

Happenings

December 1, 2017

**FREE
To a
Good
Home!**

National Day of the Horse

The National Day of the Horse is observed annually on December 13th.

It was created as a way to encourage people to be mindful of the contribution of horses to the economy, history and character of the United States.



The domesticated horse we know today, also known as *Equus caballus*, was introduced into North America by Spanish explorers. Escaped horses eventually spread across the American Great Plains. The horse has contributed greatly to the advancement of civilization in North America.

From clearing forests for farmland and a form of travel bringing pioneers to the west, to diversifying Native American's hunting habits and rounding up livestock on ranches, the horse is forever embedded in American history and legend.

Caring For a Community Kitty?

Community cats are friendly, free-roaming or feral cats. If you are caring for a cat who spends time outdoors, you are eligible for a **FREE** spay/neuter program from The Animal Foundation from now until **December 23rd!**

There is no limit to the number of cats you can bring; surgeries are done on a first-come, first-served basis. Cats who are spayed/neutered will also be given rabies and FVRCP vaccines, as well as an ear tip.

Check in at The Animal Foundation Clinic lobby, 655



North Mojave Rd in Las Vegas, between 10am and 11:30am every day, including weekends! Pick up will be the following day between 10am and 11:30am.

For more information please call **The Community Cat Project** at (702)907-1867, or you can also send an email: lasvegasccp@bestfriends.org.

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The Obstacle in Our Path

In ancient times, a King had a boulder placed on a roadway. He then hid himself and watched to see if anyone would move the boulder out of the way. Some of the king's



wealthiest merchants and courtiers came by and simply walked around it.

Many people who happened by loudly blamed the King for not keeping the roads clear, but none of them did anything about getting the stone out of the way.

A peasant then came along carrying a load of vegetables. Upon approaching the boulder, the peasant laid down his burden and tried to push the stone out of the road. After much pushing and straining, he finally succeeded.

After the peasant went back
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**Healthy Zucchini
Bread - Page 4**

Winter's Artist by Suzanne Bates

*An awesome scene the artist paints, expert and deft his hand.
Brush strokes swift, he draws with ease, a winter wonderland.
Landscape sketched from memory, heavens and land entwine
Rapidly the scene is set, exquisitely divine.*



*Pine trees reaching tall and proud, like statues standing still.
There is no wind to speak of, more an icy winter chill.
Strong branches dusted with the snow stretch their fingers high
As if welcoming the blanket bequeathed by the darkened sky.*



*Crisp snowflakes twirl like dancers, pirouetting to and fro,
Waltzing to their silent tune toward the ground below.
Pale moonlight showers diamonds, generously all around.
Its treasure glints and sparkles upon the hardened ground.*



*Snowfall in shades of silver envelops the land below,
Lighting up the darkness with its soothing, gentle glow.
Mellow in its nature, no preference where it lays
Takes refuge where and when it can, throughout the winter days.*

*Though bereft of color is the scene, prevailing grey and white,
Its awe-inspiring beauty is apparent day and night.
Who nonchalantly paints this scene, for all on earth to share?
His strokes proficient every time, precise and so aware.*



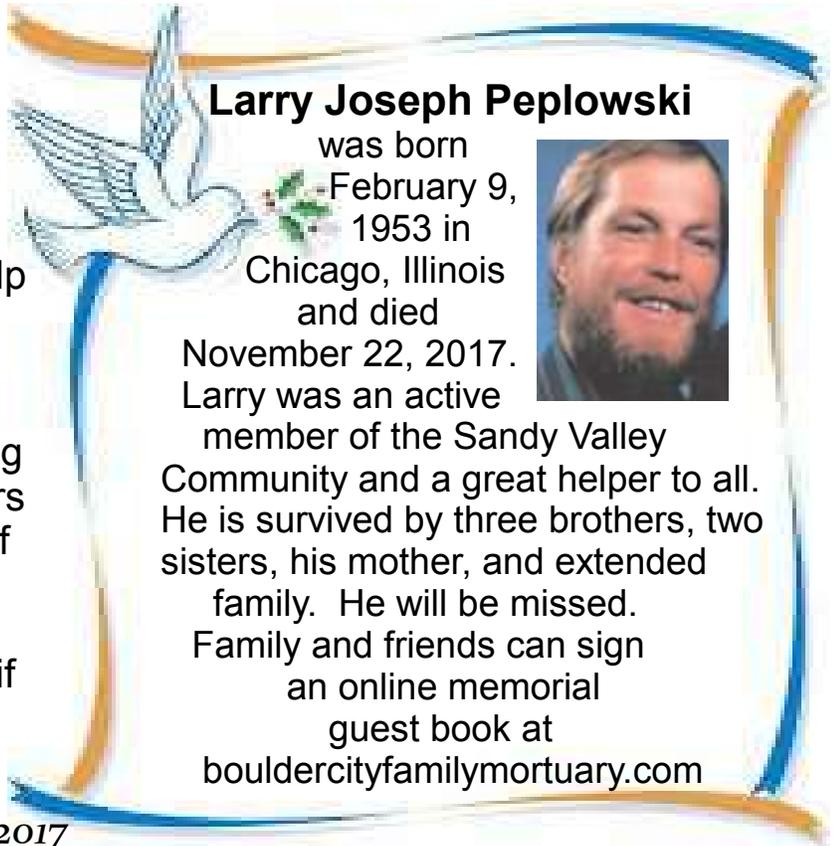
*Jack Frost paints wondrous pictures with his palette of frozen dew,
Then stands back when his work is done and proudly admires the view.*

“When the end of the world comes I want to be in Kentucky, because everything there happens 20 years after it happens everywhere else.”

– Mark Twain



Owning a dog can help you live longer. Studies show having a dog lowers your risk of heart disease, especially if you live alone.



Larry Joseph Peplowski
was born February 9, 1953 in Chicago, Illinois and died November 22, 2017. Larry was an active member of the Sandy Valley Community and a great helper to all. He is survived by three brothers, two sisters, his mother, and extended family. He will be missed. Family and friends can sign an online memorial guest book at bouldercityfamilymortuary.com



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A meaningful life is not being rich,
being popular, or being perfect.
It's about being real, being humble,
being able to share ourselves and
touch the lives of others!

Word of the Day:
benevolence
buh-nev-uh-luh ns
noun. The desire to do
good to others; goodwill;
charitableness

"The Obstacle.." cont'd

to pick up his vegetables, he noticed a purse lying in the road where the boulder had been. The purse contained many gold coins and a note from the King explaining that the gold was for the person who removed the boulder from the roadway.

Moral of the story: *Every obstacle we come across in life gives us an opportunity to improve our circumstances, and whilst the lazy complain, the others are creating opportunities through their kind hearts, generosity and willingness to get things done.*



Healthy Zucchini Bread

Ingredients

- 2 cups grated zucchini (packed and not squeezed)
- 1 large egg
- 1/2 cup unsweetened apple sauce
- 3/4 cup raw honey
- 1 tsp pure vanilla extract
- 2 tsp cinnamon
- 1 tsp baking soda
- 2 tsp baking powder
- 1/2 tsp salt
- 2 cups flour



Directions

Preheat oven to 350 degrees; line 9 x 5 loaf pan with parchment paper and spray with cooking spray. Set aside.

In a large mixing bowl, add egg, applesauce, honey, vanilla, cinnamon, baking soda, baking powder and salt; whisk until combined. Add zucchini and stir. Add flour and mix gently with a spatula just enough to combine. Pour batter into previously prepared loaf pan and bake for 60 minutes or until the toothpick inserted in the middle comes out clean.

Remove from the oven and transfer to a cooling rack to cool off for 10 minutes. Holding onto the flaps of parchment paper remove bread from loaf pan and let it cool off completely before slicing with a sharp serrated knife.

I remember being able to get up without sound effects...

Good times.



“Beauty is power; a smile is its sword.”

– John Ray



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*Just because
my path is
different
doesn't mean
I'm lost*



*Did
You
Know?*



*Singing daily for
at least ten
minutes reduces
stress, clears
sinuses,
improves posture,
and can
even help you
live longer.*

*be fearless in
the pursuit of
what sets your
soul on fire.*



*"Keep your eyes on the stars and
your feet on the ground."
- Teddy Roosevelt*



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If it comes, let it. If it goes, let it. **December**

Sun	Mon	Tue
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REMEMBER: The Christmas Cafe will be on Saturday, December 23rd at Sandy Valley Ranch from 5pm to 7pm!

LEGEND



1st and 3rd Mondays at the **Senior Center** is Coffee & Donuts from 8-10:30am



Every Monday at **Peace Park** Food Share gives out food at 12:30pm

<p>3</p>	<p>4</p>  <p>Board Meeting at Senior Center - 11am</p>	<p>5</p> <p>American Legion Holiday Potluck at Keystone - 6:30pm</p>
<p>10</p> <p>Ranch Sorting National Championship at BJC Arena 9am to 4pm</p>	<p>11</p> 	<p>12</p> <p>SMVDA at Community Ctr - 6:30pm Citizen's Advisory Council at Community Ctr - 7:30pm</p>
<p>17</p>	<p>18</p> 	<p>19</p>
<p>24</p> 	<p>25</p> 	<p>26</p>
<p>31</p> 		

2017



Three Square
Food Delivery at Peace Park
- 7:30am

Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p>POSITIVITY IS THE</p> 		<p>1 General Meeting & Potluck at Senior Center - 1pm</p> 	<p>2</p>
<p>6</p> 	<p>7</p>	<p>8</p>	<p>9 Ranch Sorting National Championship at BJC Arena 9am to 4pm</p>
<p>13</p>	<p>14</p>	<p>15</p>	<p>16 Pancake Breakfast at Senior Center - 8 to 10:30am</p>
<p>20</p> 	<p>21</p>	<p>22</p>	<p>23 Christmas Cafe at Sandy Valley Ranch - 5pm to 7pm</p>
<p>27</p>	<p>28</p>	<p>29</p>	<p>30 Food Share at Peace Park - 10am to Noon</p>

The first five days of the weekend are always the hardest.



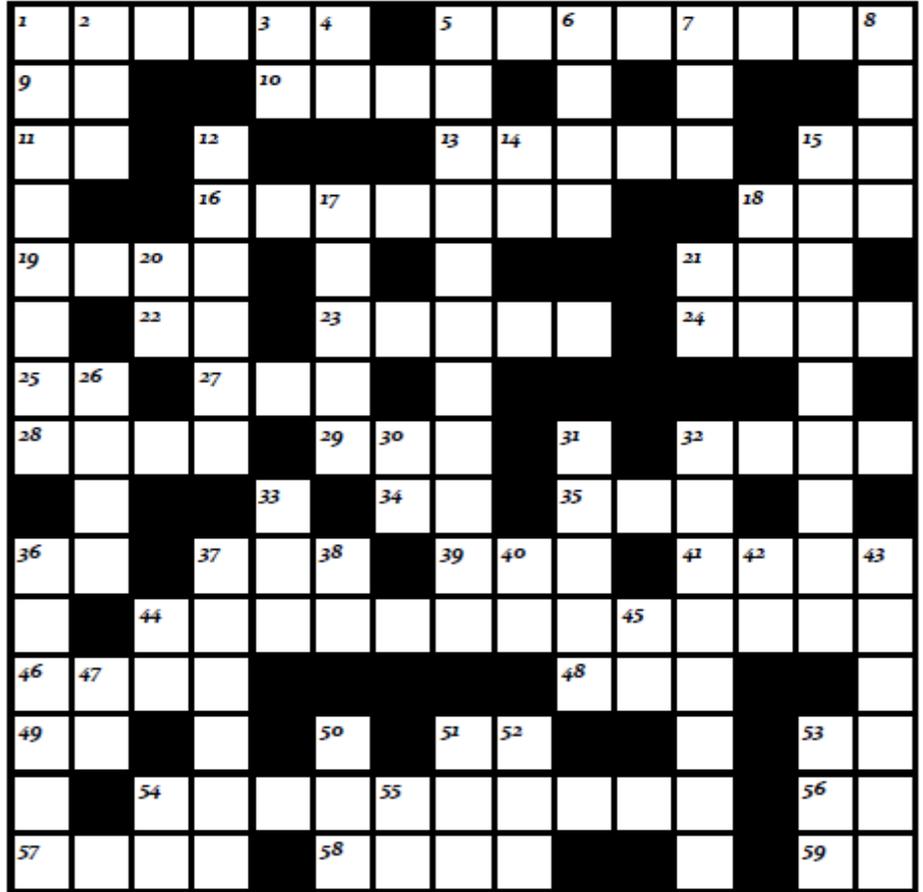
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→
happy

Friend or Foe?

A Custom Crossword by Gail Marie Beckman (702)869-6416

across

1. Adrenaline reaction: fight or _____
5. Inborn tendency
9. Certain suffix
10. (see 16 across)
11. General Practitioner, shortened
13. You can't _____ cats and dogs to be buddies
15. Dog collar size, perhaps (abbr)
16. (with 10 across) It has been said that _____ beliefs included: cats could make it _____ and dogs controlled the wind
18. Friend or _____?
19. Natural animosity between the two species can make one _____ on the other
21. American Foxhound Club, for short
22. II plus IV
23. Repetition; over and over _____
24. A wagging _____ means very different things between a dog and cat
25. Link between ankle and trinket
27. Numbers, shortened
28. It's _____ and take
29. Share food, for example
32. Friends
34. Artificial intelligence, shortened
35. ET transport
36. Cool _____ a cucumber
37. Enjoyment
39. Fish _____ is great for their coats
41. It's interesting to watch them _____ each other up when the first meet
44. Some dogs and cats have similar _____, making a good match
46. The _____ of the Wild
48. _____ never know which animals will like each other
49. Short for high definition
51. Bachelor of Arts, shortened
53. Radium symbol
54. Irritate; irk
56. Some dogs and cats rub _____ against each other to show their affection
57. Enjoy kibble
58. Engage in tug-of-war or wrestling
59. Exist



down

1. _____ like cats and dogs
2. It only appears when you sit
3. Time increment (abbr)
4. Symbol for tantalum
5. Synergy of togetherness
6. Quick tussle
7. Hotel
8. Some are _____ enough to travel with one another, as in The Incredible Journey
12. Dog-like
14. ER worker, for instance
15. Consort; hang around with
17. Some dogs just HAVE to _____ cats
18. Future Farmers of America, for short
20. Travel behemoth (abbr)
21. Already there
26. Give a lick
30. Author's alteration, for short
31. Intimidate; be rude to
32. One of a cat's defense _____ is turning sideways with a 36 down
33. "... there was _____ flying everywhere!"
36. _____ back
37. Cat-like
38. Short for no smoking
40. Des Moines state (abbr)
42. Roman two
43. A cat will often know its _____ route if needed
44. Ave. cousin
45. Falls between AE and U
47. Paid notice
50. Type of bark
51. Feather follower
52. Whichever
53. Often, they don't both love it when you _____ their bellies
54. What clan and banana have in common
55. Short for glass or gloss





*I opened two gifts
this morning.
They were my
eyes.*

***It is okay to
live a life
others do
not
understand***

 Cherries help calm your nervous system	 Grapes relax your blood vessels
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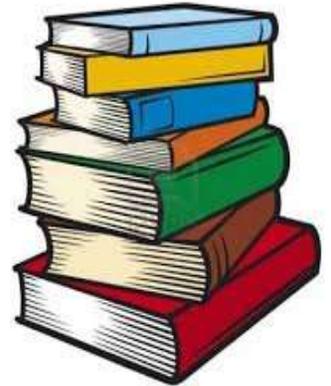
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Community

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