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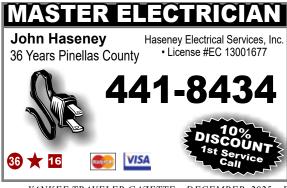
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MESSAGE FROM THE ACTIVITIES DIRECTOR

Deb Geiler, Lot 610

Telcome back to Yankee!! First off, I want to Thank all the Chairpersons for their patience and willingness to work together to make room for all games to be played in the card room until our Rec Hall is reopened. As I work on this message and calendar a lot of it is assuming the Rec Hall will be reopened. Articles and Calendars must be submitted way in advance to get them in the Gazette. Therefore, if things change between now and when December



gets here, I will be updating via the "YT Residents Association Of Largo Fl" Facebook Group. I encourage everyone to join our Group it's a great way to stay connected with everyone here in our little park. I will also post notifications in the hallway by the office. The Calendar for December is only going to work if the Rec Hall gets opened. Let's all Pray it does. Remember to be thinking about what "Old Movie" you'd like to portray in the park parade! I'm hoping we have great participation this year. Looking forward to seeing everyone around the park.

Deb Geiler (2025-2027 Activities Director)

MESSAGE FROM THE EDITOR

Mary Lantz, Lot 431

appy December! I have been your Gazette Editor since March 2023, and the time has come for me to pass the torch to new blood. If you would like to take over this task, or know someone who would, please contact me. My last publication will be the May 2026 edition unless someone steps forward sooner.

If you have any stories, events, or other items you would like included in the January Gazette that you think others would enjoy, drop me a note by <u>DECEMBER 7, 2025</u>, at <u>mplantz5029@gmail.com</u> and I will get them published. <u>Anything received after that date</u> will be included in the February Gazette.



If you have anything you want included on the January Calendar please contact Activities Director, Deb Geiler, Lot 610, at dageiler@sbcglobal.net.



"YT Residents Association Of Largo FL" Facebook Group

If you haven't already, you might want to become a member of the "YT Residents Association Of Largo Fl" Facebook Group. It is used frequently to remind you of upcoming events, share info about fun places to go or things to do, find someone who has an item you could borrow, or a new home for something you no longer need. Keep in mind that it is a resident only page, NOT a park sponsored page. To join, please contact:

Stephen Ford, Lot 601, stephenford@aol.com Tanya McKellar, Lot 418, mckellarjt@gmail.com Russell Pitt, Lot 323, rdpitt@nbnet.nb.ca

YANKEE TRAVELER RESIDENTS DIRECTORY

Mary Lantz, Lot 431

will soon begin working on the new Yankee Traveler Residents Directory. I encourage all of you to take a look at last year's directory and if you see anything that is not correct, please contact the Office and get your information corrected there first as that is where the process begins. After you have taken that step feel free to contact me with corrections. Thanks for your cooperation.

EVENTS

CRAFT FAIR

Lois Ellis, Lot 240

ur annual craft fair is going to be December 6, 2025, from 11:00 AM – 2:00 PM. We would like all crafters to come out and show what they can do and we welcome all the park to come out and buy for Christmas. We have more crafters every year. Come out. Enjoy your day.

DANCES

Sally & Steve Skene, Lot 529

These are the dates for our four dances this coming season:

Christmas Dance
New Years Dance
December 13, 2025 (tentative on the hall being open)
December 31, 2025 (tentative on the hall being open)

Valentine's Dance February 14, 2026 St. Patty's Dance March 14, 2026

Te will be selling tickets again on a first come, first serve basis except that if you have friend(s) who are working or not here yet in the park for the season, you will be allowed to buy a maximum of 2 extra tickets provided you identify to the ticket seller, the names of the individual(s) you are buying for.

Sally Skene

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STEAL A GIFT

Pat Rainey, Lot 416

The Christmas Eve Steal-A-Gift party will be held on Wednesday, December 24, 2025, in the Rec Hall.

Doors will open at 5:30 PM Bring a wrapped Gift valued at \$15.00 per person (no food or candy or gag gifts) Finger Food to share Bring your own beverage of choice Share the Wealth Drawing (no tickets will be given after 6:00 PM)



Come and enjoy your Yankee friends and go home with a gift!

GOLDEN ANNIVERSARY

Darley Perlakowski, Lot 430

years of marriage!! That is what we will be celebrating this January with 5 couples. I know I am posting this a month early, but I just want you to be prepared for this special event.



Perhaps you have attended our Golden Anniversary parties before, but perhaps there are some of you that have never seen how awesome this time of honor is. I will also remind you again in the next newsletter regarding a sign-up sheet and more necessary information.

To those of you that will be honored, if you have additional information you want to share with me, please get in touch. This is your special time, and I want to make it special.

Thanks, Darley

FLAMINGO RACES

Jerry Rzepka, Lot 421

Saturday, February 7, 2026. Depending on the condition of the clubhouse we will be racing either outdoors or indoors. Look for race updates in January's Gazette and park bulletin boards.

A new flamboyance of flamingos is currently being raised for the big race. The top 10 from nursery camp will be looking for owners to train and bring them ready to race in February.

Anyone wishing to be an owner should put in their owner request to Jerry Rzepka at lot 421 or send a request via email to jrzepka@i2k.com with your name, lot number, and phone number. I will make sure you get into the drawing.

The owner drawing will be held in front of the clubhouse Friday, January 9, 2026, at 6:00 PM. Owner's fee is \$15 with the opportunity to win a \$20 owner's purse for taking first place in each of the 6 preliminary races and a \$30 winner's purse for winning the final derby race. Each flamingo will race in 3 of the preliminary races with the 5 top finishers in the preliminary races making the final derby race.

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CLEARWATER COMMUNITY BAND

The Clearwater Community Band has been providing free concerts (free will donations are accepted) that you might be interested in attending. You can enjoy some good music and as an extra bonus you can see YT Tuba player Steve Murphy perform in the Concert Band. Below are the dates of the upcoming performances.

- December 13, 2025
- February 7, 2026
- March 7, 2026
- April 25, 2026

Each performance includes both the Jazz Band AND the Concert Band.

Jazz Band at 2:00 PM ~ Concert Band at 3:00 PM Countryside High School Auditorium 3000 State Rd 580, Clearwater, FL 33761



GAMES

BINGO/DOMINOS/OTHER GAMES/ACTIVITIES

Bingo, Mexican Train Dominos, Billiards and many Card games all have places on the December calendar, however with the uncertainty of when the Rec Hall is going to be open the calendar may not be accurate. The Activity Director has asked everyone to be flexible with the card room and only schedule your games for every other week so that games that normally would be in the Rec Hall can also get a chance to play too.



MEN'S GOLF

Tony Sarvo, Lot 319

en's Golf started on November 18, 2025. Games are played every Tuesday at Countryway Golf Course and for now tee times will start at 8:45. If you are interested in joining the group please sign up on the sheet in the breezeway by the office. If you have any questions, contact Tony Sarvo at lot 319.





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CLASSES, CLUBS, WEEKLY ACTIVITIES

WATER AEROBICS

Instructor Barva Herzog from OK, Lot 207

Tam a retired swimming instructor (summer 2024!), and 30+years swimming coach! I loved working with kiddos of all ages. In 1978/79 I Lecame a volunteer at Salvation Army Boys and Girls Club in Broken Arrow, where I taught swimming lessons, coached young children, and began teaching Water Aerobics for adults. Many participants of the WA class had balance, arthritic, or joint issues. WA offered them the chance to exercise with less strain on their bodies. I love doing what I do when it comes to anything



water!

My husband, Jerry and I love traveling and the snorkeling gear goes with us more times than not!

I hope to see many returning faces from the last two seasons but will be thrilled to welcome anyone who joins my class!!

See y'all at the Pool Mondays, Tuesdays, and Thursdays from 10:30-11:30 AM Barva

CHAIR AEROBICS/SENIOR EXERCISE/STRETCH TIME

Deb Geiler, Lot 610

Thave had a few requests to have a short Chair Aerobics/Senior Exercise/ Stretch time. It will probably be a total of 30 minutes. If anyone is interested in Chairing **L** this, I would greatly appreciate it. As for now I am doing it. Beginning in the month of December, once the hall is open, we will begin. For now, I have set it for Tuesday mornings at 10:00 in the Rec Hall. This day and time may be altered. I will be updating on the "YT Residents Association Of Largo Fl" Facebook Group page. You can reach me via the Facebook Group page, by phone 618-541-8125, email dageiler@sbcglobal.net or at Lot 610. Let's get these ole joints, muscles and bones a moving!!!

Deb Geiler

POT BLISS, BIBLE STUDY AND WORSHIP

Dave & Deb Geiler, Lot 610

Tany of you have asked that we have the Bible Study/Worship and fellowship time again this year. I have it set for a Potluck Luncheon Lrather than a breakfast brunch. We will meet on Wednesday's starting at 1:00 PM in the Rec Hall. I hope to see you there!! Dave & Deb Geiler



LINE DANCING

Ann Miller, Lot 338

ine Dancing will resume once the Rec Hall renovations are completed. Classes will be held on Mondays and Thursdays.

10:00 for Beginners

11:00 AM for Advanced Beginners/Intermediate

Everyone is welcome to come join the fun, the music, making friends, and getting some great exercise dancing.

Just keep a watch out for posters on bulletin boards, and around the park announcing when classes begin.



Shirley Murphy, Lot 230 and Faith Heffernan, Lot 429

Pillowcase dresses are welcomed and needed in Haiti, Dominican Republic, and other places with hot climates. It is an incredible outreach to so many in need of even a simple dress to wear. We will meet on Wednesday mornings from 9-12 in the rec hall starting January 7th. All ladies are welcome, even beginning sewers. These dresses are easy to make. We also gladly accept any donations of material, pillowcases, thread, binding, lace, etc. There are 4 sewing machines available for use. If you have your own and want to bring it, please feel free to do so. Looking forward to seeing you all again!

KARAOKE

Bill Miller, Lot 338

ur first Karaoke night is scheduled for December 20, 2025, at 6:30 PM in the Rec Hall (tentative on Rec Hall being open). If you like to sing (even if it is in the shower), you will enjoy our karaoke nights. We invite all to come sing and/or support their favorite karaoke singer. Watch for posters announcing sign-up information and any changes or cancellations due to room availability.

Attention Yankee Traveler Residents Editor Needed!!!

Would you like to see the monthly Gazette newsletter continue?

Do you have a computer with email capabilities?

Then you could be the next editor of Yankee Traveler!

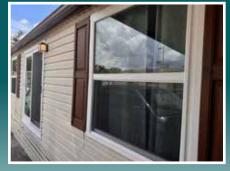
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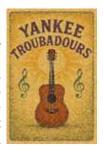




THE YANKEE TROUBADOURS

Dave Cole, Lot 528

For as long as anyone can remember, Yankee Traveler RV Park has been filled with music—thanks to all the talented residents who love to sing, strum, and share a tune or two. The Music Jams have always been a place where everyone's welcome, whether you're a seasoned musician or just want to tap your toes and hum along. That open, friendly spirit is what makes them so special—and it's still going strong today!



Over time, the music, and the way it's shared have naturally evolved. These days, the jams sound better than ever, thanks in large part to Dave Geiler, who brought his experience from church performances (and some great sound gear!) to help the group put on a real show.

With all that growth and good energy, it seemed like the right time to give this talented bunch a name—and that's how The Yankee Traveler Troubadours came to be!

The group now meets every Wednesday evening in the Rec Hall to play together, rehearse, and get ready for upcoming concerts. Whether you want to join in or just sit back and enjoy the music, everyone's welcome!

From now on, our Music Jams will proudly go by the name "The Yankee Traveler Troubadours," but the heart of it all stays the same: everyone is invited, everyone belongs, and the music is for everyone to enjoy.

So, keep your eyes peeled for Yankee Traveler Troubadours posters around the park—performances are coming soon, and you won't want to miss the fun!

Dave Cole

RECIPE CORNER

MICROWAVE PEANUT BRITTLE

Ingredients:

- 1 cup raw peanuts
- 1 cup white sugar
- 1/2 cup white corn syrup
- 1/8 teaspoon salt
- 1 teaspoon butter
- 1 teaspoon vanilla
- 1 teaspoon soda

Instructions:

- Stir peanuts, sugar, syrup, and salt in a 1 ½ quart glass dish
- Set Microwave to high and cook 8 minutes
- Stir well after 4 minutes
- Add butter and vanilla and cook for 2 minutes longer until mixture begins to brown a bit.
- Add soda, stir gently until light and foamy.
- Pour onto greased cookie sheet.
- Let cool, and break into pieces.



RECIPE CORNER

QUICK EGGNOG

Ingredients:

- 5 eggs
- 2 cups of cold milk
- 1/2 cup chilled apple juice
- 1/4 cup of sugar
- 1/2 teaspoon cinnamon
- 1/4 teaspoon salt

Instructions:

- Combine all ingredients in blender container.
- Cover, blend at high speed just until thoroughly combined.
- Serve immediately.

Variations:

- Coffee: Substitute 1 tablespoon freeze-dried coffee and 1 teaspoon vanilla for apple juice and cinnamon.
- Chocolate: Substitute 1/4 cup chocolate syrup or 1 1/2 tablespoons cocoa for apple juice and cinnamon.

TODAY'S SMILES

Regulations

adapted from fromthehearteldercare.com

However, while working as a student nurse, I found one elderly gentleman already dressed and sitting on the bed with a suitcase at his feet, who insisted he didn't need my help to leave the hospital.



After a chat about rules being rules, he reluctantly let me wheel him to the elevator. On the way down I asked him if his wife was meeting him.

'I don't know,' he said 'She's still upstairs in the bathroom changing out of her hospital gown.

Hearing Again

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n elderly gentleman had serious hearing problems for a number of years. He went to the doctor, and the doctor was able to have him fitted for a set of hearing aids that allowed the gentleman to hear 100%.

The elderly gentleman went back in a month to the doctor and the doctor said, 'Your hearing is perfect. Your family must be really pleased that you can hear again.'

The gentleman replied, 'Oh, I haven't told my family yet.

I just sit around and listen to the conversations. I've changed my will three times!







Romance Scams



Romance scams occur when a criminal adopts a fake online identity to gain a victim's affection and trust. The scammer then uses the illusion of a romantic or close relationship to manipulate and/or steal from the victim.

The scammer's intention is to establish a relationship as quickly as possible, endear himself to the victim, and gain trust. Scammers may propose marriage and make plans to meet in person, but that will never happen. Eventually, they will ask for money.

If someone you meet online needs your bank account information to deposit money, they are most likely using your account to carry out other theft and fraud schemes.

Tips for Avoiding Romance Scams:

- Be careful what you post and make public online. Scammers can use details shared on social media and dating sites to better understand and target you.
- Research the person's photo and profile using online searches to see if the image, name, or details have been used elsewhere.
- Go slowly and ask lots of questions.
- Beware if the individual seems too perfect or quickly asks you to leave a dating service or social media site to communicate directly.
- Beware if the individual attempts to isolate you from friends and family or requests inappropriate photos or financial information that could later be used to extort you.
- Beware if the individual promises to meet in person but then always comes up with an excuse why he or she can't. If you haven't met the person after a few months, for whatever reason, you have good reason to be suspicious.
- Never send money to anyone you have only communicated with online or by phone.

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Funny Side of DYI

adapted from medium.com

Rosie Hall buys a self-assembly, flat-pack, cupboard from her local Homebase store. Reaching home Rosie reads the instructions carefully, counts the pieces then assembles the cupboard in the bedroom. It looks really great and she is delighted.

Now, Rosie lives near a railway line and as the train passes by the cupboard collapses. Undaunted by this misfortune she re-reads the instructions and reassembles the cupboard. Once more, another train passes and the whole cupboard collapses again.

Rosie now frustrated and thinking that she must have done something "wrong" re-rereads the instructions and re-re-assembles the cupboard. Shortly, a train passes and the whole cupboard collapses yet again for the 3rd time.

Rosie is now fed up, cross and rather angry so she phones the customer service department. She is told that this is quite impossible and that they'll send along a fitter to take a look.

The fitter arrives and assembles the cupboard. Again, a train passes and the cupboard collapses. Completely baffled by this unexpected event, the fitter decides to reassemble the cupboard and sit inside it to see whether he can find out what causes the cupboard to collapse. At this point, Rosie's husband comes home, sees the cupboard, and says, 'Oh, that's a splendid looking cupboard,' and he opens it to look inside.

The fitter, who had been wondering how to explain his position in Rosie's bedroom cupboard, blurts out, 'You probably won't believe me, but I'm standing here waiting for a train.'

GENTLE REMINDERS

hen driving through the park after sunset, please be sure to turn your headlights on. We want to be sure walkers out there after dark can do so safely.

Remember that the speed limit is **15 mph** in the park. It may seem slow, but it was set for everyone's safety. Report vendors that you notice repeatedly driving too fast to their respective companies. If it is a park resident, please notify the office and they will address the issue.

For those of you with dogs, when walking them anywhere in the park, please be considerate and always carry a bag with you and clean up after your pet should

they relieve themselves while on their walk. No one wants to find a surprise in the yard or street.

Please do not toss cigarette butts on the ground. It may *seem* insignificant, but it can take cigarette filters as long as 10 years to decompose while releasing toxins into the environment. Do your part, don't pollute. Let's keep the park beautiful!

If you are having an event or participating in an activity in the Rec Hall or the Card Room, please clean up when you are through. All trash and recycling should be taken to their proper place and the room swept and tidied. In other words – leave the room as you found it.

Also, please **check your mail** on a regular basis. If mail is not picked up for a while, the office will assume you are not here, and the mail will be sent back.







Family Scams

Scammers are good at **pretending to be someone that they're not**. They try to trick you into thinking **a loved one is in trouble.**

Once the scammer makes you think they're your grandson and in trouble, they pressure you to quickly send them money. **But it's all a scam.**Your family member was never in trouble.

- The scammer will say it's **urgent** and that you're the only one who can help.
- The scammer might tell you it's important to keep it secret. They don't want you talking to other family members and friends and realizing it's a scam.
- The scammers will **play with your emotions.** They're counting on you to act quickly to help your family or friend. And they're counting on you to pay without stopping to check out whether there's really an emergency. If you get a call like this, you can be sure this is a scam.

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RECYCLING

elp the Park recycle! There are many reasons why recycling is essential. Not only can it help reduce your carbon footprint, but it also helps reduce the need for harvesting raw materials, saves energy, reduces greenhouse gases, prevents pollution, and more. By improving our recycling habits, we can help keep the environment clean and preserve our natural resources. So that we can all do our part, you can find a recycling bin at the intersection of Row 1 and Row 7 right here in the park. Let's fill it up!

But please be mindful of what and where you are putting your recycling items. It only takes a minute to break down a box and put bottles and cans in

the proper place. All items must be clean and dry.

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You may put the following into this dumpster:

- Cardboard **Broken down**
- Mixed Paper (Newspaper, Junk Mail, etc.)
- Recyclable plastic containers # 1–7 or anything with the recycling symbol on it
- Aluminum, Tin, or Steel Cans
- Glass Bottles and Jars
- Paper Milk, or Juice Cartons

You cannot put Styrofoam or Plastic Bags in this dumpster.

If you take your recyclables to the dumpster in a plastic bag, <u>please</u> remove them from the bag and put the bag into the regular green trash dumpster. Plastic bags jam up the sorting machines at the recycling center.

CAN CRUSHER

Dave Cowell, Lot 339

The Can Crushing program is a great source of income for the Association, and we encourage everyone to participate. The more cans crushed the more income we earn! The crusher is located in the main dumpster area behind the Blue Recycling Bin. You must clean/rinse your cans before crushing them, so we do not get a swarm of Bees. <u>Please</u> crush your own cans, but if you <u>absolutely</u> can't crush them, leave them by the crusher and someone will take



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care of them. This is where those that are able can help. <u>IF</u> you see uncrushed cans and you have an extra minute or more, lend a hand and crush those too. It will be very much appreciated.

Thank you in advance for your support.





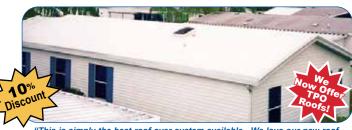
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World AIDS Day – Dec 1

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Bodhi Day – Dec 8 (Buddhist communities)

Human Rights Day – Dec 10

Feast Day of Our Lady of Guadalupe – Dec 12 (Mexico)

Santa Lucia Day – Dec 13 (Scandinavia)

Winter Solstice / Yule – Dec 21

Hanukkah – Dec 22–30 (Jewish communities)

Christmas Eve – Dec 24

Christmas Day – Dec 25

Boxing Day – Dec 26 (UK, Canada, Australia)

Kwanzaa – Dec 26–Jan 1 (African-American heritage)

New Year's Eve – Dec 31. [jocalendars.com]



U.S. Observances & Fun Days

Giving Tuesday – Dec 2

National Cookie Day – Dec 4

Day of the Ninja – Dec 5

National Brownie Day – Dec 8

National Cocoa Day – Dec 13

National Ugly Sweater Day – Dec 20

Festivus – Dec 23 (pop culture holiday from Seinfeld). [today.com]



Week-Long & Month-Long Observances

National Cat Lover's Month

National Giving Month

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Don't make these retirement saving mistakes

Too many people wait too long to start thinking about how much money they will need to finance their retirement. Retirement seems far away when you're in your 20s and 30s, and it's easy to think you'll have plenty of time to worry about saving later. That's one mistake. Here are three more, offered by Chris Heerlein, partner at REAP Financial and author of Money Won't Buy Happiness—But Time to Find It:

- Not participating in a 401(k). Many employers don't offer a 401(k) or similar retirement plan, but if yours does, you should participate. This savings opportunity that can reap great rewards, especially if you start when you're in your 20s and faithfully contribute for decades.
- Saving only in a 401(k). Although contributing to a 401(k) is great, that shouldn't be your only vehicle for saving. If you are a younger saver, you are putting all your money into a bucket you can't touch for 20 or 30 years. When you do withdraw it in retirement, you'll pay taxes because the taxes were deferred. Put some balance in your portfolio with a Roth IRA, a Roth 401(k) or a health savings account. Withdrawing from those Roth funds in retirement won't result in taxes because the taxes were already paid when the money went in the account. HSA money isn't taxed if you withdraw it for qualified medical expenses. After you turn 65, you can withdraw it for any purpose, though you will pay taxes on that withdrawal if not used for a qualified expense.
- Failing to embrace risk. When the 2008 financial crisis hit, plenty of investors lost a substantial portion of their savings. The memory of what happened to them—or to their parents—is still having repercussions. Some people younger than 50 are too conservative with their investments, so their money doesn't grow as it could if they took more risks. If you're between the ages of 20 and 50, though, don't panic. Time is on your side. If you suffer a loss, you more than likely have plenty of years to recover before you retire.

Stretch your bonus dollars

ven a small year-end bonus can go a long way in helping you manage debt. Here are some ways you can make good use of an extra \$50:

- Cut your credit card debt. If you put \$50 toward a \$2,000 credit card balance, you'll cut your payback time by four months if you usually pay a minimum of \$40 month. Using the \$50 toward the debt can save you \$103 in interest (at 16 percent).
- **Buy financial management software.** Use the \$50 to help you manage your money better by buying financial management software like Quicken. It'll help you keep better control of your checking account. The programs also help you to identify other areas where you can save money.
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The Great Eggnog Explosion

t an office Christmas party, one enthusiastic employee decided to make homemade eggnog to impress everyone. He brought in a giant glass punch bowl filled to the brim, complete with nutmeg sprinkles and cinnamon sticks. It looked amazing.



But what he didn't realize was that the bowl was sitting directly under the heat vent.

As the party went on, the eggnog slowly warmed up... and fermented. By the time people started ladling it into cups, it had developed a surprisingly fizzy texture. One brave soul took a sip and immediately spat it out, yelling, "It's ALIVE!"

Moments later, the bowl cracked from the heat, sending a tidal wave of eggnog across the table, soaking cookies, gifts, and one unfortunate intern's laptop. The smell lingered for days, and the punch bowl was never seen again.

The moral? Never mix dairy, heat, and ambition.

The Cat vs. The Christmas Tree



ne family had a beautiful, towering Christmas tree decorated with delicate glass ornaments, shimmering tinsel, and twinkling lights. It was their pride and joy—until their cat, Mittens, decided it was her personal jungle gym.

On the first night, they heard a crash and found Mittens halfway up the tree, dangling from a branch like a furry ornament. She had knocked off several baubles and was batting at the star like it owed her money.

They tried everything: citrus spray, aluminum foil around the base, even a motion-activated air puffer. Nothing worked. Every night, Mittens launched a stealth attack. One morning, they woke up to find the entire tree tipped over, ornaments scattered like confetti, and Mittens sitting triumphantly on top of the fallen pine like she'd conquered Everest.

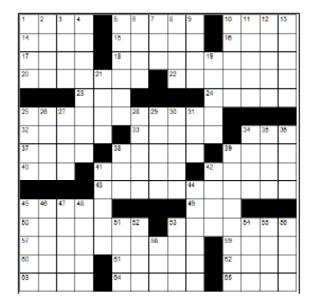
From then on, they decorated only the top half of the tree and left the bottom bare—except for a sign that read: "Mittens' Zone – Enter at Your Own Risk."

"Santa Claus has the right idea. Visit people once a year."
— Victor Borge

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- 1. On-line journal
- Rhinoceros
- 10. Gangs
- 14. Former Italian currency
- 15. A red fluorescent dye
- 16. Send forth
- 17. A Freudian stage
- 18. Totally
- Vixen
- 22. Hypodermic
- 23. L
- 24. Donkeys
- 25. Class chums
- 32. Held on tightly
- 33. Japanese cartoon art
- 34. Beer
- 37. Not yours
- 38. Inscribed pillar
- 39. Make unclear
- 40. Damp
- 41. Villain
- 42. Communion table
- 43. Self-restraining
- 45. A long-legged S. American bird
- 49. Dawn goddess
- 50. Windfall
- 53. Detective (slang)
- 57 Noble
- 59. Greek cheese
- 60. Actors in a show
- 61. Give a speech
- 62. Relating to urine
- 63. Beers
- 64. Waste conduit
- 65. Lake (Scottish)



DOWN

Delete
 Blockage

1. Ho-hum

3. By mouth

sailing ships

6 Owl sound

7 Belief

8. Bites

9. Unique

11 Portents

12. Cause to leak

4. Square-rigged

5. Summon to return

10. Anagram of "Smite"

2. Connects two points

- 25. Flat-bottomed boat
- 26 Hint
- 27. Offended
- 28. Married partners
- 29. Concerning (archaic)
- 30. Diacritical mark
- 31. An uncle
- 34. Countertenor
- 35. Hawaiian feast
- 36. Makes a mistake
- 38. Bro or sis
- 13. Infections of the eye 39. Happy

- 41. Lose consciousness
- 42. "Smallest" particle
- 44. Spay
- 45. Hemp
- 46. Small goat antelope
- 47. Licoricelike flavor
- 48. Sail supports
- 51. Animal menageries
- 52. Unit of land
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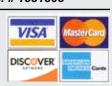
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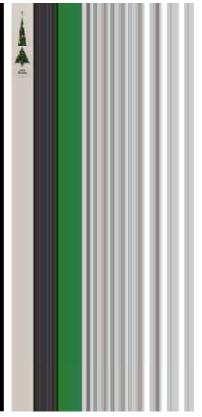


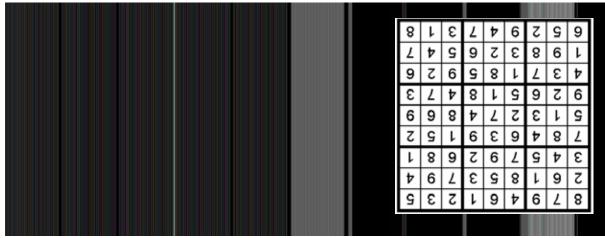
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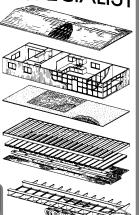


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