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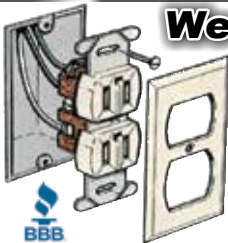
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Day	Name	Lot#
1	Nancy Herbert	388
1	Bruce Kleinknight	305
2	Martha (Marty) Harvey	405
2	Robert Pippy	400
3	Rhoda Frampton	407
4	Craig Zachar	399
5	Jim Murray	373
5	Stacie Weir	470
6	Robin Story	347
8	Yvonne Hutchison	435
9	Maureen Elwood	432
11	Esta Harsh	368
16	Valerie Pippy	400
18	Alberta Weir	470
19	Bob Summerville	446
23	Brian Williams	321
27	Norman Vincent	312



Once again it's short February!!

For the snowbirds, the season is rolling along. Resident led activities continue in full swing. And I hope you enjoyed the Boomer Band evening.



Park December Monthly Action Plan

New capital expenditures list will be created for spring and fall.





Park News



Thank you to everyone that helped with the annual Rummage Sale fundraiser. Each year so many step up and work together for this undertaking.

The HOA annual meeting is scheduled for Sunday February 15 at 1pm. All members are encouraged to attend or assign a proxy.

Mardi Gras culminates on Fat Tuesday, February 17. Watch for details on the board and the FaceBook page.

Diane, Lot 397



FEBRUARY

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Happy Valentine's Day

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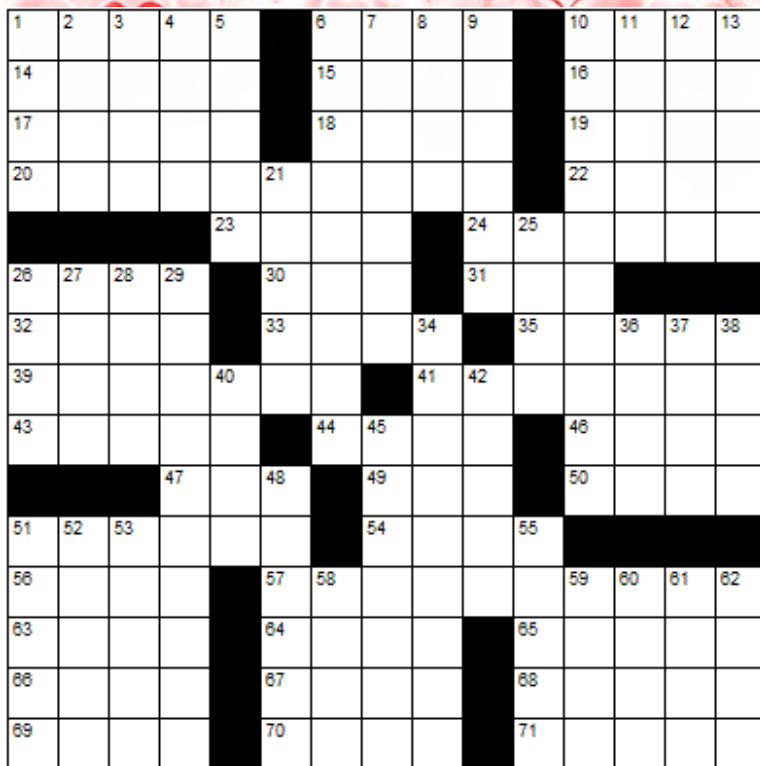
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26. Employ
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31. Thick flat pad
32. Cards with one symbol
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41. Adolescent
43. Caper
44. Assess
46. Freudian topics
47. Encountered
49. Neither
50. Droops
51. Flail
54. A math subject
56. Miami basketball team
57. Passing from place to place
63. Hindu princess
64. Anger
65. Hawaiian greeting
66. Therefore
67. 3
68. Low point
69. Anagram of "Need"
70. Cravings
71. Vogue

DOWN

1. Component used as fertilizer
2. Lowly worker
3. Broadcast
4. Oriental grain
5. Fixed gaze
6. Curry-powder ingredient
7. Supervise
8. Advanced
9. National tune
10. Bilestones
11. Farewell
12. Countdown clock
13. A post in the ground
21. Grill
25. What we're called
26. Laugh
27. Computer symbol
28. Repose
29. Approximation
34. Lawyers
36. Indian music
37. Excited
38. Not more
40. Frosts, as a cake
42. Spooky
45. Immune response trigger
48. 3 tens
51. Trio
52. Discovered
53. Scope
55. Allow
58. Empty weight
59. Winglike
60. Connecting point
61. Lower jaw part
62. Almost a meter





February Word Search



baggage
bats
balls
blaze
blown
colorful
dekes

field
fight
fuzzy
ground
lease
master
medium

music
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outside
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Meeting of minds

The famous movie actor/director Charlie Chaplin once met the world-renowned physicist Albert Einstein at a public event. According to the Storypick website, Einstein told the comedian: “What I most admire about your art is your universality. You don’t say a word, yet the world understands you.”

To which Chaplin replied, “True. But your glory is even greater. The whole world admires you, even though they don’t understand a word of what you say.”

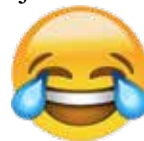


Mistaken identity

Even Queen Elizabeth II sometimes goes unrecognized. A story from the Hello magazine website tells of a time when the queen’s car drove up to the Royal Windsor Horse Show in 1991. A guard walked up and told her, “Sorry, love, you can’t come in without a sticker.”

Unfazed, her majesty answered, “I think if you check, I will be allowed to come in.”

He did, and she was. The guard admitted later that he’d thought the queen was just “some old dear” who was lost.



Penalty box

Gordie Howe was one of the greatest hockey players of all time. One night his team, the Detroit Red Wings, was playing the Toronto Maple Leafs at Maple Leaf Gardens. Howe believed one referee was favoring the home team, so he skated over and asked, “Hey, refer, what would you do if I called you a homer?” (a sports official who makes obvious calls for the home team.)

“I’d have to give you two minutes in the penalty box,” the ref replied.

“What would you do if I only thought you were a homer?”

“I couldn’t do anything. Your thoughts are your own.”

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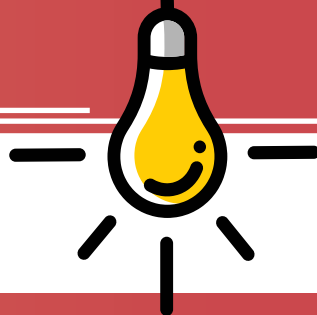
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	Groundhog Day	
8	9	10
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Washington's Birthday		

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Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Bingo open Bingo	8:30a Indoor Aerobics 10:00a Water Aerobics 6:30p Men's/Poker Women's games	9:00a Coffee Social 1:00a Adventure Lab at Florida Botanical Gardens, Largo	8:30a Indoor Aerobics 10:00a Water Aerobics	
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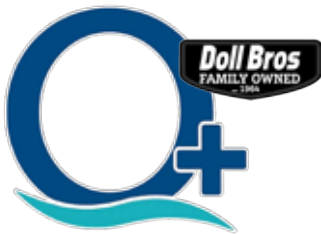
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A little praise

As a speechwriter for presidents Ronald Reagan and George H.W. Bush, Peggy Noonan introduced such phrases as “a thousand points of light” into the vernacular. But she derived her greatest personal satisfaction from a simple note of praise.

As recounted in her book, *What I Saw at the Revolution* (Ivy Books), four months into her job as Reagan’s speechwriter, Noonan had yet to meet the boss. Then he returned the draft of one of her speeches bearing the hand-scrawled words “Very Good.”

Noonan was overjoyed—so overjoyed that she cut out the note, taped it to her blouse, and walked the halls beaming with the pride of a schoolgirl who’d suddenly discovered she was teacher’s pet.

Handling the press

Rock star David Bowie knew how to charm reporters. According to the Digital Spy website, when a magazine ran a series on some of the journalists who’d interviewed him over the years, they discovered that he’d played the same trick on them over and over again:

Bowie would schedule a 45-minute interview. When his aide came in to show the reporter out, he’d say, “Look, I know we’re on a schedule, but we’re having such fun here, could we do an extra 15 minutes?” Every journalist felt flattered by the attention, which usually resulted in a positive review of whatever album Bowie was publicizing. Only years later did they realize that he’d scheduled them for a full hour all along.

Quotes:

We are storytelling animals and cannot bear to acknowledge the ordinariness of our daily lives.
—Stephen Jay Gould

Storytelling reveals meaning without committing the error of defining it.
—Hannah Arendt



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African American History Month. An annual observance to recognize and commemorate African American culture, African American History Month (or Black History Month) is celebrated annually in the United States and Canada in February, and in the United Kingdom in October.

Dog Training Education Month. Every day of the month, perform one training activity with your dog: jumping, herding, racing, etc. By the end of the month, you'll notice an improvement in your dog's temperament, and you'll share a closer bond.

National Haiku Writing Month. Write one haiku a day throughout February—the shortest month for the world's shortest genre of poetry. Don't think writing a good haiku is easy, though. As French philosopher and literary theorist Roland Barthes once observed, "Haiku has this rather fantasmagorical property: That we always suppose we ourselves can write such things easily."

Teen Dating Violence Awareness Month. A national effort to raise awareness about abuse in teen and 20-something relationships and promote programs that prevent it. One in three teens in the United States will experience physical, sexual, or emotional abuse by a partner in a relationship before they become adults. Spread awareness, and stop dating abuse before it starts.



Weekly

Burn Awareness Week, Feb. 1-7. Observed the first full week in February, Burn Awareness Week is intended to provide an opportunity for burn, fire, and life safety educators to share the message of burn awareness and prevention in communities around the nation.

National School Counseling Week, Feb. 1-5. This year's theme, "School Counseling: Helping Students Realize Their Potential," will focus public attention on the unique contribution of school counselors and highlight the tremendous impact they can have in helping students achieve school success and plan for a career.

Children of Alcoholics Week, Feb. 8-14. A campaign led by the National Association for Children of Alcoholics (NACOA) to raise awareness of children affected by parental alcohol problems. Children of Alcoholics Week is celebrated internationally each year during the week in which Valentine's Day falls.

National Invasive Species Awareness Week, Feb. 23-27. Raise awareness and identify solutions to invasive species issues at local, state, tribal, regional, international, and national levels. Participating organizations include the Association of Fish and Wildlife Agencies, the Environmental Law Institute, and the Nature Conservancy.

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Eating healthy: The choices we make

More Americans are trying to make healthier choices about the food they buy and eat these days. A study of 2,000 consumers by health food manufacturer Earth Balance looked at the foods we're buying and why we choose them. Here's a look at the top "better for you" selections:

- **Dairy products:** 29 percent
- **Alternative oils and fats (such as avocado, sunflower, or coconut oil):** 28 percent
- **Alternative snacks (gluten-free crackers, Greek yogurt, etc.):** 28 percent
- **"Superfoods" (such as chia, quinoa, and acai):** 28 percent
- **Plant-based proteins (lentils, spirulina, and so forth):** 18 percent
- **Wheat flour alternatives:** 12 percent



How are you spending your days?

You may think you're working out a lot. But as a percentage of your lifespan, it's probably not that much. In fact, a global study by Reebok found that the average human spends less than 1 percent of his or her entire life exercising—0.69 percent to be exact.

The Reebok study is part of the 25,915 Days campaign, which is named for the number of days in the average human lifespan of 71 years. The survey data came from more than 90,000 respondents in the United States, United Kingdom, Canada, Germany, France, Mexico, Russia, Korea, and Spain. In terms of days spent on specific activities, here's what Reebok found:

- **Exercise:** 180 days
- **Looking at a tech device:** 10,625 days
- **Sitting down:** 7,709 days
- **Socializing with family and friends:** 1,765 days



Quotes:

If people do not believe that mathematics is simple, it is only because they do not realize how complicated life is.

—John Louis von Neumann

The essence of mathematics is not to make simple things complicated, but to make complicated things simple.

—S. Gudder





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Help out friends when they're sick

A friend is sick. Sending a get-well card is nice, but for a serious illness, it's not enough. What can you do to really help? Try some of these thoughtful gestures:

- Text when you're at the store: "Can I pick up anything for you?"
- Plan a lunch date.
- Offer to run their errands.
- Help out around the house, cleaning up or doing laundry.
- Offer to drive to doctors' appointments, the store, or anywhere else they need to go.

Get up and work out

The alarm rings. Do you leap out of bed to head for the gym? Or hit snooze and tell yourself you'll work out tomorrow? Motivating yourself to get up and start exercising can be tough. If you give in to temptation to skip the health club more than you'd like, try these tips to get moving:

- 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.

Quotes:

Health is the natural condition. When sickness occurs, it is a sign that nature has gone off course because of a physical or mental imbalance.

—Jostein Gaarder

Health is more than the absence of disease. Health is about jobs and employment, education, the environment, and all of those things that go into making us healthy.

—Joycelyn Elders

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Clearwater Cascade park-wide yard sale. Saturday, February 21, 8:00am - 2:00pm. 9790 66th Street N, Pinellas Park

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Palm Hill Country Club Annual Bazaar, Saturday March 7th. 8am - 1pm. 1800 Seminole Blvd. Largo

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Feeling sick? Don't depend on the internet for a cure

The internet is good for some things, but when you want to find out what's making you feel sick, you're generally better off with your doctor than with a medical website or smartphone app. That's the diagnosis of a study by Harvard Medical School that was recently written up in the JAMA Internal Medicine journal.

The research involved 234 physicians and 23 diagnostic tools offered by such websites as the Mayo Clinic and Web MD, along with apps for the iPhone and Android smartphones. Given 45 hypothetical patients and their symptoms, the human doctors got the correct diagnosis right away in 72 percent of the cases, while the computerized symptom checkers were correct only 34 percent of the time.



When asked to provide not one but three possible diagnoses, physicians again outperformed their technological counterparts, hitting the right diagnosis with their top three 84 percent of the time. Websites and apps found the correct diagnosis just 51 percent of the time.

So although you might be tempted to just Google your symptoms and head to the drugstore, most of the time you're better making an appointment with your doctor.

Spare your back by lifting safely

A major cause of back pain and injury is improperly lifting heavy items at work or in the home. Remember these basic techniques for safe lifting:

- Assess whether you need help. Before you even think of lifting an object, ask yourself whether you can really handle the load alone or you should ask a co-worker for assistance, or get some kind of mechanical aid, like a dolly.
- Always bend your knees. Bending at the waist when you lift something strains your back. Bending at the knees helps you maintain your balance and lets your stronger leg muscles do the work of lifting.
- Hug your load. Keep the object as close to your body as you can. Gradually straighten your legs to a standing position.
- Don't twist. Twisting can overload your spine and cause serious injury. Keep your feet, knees, and torso pointed in the same direction when you lift.
- Put your load down carefully. Use the same techniques in setting down the object that you do when lifting it.

Quote:

We must respect the past and mistrust the present if we wish to provide for the safety of the future.
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Daydreaming can be good for you

Daydreams aren't necessarily a waste of time. We daydream for different reasons, but it can have a positive affect on your life and career. Consider these facts about daydreaming from the LiveScience website:

- Daydreaming can be controlled—up to a point. Most people daydream intentionally because they're bored or working on something simple. When tasks require more concentration, drifting off is less frequent, but still happens.
- Blinking is a clue. Wonder if someone is daydreaming while you're talking? Look closely at their eyes. Studies show that people blink more often and more rapidly when they daydream.
- Daydreaming can help with problem solving. Let your mind wander when you're working on a tough problem. Scientists have observed that the areas of the brain involved in problem solving turn more active when we daydream.

These thoughtful habits can spark your imagination

Even if you don't think of yourself as the creative type, you can always amp your imagination up with a little effort. Keep this advice in mind when you're searching for an original idea or an innovative solution:

- **Meditate.** Spend some time each day visualizing something pleasant and peaceful. It doesn't have to relate to anything you're working on—just picture a lake, a forest, or even a loved one. You'll relax your brain and body while creating a mental environment that attracts fresh thinking.
- **Pretend.** Look at ordinary objects around you and pretend they're something different. Your pen is a magic wand, for example, or a pair of scissors is a spaceship. Explore the premise, and you'll teach your mind to look at everything a little differently.
- **Try something new.** Break out of your routine on a regular basis. Read a book on a subject you're unfamiliar with, try a new sport, talk to someone you don't know well. Different experiences can help loosen up stiff ways of thinking about things.
- **Commit some art.** Try sketching a picture or writing a poem. It doesn't have to be a masterpiece. Just give yourself mind and body space to roam in a fresh direction. You may see and hear the world differently later.

Quotes:

Every child is an artist; the problem is staying an artist when you grow up.
—Pablo Picasso

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