

The Bay Laker

Issue 116

Dates to Remember:

Apr 6th - Association Meeting 9:00 a.m.
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Apr 11th - Sundaes on Sundays 6:30 p.m.
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FROM THE PRESIDENT

Steve Rollison – 941-375-8110

AFTER-HOURS EMERGENCIES

Life does not stop at 4:00 p.m. Monday through Friday – which is when the workday officially ends for Bay Lake Estates employees.

So what should you do if you're facing an emergency at 5:00 p.m.? Or 5:00 a.m.? Or in the middle of the weekend?

Well, it depends on the emergency. Obviously, if you're having a medical emergency, call 9-1-1.

If you observe a fire or crime in progress, call 9-1-1, then call the Bay Lake office and leave a message for Leslee.

For just about any other kind of emergency, start by calling the office and leaving a message for Leslee – yes, even in the middle of the night if it is **truly an emergency.**

All messages left on the office phone are routed directly to Leslee's cell phone, which she keeps on her person at all times. (On rare occasion, the xFinity software has failed to properly forward messages to her cell phone – but that is the exception, not the norm.)

The system **does** work. Recently I called the office number at 11:00 p.m. to let Leslee know that a young man had lost control of his motorcycle and crashed through our fence on Portia Street. She returned my call

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within 15 minutes. She asked for my assessment of the situation, spoke with the investigating police officer, and promised to have Mark fix the fence and clean up the debris first thing in the morning – which did happen.

If Leslee does not return your call in what seems to be a reasonable amount of time, try calling again.

Water/sewer emergencies seem to occur with perplexing frequency. If you see a geyser of water erupting from the ground between your home and the street, your first call should be to the office number as noted.

As a last resort, you may want to phone Hill & Hill, ELS’s “official” plumbing repairs contractor. The need to do this should be very rare, given the call forwarding system, but it’s an option you may want to keep in the back of your mind.

If resolving the emergency is clearly the park’s responsibility*, Hill & Hill will likely just make the repairs and “settle up” with Leslee the next business day. They may first have you sign a *Guarantee of Payment* form to cover themselves should ELS ultimately disavow responsibility for the work completed.

* In general, ELS is responsible for water and sewage systems up to the point where they connect to your home. The main exception is when residents flush wipes or other “cloggables” that cause backups – sometime quite a distance “downstream” from the home.

Editor’s note added: *Just a heads up and reminder. Because All after hour phone calls and messages to the office are routed to Leslee’s cell phone, no matter the time of day or night, please keep all after hours calls for emergency only.*

People have on occasion called to simply leave a

message in the middle of the night, as it is on their mind, expecting Leslee to get the message when she gets in the office in the morning. I know that was my expectation before learning otherwise. Instead, Leslee’s cell phone rings, sometimes waking her up, just like it would if it were an emergency. So please do wait until morning for non-emergency calls. I am sure Leslee would appreciate it.

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by Steve Limkemann 734-419-9142

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We do not have everyone's birth and/or anniversary month and day. If you had a birthday and/or anniversary this month and we missed it, or listed it with the wrong month or day, please send a correction to stevelim@wwnet.com. That's also the e-mail address to use to send your info if you are a new resident or have a phone book change.

WELCOME NEW RESIDENTS

Steve Rollison - 941-375-8110

A hearty "Welcome!" to all these folks who officially became Bay Lake residents in March...

Dan & Jeannie Barling — 79 Azalea

Deb Cooke — 206 Flamboyant

Pat Evans — 19 Flamboyant

Barb & Jim Furr — 25 Orange Blossom

E. Virginia & Jorge Gomez — 140 Camellia

Roger Mack — 163 Oleander

Judy & Mike Snodgrass — 155 Oleander

We don't always receive "official" news in a timely manner. If you've moved into the park recently (in the last few months or so) and we somehow haven't officially announced your arrival to your new neighbors and friends in this column, won't you please let us remedy that? Give Steve a call anytime (but after 10:00 a.m. is better than before).

APRIL ANNIVERSARIES

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BAY LAKE BOOK CLUB

Karen Limkemann – 734-890-9229

The Bay Lake Estates Book Club meets the second Wednesday of the month.



The next meeting is Wednesday, April 7, 2021. We will be meeting outdoors, in Joyce Martin's driveway (40 Orange Blossom St.). Bring a chair and something to drink.

The book for this month is **The Vanishing Half** by Brit Bennet pub.2020. Anyone who is interested is invited to join us. Hope to see you there.

TURN IT OFF! TURN IT OFF!

by Steve Rollison

This series of articles was prepared in consultation with a retired, licensed plumber, who wishes to remain anonymous.

If you read the March issue of The Bay Laker, you now know how to find your whole-house shut-off valve – and, in case it's not intuitively obvious, why it's important to know where it is.

However, it's not enough to just be able to locate the main valve. You also have to be able to operate it. And that requires a tiny bit of extremely easy preventive maintenance. (The professionals refer to preventive maintenance by its acronym – “PM” – so that's what we'll do in the rest of this article, too.)

If you don't properly PM your shut-off valve, there's a very good chance that it will freeze up and be inoperable when you really need it to work – i.e. in an emergency.

By “freeze up,” we don't mean like ice. We mean to have the valve caked up with calcium, magnesium and other minerals. (The professionals refer to this mess by its technical term: “crud.” Its other technical term is “crap,” but since we're talking

about plumbing issues that terminology could lead to confusion, so we'll stick with “crud.”)

If your valve gets frozen by crud build-up, you literally cannot force the valve to operate. In an emergency, that's a bad thing.

Again, the PM that will prevent your whole-house water shut-off valve from freezing up with crud is easy. All you have to do is “exercise” the valve once every six months.

Exercising the Valve

Locate the faucet furthest away from the main shut-off valve. Turn it on slightly to get a slow, steady stream of water.

Go to the shut-off valve and slowly turn it closed all the way. (If you cannot turn it, the valve is already frozen. Don't be surprised if that's the case if you've never exercised the valve. Call a plumber to repair it. That might involve replacing the guts of the valve, or maybe even replacing the valve entirely.)

With the shut-off valve closed, go check the water you left running at the faucet. Within a minute or so, it should stop running. If it doesn't, there's a problem with the shut-off valve, and you need to call a plumber. (Fortunately, failure of a whole-house shut-off valve – other than becoming frozen – is a pretty rare occurrence.)

Go back to the main valve and slowly open it, turning the water back on all the way. Do the cycle again: slowly close the valve, then slowly open it all the way. Do the cycle a third time, leaving the water turned on.

Go back to the faucet you left turned on, and turn it off.

Congratulations! You just exercised your main cut-

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off valve and you're finished. Kind of...

What's Next?

If you discovered last month that your home has a second whole-house shut-off valve, you need to exercise it the same way.

And... what about those hot and cold water cut-off valves under all your sinks and at your bathtub(s) and/or shower(s)? And your water tank? And, if you have one, your dishwasher?

They all can get frozen with crud, too, so they need the same kind of PM. Once a year is usually enough for them.

Open the hot water faucet. Exercise its cut-off valve a few times. Repeat for the cold water side.

When you're finished with each of these, you do

not want to leave the valve turned open all the way. Give it a final 1/4 turn toward closed, which helps prevent corrosion of the valve stem (which is the part the handle is connected to).

About an hour after you've exercised these valves, go back and check that no little leaks have developed. That can sometimes happen, especially if it's been a long time since they were exercised. If there is a tiny leak, use a crescent wrench or channel lock pliers to carefully and gently tighten the nut around the valve stem. Or, pay a plumber!





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TRASH ON ORCHID STREET

Steve Rollison 941-375-8110

Did you see the huge pile of trash left on Orchid Street March 10th?

That was the remnants of Rummage Sale Shed Cleanout #1.

Special thanks to Joan Goering, Karol Nickerson, Becki Phelps, Connie Conley, Joyce Martin, and Christopher Davidson for contributing the use of their backs and brains: lots of lifting and lots of sorting.

The sorting involved creating four piles of “stuff” onto tables outside the shed...

1. “Crap” items that never should have gone into the shed to begin with – e.g. soiled clothing, broken tools, etc.
2. Items that would “spoil” if stored until the planned Feb. 2022 rummage sale – e.g. books, some types of clothing, etc.
3. “Nickel and dime” items that would probably sell next year, but not for enough to justify taking up valuable shed space
4. “Choice” items that would be expected to sell next year, hopefully for prices that would make all the effort worthwhile

A number of residents stopped by to look through the piles and take whatever they wanted for whatever donation they cared to make. (I guess we should call them “shoppers.”) Several items fetched generous donations, including a power tool of some sort for \$20 and a chaise lounge for \$30.

Leftovers from Pile #1 went right into the trash – along with about half of the decorations stored in the former “medical shed.” With ELS tearing down that shed, we had to get rid of a lot of decorations – and none of the charities had room to take them now either.

Leftovers from Piles #2 and #3 were staged, ready to be given to an as-yet unselected charity.

Leftovers from Pile #4 were put back into the rummage sale shed.

In the end we had emptied about one-fourth of the rummage sale shed shelves, to make room for item donations that come in between now and February 2022. Our plan is to do a little better job of “pre-sorting” those new donations to avoid taking up shelf space with “crap” items. (Sorry; there just isn’t a polite way of putting that!)

Over the next four or five weeks we’ll probably hold two more Rummage Sale Shed Cleanout days. Watch for Event Alerts if you want to participate as either a shopper or a lifter/sorter (they’ll get first choice at future cleanout days).

FOOD DONATIONS

Karol Ann Nickerson – 813-464-0648

Please drop off a couple of non-perishables (canned, boxed foods, etc.) to be donated.

Non-perishable food items are collected daily by our residents and donated to the Salvation Army’s food pantry on Albee Farms Road. Please give what you can. Every donation makes a difference to someone in need.



A collection box is in the clubhouse on the stage and another one is under Karol’s carport at 57 Hyacinth Street.



Happy Easter!



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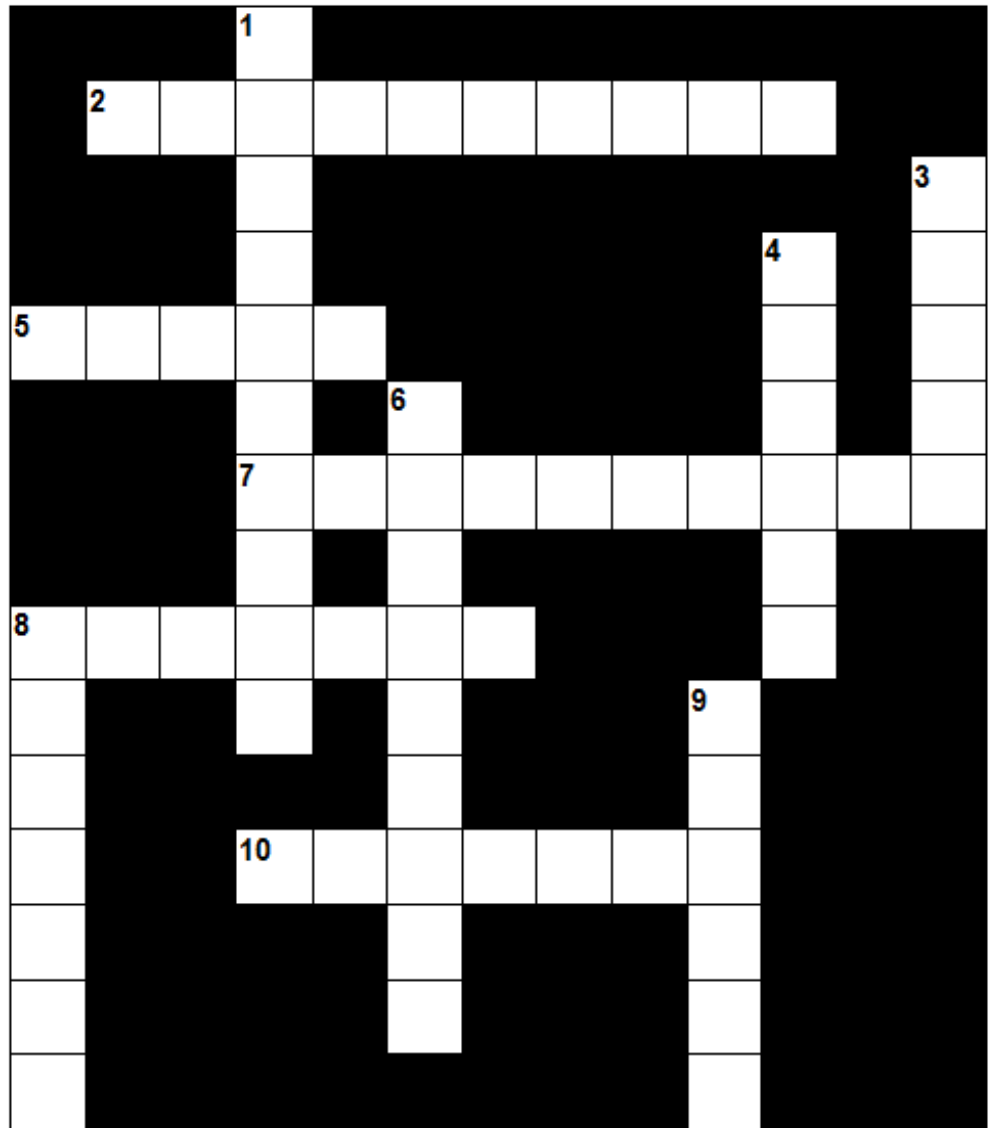
Bay Lake Residents

When we talk about “Bay Lake Residents” we usually mean our friends and neighbors who live in mobile homes scattered throughout the park.

But there are *some* Bay Lake Residents who actually live **in** (or **on**) “the” Bay Lake from time to time!

See if you can figure out where those other current or former residents fit in this puzzle. This puzzle **looks** easier to solve than others that have been published here, but it’s trickier than you think.

- ALLIGATORS
- BLUECRABS
- CORMORANTS
- DUCKS
- HERONS
- SNAPPER
- SNOOK
- SPOONBILLS
- TARPON
- TILAPIA
- TURTLES



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PLAYERS WIN BIG

Steve Rollison 941-375-8110

Last March – one year ago – COVID-19 arrived in the U.S. and “almost everything” was shut down immediately to try to stop it from spreading.

That included our clubhouse. No activities were allowed – including, of course, bingo.

That left us with a \$250 Magic Ball jackpot that never got paid out. Then, when bingo resumed at the beginning of October, the decision was made to hold off the re-introduction of that big jackpot until more of the players who paid into it were able to return to the park.

While many of those players still have not been able to return to the park, Florida laws say big jackpots can't be carried over from one year to the next, so the \$250 Magic Ball jackpot was put back into play February 10th.

Exactly one month later, on March 10th, **Miriam Davidson** claimed the jackpot when the Magic Ball number was called and she shouted “bingo!” to an enthusiastic round of applause.

A second Magic Ball jackpot had been building since the October bingo start-up, and one week after Miriam's win – on March 17th – Herb VanDyke won a \$122 Magic Ball jackpot.

Congratulations to both winners!

Bingo starts at 7 p.m. every Wednesday in the clubhouse. Come at least 15 minutes early to buy your cards and get settled in.



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My Inherited Passion

I have many memories from my early childhood of talking into my Grandpa's pocket, so his body-aid would pick up my voice. Both my grandfather, Howard and my Mom, MaryEllen, were profoundly hard of hearing.

My Mom's hearing was due to surgical procedure. She had been wearing hearing aids for years before I came into the industry 14 years ago. The first time I fit her with aids she was startled by how much better she heard. I knew the technology had not improved dramatically so it wasn't until I realized she had been using moderate technology levels. That experience showed me how much it had cost her in connecting with others and being part of the group by wearing aids not fit for her busy lifestyle.

She didn't have to buy a moderate set, I just don't think she knew how much benefit and ease of listening a higher level of technology would provide for her challenging hearing and busy lifestyle.

I do understand that there are times when you have to compromise due to financial strains. If you have to compromise do so knowingly. Be aware of what you are choosing between.

Having my life, my family so directly affected by hearing loss I am truly passionate about helping others hear their best. I lived in a family that had frustrations that occurred from not hearing someone or frequent misunderstandings.

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HOME OF THE MONTH

Congratulations to “Mr. Blufin” Michael Kloian on taking the March Home of the Month prize for his 129 Camellia Street residence.

Drive by and check out the attractive new light-green paint job that has won the \$50 Lowe’s gift card for him.

BEST CORONAVIRUS JOKES

- Sometimes I wonder if all this is happening because I didn’t forward that email to 10 people.
- A whole bunch of people have discovered that “sufficient time home alone” was not the only thing they needed to write a great novel.
- People have been quarantined to their homes with nothing good on TV for how long now? I’m waiting for the boom of babies that will be born. What are we going call that generation of kids – Coronials?
- Somebody did a survey to identify the most unused items during Quarantine 2020. The #1 item at the top of the list: Bras.
- Friend #1: The Coronavirus pandemic could be over in 2 years.

Friend #2: Who said that?

Friend #1: Yes, W.H.O. said that

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(To list a rental here, send your info to Editor@BayLakeRstates.org)

If you are a Bay Lake Estates homeowner and you are selling or renting your BLE home, you can now list it here to give your neighbors a heads up in case they are interested.

Keep in mind, this column is only for the homeowners themselves. The details of the sale or the rental **will not** be included in the newsletter. Therefore, even if you have listed your home with an agent, only your contact information will be included in this column and you will have to give the agent’s information to any interested parties when they contact you. We will not be listing agent names.

If you are interested in any listing you see in this column, please contact the homeowner listed for further details.

To list your home for sale or rent, simply send an email to the editor at editor@baylakeestates.org. Include your name, address of the listing, telephone number and whether it is a sale or rental listing. Emails received by the 12th of the month will be included in the following month’s Bay Laker.



BAY LAKE RESIDENTS

SOLUTION

| Across | Down |
|---------------|--------------|
| 2 SPOONBILLS | 1 CORMORANTS |
| 5 SNOOK | 3 DUCKS |
| 7 ALLIGATORS | 4 HERONS |
| 8 TURTLES | 6 BLUECRABS |
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BAY LAKE INVESTMENT CLUB

Karen Limkemann

Bay Lake has an investment club. We meet the 2nd Thursday of the Month at 3:00 in the club house. Our next meeting is on Thursday April 8th. Our dues are \$50 a month. The goal of the club is to learn about investing in stocks and to make a return on our investments. New members are always welcome. If it is something you might be interested in, please join us.



DID YOU REPLACE NORTON YET?

Steve Rollison 941-375-8110

Norton antivirus software is no longer provided to us for free by Xfinity – our park’s Internet service provider. A good alternative is the protection now bundled in Windows 10, “Defender” – also a no-cost option.

Of course, you would have already known that if you had been subscribed to the Event Alerts, because the Norton situation was announced in an Alert way back on January 30th!

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2021-2022 HOA DIRECTORS

Steve Rollison 941-375-8110

The following residents will be installed at the April association meeting as the 2021-2022 board of directors.

Dave Eungard
Steve Medich
Jane Ann Miller
Kenny Nifong
Tom Priar
Steve Rollison
Linda Wood



As required by Florida statutes, they will meet to select which four of them will serve as the association’s officers next year – president, vice president, secretary and treasurer.

Linda and Kenny are replacing current directors David Baker and George Phelps. Please join the board in thanking David and George for their considerable contributions to the association. We look forward to their continued support as “former directors.”

NOTES FROM THE EDITOR

Donna Pfeiffer – 941-586-2812

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Spring is here! HAPPY EASTER!

We do have our share of Easter Bunnies in our park.

The 12th of the month is the deadline to submit articles for the following month.

All articles and information must be received by the due date each month to be included in the newsletter for the following month.

Please email all newsletter submissions to: Editor@BayLakeEstates.org
Thank you.

SENATE BEAN SOUP (CREATED IN 1903 FOR SENATORS)

Michael Kloian

I learned to make this soup in 1969 at the Salina Steak House where I was Chef. My Uncle Jack taught me how to make this yummy concoction and this was our signature soup 5 days a week.

- 1 lb white navy beans in a bag
- 2 large smoked Ham Hocks or a meaty ham bone
- 2 medium onions
- 1 stalk of celery
- 1 lb bag of peeled baby carrots
- 1 bunch of curly parsley
- 1 jar of Better Than Bullion Ham base
- 3-4 small Bay Leaves or 2 large bay leaves
- Sea salt
- White pepper
- Garlic Powder



Place all the beans in a bowl or a pot, cover with water and put in the fridge for 24 hours (the beans will soak up some of the water and if you need more water add more until beans are covered).

The next day, place ham hocks in a large pot with plenty of water.

Use about 2/3 of the parsley (no need to remove the stems) and put this in the pot.

Cut the onions in small wedges and put this in the pot.

Cut in half about 1/2 to 2/3 of celery stalks and place in the pot along with the flowery tops.

Use about 2/3 of the 1 lb bag of baby carrots and cut in half or thirds, if large, and place in the pot.

Add about 2 tsp of salt and about 2 tsp of white pepper. Add several bay leaves.

Using medium-high heat when the water is warm enough, add about 3 TBLS of ham base. You may need more after tasting the broth. Lower the heat and cover.

Simmer for about 2 hours.

Take out the ham hocks to cool. Allow the pot to cool down.

Save the broth by pouring through a large hand-held screen then I tossed out the celery, onion, parsley and bay leaves. Save the carrots (use tongs to remove them).

Taste the broth and if need be, add more Ham Base, salt or pepper.

When cool, peel all the fat off the ham hocks and cut the meat in small pieces.

Pour the beans through a colander and add them to the pot.

DO NOT FAST BOIL the beans or they will split open. Remove the lid. Use medium heat then lower to like number 2 on the electric burner. Cook for about 1.5 to 2 hours. Just before the beans are ready, add the carrots and chopped up ham hocks.

Taste the broth occasionally.

To thicken the soup, mash some of the beans.

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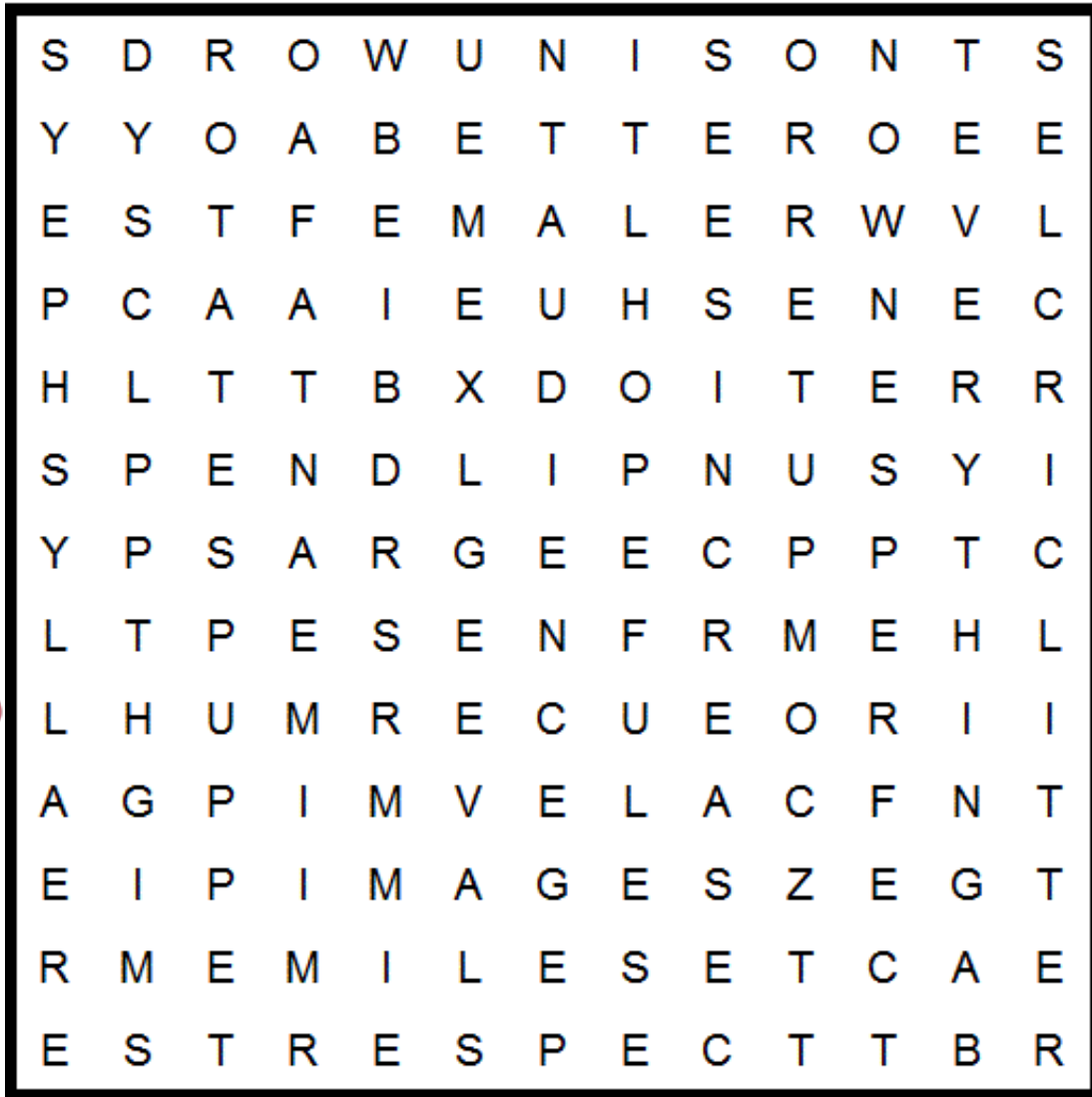
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