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RENEE'S REMINDERS

TENANT'S RESPONSIBILITIES

In an effort to maintain a five-star reputation, the owners of Homestead Run and the Business Office will be publishing a series of reminders and modifications to standard lease, rules, and regulations. This column will be called Renee's Reminders, and Renee means business!

 We've come to the end of another year. Somehow, I've survived you, and I've survived another year of Homestead Run. Some complaints were new. Some complaints were old. All complaints were addressed, and once again, nothing has changed.

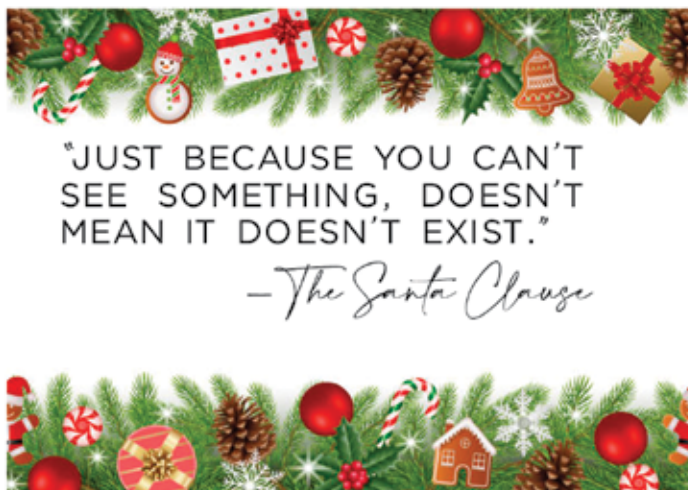
Let's keep our fingers crossed that 2024 is going to be the year that you, as residents, take pride in where you live. Let's hope the new year brings more patience, more understanding, and less crap.

I am not an overly religious person, but I do believe in something greater than I am. Let's try to go by some of His rules.

Love thy neighbor. Do not bring false witness against your neighbor (that's the gossip). Basically, it boils down to mind your own damn business.

If you are busy keeping up your own house, figuratively and literally, you don't have the time to take anybody else's inventory.

Come on, people. Homestead Run is a great place to live. If you're going to take inventory, take the inventory of other communities. You think our rules are tough? Try living at Renaissance. We ain't so bad.



Be Right Back. Time to watch It's A Wonderful Life.

Homestead, it's that time again. Are you ready? It's the end of another year. It's that time when we're all running around like chickens with our heads cut off, trying to finish up projects, shop for gifts, and resolve to start doing whatever that thing is that we've been talking about doing since January (or maybe that's just me). It's the time when we attempt to make sense of the past 365 days and set resolutions for the next, all while juggling the warm, fuzzy chaos that comes with this time of year.

Let's be real; the end of the year is like one big existential crisis wrapped in tinsel and twinkling lights. It's also a time to embrace the absurdity of it all with a dash of humor when we can manage it. That's my favorite way to go about things. It's always better to laugh as we shuffle along rather than get caught up and stressed out.

As the year winds down, I find myself reminiscing about the good and the bad that have transpired this year. The poetic part of me wants to wax eloquent about the changing seasons and the passage of time. But the funny part of me can't help but chuckle at the absurdity of it all. I mean, really. Who decided that dropping a giant ball in Times Square was a good way to mark the passage of time?

Amidst it all, I'm proud of a lot of things this year. I'm proud of certain projects I've tackled, of the way I've prioritized my health, both physical and mental. I'm proud of a great many of you, for seeing how charitable you can be, the way you've made a difference. It always inspires me to make a difference.

"WHAT FEELS LIKE
THE END IS OFTEN
THE BEGINNING"

— Unknown author



I'll continue to appreciate the little things, like a warm cup of hot chocolate on a snowy night, a spontaneous dance party with friends, and the sound of rain tapping against my window. Life's poetic moments are often found in the everyday, in the laughter of loved ones, and in the quiet moments of reflection.

As we bid adieu to 2023 and ready ourselves for 2024, let's raise a glass to the wonderful mess that is life. It's not always poetic, but if we can manage to find humor and laugh (even when we sometimes don't want to), I tend to believe we'll be okay. Cheers to the end of the year, my friends, and to all the laughter, love, and chaos it brings!

Until next time,

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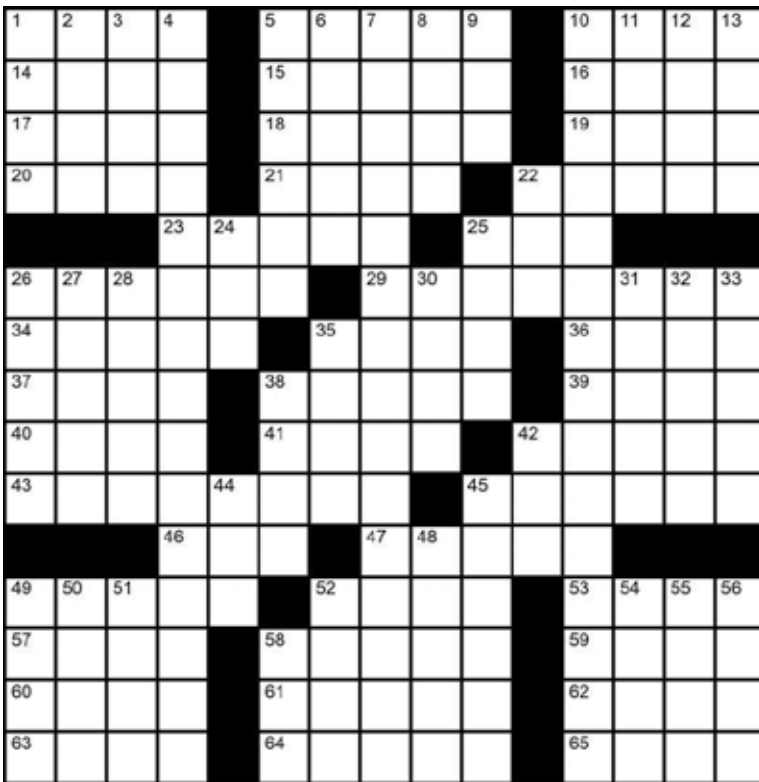
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CROSSWORD PUZZLE

Answer on page 14



ACROSS

- 1 Much money
- 5 About
- 10 Literary work
- 14 “--- Ha’i”
- 15 Fred Astaire’s birthplace
- 16 Group going out of this world
- 17 Loretta Swit’s were hot
- 18 Purveyors of truth and lies to the public
- 19 Three in a deck
- 20 Frozen princess
- 21 Big pipe
- 22 They get punched out
- 23 Home to Pizza Hut’s HQ
- 25 Metal-bearing mineral
- 26 Musical speeds
- 29 Childish rages
- 34 Belted constellation
- 35 Soil embankment
- 36 --- the kill
- 37 Old Danny DeVito TV series
- 38 Jon Voight’s daughter
- 39 Adhesive
- 40 “Chuck --- Love” (Rickie Lee Jones 1979 hit)
- 41 Carbamide
- 42 The Hindu Destroyer
- 43 Backgrounds
- 45 Groovy?
- 46 Little Red Book writer

- 47 Appoint as a colleague
- 49 Seraglio
- 52 Oman reinvented as a Louvre first name
- 53 Interstate access
- 57 “The Heat ---” (Glenn Frey)
- 58 Pith helmets
- 59 --- Vera, the “potted physician”
- 60 Filmed
- 61 Throw out
- 62 Wooden-soled shoe
- 63 Hardens
- 64 Sniffs about
- 65 Young goats

DOWN

- 1 Showing unusual talent
- 2 Blow a cool sax
- 3 Mountains
- 4 Bewilderingly, in poet’s mind past frustrations emerge
- 5 Pauses
- 6 Words following a Freudian slip
- 7 Skywatchers’ dishes?
- 8 Pull up to the bar
- 9 Highest minor league baseball level
- 10 Getting warm
- 11 Army dropper?
- 12 Secondhand
- 13 What Simon does
- 22 Obsolescent PC screen
- 24 Old horror actor --- Chaney
- 25 “Drinks are --- !”
- 26 Mall bags
- 27 Obliterate
- 28 Start fighting
- 30 Such as “Nessun Dorma”, or the Queen of the Night
- 31 Sober?
- 32 Pale bluish purple
- 33 Lieu
- 35 Five-times Wimbledon champion
- 38 One of five with 15 Across
- 42 A little drink
- 44 “---, I Said” (Neil Diamond song)
- 45 Criticizes
- 48 Kept in reserve
- 49 Alleged spy jailed for perjury
- 50 “But, --- was ambitious, I slew him” (“Julius Caesar”, Shakespeare)
- 51 Cheer
- 52 Charm
- 54 “--- want for Christmas is ...”
- 55 Emotional state
- 56 Cribbage markers
- 58 Top rating, often

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CHRISTMAS ITALIAN PANNA COTTA

Submitted by: Renee Stanzione



INGREDIENTS

- 1 (1/4-oz.) packet unflavored gelatin
- 1 1/4 c. half-and-half, divided
- 1/2 c. granulated sugar
- 1/4 tsp. kosher salt
- 1 3/4 c. heavy cream
- 1 1/2 tsp. vanilla bean paste (or vanilla extract)
- 1 c. seedless raspberry jam
- 2 tbsp. orange liqueur or fresh orange juice
- Fresh raspberries, to serve

INSTRUCTIONS

1. In a small bowl, sprinkle the gelatin over 1/4 cup of the half-and-half. Allow the gelatin to soften for 10 minutes.
2. In a medium saucepan, combine the remaining 1 cup of half-and-half, sugar, and salt. Whisk the mixture over medium-low heat until steaming. Add the gelatin and continue to whisk, careful not to boil the mixture, until the gelatin and sugar are dissolved.
3. Remove the mixture from the heat and whisk in the heavy cream and vanilla bean paste.
4. Place 6 (6-oz.) ramekins on a baking sheet. Divide the cream mixture among the ramekins, using a ladle or spoon so that the vanilla bean paste is evenly distributed. Place a large sheet of plastic wrap over the baking sheet, careful not to let the plastic touch the cream.
5. Refrigerate for 6 hours or overnight.
6. In a medium microwave-safe bowl or glass measuring cup, combine the raspberry jam, 3 tablespoons of water, and orange liqueur or orange juice. Microwave in 10-second increments until smooth and well combined. Allow to cool before using.
7. Fill a dish with hot water. Using a small knife, loosen the top edges of the panna cotta from the ramekin, careful not to cut into the custard. Dip the ramekin up to its rim into the bowl of water for about 3 seconds. Invert onto a serving plate.
8. To serve: Spoon the raspberry mixture over each serving of panna cotta. Top with fresh raspberries. Serve immediately.

PUZZLE SOLUTIONS

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