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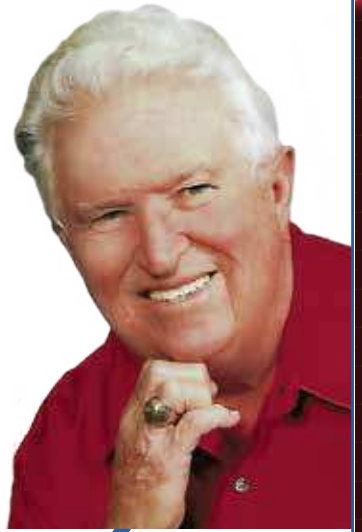
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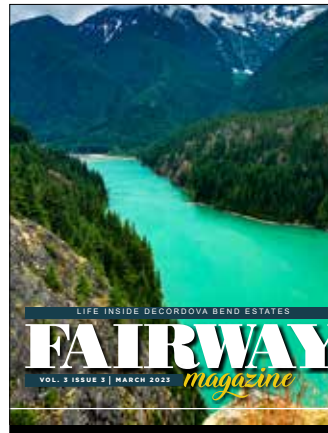
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FIND THE GOLF BALL

Let's have some fun! Somewhere in this issue of Fairway, there is a hidden golf ball for readers to find. Hint: it's on one of the advertisements. This ball doesn't play fair so you may have to search high and low.

When you think you have spotted the ball, send us an email with your answer. The deadline is 5 p.m. on Feb. 10. No mulligans!

Email your guess and contact info to fairway@hcnews.com. Those with the correct answer will be entered into a random drawing for a \$100 gift certificate and four movie passes. Happy hunting!

Winners will receive a call from the DCBE office to notify them when the prize is ready for pick-up.



LAST MONTH'S SOLUTION: Texas Energy Savers, page 12.

LAST MONTH'S WINNER: **Aubrey Walker**

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AMENITIES

One of the best amenities at DeCordova Bend Estates brings peace of mind to all residents. The security team are on site specifically to keep the community safe and assist residents with a variety of tasks that come up daily, weekly, monthly and annually.

Most residents of DeCordova may only ever see the security staff driving around neighborhoods or checking people in and out of the gates. But there is a lot more that goes into the work, and DeCordova Bend Estates is very fortunate to have such a quality team on duty, led by Chief Larry Morgan.

Above all, the security team is always available, 24x7. Chief Morgan publishes reports in Fairway every month and always includes his phone numbers, inviting residents to get in touch. Call 817-964-8114, stop by the office or email at chief@dcbeweb.com.

Gate duties are one of the most visible jobs the security team performs. This task entails:

- Access Control - Check in guests; write passes, log plates, check driver license.
- Answering the phone - Guests being called in, member complaints, information requests and members requests.
- Monitoring cameras and emergency pager/scanner and dispatch patrol to calls, open both gates for emergency vehicles.
- Monitor weather radar during bad weather.
- Dispatch patrol to calls and log all communication from patrol officers.

Golf carts are very popular at DCBE and the security team keeps an eye on their operation and safe handling, same as larger vehicles. The team keeps an eye out for proper stopping and turn signaling. Operators of golf carts must have a driver's license and be able to produce it when requested. Hint: Driving the cart out the main gate might draw a citation from the police, so think twice about doing that!

Security

Another primary, and perhaps the most time-consuming function, is patrolling the streets of DCBE checking for security concerns and rules violations.

- Respond to members' calls for assistance, such as jump start vehicle, check for noise around the home at night, lock-outs, etc
- Respond to all emergency calls
- Perform drive-by close patrol checks of homes, buildings and area of concerns
- Make well-being checks
- Work and investigate traffic accidents
- Provide security for special events, New Year's, Halloween, etc.
- Offer vacation checks where the officer walks around the member's home checking doors, windows and other security concerns. This is a very popular service.
- Open trailer storage area when requested by member on Saturdays and Thursdays for dumpster use and open every day for trailer pick up and return.
- Assist with checking in guests at the RV park.
- Lock up club, maintenance, community center, cart barn, pool, tennis courts and restrooms on the golf course and marina, check fitness center, boat stall doors, pickleball court, basketball court and restrooms. And then unlock it all again in the morning.

Security has even been asked to shut off water for people who are out of town when it's going to freeze, and change smoke detector batteries for those who are not able (batteries not supplied).

When you see a member of the security team out and about, give them a smile and a wave (if it's safe to do so), and thank them for this vital amenity that they provide at DCBE. 🇺🇸





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THE CITY BEAT



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A Message from Mayor Dave Hanson Issue 2, March 2023

The City Beat is an ongoing series, intended to keep DeCordova residents informed regarding what is happening in the community from the perspective of the mayor and city council.

We would like to give you an update on new city council business.

The first thing we would like to announce is the signing of a contract with the DeCordova board of directors for office space. This will give us for the first time in our city's history the ability to have an office for our files, a workspace and a mailing address for our mayor and city council.

Our DeCordova community is unique. We have various kinds and styles of homes for everyone's taste. We have numerous amenities to enjoy, and it is everyone's responsibility to keep

them and our community clean and beautiful. Please take the time to thank the three ladies, Estella Martinez, Esperanza and Gloria Trujillo, that you may see every day in their slow-moving golf cart, picking up after us.

We are working with United Electric Co-Op on a larger project to further enhance the aesthetics of our community. It involves the burial of power lines and clearing away the old unused lines. This will be a long-term project but well worth the effort.

The Council is working with the owners' association on placing more speed bumps in key locations to help make our roads safer. With so many people walking on our narrow streets, it is imperative to keep vehicles driving at a safe speed, so no one gets hurt.

We appreciate your help and support on these initiatives. 🇺🇸

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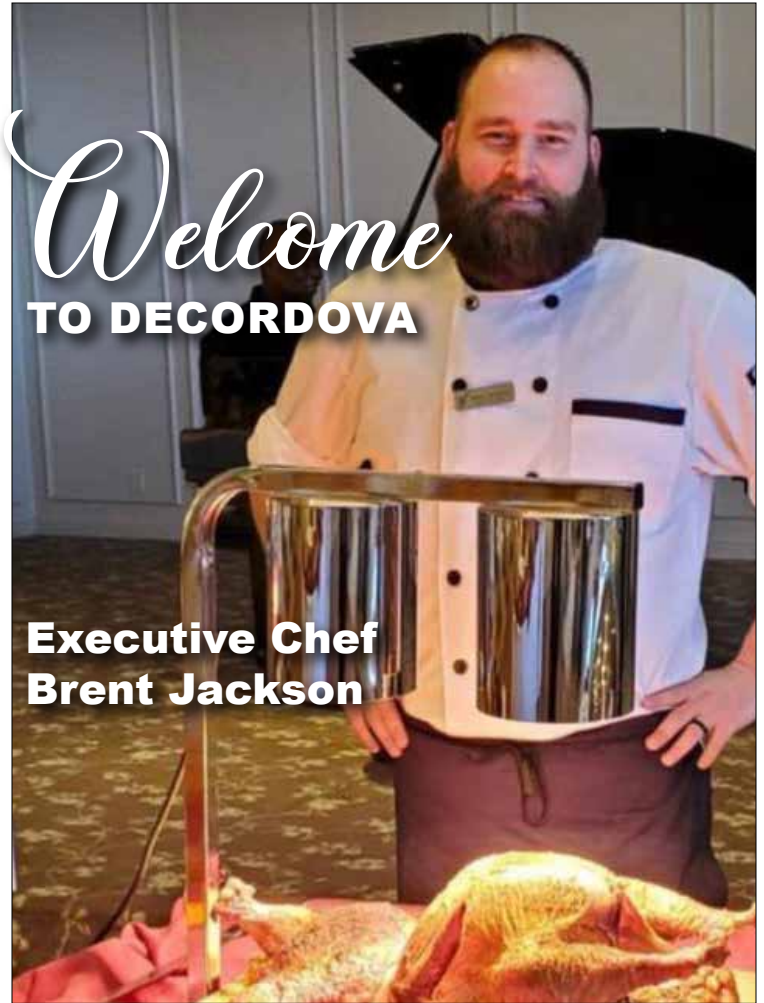
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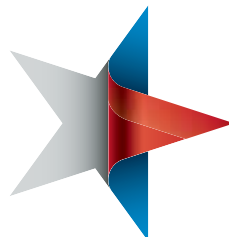


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CHOOSE YOUR CRUISE

River or Ocean?

By Zac Wilson
Contributing Writer



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Ocean cruising and river cruising are as different as planes, trains and automobiles. A common phrase heard around the travel industry is “ocean ships take you to the destination, but river ships take you through the destination.”

The biggest difference is how much time is spent on the ship compared to touring the destination. For example, on a recent ocean cruise, I was in port in Cozumel from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Compare that to my river cruise experience: I was in Vienna from 8 a.m. to 11 p.m. Ocean ships have entire days at sea while traveling from one port to another, while river ships have you in a new town or city every day.

This is the primary reason why ocean ships are becoming destinations unto themselves – you spend the majority of your vacation on the ship.

Ocean ships are high-energy floating cities. They have large theaters with Broadway-level entertainment, comedy clubs, casinos, kids’ clubs, large swimming pools and hot tubs, spas, and many dining venues. The atmosphere onboard is exciting but can



An ocean-going cruise ship on the Italian coast.





A river cruise through Budapest on the Danube.

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be crowded with up to 6,000 guests.

On the other hand, river ships are four- and five-star hotel accommodations, fine dining, premium wines and beverages, but there is minimal on-board entertainment because you spend most of your time exploring the city or village you are visiting.

Some stops on a river cruise itinerary are overnight in a popular city so you can enjoy the nightlife. With only 150-190 guests, the atmosphere is relaxed and conversational. Dining is often a 90-minute affair as the staff explains each course and the sommelier pairs wine with your food. You will get to know your fellow travelers and enjoy sharing your adventures together. Some river ships have a country-club-casual dress code, while others encourage formal dinner attire that your butler will help you prepare.

River ships have better scenery from your private balcony. The Eiffel Tower, the castles of the Rhine River Gorge, vineyards on the hillsides, the architecture of the towns and cities as you sail from port to port. Of course, with ocean cruising, you see mostly the horizon and the many moods of the ocean.

When it comes to pricing, do you prefer all-inclusive or a la carte? Ocean cruise lines advertise low prices, but often

they are only the basic cruise fare and taxes. One must add on the airfare, ground transfers, shore excursions, beverage packages, specialty dining, Wi-Fi, and more.

Most river cruise lines are all-inclusive and advertise the price per person. River cruising boasts “no nickel and diming.” However after adding all the extras, the price is comparable for European river cruising and ocean cruising in prime destinations like Alaska, Hawaii, or the Mediterranean.

For a budget getaway, though a short four-day Caribbean cruise may be your ticket.

What about potential motion sickness? While ocean ship guests may feel the motion of the ocean or risk rough seas, river ships drift lightly along. My recent cruise on the Danube River was so smooth that I often couldn’t tell we were moving. There is no seasickness on a river ship.

An important note: It’s probably obvious that the Caribbean Sea will only have ocean ships, and the Rhine River will only have river ships. So, your desired destination may determine your fate. In this case, your Travel Advisor will help you discover the differences between cruise lines, ships, and help you create a dream itinerary. 🚢

GOLF CALENDAR



MGA — Every Wednesday @ 9 a.m. through March
 LGA — Every Thursday @ 9 a.m. through March
 Saturday Gangsome @ 12 noon
 Sunday Couples @ 9 a.m.
 Thursday Scrambles start March 16th; 5:30 p.m.

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

UPCOMING DCBE TOURNAMENT SCHEDULE:

APRIL

- 5 - MGA BROKEN CUP (round 3)
- 19 - MGA Guest Day
- 20 - LGA Guest Day
- 26-27 - LGA MEMBER-MEMBER TOURNAMENT

MAY

- 6-7 - DCBE SPRING MEMBER-GUEST TOURNAMENT
- 10-11 - LGA RINGERS TOURNAMENT
- 24-25 - MGA FUN-IN-THE-SUN TOURNAMENT
- 29 - MEMORIAL DAY (course open)

JUNE

- 1 - LGA Guest Day
- 8-10 - LGA MEMBER-GUEST CLASSIC TOURNAMENT
- 24-25 - DCBE 3-Person SCRAMBLE

JULY

- 4 - INDEPENDENCE DAY (course open)
- 5 - MGA Guest Day
- 19-20 - MGA/LGA CHARITY BENEFIT
- 29-30 - DCBE 2-Person SHAMBLE

AUGUST

- 19-20 - DCBE CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP

SEPTEMBER

- 4 - LABOR DAY (course open)
- 6-9 - DCBE MEMBER-GUEST (CLUB BENDERS)
- 13 - MGA Guest Day
- 20-21 - MGA CHAMPIONSHIP/HANDICAP TOURNAMENT
- 27-28 - LGA CHAMPIONSHIP/HANDICAP TOURNAMENT



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5 Sunday Couples	6	7	8 MGA	9 LGA hosting Suburban Ladies	10	11 Saturday Gangsome
12 Sunday Couples <small>Daylight Savings Time</small>	13	14	15 MGA	16 LGA <small>Thursday Scramble Begins</small>	17 <small>St. Patrick's Day</small>	18 St. Patrick's Day "After" Yellow Ball Tournament
19 Sunday Couples	20	21	22 MGA	23 LGA GUEST DAY <small>Thursday Scramble</small>	24	25 Saturday Gangsome
26 Sunday Couples	27	28	29 Round 1 MGA BROKEN CUP <small>Thursday Scramble</small>	30 Round 2	MASTERS PICKS coming next month	

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Type Offense	Jan-23	
	Reports	NORV'S
Traffic		
Speeding		4
Misc. Traffic/Accident	1	
Hit/Broke Gate Arm	2	3
Parking/Temp. Parking		
No Driver's License/INS.	2	1
Underage Driving		1
Failure to Stop		
Suspicious Vehicle		
Reckless Driving		
Animals		
Barking Dog	3	
Leash Law		
Aggressive Animal	1	
Incidents		
Curfew Violation		
Misconduct/Disorderly	1	5
Failure to Provide ID		
Domestic Disturbance		
Disturbances	1	
W Being Chks	1	
Member Assists	27	
Theft		
Burglary		
Medical Assists	11	
Misc. Rules Violations	2	
Vandalism		
Noise Complaint	1	
False Alarm	1	
Failur to Comply	1	1
Assault		
Unauthorized Entry	5	2
Mis. Complaints	8	
Fireworks/Firearms	2	
Mischief	2	
Fire	1	
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LOUELLA VAN ZANDT

March 3
JON MIDDLETON
CARL OELSCHIG

March 4
LABRINI HOWELL
THOMAS JEWELL
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JUDITH SMITH
PENELOPE TIBBS

March 5
ALVIN LEE CLANTON
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BARBARA MCNAIR
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ALLEN MORROW
LACEE POULSON

March 6
LARRY CURTIS
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JANA SPRICK
ROBERT YOUNG

March 7
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BRADLEY DUCKWORTH
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LARRY HUDSON
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CAROL STONE

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March 8
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GARY LEWIS
KEVIN NOLAN
PATRICIA PRUITT
FRANK TOWNSEND
MACKYE WALKER

March 9
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STEVEN HAMNER
BRENT HOLDRIDGE
NICK HOON
ANN SIMMS

March 10
DEBBIE ALLMON
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MARGIE MESSINA
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March 12
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PAM STUBBS
AVA WALLING

March 13
JANA BRIAN
JESSICA DOLLAR
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March 26
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March 27
CHARLES FLOWERS
MICHAEL HALLET
LINDSEY HARRISON
JERRI HURST
WANDA MARTIN

March 28
SHERYL BISHOP
SHELLY HERICKS
BRAD JOHNSON
KIM MCLEOD
TERRY MOORE
GREGORY ROSE
JOSHUA WINTERS

March 29
MARK BISHOP
WARREN DAVENPORT
MARILYN PORTER
STACEY ROGERS
ROGER SELLERS
BUFFORD WARREN

March 30
KATIE BECKER
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Places to Go, Things to See

By Larry Barclay
Contributing Writer



A small cruise ship is the best way
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Croatia.





Spring is nearly here and for many folks, that means it's time to pack the suitcases and go. Whether your idea of travel means heading to a beach for rest and relaxation, a trip in the RV, or something a bit more adventurous, the world of travel awaits. I've been traveling a lot lately and here some of my favorite destinations, in no particular order.

CLASSIC ROAD TRIPPING

My first experience with "travel" was as a young kid in the back of my dad's station wagon - laying on an air mattress next to my brother, generally having fun and wondering if "we were there yet." My travel partner and wife, Karen, and I continued that tradition with our own kids. As empty nesters now, we'd have to say that an old-fashioned road trip is still hard to beat.

If you have the time, a drive up the west coast of the U.S. from southern California to Washington is pure joy. My wife and I generally avoid the large cities and interstate highways. We gravitate to the smaller quirky towns, typically on the coast.

Trinidad, California, is a great example. Numerous national and state parks are sprinkled along the way. We loved Humboldt Redwoods State Parks and Clam Beach in northern California.

In Oregon, take in Harris Beach State Park and visit Bandon Dunes. The Columbia River Gorge is not only beautiful, but also the windsurfing capital of the world. Finish off with a trip to Whidbey Island, Washington and enjoy some mussels.

Moving to the other coast, I find New England equally charming. Start in southern Massachusetts and head north along Highway 1A, all the way to the Canadian border. Don't miss Buzzards Bay, Vineyard Sound or Gloucester in Massachusetts. Portland, Ogunquit Beach, Kennebunkport, and Acadia National Park in Maine are all must-sees.

ACROSS THE POND

If you have never been to Europe, check out the United Kingdom first. While the weather isn't that great nor is the food (my opinion), history, castles and cathedrals are abundant. The countryside is mostly beautiful. They (allegedly) speak English so



Ancient walled city of Dubrovnik, Croatia, on the Adriatic Sea

communication is possible but can take a little work - which can turn into wonderful fun after a couple pints with some locals.

Italy, honestly, has it all: Great food, amazing art, good people and fascinating history and culture. Each region of the country has a distinct identity, food, landscape, economy and pace of life in general. Strike up a conversation with a local in any region of the country and they will work hard to convince you that their food, culture and atmosphere is better than any other part of the country. A little prideful, much like Texas folk - is part of the charm. I find the coast, such as Cinque Terre and the Amalfi, among the most alluring places anywhere.

Croatia was a place I never intended to visit. But when we went in 2021, I kind of fell in love with the place. The Aegean Sea and its 1,200 islands are rich in history, natural beauty and great weather, most the time. The people were very nice. We traveled on a small cruise ship and island-hopped.

BUCKET LIST DESTINATION

The world is a big place, and some destinations require so much time and expense to visit, that you will likely only get there once, if you get there at all. Last month, we took the plunge and made a trip down-under - all 20 hours' worth. Australia did not disappoint, but New Zealand was all that I hoped for and more. There are fjords, mountains, glaciers, interesting plants and animal life. The people were exceedingly friendly and helpful. On the way back, we spent some time in Fiji, a nice little South Pacific paradise.

PREPARE AND PLAN

We tend to take trips that are more like a tour, as opposed to a resort destination (or cruise) where you unpack one time and everything you want is around you. To me, it's fun to plan a road trip. We have a rule that we don't drive more than four hours and try to reach our destination by noon or so. The rest of the day and evening are for exploring. We typically know what we want to see along the way but always leave space to take an unplanned detour. We never eat at a chain restaurant and usually just find a place that looks good when are ready to eat. Depending on the destination, we usually like to have a room reserved at a local hotel, B&B or short-term rental, but sometimes we look for a place to stay when we arrive in town.



Notice the woman on the beach of this massive Adriatic grotto.



Sidewalk cafés like this one in Rome are everywhere.



The Valley of the Temples in Agrigento, Sicily, is a stunning example of ancient Greek architecture.

We try for one night in each stop, but not always, and usually small towns.

"Big" trips are a different story. I have used different approaches. I have planned everything myself. Flights, trains, hotels, tours - the whole bit. For me, it was exhausting and I was prone to making mistakes. I won't go into the details, but my errors costed us time and money.

If you are going on a complicated trip (multiple cities, flights, hotels, tours, etc.), do yourself a favor and find a good travel agent. You will have less stress and likely save money and aggravation. We have recently used guided group tours which requires practically no planning at all. Transportation, accommodations, tours and (some) meals all bundled into a single package. It also provides an opportunity to make some friends along the way.

If my wife and I have learned anything as we've aged and observed the effects of COVID, it's that you can't take tomorrow for granted. If there are places you want to see, don't put it off. Our time here is short, and you never know when it will end. 🇮🇹

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CORNED BEEF FOR ST. PATRICK'S DAY

By Nancy Pricer



When I think of St. Patrick's Day, I don't think of green beer (although I might have in college). I think of corned beef, cabbage and soda bread. My mom used to make them years ago. Corned beef and cabbage recipes are pretty straightforward, but to me the key is the little packet of seasonings that comes with the beef. I have never tried this, but I have read if your beef does not come with the seasoning packet, you can use pickling spices instead. The recipe I use is from www.spendwithpennies.com, which says to cook for 8 to 10 hours, but the author says she usually cooks hers for 10 hours.

I like to cook my corned beef and cabbage in the slow cooker, that way I can prepare sides for the meal while it cooks.

CORNED BEEF AND CABBAGE SLOW COOKER RECIPE

1 corned beef brisket, 3-4 pounds
1 onion
3 cloves garlic
2 bay leaves
2 1/2 to 3 cups water
2 pounds potatoes, peeled & quartered
2 large carrots chopped
1 small head of cabbage, cut into wedges

Chop onion into large chunks and place in the bottom of a 6-quart slow cooker. Top with corned beef and seasoning packet.

Pour water into slow cooker until it just about covers the corned beef. Add garlic and bay leaves.

Cook on low for 8-10 hours.

After the initial 3 hours, add potatoes and carrots to the slow cooker.

Two hours before serving, add cabbage wedges to the slow cooker.

Remove corned beef from slow cooker and let rest 15 minutes before slicing across the grain. Serve with potatoes, carrots and cabbage. Serves 10. 🍴

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GOLF COMMITTEE

Chairman, President Doug Jones

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The committee is continuing review of ForeTees and operating systems. The LGA and MGA have continued play with good weather. A motion was made by Cyndi McArtor to add Dan Simpson to the golf committee, seconded by Larry Cordell; with all in favor, the motion was approved. (Joe Lasiter and Dustin Blocker not present at time of vote).

HOUSE & ENTERTAINMENT COMMITTEE

Chairman, Vice President Bennie Hudgins

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The clubhouse Christmas decorations were stored away by the committee in place of a meeting for January. Work continues for storage areas at the club for decorating inventories. All agreed the holiday decorations were wonderful this year.

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MEMBERSHIP & NOMINATING COMMITTEE

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Membership held a lengthy meeting reviewing the revisions to the online and in-person new member orientation presentation. Nominating proceedings are under review. Qualified candidates will be sought for the upcoming elections. All candidates will be accepted until 4:30 p.m. on March 15, 2023.

An email vote was held following the meeting: A motion was made by Cathy Permenter to approve the May 2023 election committee to consist of Cyndi McArtor, Dustin Blocker, John Deal, Dana Goode and Lacey Zawadzki, seconded by Joe Lasiter; with all in favor, the motion was approved.

RECREATION COMMITTEE

Chairman, Secretary Dustin Blocker
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No meeting was held in January. At the upcoming February meeting, annual calendars will be presented for discussion and review.

FINANCE COMMITTEE

Chairman, Treasurer Cyndi Mcartor
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The Board approved by recommendation of the Finance Committee to move the plains capital CD monies into the

operations account; with all in favor the motion carried.

The Board approved by recommendation of the Finance Committee to move the Raymond James GL account 1036 (\$4,930) into operations and the Raymond James GL account 1126 (\$58,945) into a different capital bank account to consolidate accounts; with all in favor, the motion carried.

The Board approved by recommendation of the Finance Committee to waive additional bids for the water/pumphouse; with all in favor, the motion carried.

Proper procedures and protocol for finance and Board approvals were discussed.

FYE 2024 Budget parameters were reviewed with suggestion to General Manager Don Ciota for the upcoming year. Once completed, budgets will be presented to the Finance Committee and upon approval to the Board for final review.

FACILITY MAINTENANCE OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE

Chairman, Tom Jung

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The remaining punch list items identified for the renovation have been under watch of Facilities Director Corey Shipp. A meeting with Tarrant Construction will be set in the coming weeks for final inspections.

SECURITY & GRIEVANCE COMMITTEE

Chairman, David Zunker

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The security department is being reviewed for restructure, if found necessary. The department will be assisting

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more with compliance to existing policies. Hours of service, scheduling and procedures continue to be discussed. Staff are looking into options for the donated funds from the City of DeCordova to be used for security vehicles. Adherence to newly approved flag policies has begun and will be implemented.

LEGAL BY-LAWS COMMITTEE

Chairman, Joe Lasiter
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The committee met on Monday, January 23. Upon receipt from legal counsel the committee looks to proceed with by-law, covenant, and violation policies and procedures revisions. A number of Texas Property Code updates are to be updated in the governing documents. The grandfathered parking of boats, trailers and recreational vehicles will be further discussed and provided to the membership with requested compliance. The search for new legal counsel to the association is ongoing with some strong candidates being interviewed.

A motion was made by Tom Jung to add Katrina Clements to the legal and by-laws committee, seconded by Larry Cordell; with votes in favor by five and two opposed; the motion was approved. (Joe Lasiter and Dustin Blocker not present at time of vote)

ARCHITECTURAL CONTROL COMMITTEE

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Board Representative
Chairman, Larry Cordell
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Seven architectural various permits were approved by the committee. A fencing matter was brought to the Board for review. Upon discussion, it was requested that club management facilitate a conversation between the neighbors to look for an agreed resolve.

LONG RANGE PLANNING COMMITTEE

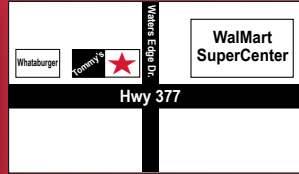
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The committee is awaiting direction with budgets being completed and approved that will provide more insight as to what projects may be continued for long-term planning.

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ADDITIONAL MEETING NOTES

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

- Member appearances by Katrina Clements and Zack Harbor discussing Texas Property Codes and governing documents.
- Member appearances for architectural compliance request and determination of what is considered property maintenance.
- Member appearance and correspondence received regarding ineligible dues freeze and assistance.
- Member correspondence and request for action by the Board of Directors to an incident that occurred at the clubhouse dining facilities.
- Newly hired Chef Brent Jackson will bring his experience and talents to DCBE beginning January 31.



UPCOMING MEETINGS

- BOARD MEETING
8:30 a.m. March 23
at the DCBE Clubhouse Board Room
- CITY COUNCIL MEETING
Third Tuesday of each month at 7 p.m.
at the DCBE Clubhouse Yacht Room
- ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING
Saturday, May 20, 2023 at 6 p.m. in the
Clubhouse Ballroom

BOARD OF DIRECTORS NOMINATIONS COMMITTEE

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Financial - accountant, analyst, financial background

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Golf - knowledge of the game

Security - law enforcement

Hospitality - restaurant management/owner

Recreation - enjoy sports, fitness

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March 9 - Suburban Ladies on 18, Everyone else on Durant

March 16 - \$4 pay to play, low gross, low net. General Meeting after play.

March 23 - Guest Day

March 30 - Durant Low Gross

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Teresa Houston will speak on March 21.

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MARCH 21, 10:30 a.m.

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March 2, 1836 - Texas declared its independence from Mexico, creating the Republic of Texas, which would last until 1845 when Texas became a state.

March 3, 1931 – The Star-Spangled Banner becomes the U.S. National Anthem.

March 5, 1946 – In a speech in Missouri, Winston Churchill describes the boundary in Europe between free countries and those under Soviet Russia's control as "The Iron Curtain."

March 8, 1817 – The New York Stock Exchange is founded.

March 9, 1964 – The first Ford Mustang rolls off the assembly line.

March 10, 1862 – The U.S. government issues paper money for the first time.

March 16, 1968 – General Motors produces their 100 millionth automobile, an Oldsmobile Toronado.

March 18, 1931 – Shick introduces the first electric shaver to the marketplace.

March 19, 1848 – Birthday for Wyatt Earp (d. 1929), legendary figure in the Wild West best known for the shootout at the O.K. Corral in 1881 in Tombstone, Arizona.

March 19, 1918 – Congress approves Daylight Saving Time. (Congress has not acted on the 2022 measure to eliminate Daylight Saving Time.)

March 20, 1930 – Kentucky Fried Chicken was founded by "Colonel" Harlan Sanders in North Corbin, Kentucky.

March 21, 2006 – Social media platform Twitter was created.

March 24, 1958 – Elvis Presley joins the U.S. Army.

March 24, 1989 – The oil tanker Exxon Valdez ran aground in Prince William Sound off Alaska, resulting in 11 million gallons of oil leaking into the natural habitat over a stretch of 45 miles.

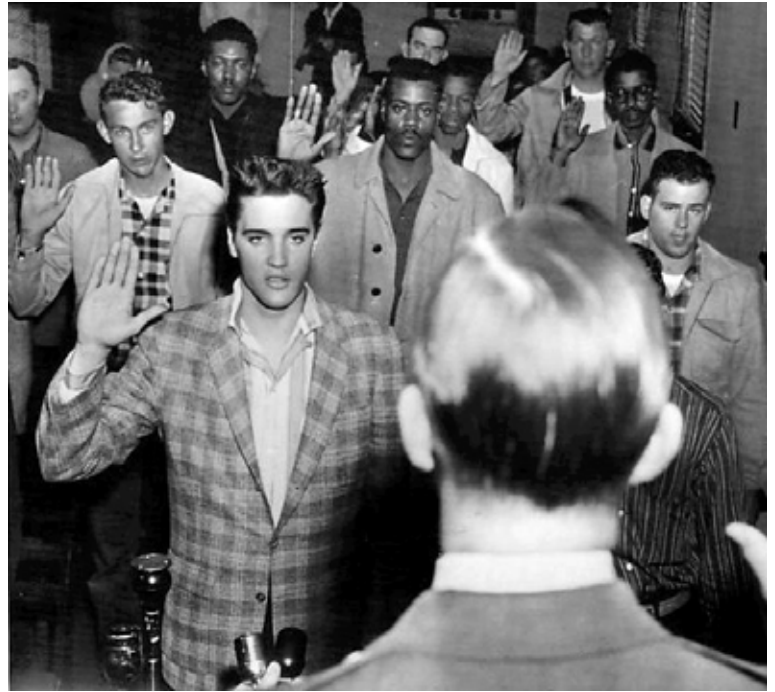
March 25, 1954 – RCA manufactures the first color television.

March 30, 1867 – The United States buys Alaska from Russia for \$7.2 million.

March 30, 1964 – Jeopardy! debuts on television.

March 30, 1981 – Newly elected President Ronald Reagan was shot in the chest outside a D.C. hotel. After removal of a 22-caliber bullet from his left lung, he joked, "I should have ducked." Three others were also hit including Reagan's Press Secretary, James Brady.

March 31, 1918 – Daylight Saving Time goes into effect for the first time in the U.S.



Elvis Presley joins the U.S. Army in 1958.

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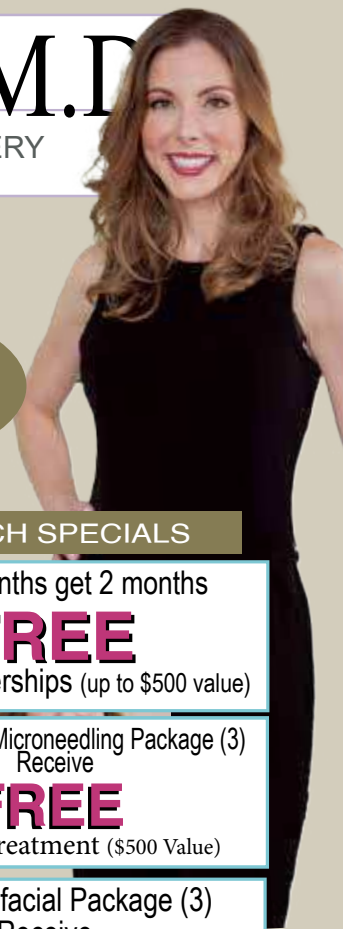
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- 1 destination of much of TX mohair
- 5 Linden is seat of this county
- 6 TX "Pecos Bill," e.g. old sitcom with TX Prentiss: "___ & She"
- 8 "legal eagle" charge
- 9 TXism: "skinny ___" (nude swimmers)
- 16 TX Roddenberry "Trek" speed
- 17 Killeen mascot
- 18 this "Tex" created 6-across
- 20 oil well fire snuffer
- 22 Mexican-American National Weather Service is a part of this agcy. (abbr.)
- 28 scornful facial expressions
- 29 dreadful
- 30 TXism: "___ ___ frazzle" (tired)
- 32 TXism: "dance with who brung ___"
- 33 TXism: "worthless ___ to a cowboy"
- 36 "gloom and ___"
- 37 Dallas or Houston: traffic frustration
- 38 Mexico denied Texicans the right to ___ by jury
- 39 Mav. owner Cuban ___ like amount to charity when he's fined
- 41 Dallas FM station
- 42 relating to a virus

- 45 Santa ____, TX
- 46 TXism: "___ as a baby's bottom"
- 47 course prefix at a Texas university (abbr.)
- 48 TXism: "exciting as a fire at the ___ office"
- 49 with "re," to revive from unconsciousness
- 52 TXism: "___ up the river" (put in jail)
- 53 young fella

- 54 cotton gin, Whitney
- 55 Tex-Mex band: "Little Joe ___ Familia"

DOWN

- 1 country music org.
- 2 TX-born Debbie Reynolds 1959 film "___ One For Me"
- 3 Reba McEntire's "___ Life Out There?"
- 4 TXism: "___ ___ clothes" (fake)
- 8 gunman Ben Thompson ran an Austin ___ parlor
- 9 TXism: "he can ride all ___ ___ night" (stamina)
- 10 TXism: "sober as a judge ___ court"

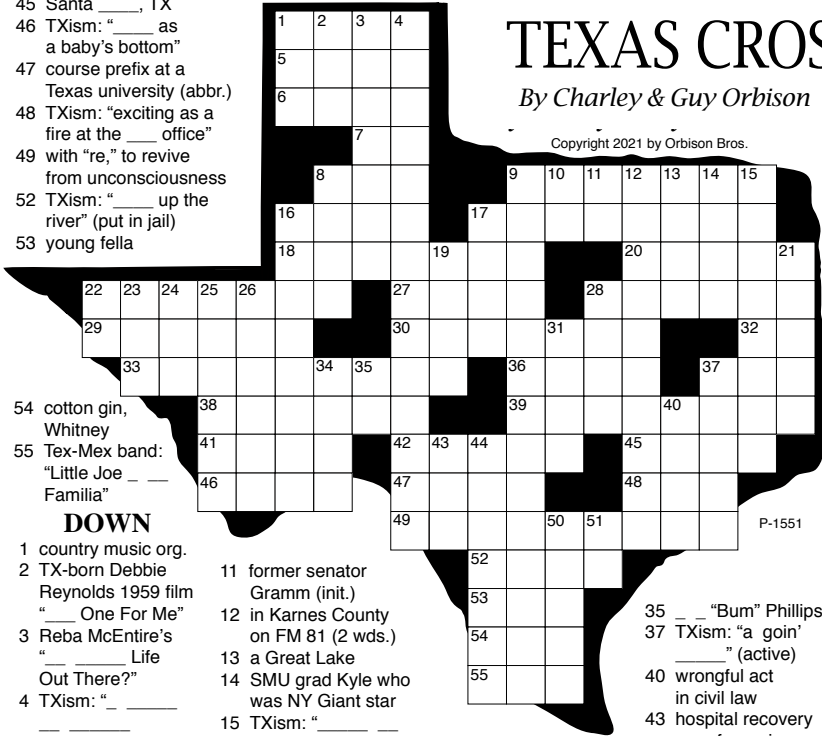
- 11 former senator Gramm (init.)
- 12 in Karnes County on FM 81 (2 wds.)
- 13 a Great Lake
- 14 SMU grad Kyle who was NY Giant star
- 15 TXism: "___ ___ Las Vegas loser"
- 16 Billy Graham called Astrodome the 8th ___ the world
- 17 Laredo AM station
- 19 stolen goods
- 21 George W.'s "Most Wanted" bin Laden
- 22 Hilton who put hotels in TX (init.)

- 23 neighborhood assn.
- 24 agcy. of dreaded April deadline
- 25 TXism for "dies"
- 26 book by 35-down: "He ___ Bum"
- 28 in the near future
- 31 hammer or saw
- 34 slang British word for a girl
- 35 ___ "Bum" Phillips
- 37 TXism: "a goin' ___" (active)
- 40 wrongful act in civil law
- 43 hospital recovery area for serious cases (abbr.)
- 44 this Tom was SMU football coach (1991-96)
- 50 UT has the original manuscript of E.M. Forster's "Passage to ___"
- 51 Fri. night objective

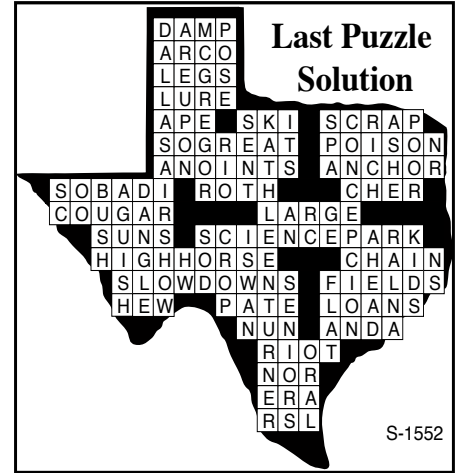
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ACROSS

- 1 slightly wet
- 5 "___ Tower" was original name of Dallas skyscraper "Energy Plaza"
- 6 TXism: "she could talk the ___ off an iron stove"
- 7 TXism: "liquid ___" (perfume)
- 8 King Kong, e.g.
- 9 Texans mostly do this on a lake
- 12 minor fight
- 17 "... Texas, our Texas! So wonderful ___!"
- 19 "itchy" Texas plant: ___ ivy
- 21 ceremonially rubs with oil
- 22 used to moor a vessel in the Gulf
- 23 TXism: "want it ___ could spit"
- 28 type of IRA
- 29 actress in TX-filmed "Silkwood" (1983)
- 30 UH athlete
- 31 album: "Lyle Lovett & His ___ Band"
- 35 TXism: "working between ___" (night work)
- 36 scenic Corpus Christi's "Bayfront ___"
- 42 TXism: "riding a ___" (arrogant)
- 44 "Texas ___ saw Massacre" (1974)
- 46 reasons for layoffs (2 wds.)

- 48 this Jack was an 8-term U.S. congressman from Houston
- 49 chop with an axe
- 50 Fort Worth's "___ Museum of Transportation"
- 51 student ___
- 52 TX-born Debbie Reynolds film "The Singing ___"
- 53 TXism: "just two whoops ___ holler away"
- 54 "One ___, one Ranger"

- 56 "neither's" sidekick
- 57 history period this Lazenby refined the Dr Pepper formula (init.)

DOWN

- 1 "Wings Over ___" (WWII themed)
- 2 "The eyes of Texas ___ you..."
- 3 in McLennan County on U.S. 84
- 4 selfie posture
- 9 mailed
- 10 she starred with TX-born Steve Martin in "The Man with Two Brains" (2 wds.)
- 11 TX Dan Jenkins' "Life ___ Ownself"
- 12 pamper place
- 13 very old mission in San Antonio



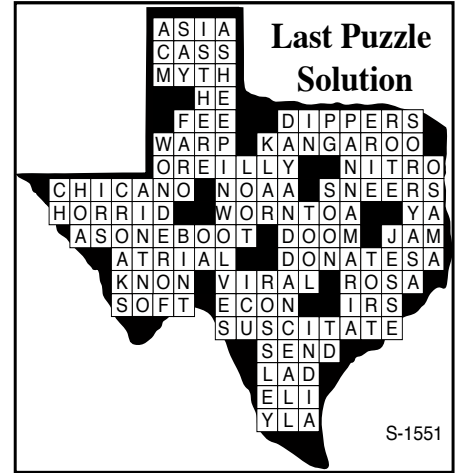
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- 14 TXism: "sitting in high cotton"
- 15 this Arthur won "Dallas WCT Finals" in 1975 (tennis)
- 16 TXism: "couldn't buy hay for a nightmare"
- 18 Del ___, TX
- 20 legendary Texas pitcher, Ryan (init.)
- 23 B-western star, TX Sunset (init.)
- 24 James Bond first two numbers
- 25 TX George W.
- 26 malaria, e.g.
- 27 hang down
- 32 TXism: "frisky as ___ unsaddled horse"
- 33 noted A&M football coach, ___ Slocum
- 34 gigantic multinational co.
- 36 TXism: "___ buster" (farmer)
- 37 cotton is a principal ___ in Texas
- 38 TXism for "I do declare" (2 wds.)
- 39 Davy Crockett: "Be sure you're right, then go ___"
- 40 this TX English sang with Guy Hovis on on "Lawrence Welk"
- 41 young goats
- 43 Dallas DA Wade who prosecuted Jack Ruby (init.)
- 45 TX George H.W. Bush's "Stormin'" general (init.)
- 47 elderly Texans
- 48 TXism: "___ as a panhandle prairie"
- 55 spoken, not written

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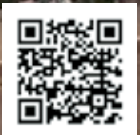
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