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RENEE'S REMINDERS


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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!

 I'm trying very hard to understand why. What is it with the people driving in the middle of the road? This, in itself, is bad enough, but if you're coming down the road while someone is in the middle of the road – do you think that person would pull over a little? No! They stay in the middle of the road. Where did you get your license? K-Mart? Blue light special? It's just common road etiquette. Not only that, Homestead Run allows parking on the street. Some of these curves have blind spots. If you're in the middle of the road, you're the problem. Stop being a road hog and move over!

 And while we're on the topic of etiquette, whether you're coming off or going on a midnight shift... we know you'd rather be sleeping, but why are you revving your engines and waking everyone else up? Are you one of those that, if you're up, everybody's up? We can always arrange for the cement truck to come your home during the day and see how you like it. We know who you are.

 Then there's the old faithfuls – parking on the sidewalk, speeding (oh my gosh, speeding), and those rectangle red signs at the bottom of the streets. They're called Stop Signs, not Coast Through Signs, or Not Stop at All Signs. I guess until someone gets in an accident or is hurt, nobody is going to adhere to common road rules.

 If you're tired of hearing this stuff, I'm tired of saying this stuff. Give me a "BRAKE." Slow the hay down. Pay attention to where you're going, and stop making me sound like a broken record. This is something I should be telling teenagers, not grown adults. If we're in the age of stopping to smell the roses, don't go so damn fast that you miss the garden.



Beyond Your Comfort Zone

This, Homestead, is the chapter of the story where we try to learn how to ask for help without feeling like that ugly f word – a failure. This may or may not be shocking to some, but I've never been good at asking for help. If there's a way to stubbornly struggle through something on my own, you better believe I'll find it. Need to clean out a garage that has 30 years worth of crap in it? No problem! Allow me to hoist old, heavy furniture and boxes and boxes of junk on my own instead of having a friend join me in the trenches. Struggling to lift a 40lb bag of dog food or huge bags of potting soil from the car? I'll just shuffle along with it like I'm dragging a dead body in an episode of Dexter. I don't need a hand! I've got it!

Now, in my defense, I'm an only child, and I was raised to be independent. I was raised to take care of myself, handle my own problems, and to never be a "bother" to anyone. There's something to those sorts of things being burned into your brain that carry you through adulthood with the mentality that you don't need anyone to help you. It's like I somehow thought handling everything alone would give me a badge of honor. However, I've learned something. Having that sort of mindset, while occasionally useful, is also ridiculous. In my 43 years on earth, I've learned something about people. They **want** to help. They like feeling useful just as I do when I extend a helping hand.

"ACCEPTING HELP IS
ITS OWN KIND OF
STRENGTH."

~ Unknown

Of course, every time someone offers me a hand, my first instinct is to wave them off. "No, I'm fine!" ...as I struggle with a jar lid like I'm arm wrestling a bear. (No big deal.) Lately, though, I've been trying to lean into a different way of thinking. Instead of immediately saying that I've got it, I've started saying that I wouldn't mind a helping hand. And you know what? No one is judging me for it. No one is shaking their head thinking "wow, Laura's a mess, huh?" In fact, it's the happy to help vibe they share, and I'm trying to love that.

If you're at all like me and you tend to bulldoze your way through things solo, maybe give it a try. If I can do it – believe me – anyone can. Next time someone offers a hand to help you lift something heavy or pick something up for you while they're on an errand to save you a trip, just say yes. You might find that life gets a whole lot easier, and hey, your back will definitely thank you, too.

Until next time,

Laura Langone

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HOLIDAY SPINACH AND CHEESE STRATA

Submitted by: Renee Stanzione

INGREDIENTS



INSTRUCTIONS

- 1 ¼ cups whole milk
 - 5 large eggs
 - 1 teaspoon Dijon mustard
 - ¼ teaspoon ground nutmeg
 - Kosher salt and freshly ground black pepper, to taste
 - 3 tablespoons unsalted butter
 - 3 cloves garlic, minced
 - ½ cup sliced green onions
 - 1 12-ounce package frozen chopped spinach, thawed and squeezed dry
 - 6 cups 1-inch cubed challah bread
 - ¾ cup shredded Swiss cheese, divided
 - ¾ cup shredded Gruyere cheese, divided
 - ¼ cup freshly grated Parmesan cheese, divided
1. In a large bowl, whisk together milk, eggs, Dijon and nutmeg; season with salt and pepper, to taste; set aside.
 2. Melt butter in a 12-inch oven-proof skillet over medium-high heat. Stir garlic, green onions and spinach until heated through, about 3-5 minutes. Remove from heat.
 3. Stir in bread cubes and gently toss to combine. Pour milk mixture evenly over the top. Stir in 1/2 cup Swiss, 1/2 cup Gruyere, and 2 tablespoons Parmesan.
 4. Cover and place in the refrigerator for at least 8 hours or overnight.
 5. Preheat oven to 375 degrees F. Remove strata from the refrigerator, let sit for 30 minutes.
 6. Sprinkle with remaining 1/4 cup Swiss, 1/4 cup Gruyere and 2 tablespoons Parmesan.
 7. Place into oven and bake for 25-30 minutes, or until puffed, golden brown and cooked through.
 8. Serve immediately.



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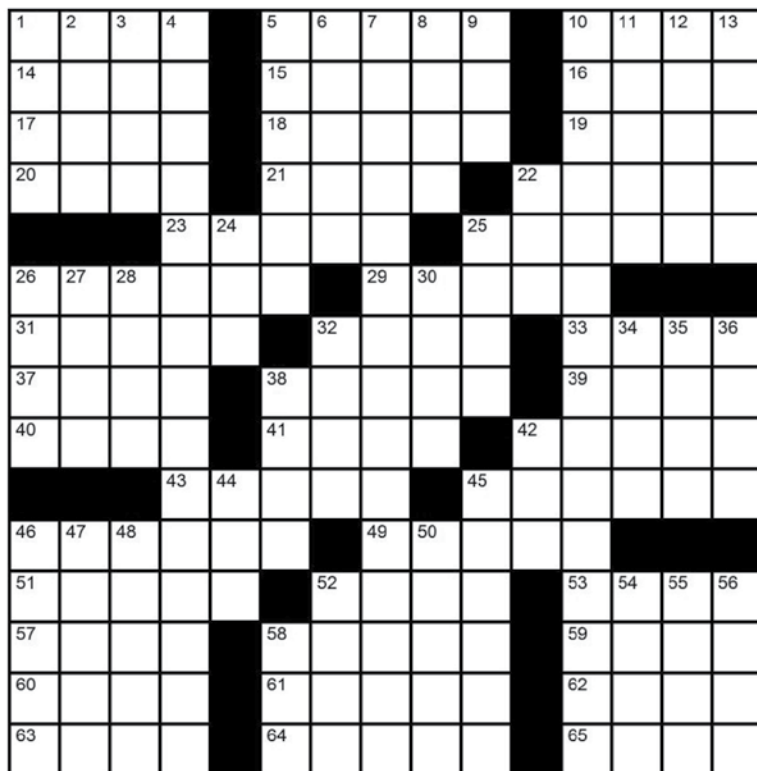
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Answer on page 14



ACROSS


- 1 Depositors' protective grp.
- 5 Fruitcake
- 10 Jane Austen matchmaker
- 14 Bind
- 15 Uma Thurman's ex --- Hawke
- 16 Give temporarily
- 17 Arabian chieftain
- 18 Lightweight cord
- 19 Breathtaking organ
- 20 Against
- 21 Large bundle
- 22 Lamp scamp?
- 23 Bit of broken pottery
- 25 To do with mail
- 26 Strainer
- 29 Whisky distiller --- Walker
- 31 Appears ominously
- 32 --- Chanel
- 33 Actor and rapper Mike ---
- 37 Wheat flour in India
- 38 For example, brogues
- 39 Harvest
- 40 Hits lightly
- 41 High-efficiency lights, briefly
- 42 Enigmatic quotemaker Yogi ---
- 43 Corpse
- 45 Luxury accommodations
- 46 Dozing
- 49 Wet season

- 51 Place
- 52 Work the land
- 53 Records
- 57 Cookware
- 58 Military blockade
- 59 "... sting like ---" (Ali)
- 60 Therefore
- 61 Kofi ---
- 62 Brief message
- 63 Red light gas
- 64 Office in training
- 65 Writing table

DOWN

- 1 Type of market
- 2 What Rhett didn't give
- 3 Brenda Lee's "--- True?"
- 4 Yuletide
- 5 Home beverage center
- 6 Fighting an enemy
- 7 Old acquaintance
- 8 His last word was "Rosebud"
- 9 Unity
- 10 Large landmass north of the Canadian mainland
- 11 Launch
- 12 Passion
- 13 Theatrical backer
- 22 Smallest Indian state
- 24 "--- So Fine" (old Chiffons number)
- 25 Advantages
- 26 Fuss
- 27 Scintilla
- 28 Former Mississippi senator Trent ---
- 30 Summer refreshments
- 32 Top cook
- 34 Cheeky
- 35 Shave
- 36 Health farms
- 38 Thin potter's clay
- 42 Top and bottom of a hamburger
- 44 Senator --- Cruz
- 45 Noiseless
- 46 Colorado resort
- 47 Stockpile
- 48 Dismiss
- 50 Pond problem
- 52 S N L comic --- Fey
- 54 Double-reed woodwind instrument
- 55 Obtains
- 56 Search
- 58 Cold War U S A F arm


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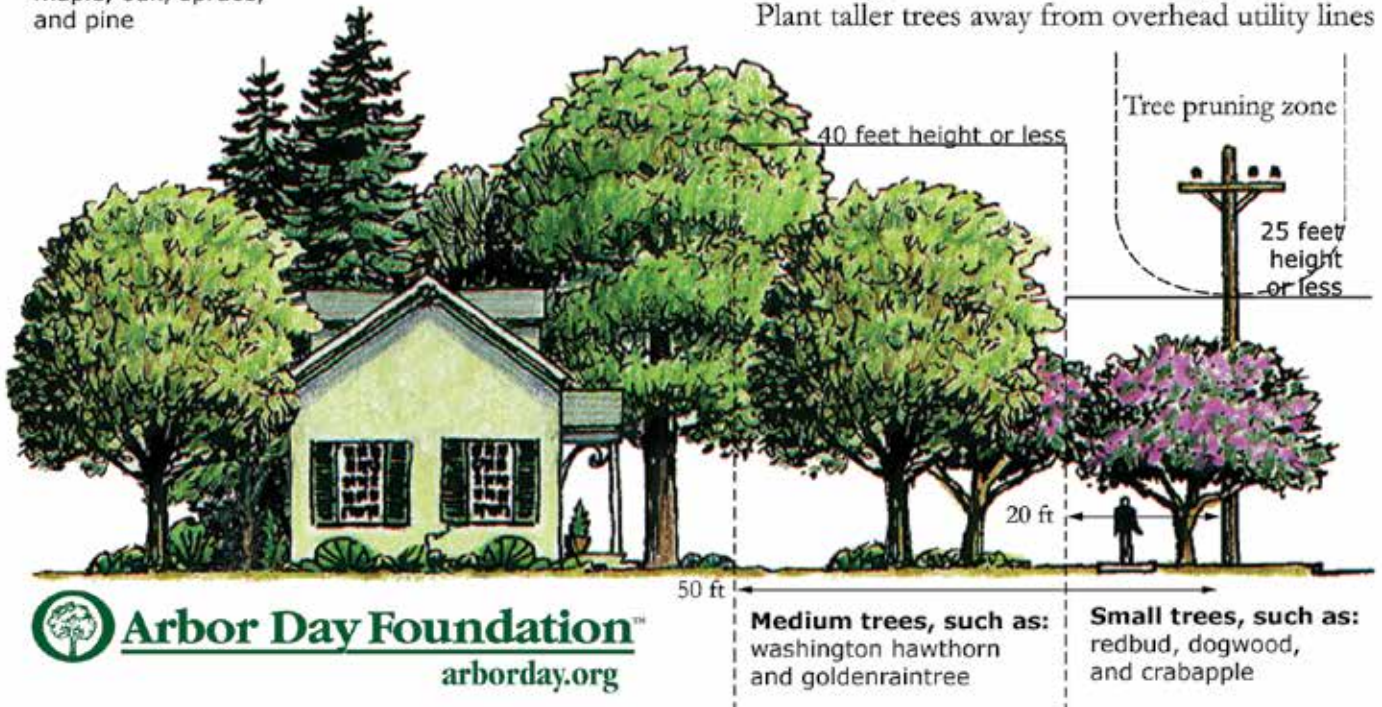
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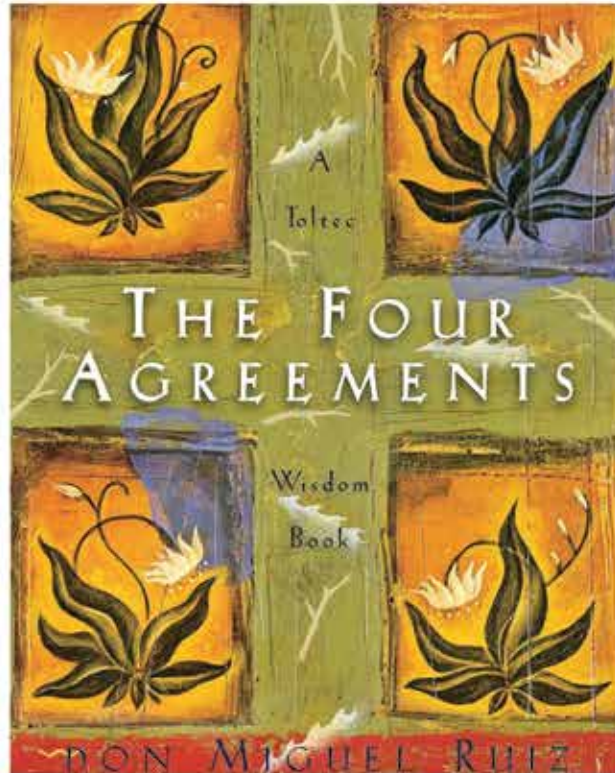
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Sudoku

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6	7 Women's Charity Club Bingo, 7pm	8 APRIL FOOL'S DAY	9	10	11 (GARBAGE PICK UP) 	12
13 PALM SUNDAY	14 Women's Charity Club Bingo, 7pm (RECYCLE PICK UP) 	15 Women's Charity Club Meeting, 6:30pm TAX DAY	16	17	18 Easter Candy Extravaganza Good Friday Fish Fry, 4pm - 7pm	19 Annual Easter Bake Sale, 9am (GARBAGE PICK UP) 
20 EASTER	21 Women's Charity Club Bingo, 7pm	22 EARTH DAY	23	24	25 ARBOR DAY (GARBAGE PICK UP) 	26
27	28 Women's Charity Club Bingo, 7pm (RECYCLE PICK UP) 	29	30 The Four Agreements, 11am			