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### October 2023

### FROM THE PRESIDENT

elcome back to another season here at Las Verdes POA. I hope you had a wonderful summer break!

This season promises exciting events, let's embrace the changing scenery and the vibrant spirit of our community. Our team has been hard at work planning a series of exciting events and activities that we believe will make this season truly memorable.

Our first POA meeting is on Tuesday, October 17, at 7:00 p.m. We look forward to seeing you there and at our POA events.

> **Tom Massey** President, Las Verdes POA



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#### **ON-GOING EVENTS**

#### Mondays

8:30 a.m. Tennis 10:00 a.m. Pool Workout 12:30 p.m. Craft Club 5:00 p.m. Zumba 6:00 p.m. Card Night

#### Tuesdays

8:00 a.m. Pickleball 9:00 a.m. Chair Yoga 1:00 p.m. Bridge Club 6:00 p.m. Card Night

#### Wednesdays

8:30 a.m. Tennis 9:30 a.m. Zumba 12:30 p.m. Mah Jongg 5:00 p.m. Chair Yoga 6:00 p.m. Card Night

#### Thursdays

8:00 a.m. Pickleball 9:00 a.m. Chair Yoga 1:00 p.m. Bridge Club

#### Fridays

8:30 a.m. Tennis 9:30 a.m. Zumba

#### Saturdays

8:00 a.m. Pickleball

#### Sundays

8:00 a.m. Pickleball



### HURRICANE PREPAREDNESS

ere are a few tips to help you prepare for this upcoming season:

#### **BEFORE A STORM**

- Stock up on emergency supplies, including:
  - Water You will need water for drinking, cooking, and sanitation purposes. Have a minimum of 1 gallon daily per person for 7 days
  - Food You will need enough food for a minimum of 7 days of non-perishable packaged or canned food and juices
    - -Manual can opener
    - -Snack foods
    - -Paper plates and plastic utensils
  - Flashlight and extra batteries
  - First aid kit, prescription medication and other medicines
  - Radio Battery operated
  - Toiletries
  - Cleaning Supplies Include garbage bags, moisture wipes, and other items you may need to clean yourself and sanitize your home
  - Cash Banks and ATMs may not be open or available for extended periods following a disaster
  - · Books and games

- Store important documents - Consider storing all critical documents in a waterproof container as well as saving them electronically. These items can include, but are not limited to, insurance, medical records, bank account numbers, Social Security card, etc.

- Close and lock your hurricane shutters.

- Bring in all outdoor furniture, planters, etc. This is very important as you don't want items to go flying and damaging property or getting destroyed.

- If you have been told to evacuate, EVACUATE. Don't stay behind. We can rebuild a home, but we can't rebuild a life.

#### **DURING A STORM**

- Follow instructions from local law enforcement and emergency management officials.

- Stay away from windows and seek shelter.

#### AFTER A STORM

- If you were advised to evacuate, do not return home until it is safe to do so.

- Be mindful of debris and downed power lines.

- Do not drive or walk around outside if you do not have to.

Let's hope for a hurricane-free season! Excerpts from myflorida.com



# DISASTER SUPPLY KIT CHECKLIST 📈

#### General

Two week minimum supply of medication, regularly used medical supplies, and a list of allergies	
A list of the style, serial number, and manufacturer information of required medical devices	
Batteries	
Flashlights Do not use candles	
NOAA Weather Radio Battery operated or hand cranked	
Cash Banks and ATMs may not be available after a storm	
Cell phone chargers	
Books, games, puzzles or other activities for children	
Phone Numbers	
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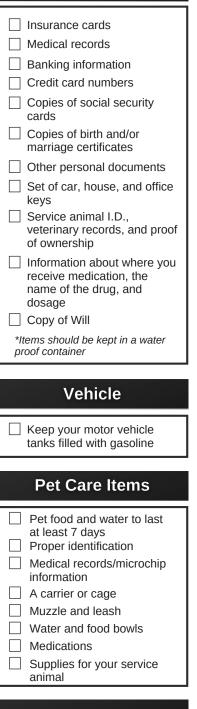
and family members with

disabilities

#### **First Aid**

	First Aid Manual
	Sterile adhesive bandages of different sizes
	Sterile gauze pads
	Hypoallergenic adhesive tape
	Triangular bandages
	Scissors
	Tweezers
	Sewing needle
	Moistened towellettes
	Antiseptic
	Disinfectant wipes
	Hand sanitizer
	Thermometer
	Tube of petroleum jelly
	Safety pins
	Soap
	Latex gloves
	Sunscreen
	Aspirin or other pain reliever
	Anti-diarrheal medicine
	Antacid
	Laxative
	Cotton balls
	Q-tips
	Food and Water
	Food
	Nonperishable packaged or
	canned food and beverages,
	snack foods, juices, baby food, and any special dietary
	items to last at least 7 days
	Water
	1 gallon per person per day
	Non-electric can opener
	Paper plates
$\square$	Napkins
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#### Important Documents



Find more disaster preparedness tips at FloridaDisaster.org

- Plastic cups
- Utensils

Welcome Sing back to

Bingo will begin on Thursday, October 5 @ 7:00 P.M. for our new season with some BIG changes to look forward to:

- No longer a \$2.00 entrance fee.
- 3- \$5.00 Scratch -off give aways
- King/Queen
- New Games
- 50/50 (3 for \$2.00)
- New game called "Winner Take All" taking place of Magic Ball. Separate "Cover All" game for \$2.00.
- We will no longer be serving refreshments. Please bring your own.

We look forward to seeing you for our exciting



Karen Encino





# halloween Dance Party

# Saturday, October 28 7:00 - 10:00 p.m. with DJ Charlie D

BYOB. Coffee and dessert provided. Costumes are optional, but there will be a Costume Contest! Open seating. Cost: \$17.00.

See Diane in the Clubhouse on Wednesdays or Fridays 10:00 - 11:00 a.m.

### CHAIRMAN OF THE COURT

That's Tommy's Chair you're sitting on," Patty T. said as I wiped the sweat from my forehead. I'd just finished a tough game, sat down, and took a much needed rest while sipping my electrolyte drink. The aforementioned chair had no discernible labels, no name, ostensibly identical to all the other blue and

cream colored chairs surrounding the pool. Positioned by itself, this lone chair faced the pickleball courts, adjacent to the bench for those waiting to play another game or take a rest.

The bench was for regular folks. The chair was Tommy's.

"Sorry," I say to no one in particular. The regular folk and Tommy were done sitting and after a few more sips, so was I.

Soon after my faux-pas with the chair, a new game began, this time Tommy was one of my opponents. "Watch out for Tommy's spin," my partner

warned. Clearly, I had nothing to worry about, seeing that Tommy didn't seem at all fast on his feet. In fact, he took his time shuffling to the opposite side of the court. After a minute, he approached the serve line, called out the score in what I'd later learn is a Chinese accent, and he then served the ball.

"Where'd it go,?" I wondered. It was like watching a movie of a green colored Earth circling the sun, sped up about a zillion times; this wiffle ball came sailing across the net in an elliptical arc, where it seemed to come to my left; I prepared for a back hand return but then it orbited suddenly to my right, the lime green ball spinning across my front side and bounced within the court, out of my reach.

"Told ya!," my partner chuckled. "Tommy is the Spin-Master!"

And so it went, again and again.Tommy's spin, with his quick reflexes and strong paddle strokes, left us barely able to return the ball. What he'd lacked in speed with his feet he'd make up with keen eyes, anticipating his opponent's next move and prepare in advance. The game was over in no time at all. As is customary, we tapped paddlesat game's end and Tommy Hong lumbered back to his chair for another rest.

Did I mention that Tommy is 88 years young?

Although Tommy was born in Canton, China in 1935, his father served in the USArmy where he took part in

landing on Omaha Beach during the invasion of Normandy. He later took his family to the US, in 1947. Tommy grew up in Sayreville, NJ, and then worked for the USPS, initially sorting mail and eventually becoming supervisor, then mail processing operator, 66and finally became General Supervisor. He retired in 1992 with a nearly perfect attendance record.

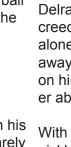
At age 69, Tommy learned to play tennis. An autodidact, he taught himself how to play simply by watching other players. When I asked him how he got to learn about pickleball, he replied,

"I saw it in the Las Verdes Newsletter and I showed up!" He taught himself that sport too and soaked up pointers offered.

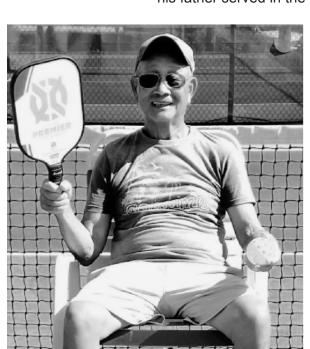
When there's no pickleball or tennis, Tommy continues exercising in the pool. He drives to visit one of his two daughters who lives in Parkland, where they all share a meal at their favorite Chinese restaurant, Silver Pond, in Lauderdale Lakes. He's a fan of the Tampa Bay Rays.

Although there's not much chance of sleet or snow in Delray Beach, Tommy still adheres to the post office creed and rarely misses pickleball days. He lives alone now, after his wife of 55 years, Helen, passed away in 2016. I asked him once if anyone checks in on him if he's absent. "Nobody calls because I'm never absent," he says, eyes twinkling.

With two daughters, six grandchildren, and his own pickleball family here in Las Verdes, at 88 Tommy Hong knows his place in the world. Right in his chair, courtside. *Story By Mie Stricoff* 



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Sunday, March 24	Fort Lauderdale, FL	6:30am		
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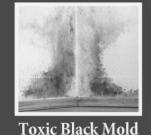
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# Halloween At The Beach!

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Word Bank								
1. spider	2. seagull	3. pumpkin	4. mermaid					
5. waves	6. skeleton	7. witch	8. candy					
9. mummy	10. crab	11. bat	12. haunted					
13. ghost	14. surfboard	15. costume	16. vampire					
17. seashells	18. dracula	19. beachball	20. sandcastle					
13. ghost	14. surfboard	15. costume	16. va					

# October Crossword Puzzle

#### ACROSS -

- 1) Lockable fastener
- Hue fit for a duck
- Toyota of old
- 14) "... happily after"
- 15) Continental cash
- 16) Judge, at times
- 17) Big name in building blocks
- 18) Indeterminate long time
- 19) Crosswise to a ship's middle
- 20) Accepts a proposal
- 23) Telling sign
- 24) Buddhist discipline
- 25) Scratch, as furniture
- Persevere
- 31) Cobbler's need
- Belittle
- 36) Basker's quest
- 37) Skin lotion ingredient
- 38) Unwanted welcome

- 42) Like Mr. Claus' cheeks
- 43) Profit ender?
- 44) Implant snugly
- 45) Vein glory?
- 46) Involve deeply
- 49) Recognizes
- 50) Royal flush card
- 51) Lifted, as an anchor 53) Things issued before
- peoples' "big day"

- 68) "Ahem" alternative
- 69) Cookbook abbr.

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#### DOWN

- "SOS!"
- 2) Affirmatively allege
- Lily variety
- 4) Trailer, briefly
- Relative of 4-Down
- 6) Oregon city
- 7) "Iliad" deity
- Type of cause
- Pollen-bearing organ
- 10) Like city residents
- 11) Dock
- 12) Raise, as young'uns
- 13) Private organization?
- Move forward
- 22) Ultraviolet index factor
- 25) Computer shortcut
- 26) Dislike, and then some
- 27) Aggressive poker bet
- 29) Metric unit of volume
- 30) Bunt that moves one along, briefly
- Accused's need
- 32) Courted
- Advances
- 35) Using trickery
- Where to get your balance
- 39) Aden's country
- 40) Sleep cycle acronym
- Annoy
- 46) Superlatively slippery
- 47) Thick-skinned behemoths, briefly
- 48) Bulb's place
- 50) Snake that puts two and two to gether?
- 52) Legislate
- 53) Travails
- 54) Academic challenge
- 55) Opera star
- 56) Hardly haute cuisine
- 57) Ad (improvises)
- 58) High-hatter
- 59) Congers
- 60) Cashless deal

- 65) Clarinet kin 66) Pepsi, for one 67) Nobody's fool
- 61) Ferric (rust) 62) Connect 63) Turn over leaf 64) Icicle sites



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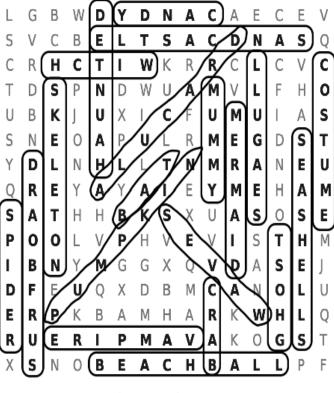
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## Word Search Solution



### **SUDOKU**

#### How to play:

Each 3x3 square should contain numbers 1-9, when completed correctly all nine columns down and all nine columns across will contain numbers 1-9 with no repeats.

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### **RECIPE OF THE MONTH!**

s the leaves change and the cozy, cooler weather settles in, what better way to embrace the spirit of the season than by discovering and sharing delightful recipes? Each month, we'll bring you a carefully selected recipe that's not only delicious but also celebrates the flavors and ingredients of the season. Whether you're an experienced chef or a culinary novice, our Recipe of the Month will inspire you to try something new, connect with your neighbors, and savor the joy of home-cooked meals. Get ready to embark on a culinary journey with us and bring a taste of community into your kitchen!



#### Ground Turkey & Brown Butter Sage Stuffing Filled Roasted Mini Pumpkins

Prep Time: 20 minutes Cook Time: 20 minutes Servings: 4 Calories: 1189kcal

#### Ingredients:

- 4 small sugar pumpkins, about 2 pounds each
- 4 tablespoons extra-virgin olive oil divided
- Kosher salt, to taste
- Freshly ground black pepper, to taste
- 1 pound ground turkey
- 6 tablespoons unsalted butter
- 1 cup diced carrots
- 1 cup diced yellow onion
- <sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub> cup diced celery
- 2 tablespoons chopped fresh sage
- 1 stale French baguette, cut into ½" cubes (about 4 cups)\*
- 1<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub> cups chicken stock
- 1<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub> cups shredded Gruyère cheese, divided

#### Instructions:

1. Preheat oven to 400°F (200°C). Turn each pumpkin on its side, and use a sharp knife to slice the top, including the stem, off the pumpkin, about 1-inch down. Use a spoon to remove the seeds and discard or reserve for another use.

2. Rub the inside of the pumpkins with 2 tablespoons of the olive oil. Season with salt and pepper then arrange the pumpkins and cut off tops on a baking sheet and roast until the meat is soft, about 35 minutes. Set aside.

3. Heat a large sauté pan over medium-low heat, add the remaining olive oil and heat through. Add the ground turkey to the pan and sauté, stirring occasionally and using a wooden spoon to break up any large pieces, until the meat is browned, about 5 minutes. Season with salt and pepper then remove the turkey to a large mixing bowl and set aside.

4. Return the pan to medium heat, add 2 tablespoons of the butter and allow to melt. Add the carrots, onion and celery and sauté until tender, about 5 minutes. Remove to the bowl with the turkey. Add the stale bread and toss to combine.

5. Lower the oven to 350°F (180°C).

6. Return the pan to medium-low heat, add the remaining butter and allow to melt. Add the sage to the pan and cook until the butter is nutty and fragrant, about 4 minutes.

7. Pour the butter over the bread and meat mixture. Pour the stock over top, tossing to combine until all the bread is moistened then add 1 cup of the Gruyère cheese and toss to combine.

8. Fill the roasted pumpkins with the stuffing mixture until packed and almost overflowing. Top each with the remaining Gruyère and bake until the cheese has melted and begins to bubble, about 15 minutes.

9. Remove and serve immediately with the pumpkin tops propped against the side.

Recipe from: https://cookingwithcocktailrings.com/

### Explore With Gabby: Morikami Museum and Gardens

n the heart of South Florida's bustling urban landscape lies a serene oasis that transports visitors to the tranquil gardens of Japan. The Morikami Museum and Gardens, located right here in Delray Beach, offers our community a unique opportunity to immerse themselves in the beauty and culture of Japan without ever leaving our doorstep.

#### A Piece of Japan in Delray Beach

The Morikami Museum and Gardens is a true hidden gem, where the art of Japanese culture is celebrated through exquisite gardens, art exhibitions, and educational programs. Nestled on 200 acres, this cultural haven showcases the profound connection between nature, art, and the human spirit.

#### The Enchanting Gardens

A visit to Morikami is a sensory journey through meticulously manicured gardens that mirror the changing seasons in Japan. Stroll along winding pathways through the Roji-En Japanese Gardens, featuring six distinct gardens, each with its own theme and charm. The Paradise Garden transports you to a world of calm ponds and picturesque bridges, while the Modern Romantic Garden delights with vibrant colors and contemporary design.

#### Art and History

Beyond the breathtaking gardens, the Morikami Museum houses a collection of Japanese art and artifacts that provides insight into the rich history and culture of Japan. Rotating exhibitions offer fresh perspectives on Japanese art, history, and contemporary society. The museum's permanent collection includes ceramics, textiles, and decorative art pieces that reflect the elegance and craftsmanship of Japanese artisans.

#### **Cultural Experiences**

The Morikami Museum and Gardens is not just a place to admire; it's a place to engage. Visitors can partake in cultural workshops, tea ceremonies, and traditional festivals that bring the spirit of Japan to life. These immersive experiences offer a deeper under



standing of Japanese customs and traditions.

#### Tips for Your Visit:

- Plan Ahead: Check the museum's website for hours of operation and any special exhibitions or events.
- **Comfortable Attire:** Wear comfortable shoes for exploring the gardens and bring sun protection, as Florida's sun can be intense.
- **Membership:** Consider becoming a member to enjoy benefits like free admission, special events, and discounts at the museum store and café.
- **Relax and Reflect:** Take your time exploring the gardens, sit by the koi ponds, and let the serenity wash over you.

The Morikami Museum and Gardens is a testament to the universal appeal of nature, art, and culture. It's an ideal destination for individuals, couples, families, and anyone seeking a peaceful retreat in the heart of Delray Beach. So, whether you're looking for a moment of Zen or a deeper appreciation of Japanese culture, Morikami is the perfect place to find it. Go and discover the magic of Japan right here in our own community.

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