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## BRIAN HURST

## The Illusion of Selective Enforcement

A few months ago, I was washing my golf cart in my driveway when a car stopped in front of my house. A lady got out of the car, approached me, and proceeded to say, "You don't know me, but I know you and I have a 'bone to pick' with the association." I was a little taken aback by the confrontation, but politely listened.

She continued, "I have beautiful indigenous native plants growing in my front yard. How dare the association give me a warning demanding that I remove them!"

Now, this is where it gets interesting. She went on... "Especially when I drive around this community and see the number of homes that look just terrible! Why doesn't the association focus on them instead of wasting their time picking on me?!"

And there it is: the perception of selective enforcement.

It is easy to see why people would feel that way. Heck, I drive around the neighborhood and see some of the egregious deferred maintenance in the yards and exterior of people's homes (I can only imagine what the inside must look like!). I think to myself, "Why don't we DO something about this?" It becomes even more annoying when you get a courtesy notice from Code Enforcement because your trash can is in view or because your fence needs to be painted.

After having sat through nearly

four years of board meetings, I can tell you that while it might *appear* there is selective enforcement, that is far from the truth. Our code enforcement people work diligently to bring the properties into compliance so as to protect the aesthetic of our community and preserve our home values.

So, here are a couple of thoughts for you to consider:

1. Even though it might not *look* like anything is being done to address a rules violation, doesn't mean nothing is being done. In the vast majority of cases, the issue is not enforcement, it is *compliance*.

2. Just because someone else is breaking a rule, does not mean the association should 'turn a blind eye' to you breaking a rule. The only thing we can control is what we are responsible for. This means we should all strive to comply with our covenants whether our neighbors do or not.

A flourishing community is built on the strength of its homeowners working together to preserve and maintain their homes. If we will take care of our properties, avoid pointing fingers and give the Association staff the benefit of the doubt that they are not applying selective enforcement, we can continue to keep Spring Valley Lake the "Jewel of the Desert".

Wishing you all a wonderful year ahead!

## GET INVOLVED!



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Architecture Committee	Citation Committee	Communications Committee
Community Plan Committee	Community Event Team	Equestrian Estates Committee
Lake Committee	Finance Committee	Gating the Community Task Force

# PLEASE UPDATE YOUR CONTACT INFORMATION



Please verify that the contact information we have on file for you is still correct and up to date, as well as any emergency contact we have or you would like to add.

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Moving forward, I am dedicated to not only meeting, but surpassing expectations when they are clearly defined and accompanied by measurable metrics. Here are several key areas where I am committed to driving improvement:

**3. Streamlined Communication:** Leveraging our new app, we will ensure consistent and effective communication with our community members,

**9. Accountability Measures:** We will implement enhanced accountability mechanisms across all levels of staff, promoting responsibility and

**10. Maintenance of Amenities:** Improving the appearance and upkeep of all community amenities while implementing a robust preventive maintenance program.

By coming together for this clean-up event, we have the opportunity to showcase the strength of our community spirit and our commitment to maintaining a clean and welcoming environment for all.

Let's come together, roll up our sleeves, and make a difference in our community!







## MONTHLY SUMMARY DECEMBER 2023

- **Current Cash:**
  - Operating - Umpqua \$1,747.00
  - Operating - Heritage \$3,783,681
  - Operating - Other \$284
  - Reserves - Investments \$1,759,676 Oct interest received \$3,697.00
  - Investment Year to Date
- **Account Receivable:**
  - \$870,445.94 See DQ Report
- **Loans:**
  - Pacific Western Bank: \$3,000,000 for water rights – Balance \$1,563,553.14. The total the board voted is 1,000,000.00. The \$286,027.00 is the interest payment, monthly amount of \$23,835.58. The additional amount is \$713,973.00 for the year to go to the principal. The monthly amount contributed to principal will be \$59,497.75.
- **Account Payable:**
  - The association has no accounts payable exceeding 30 days past due.
- **Reserve Study:**
  - 11/1/23-10/31/24 - 33.1% funded
- **Month to Date Position:**
  - MTD Revenue \$661,611
  - MTD Expenses \$464,117
  - Net Position Excess (Shortage) \$197,494
- **Fiscal Year to Date Position:**
  - FYTD Revenue \$1,305,106
  - FYTD Expenses \$902,205
  - Net Position Excess (Shortage) \$402,901
- **Items To Note:**
  - Nothing at this time.
- **Action Items:**
  - Nothing at this time.



Rhonda began teaching the Arthritis class at her friend's suggestion and has been at it for over 2 years now. She currently holds classes three times a week! Class participants have attested to the class's benefits. If you ever try to tip Rhonda for an exercise session, good luck! She refuses tips, and says she just wants to help out her fellow neighbors. In her spare time, Rhonda likes to spend time with her dog, Cruella, who she dresses up in the most adorable outfits.

Thank you Rhonda for your passion for health and wellness within the Spring Valley Lake community.





SVLA PRESENTS

SATURDAY, MARCH 30, 2024



# Easter EGG HUNT

**Take pictures with  
The Easter Bunny!**

**Bring your Easter Baskets!**

**Egg Hunt Starts Promptly At 9:00 AM!!!!**

**Do NOT be late!**

Please RSVP at [www.svla.com](http://www.svla.com),  
under "Event Registration"

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Membership IDs & Guest Passes Required



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**St. Patrick's Day  
Movie Night**

**March 15, 2024**

***Meadowlark Hall | @ 6:00pm***

12975 Rolling Ridge Drive, Victorville, CA 92395

**Doors open @ 6:00 PM**

**Movie starts @ 6:30 PM**

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**Featuring :**

**Just My Luck**



**IT'S YOUR  
LUCKY  
DAY!**

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OWN CHAIR**





~ Nick Gonzalez, Director of Operations

Hello SVLA Residents,

We made it through the first month of the year. Before you know it, it will be summertime. We hope you all have been enjoying this winter weather as our desert needs the rain. We have not let the cold and rain keep us from staying busy. Look below to see what we have been up to...

#### **Beach Area:**

- Sanitizing picnic tables and playground equipment bi-weekly
- Cut grass
- Repaired gate at west beach
- Repaired railing in horseshoe area

#### **Parks:**

- Sanitizing picnic tables and playground equipment bi-weekly
- Cut grass
- Trimmed trees at MLP

#### **Equestrian Center:**

- Cut grass
- EQ repairs and clean up
- Repaired broken post on Indian River
- Asphalt repairs in parking lot

#### **Fishing Areas:**

- Sanitized picnic tables bi-weekly
- Cut grass
- Trash clean up

#### **Buildings:**

- Sanitized AO building, Community Building & exterior AO restrooms door handles and hard surface areas daily
- Community Building kitchen repairs
- Repaired seal on PSD door
- Performed maintenance on ice machine in CB kitchen

#### **Grounds:**

- Worked on Safety List
- Picked up trash around the community
- V-Ditch clean out- biweekly
- Repaired slip gate
- Weed abatement on green-belt
- Performed repairs on beach area shed
- Parkway clean up
- Painted picnic benches
- Repaired electrical panel outside AOs

#### **Floating Islands:**

- Performed general maintenance

#### **Wells:**

- All wells are active

#### **Lake Filtration Systems:**

- Cleaning has been put on hold until the plan is approved by County

#### **Lake & Marina Dock Maintenance:**

- Retrieved lake data
- Cleaned up shoreline
- Reinstalled gas pump on slips

The Operations Department is always working diligently on maintaining SVLA's stature as well as

keeping up on regular training videos to ensure we are delivering the best service possible. If you ever notice a maintenance related issue or concern around the community, please call the Association Office (@760-245-9756) and we will do our due diligence to correct the issue(s) or concerns.

#### **NAOMI ALLAN, Administration & Lake Management**

#### **Happy February!**



We made it through January. The slowing down after the hustle and bustle of the holiday season always makes January feel like the longest month ever. I know it will be summer before we know it, so we should enjoy the slower moments while we can. Look below to see some of our most recent updates pertaining to the lake.

We had a meeting on January 10 with CSA-64 to discuss the details of them granting us access to a sewer hookup for our UV filter cleanings. CSA-64 is researching the options that would be available and we are waiting to hear back from them. Once we have a plan approved, we can resume our filter cleaning, bi-weekly, and replace the new UV bulbs to get them up and running back to their normal capacity.

We have scheduled the installation of our new in-situ weir monitors and UV manifolds and filter lights for the end of this month.

We were notified by County that the permit for the Lake Patrol Office (LPO) is in the final stages of approval with the planning department but that we will need to apply for a separate permit for building and safety. We have been contacting County weekly regarding this permit to try and get things to move along quicker. Once the permit is issued, the contractor estimates it will be completed within 2 weeks.

We have our final trout stocking scheduled for the week of February 12, 2024. After this last stocking, we will have stocked a total of 15,000 lbs. of trout this season.

We have been doing our best to continue with the lake clean up weekly. If you notice any areas with excessive trash or debris, it is always helpful to let us know. Give the office a call or send an email to [maintenance@svla.com](mailto:maintenance@svla.com).

Look in this section to see the most recent lake data that has been gathered.



Lake Data January 19, 2024:

Center of Lake		Transparency	Watercolor	Wind Speed	Wind Direction	Sky	Date	Time
PH	9.11	17"	olive	3 MPH		cloudy	1/19/24	1:22 pm
Nitrate		DO	9.12	9.18	9.16	9.17		
Phos		Temperature	51.1° F	51.4° F	51.3° F	51.4° F		
		Saturation	95.2 %	95.1 %	95.2%	95.4 %		
			6"	2	4	6	8	10

SOUTH END		Transparency	Watercolor	Wind Speed	Wind Direction	Sky	Date	Time
PH	9.25	16"	olive	3 MPH		cloudy	1/19/24	1:38 pm
Nitrate		DO	8.65	8.66	8.64	8.64		
Phos		Temperature	51.1° F	51.1° F	51.1° F	51.1° F		
		Saturation	92.4 %	92.1 %	92.2 %	92.4 %		
			6"	2	4	6	8	10

NORTH END		Transparency	Watercolor	Wind Speed	Wind Direction	Sky	Date	Time
PH	9.18	17"	olive	3 MPH		clear	1/19/24	2:02 pm
Nitrate		DO	9.13	9.15	9.12	9.13		
Phos		Temperature	50.9° F	50.8° F	50.8° F	50.8° F		
		Saturation	93.6 %	93.6 %	93.4 %	93.6 %		
			6"	2	4	6	8	10







Have your contact details changed recently, or are you no longer using an old email or phone number? If so, kindly inform the Association Office, and we'll promptly update our records with your current information. This ensures that you receive timely notifications regarding any home violations, allowing you ample time to address issues.

We are currently conducting inspections for homes with holiday decorations still up more than 30 days after Christmas. If you happen to have overlooked a few decorations, now is the opportune time to remove them and avoid any potential violations. We extend our thanks to those who have proactively taken down their decorations.

For property owners with tenants, we would like to remind them

that all violation correspondence is sent to the owner. If your tenants are causing any violations, ensure they are made aware of those violations, as the notifications will be directed to you in accordance with our policies.

Considering the cold weather, it's advisable to trim your trees now. Taking proactive measures during the season when leaves have fallen helps prevent debris from accumulating in the warmer months, minimizing potential landscaping issues.

A friendly reminder: For any changes to the exterior of your property, an Architectural Application must be submitted before commencing any work. You can find the necessary forms on our website, where you can also schedule appointments to review your plans with me or my staff.

January Stats	Code Enforcement	Architectural
Opened	430	59
Closed	192	40

## HOMES THAT HAVE PASSED INSPECTION



## ANNUAL INSPECTION CHECKLIST

### Front of Property:

- Roof
- House Numbers
- Doors
- Windows/Screens
- Gates/ Fence
- Landscape
- Trim
- Stucco/Paint
- Exterior Lighting
- Garage Door
- Driveway
- Unsightly Objects

### Golf Course / Lakefront / EQ / River Walk:

- Roof
- House Numbers
- Railings
- Gates/Fence
- Deck/Dock
- Unsightly Objects
- Trim
- Stucco/Paint
- Exterior Lighting
- Landscape
- Pool



SPRING VALLEY LAKE ASSOCIATION

# Community Cleanup Day

APRIL 20, 2024

11:00 AM - 2:00 PM

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LISA FALCETTI, PUBLIC SAFETY DIRECTOR

### PREPARE FOR AN EARTHQUAKE [www.earthquakecountry.org](http://www.earthquakecountry.org)

Before the next big earthquake (or other emergency) in your area, do whatever you can to get prepared so you will survive and recover quickly.

These four steps each contain a basic set of recommended actions for how to get prepared at home or in the workplace. Many are free or low-cost solutions.

#### Step 1:

Secure your space by identifying hazards and securing moveable items.



#### Step 2:

Plan to be safe by creating a disaster plan and deciding how you will communicate in an emergency.



#### Step 3:

Organize disaster supplies in convenient locations.



#### Step 4:

Minimize financial hardship by organizing important documents, strengthening your property, and considering insurance.



You can complete one item a day, one a weekend, or one a month. Just remember that earthquakes strike without warning, so you want to get as many completed BEFORE the shaking starts. Soon you will be prepared to survive and recover!

#### What To Do Immediately When Shaking Begins:

Your past experience in earthquakes may give you a false sense of safety; you didn't do anything, or you ran outside, yet you survived with no injuries. Or perhaps you got under your desk and others thought you overreacted. However, you likely have never experienced the kind of

strong earthquake shaking that is possible in much larger earthquakes: sudden and intense back and forth motions of several feet per second will cause the floor or the ground to jerk sideways out from under you, and every unsecured object around you could topple, fall, or become airborne,

potentially causing serious injury. This is why you must learn to immediately protect yourself after the first jolt... don't wait to see if the earthquake shaking will be strong!

In MOST situations, you will reduce your chance of injury if you:



**DROP** where you are, onto your hands and knees. This position protects you from being knocked down and also allows you to stay low and crawl to shelter if nearby.



**COVER** your head and neck with one arm and hand

- If a sturdy table or desk is nearby, crawl underneath it for shelter
- If no shelter is nearby, crawl next to an interior wall (away from windows)
- Stay on your knees; bend over to protect vital organs



**HOLD ON** until shaking stops

- Under shelter: hold on to it with one hand; be ready to move with your shelter if it shifts
- No shelter: hold on to your head and neck with both arms and hands.



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SPRING VALLEY LAKE

# Citizens on Patrol

January 25, 2024

The SVLA General Manager and Public Safety Management team took the SVL COPs out to eat to thank them for their dedication and volunteer work within the Spring Valley Lake Association.



Thank you for your service!





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**23**

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## Indulge in Decadence Without the Fuss: The Easiest Chocolate Fondue

Whether you're planning a romantic Valentine's Day dinner, date night, fun party or just craving a chocolaty escape from the ordinary, I've got the perfect treat for you. With this surprisingly easy chocolate fondue, the decadence is unbelievable and the effort is minimal. And here's the best part — no fancy fondue pot required!

For the richest chocolate fondue, opt for the highest quality chocolate that you can comfortably afford. Choose a variety that you'd happily snack on. Chocolate chips offer a convenient choice, and I recommend semisweet or dark chocolate chips, or a mix of both, for an optimal flavor profile. Don't hesitate to use chopped chocolate bars if that's what's available. Many of them make scrumptious fondue; just give them a quick chop before melting.

When it comes to the velvety base, strike a balance by combining heavy cream and milk, ensuring a luscious fondue that maintains a rich chocolate essence without overwhelming heaviness.

No fondue pot? No worries! Whip up this perfect chocolate fondue in the microwave or a double boiler on the stovetop. This chocolate fondue stays smooth and dipable long enough that it doesn't need a fondue pot. Just using a warmed ceramic dish works great. Reheat in the microwave if needed. Bamboo skewers stand in nicely for fondue forks.

### THE EASIEST CHOCOLATE FONDUE

Total Time: 15 minutes

Yield: 8 servings

*10 ounces semisweet, dark or milk chocolate chips (about 1 3/4 cups) or a mixture*

*1/2 cup heavy cream*

*1/2 cup whole or 2% milk, plus more as needed*

*Pinch kosher salt*

Place the chocolate chips, 1/2 cup of heavy cream and 1/2 cup milk into a microwave safe bowl, or in a double boiler over barely simmering water. Melt the chocolate, stirring often. Add additional milk if needed to thin chocolate to desired consistency. When chocolate is melted, smooth and glossy, pour into a serving bowl and serve with dippers.

With our velvety chocolate fondue prepared, let's choose dippers. Aim for diverse textures and flavors, organizing them into categories for a delightful variety.



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**Indulge in a pool of velvety chocolate, surrounded by an array of delightful dippers.**

Cookies and other sweets: rolled wafers, biscotti, meringues, sandwich cookies, shortbread, marshmallows, brownies, Rice Krispie Treats, pound cake, graham crackers, doughnut holes.

Fresh and dried fruit: strawberries, bananas, apples, pineapple, orange segments, apricots, citrus peel, banana chips, apple chips, figs.

Savory suggestions: thick-cut salted potato chips, pretzels, peanut-butter pretzels, buttery crackers, cooked thick-cut bacon.

Garnishes: flaky salt, shredded coconut, chopped toasted nuts, sprinkles, crushed freeze-dried fruit, Pop Rocks!

Here are some chocolate fondue variations that won't break the bank! Explore extracts like vanilla, orange or peppermint for a unique twist. Elevate the experience by adding 1 to 2 tablespoons of liqueur — choose chocolate, hazelnut, amaretto, orange or coffee liqueurs. Spice it up by adding ground cinnamon, a pinch of chili powder and a drop of almond extract for a nod to Mexican chocolate.

Embarking on your first fondue adventure? Here are some etiquette tips to guide your chocolate-covered journey. Encourage a no-double-dip policy to ensure everyone enjoys a clean and germ-free chocolate experience. Drop the dipped delight onto your plate and switch to a separate utensil for eating. Opt for practicality if there are more than four people at the table by setting up two platters of dippers on either side of the pot, ensuring easy access without the need for acrobatics.

So, whether it's a romantic rendezvous or a solo indulgence, join me in chocolate fondue that's as easy as it is luxurious. Oh, and leftover fondue chocolate makes a fabulous hot chocolate base. Let the fondue festivities begin!

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## Moments in time

• On **Feb. 26, 1917**, the Original Dixieland Jass (later Jazz) Band recorded "Livery Stable Blues," the world's first jazz record, for the Victor Talking Machine Company in New York. That same year, the group also made the first appearance of a jazz band in a motion picture, a silent film titled "The Good for Nothing."

• On **Feb. 27, 1938**, a new mascot design was created by Chris Klein and C. Karnstadt for use by the Pontiac car brand, in the form of an Indian maiden. The theme was inspired by connections with the General Motors war chief who was employed in the GM manufacturing division.

• On **Feb. 28, 1983**, the final episode of "M\*A\*S\*H," a series about the staff of an Army hospital during the Korean War, titled "Goodbye, Farewell and Amen," became the most-watched television episode in U.S. history, with an estimated 106 million American viewers.

• On **Feb. 29, 2012**, Davy Jones, a former teen idol and singer for The Monkees, died of a heart attack at the age of 66. Jones starred with his bandmates in a popular TV series and a few other shows during his career, later returning to his first passion of horses and becoming a jockey.

• On **March 1, 2008**, Britain's Prince Harry, who had been sent secretly to Afghanistan with his regiment in December at his request, was forced to return to Britain after the American website the Drudge Report made his deployment public.

• On **March 2, 1969**, the supersonic airliner and joint British/French project Concorde set off on its maiden flight, reaching 10,000 feet and 300 mph. It would be another seven years before the plane began commercial flights, which continued until 2003, when it was retired from service.

• On **March 3, 2005**, Steve Fossett became the first person to fly a plane solo and nonstop around the globe without refueling, landing his Virgin Atlantic GlobalFlyer in Salina, Kansas, after a 67-hour journey. Two years later, he would disappear while flying over the Great Basin Desert, with his wrecked aircraft discovered in 2008.

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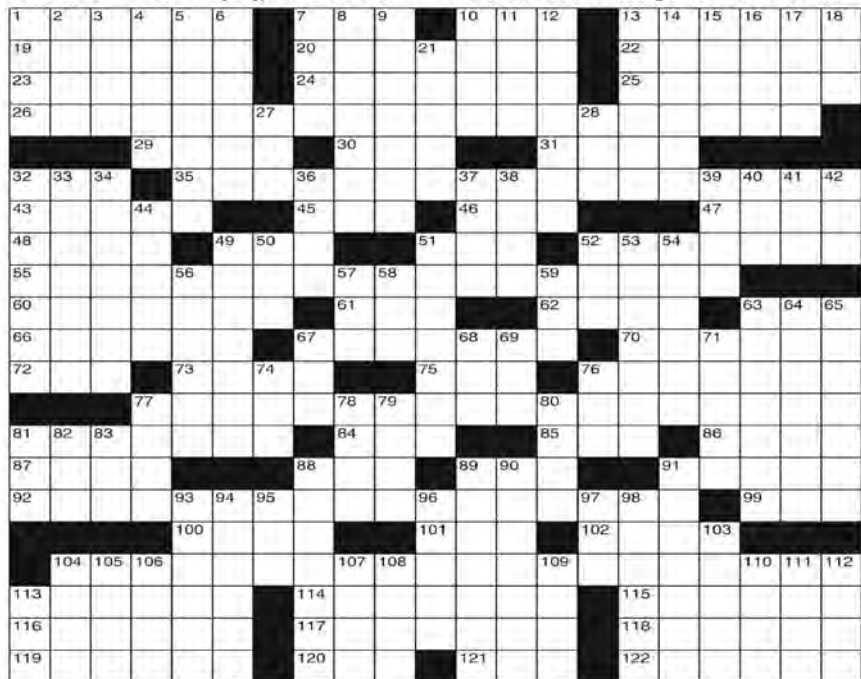


## Super Crossword

FOURTH-ESTATE  
FANTASY

## ACROSS

- 1 Not quite first-rate  
7 "Patience — virtue"  
10 Car tankful  
13 Collie of TV  
19 Cattle farm of the West  
20 Trumpet blast  
22 Singer and actor Frankie  
23 When it's 12:00 p.m.  
24 Element #3  
25 Japanese city that hosted the 1998 Olympics  
26 Start of a riddle  
29 Japanese buckwheat noodle  
30 Dr. Seuss' Sam —  
31 Amo, — amas, —  
32 "Addams Family" cousin  
35 Riddle, part 2  
43 Faint smell  
45 Foldout bed  
46 Co-workers of MDs  
47 Stalactite site  
48 Florence's river  
49 Total amount  
51 "Scram!"  
52 Minecraft and StarCraft, e.g.  
55 Riddle, part 3  
60 Brief promos  
61 Triceps' place  
62 Pop's Celine  
63 See 58-Down  
66 Bullfighter  
67 Riddle, part 4  
70 Put a new front on, as a building  
72 Unbroken  
73 Recognized  
75 With  
59-Down, brand of frozen potatoes  
76 Famously feisty fish  
77 Riddle, part 5  
81 Oval shape  
84 Dejected  
85 "Who am — judge?"  
86 Secret writing  
87 Postal pieces  
88 Detectives like TV's Magnum, for short  
89 Karachi's nation: Abbr.  
91 Very long time periods  
92 End of the riddle  
99 Disloyal type  
100 Impulsive desire  
101 Illusionist  
102 Like planted seeds  
104 Riddle's answer  
113 Enter very quickly  
114 Novelist  
115 Common gauge for toy trains  
116 "Despite that ..."  
117 Gets smaller  
118 "Happy Days" actress Ross  
119 Bunks on ships  
120 Mil. ranker  
121 Gym pad  
122 Hole to receive a lace  
DOWN  
1 Bird's crop  
2 Trellis strip  
3 "Noelle" star  
4 Glasgow natives  
5 Grandstander  
6 Chimpanzee variety  
7 "— have to wait"  
8 Got married  
9 Lure for insect extermination  
10 The earth as a goddess  
11 Cut — (dance)  
12 Pago Pago people  
13 "Meteor" actor Martin  
14 1972 Billy Wilder comedy film  
15 Long, involved story  
16 Shut loudly  
17 Actress Skye of "Stranded"  
18 Grammy winner Brian  
21 "— the breaks!"  
27 Former Egypt-Syr. alliance  
28 Texer's "Holy smoke!"  
32 "Let me!"  
33 Bases-loaded situation  
34 Lightweight kitchen utensils  
35 Peak  
37 Chicago daily, in brief  
38 Global: Abbr.  
39 Mark for life  
40 Easter meat  
41 Adam's mate  
42 — Moines choreography  
44 Bob of Tahitian skirts  
49 Package delivery co.  
51 Carpentry material for some cabinets  
52 Chi follower  
53 Spicy Spanish pork sausage  
54 Taxonomic subdivisions  
56 Become lively  
57 Cheer yell  
58 With  
63-Across, for the time being  
59 See  
75-Across  
63 Over used to bake naan  
64 Spiny anteater  
65 Most unkind  
67 Conservation org. with a panda logo  
68 Pooch's yap  
69 Big blue body  
71 Genre of many sitcoms  
74 Wide shoe spec  
76 Mining shaft  
77 Higher ground?  
78 "You wish!"  
79 Condé —  
80 User-edited website  
81 Rescue squad VIP  
82 "— di-dah!"  
83 False story  
88 Projecting curves on saddles  
89 By the day  
90 Huffington of HuffPost  
91 So to speak  
93 Wise-acting  
94 Thick-skinned critters  
95 Day, in Chile  
96 Study guys  
97 Abbr. on a bad check  
98 End a vacation  
103 Mother-of-pearl  
104 Surfing need  
105 Cake finisher  
106 Holy Week's time  
107 Eldest of the Brady boys  
108 Helper: Abbr.  
109 For fear that  
110 Half a train track  
111 — gin fizz  
112 Camp shelter  
113 Yank's rival

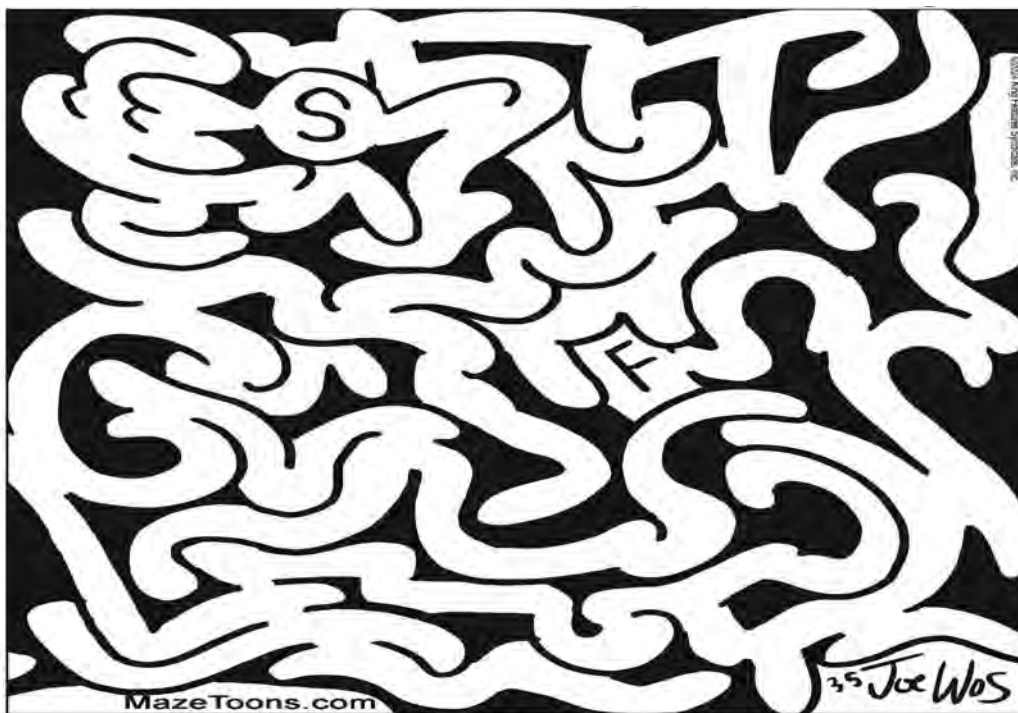


## Even Exchange by Donna Pettman

Each numbered row contains two clues and two 6-letter answers. The two answers differ from each other by only one letter, which has already been inserted. For example, if you exchange the A from MASTER for an I, you get MISTER. Do not change the order of the letters.

- |                            |               |                    |               |
|----------------------------|---------------|--------------------|---------------|
| 1. Bunsen's apparatus      | — — — — N — — | Fast-food order    | — — — — G — — |
| 2. Am I a planet or not?   | — — — — U — — | Early philosopher  | — — — — A — — |
| 3. Held on to the baseball | C — — — — —   | Instilled a lesson | — — — — T — — |
| 4. Behave in response      | — — — — — T — | Span               | — — — — — H — |
| 5. Senior                  | — — — — — D — | Mr. Fudd           | — — — — — M — |
| 6. Think about             | — — — — — N — | Face dust          | — — — — — W — |
| 7. Painter's garment       | — — — — — M — | Volt jolt          | — — — — — H — |
| 8. Shhhhhhhh               | — — — — — E — | Patchwork cover    | — — — — — L — |
| 9. Kit or Johnny           | — — — — — S — | Milk holder        | — — — — — T — |
| 10. Fail to recall         | — — — — — T — | Faked a signature  | — — — — — D — |

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## CryptoQuip

This is a simple substitution cipher in which each letter used stands for another. If you think that X equals O, it will equal O throughout the puzzle. Solution is accomplished by trial and error.

Clue: U equals H

SY CZJB T YOQ QCWPOWV  
WOITSZOR TL LUO HOIOLOWB,  
S'R HTJJ LUTL T VPOJOLCZ  
HWOQ.

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## STICKELERS (two)

Terry Stickels

A bit of trivia ...

- 1) What is the largest lake in Canada?
- 2) What is the largest lake in the U.S.?
- 3) What is the largest lake in the world?

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CryptoQuip  
answer  
If only a few workers remained at the cemetery, I'd call that a skeleton crew.

Sticklers Answer  
1) Lake Superior  
2) Lake Superior  
3) The Caspian Sea

Even Exchange  
answers  
1. Burger, Burger  
2. Pileo, Pileo  
3. Caught, Caught  
4. Raich, Raich  
5. Elder, Elder  
6. Fonder, Powder  
7. Smock, Smock  
8. Quiet, Quiet  
9. Carson, Carion  
10. Forget, Forged

## HOCUS-FOCUS BY HENRY BOLTINOFF



Find at least six differences in details between panels.



Differences: 1. Purse is different, 2. Arm is missing, 3. Label is different, 4. Hair is different, 5. Saucer is moved, 6. Nanting is higher.



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# COMMUNITY events

## Event Schedule 2024

Event	Date	Time	Location
DIY Valentines Cards	February 3	11:00am-2:00pm	CB1
Valentines Movie Night	February 9	5:30pm-7:30pm	CB1
Masquerade Ball	February 17	5:30 PM – 9:30 PM	CB1
St Patrick's Day Movie night	March 15	06:00pm- 8:00pm	CB1
Easter Egg Hunt	March 30	9:00 AM	West Beach
Welcome Spring Movie Night	April 19	6:00pm-8:00pm	CB1
Star Wars Movie night	May 3	6:00pm-8:00pm	CB1
Paint a flowerpot for mom	May 11	11:00am-2:00pm	CB1 Patio
SVL Annual Cornhole Tournament (Double elimination)	May 25	11:00am-5:00pm	MLP
Beginning of Summer Ice Cream Station	June 1	11:00am-2:00pm	CB1 /Patio
DIY Drink coasters	June 3	11:00am-2:00pm	EQ
Summer Kick Off Concert	June 7	6:00 PM - 9:00 PM	West Beach
Tuesday Night BINGO	June 11	5:00pm- Final Game	CB1
Paint Night- Instructed	June 14	5:00pm-	CB1
A gift for Dad- Father Day event	June 15	10:00am-1:00pm	CB1 Patio
Kids Pizza bingo	June 18	5:00pm- Final Game	CB1
Firework Show	June 22	~9:00 PM (after sunset)	West/East Beach
Welcome Summer Water Day	June 23	1:00pm-4:00pm	MLP/ Patio
Kids Paint Night	June 28	5:00pm-8:00pm	CB1
Red, white and blue Ty	July 1	2:00pm-5:00pm	CB1 Patio/MLP
Water Day!	July 13	11:00am-2:00pm	CB1 Patio/MLP
Concert at the Beach	July 12	6:00 PM - 9:00 PM	West Beach
Movie in the Park	July 19	8:30 PM (after sunset)	MLP
Concert at the Beach	August 2	6:00 PM - 9:00 PM	West Beach
Goodbye Summer Water day!	August 10	11:00am-3:00pm	
Reptile Show	August 17	1:00 PM to 2:30 PM	CB1
Concert at the Beach	September 6	6:00 PM – 9:00 PM	West Beach
Committee / Volunteer Appreciation	September 25	5:00 PM – 7:00 PM	CB1
Hoedown	October 5	5:30 PM - 9:30 PM	EQ Clubhouse
Halloween Party	October 31	5:00 PM – 7:00 PM	CB1
Craft Fair	November 9	9:00 AM – 3:00 PM	CB1/parking lot
Tree Lighting & Parade	December 6	5:00 PM – 7:00 PM	CB parking lot
Holiday Gala	December 7	5:30 PM – 9:30 PM	CB1
Breakfast with Santa	December 14	8:00 AM – 10:30 AM	CB1
Employee Xmas Party	December 20	5:30 PM	CB1
Volunteer Xmas Brunch	December 21	11:00 AM – 2:00 PM	CB1

The Board of Directors meet the 4th Tuesday of each month and on the Monday evenings prior, except during holidays:  
 Next Board meeting:  
 BOD Executive Session - February 26, 2024, 6pm- TBD  
 BOD Open Session - February 27, 2024, 6pm - MLH

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COMMITTEES	COMMITTEE CHAIR	MONTHLY	TIME/LOCATION
Architectural Committee	Vicki Archer	2nd & 4th Thurs.	4pm MLH
Citation Committee	Bill Walters	1st & 3rd Tues.	5:00pm MLH
Communications Committee	TBD	TBD	TBD
Community Plan Committee	TBD	TBD	TBD
Equestrian Estates Committee	Ronnie Tait	3rd Tuesday every other month	6pm EECH1
Lake Committee - via ZOOM	Chris Hall	2nd Wednesday	6:30pm

### SVL Clubs

CLUBS	FACILITATOR+ CONTACT
Amateur Radio Club - 1st TH, 7pm MLH	George Ellison NOGWE 760-810-1008, <a href="mailto:george@4mailservice.com">george@4mailservice.com</a>
Bible Study - 1st & 3rd Sun, 12pm EQ1	Leonor Frazier 760-662-9547
Boy Scouts , 1st TH 7pm MLH	Britt Imes 760-900-3897
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Yacht Club - 3rd TH, 6-8pm MLH	David Stolfus 760-985-9223

### SVL Recreational Classes

CLASS	DAY	TIME	LOC.	Instructor
Arthritis Exercise	M,W,F	8 - 9am	MLH	Rhonda Goulden 909-262-7498
Line Dance Beginner to Upper Level	M	9:00-11:15am	MLH	Su Kim 760-684-3207
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### Key for Locations

Abbreviation	Name/Location of Facility
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PR - Palm Room	Community Center 12975 Rolling Ridge Drive (Small Room)
PVR - Parkview Room	Community Center 12975 Rolling Ridge Drive (Conference Room)
EECH1	Equestrian Estates Clubhouse, 12660 Indian River Drive, Apple Valley
MLP	Meadow Lark Park, 12975 Rolling Ridge Drive
WB	West Beach, 13230 Country Club Drive
EB	East Beach, 13244 Country Club Drive
PFP	Playfair Park (Equestrian Estates)



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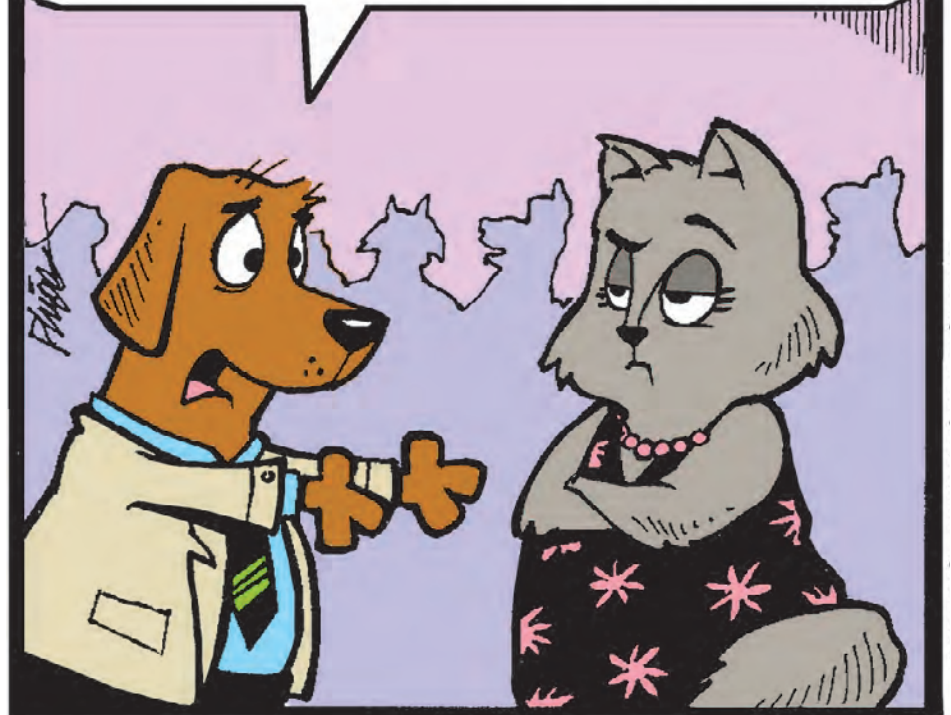
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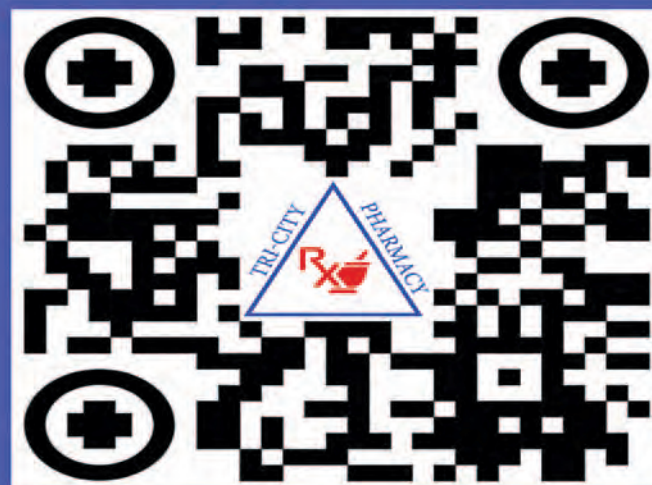
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