eve is to party until the moment of the transition of the year at midnight.

New Year's Eve is a public non-working holiday in several countries including France, Australia, Argentina, Brazil, New Zealand, Mexico, Greece, the Philippines, and Venezuela.

New Year Eve Traditions

Traditions of celebrating New Year's Eve vary in several parts of the world due to cultural variations. In most countries people cut cake as the clock strikes midnight on New Year's Eve and open champagne bottles to express their joys. Given here is a brief description of some of the other most popular and interesting traditions of New Year Eve celebrations.

Father Time and Baby New Year

A common image of New Year's Eve celebration is the incarnation of Father Time – the old year represented by an old bearded man wearing a sash across his chest with the previous year printed on it. This Father Time hands over his responsibilities to the Baby New Year – the personification of New Year represented by a baby wearing a sash with the new year printed on it.

Auld Lang Syne

Inspired by an old Scottish tune, the song Auld Lang Syne (meaning 'the good old days') has become the National Anthem of New Year's Eve celebration. The song is traditionally sung at the midnight on the New Year's Eve in almost all English speaking countries of the world. The lyrics to the song Auld Lang Syne were written by the poet Robert Burns and published after his death in 1796.

Bursting of Firecrackers

In most parts of the world, people welcome the New Year by bursting noisy firecrackers. Some even fire celebratory gun-shots. The tradition emerged from an ancient belief that noise and fire helped to dispel evil spirits and bring good-luck. (This isn't a good thing ... many have been injured with bullets that seemingly fall from the sky!!)

Greeting Happy New Year

Just as the clock strikes at midnight on New Year's Day people start Greeting Happy New Year to everyone around. At several places there is also a tradition to kiss one's beloved at midnight. It is said that kissing ensures affections and tie will continue all through the year. To dear ones staying in distant cities, greetings are sent over phone or through SMS and New Year greeting cards.

Popular New Year Eve Celebrations Around the World

Many countries take pride in their New Year's Eve celebrations but New Year's Eve of Times Square, Trafalgar Square and Sydney are the most popular amongst them all.

New Year's Eve at Times Square in New York City

New Year's Eve celebration of Times Square, New York city is one of the most popular New Year's Eve celebrations around the world. The event is noted for the famous ball drop atop One Times Square. Every year, thousands of people from across the world descend upon Times Square to experience this traditional event.

New Year's Eve at Trafalgar Square in London

This is yet another most popular New Year's Eve celebration. Each year thousands of revelers throng the Square to welcome the New Year to the sound of Big Ben's famous chimes.

New Year's Eve at Sydney, Australia

Sydney is said to be the world's preferred destination for New Year's Eve celebrations. Breathtaking firework display is said to be the major attraction that pull thousands of people to Sydney from all over the world. An estimated 80,000 firecrackers are show from Sydney Harbour Bridge on the New Year's Eve, offering a truly stunning view. The other major attraction is The Harbour of Lights Parade. It is a delightful sight to watch cruise boats covered in fairy lights cruise the center of the harbour all night.

Resolutions You Would be Tempted to Keep

or those who are scared of making resolutions here are some resolutions they would actually be tempted to keep ... but I hope they don't!!!

Spend more time watching TV / movies.

Chat more over phone / Internet.

Read less.

I want to gain weight. Put on at least 30 pounds.

Stop exercising. Waste of time.

Procrastinate more.

Drink. Drink some more.

Start being superstitious.

Spend more/less time at work.

Stop bringing lunch from home: I should eat out more.

Take up a new habit: Maybe smoking!



























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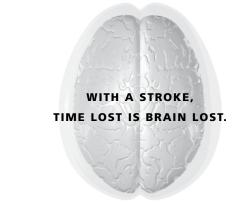


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Funny New Year Resolutions

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Just for today, I will not sit in my living room all day in my nightdress. Instead, I will move my computer into the bedroom.

I will no longer waste my time reliving the past; instead I will spend it worrying about the future.

I will not bore my boss with the same excuse for taking leaves. I will think of some more excuses.

I will do less laundry and use more deodorant.

I will avoid taking a bath whenever possible and conserve more water.

Assure my lawyer that I will never again show up drunk at a custody hearing.

I will give up chocolates totally. 100%. Completely. Honestly ...

I will try to figure out why I 'really' need nine e-mail addresses.

I will stop sending e-mails to my wife (husband).

I resolve to work with neglected children – my own.

I will stop sending e-mail, ICQ, Instant Messages and be on the phone at the same time with the same person.

I will spend less than one hour a day on the Internet. This, of course, will be hard to estimate since I'm not a clock watcher.

I will read the manual ... just as soon as I can find it.

I will think of a password other than "password."

I will not tell the same story at every get together.

I won't worry so much.

I will cut my hair.

I will grow my hair.

I will stop considering other people's feeling when they so obviously don't consider mine – if that unwashed fellow sits next to me again, I'll tell him he stinks!

I will be more imaginative.

I will not hang around girls – they think you love them and that sucks.

I will not ring the stewardess button on airplanes just to get her phone number.



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The Old Coot Explains the Aging Process

By: Merlin Lessler

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Now that I'm near the top of mine, a year zooms by so fast I hardly notice it. I just hope my pyramid had a pointy top like the ones in Egypt and not a flat top like a Mayan one, where the last level comes to you sooner than you anticipated.

When a young guy stumbles upon an old coot celebrating a birthday, he kind of snickers and wonders how the old guy can stand it, being so ancient. Like it's our fault, like we have a choice. But, the joke's on him; it's great to be celebrating a birthday with a five, six, seven, eight or nine as the first number. Why? Because it truly does get better every year; it doesn't matter how many candles are crowding the top of our birthday cake pyramid.

Oh sure, we've amassed a legion of afflictions and physical deficiencies. But, we've dealt with them and for the most part don't feel any different than when we were young. (Most of us. Most of the time.) Ask an old coot how it feels to be 60, 70, 80 or whatever, and he'll likely say, "I don't know. I don't feel any different than when I was in my thirties." (The human memory is kind to us as we age.)

But it's true. We have a whole pyramid of life experiences to reflect on, to bask in. And, not just the great moments, even the bad ones take on a positive note. We survived! We overcame! We learned to accept the hand dealt us. And, of course, the passage of time deadens the pain.

So, when you see an old coot ticking off a high numbered birthday, don't feel sorry for him. He's not wallowing in self-pity because he reached another milestone; he's thrilled, and wouldn't trade ages with you for anything. Don't believe me? You will. It's just a matter of time.













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Sat. Jan. 30, 9am to 2pm, WHITE ELEPHANT SALE. Ranch Mobileat Clubhouse, Lake Rd. (between 142nd & 150th Ave. N. Zip 33764)

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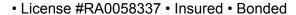
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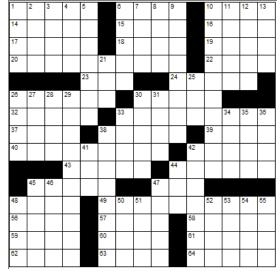
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Raymond Wilson	\$5	Sunset Appliance Service
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Joseph Laclaire	\$5	Jones & Sons Plumbing, Inc.
Jack Bryant	\$5	Air Masters of Pinellas, Inc.
Theodore Kulka	\$5	Heller's Mobile Home Washing
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		Bill the Carpet Guy
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Gary Cornely	\$5	Chambers Specialties, Inc
		E & E Gliddon A/C, Inc.
		Jones & Sons Plumbing, Inc.
Margaret Sands	\$5	Imperial Electric Service of Pinellas
Geoffrey Arkell	\$5	Bill's Family Garage
Jeane Hawkes	\$5	Doll Brothers Carpet Cleaning
Joseph Doyle	\$5	O.E. Wilson Insurance
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- 30. Chews
- 32. Hermit
- 33. Free
- 37. Debatable
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- 39. Urgent request
- 40. Streetwalkers
- 42. Startles
- 43. Connections
- 44. No particular person
- 45. Loamy deposit
- 47. Ribonucleic acid
- 48 36 inches
- 49. Widely circulated
- 56. Arab chieftain
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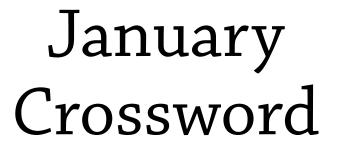


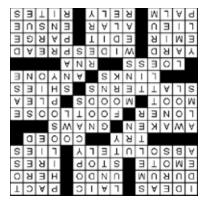
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- 12. Belief system
- 13 Throw

- 21. A large vase
- 25. A wise bird
- 26. Charity
- 27. It comes from sheep
- 28. Dwarf buffalo
- 29. Tympani
- 31. Gestures of assent
- 33. Not a spoon
- 34. Hodgepodge
- 35. Observed
- 36. Leisure

- 38. Haberdashery

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- be jolly"
- 42. Australian food fish
- 44. Autonomic nervous system
- 45. Female demon
- 46. Bay window
- 47. Attempt again
- 48. Cry of pain
- 50. Doing nothing
- 51. Found on rotary
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