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Please note that as of this edition the editor had had no information as to chair persons for Long Range Planning

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Hello Ranch Hands,

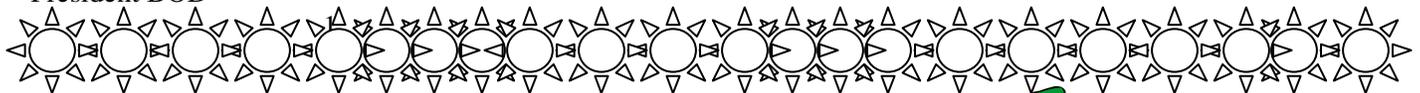
It may be only March, but it's already time to start thinking about "Round-Up 2009". Yep, this festive, fun annual event is always a highlight of the year, and once again we are looking for a chairperson or co-chairs to lead the charge. It is a very rewarding experience and once the chairperson kicks it off, our Ranch Hands jump right in to help with meals, crafts, and all the various events that make Round-Up so great. I know one of you out there is just itching to lead the charge. Let me know who you are!

Don't forget our spring semi-annual meeting is scheduled for Thursday April 2, 2009 at 9:00AM in the Ranch House. Hope to see you all there.

Safe Travels and Happy Trails

Merrilee Mager

President BOD



ERIN GO BRAUGH





MARCH

BIRTHDAYS

- 1 Gary Roesler
- 5 Debra Simmonds Amari
- 8 Dick Billings
- 9 Paula Carey
- 12 Needra Dulcich
- 16 John Bell
- 21 Lucy Billings
- 25 Karl Komatz
- 26 Betty Luger
- 30 Bill Good
- 30 Gayle Anderson

ANNIVERSARIES

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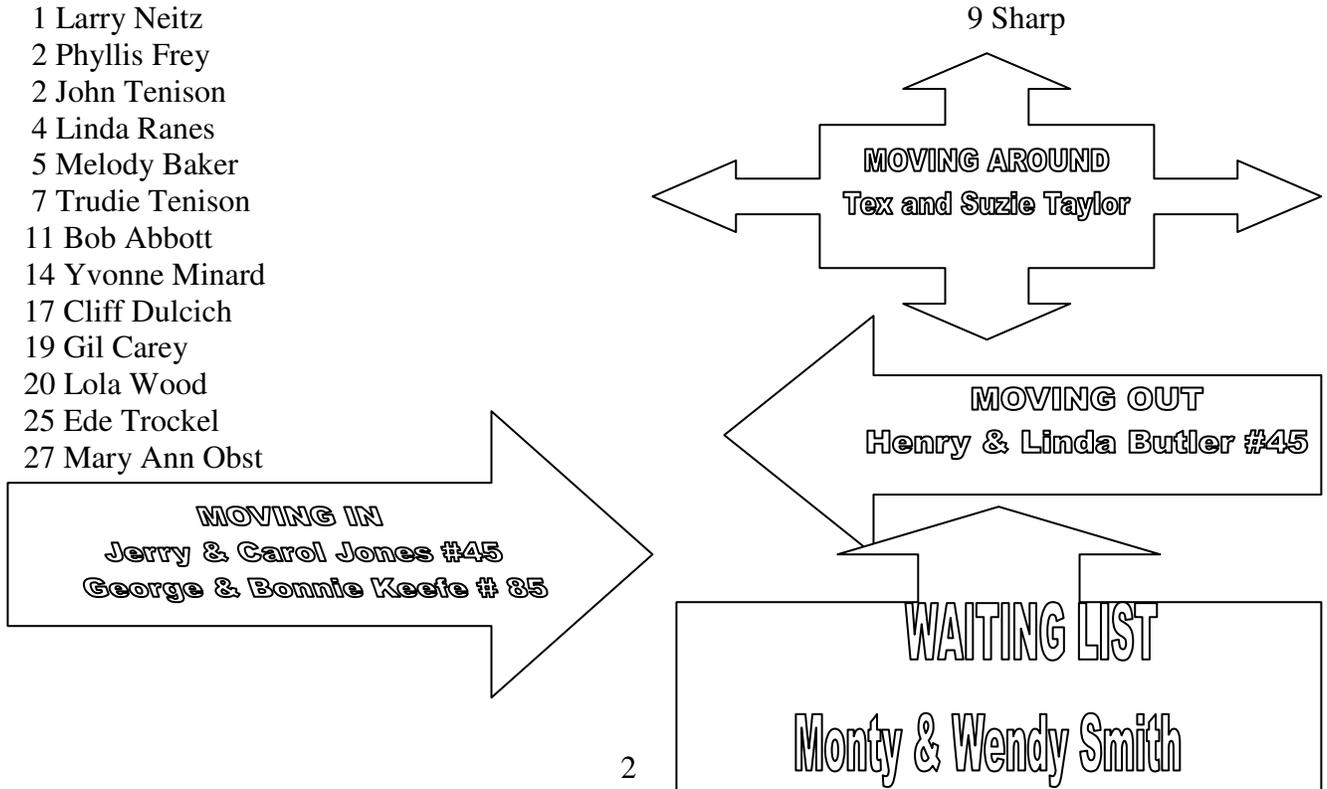
APRIL

BIRTHDAYS

- 1 Larry Neitz
- 2 Phyllis Frey
- 2 John Tenison
- 4 Linda Ranes
- 5 Melody Baker
- 7 Trudie Tenison
- 11 Bob Abbott
- 14 Yvonne Minard
- 17 Cliff Dulcich
- 19 Gil Carey
- 20 Lola Wood
- 25 Ede Trockel
- 27 Mary Ann Obst

ANNIVERSERIES

- 9 Sharp



THE BATTLE OF THE BELL (Continued from January- March issue)

For some years John Tenison and Marilyn Railey have had a contest to see who would be the first one to ring the bell at midnight, New Year's Eve. This year, both contestants were seen getting into shape for the race. John would ride his bicycle at blinding speeds throughout the park, building up his stamina. Marilyn sedately walked daily to the Post Office, accompanied by her trusty protector, Bob.

The New Year's Eve was well attended by those anxious to see who would be this year's winner. Unfortunately, skullduggery abounded. Treacherous Tenison continued announcing all evening that HE would obviously be the first to grab the rope and ring the bell. Resourceful Railey seemed quite calm about this and had a self-assured smile on her face. Suddenly, Treacherous Tenison raced over to Resourceful Railey and handcuffed her to her chair. Gasps and cries of foul play filled the air. John couldn't face the crowd's hostility and released Marilyn.

At this time, Rob Levin sensed that there was more to this affair and went to check the bell. To his amazement he found that SOMEBODY had taped the rope to the pole, thereby denying Resourceful Railey from ever winning. He sneakily undid the rope, hoping for a fair race.

After hundreds of pennies were bet on the two contestants, Phil Sharp and his atomic watch began the countdown. The huge crowd (possibly 20) hushed. Treacherous Tenison and Resourceful Railey were stationed at their respective doors, watching carefully so neither had an unfair advantage.

Three minutes before midnight both parties bolted for the doors. Treacherous Tenison ran toward the bell. However, crafty and scheming Resourceful Railey reached for a concealed sack that held one of the Happy Hour Bells. Knowing that old age has the advantage, she ran out of the door and rang the bell!!! Tenison gave up, defeated by an old lady.

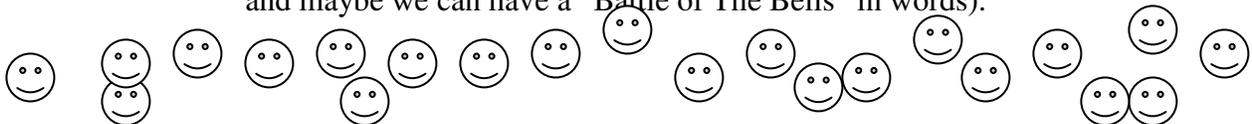
The next morning, the Tenisons left the park. John was seen waving his fist and shouting, "Just you wait until next year".

Submitted by

Marilyn Railey

Lot #29

(Anyone with a different version is free to submit it to the next Palaver
and maybe we can have a "Battle of The Bells" in words).



Hi Gang,

As I write this (2/17/09) we are in Twenty-nine Palms just outside the Marine Base. We have seen our son, Brian (The Marine) once in the week he has been here! It appears they are out in the desert all day and half the night, kicking sand. We do hope to see him again before he ships out. On Feb 14 we drove into LA for the weekend to visit with Brian's wife and kids. A great time was had by all!!

Prior to Twenty-nine Palms we visited Spike's brother and family in Poway. That was a fun two weeks that included **many** games of Joker's!

The Plan is to leave here on the 1st and head back toward The Ranch arriving the last week of March. We miss everyone and are looking forward to bunches of hugs!

Spike and Kasey

Lot 117

RANCH HANDS and FOOD

Did you ever scoop up applesauce with an olive to get it to your mouth ?

Use a dinner roll to eat your corn ?

Pick up macaroni with 2 carrots ?

Come to a dinner wearing your shirt backwards - Have two different shoes on your feet ---

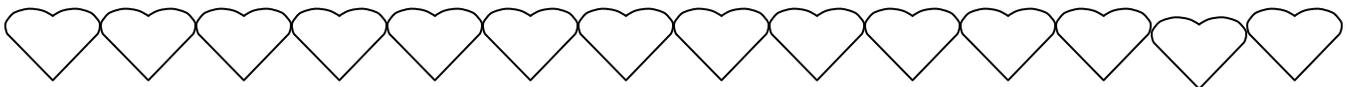
Or wearing your robe and slippers and ---

find the tables in the Ranch House decorated for every holiday but the one traditionally celebrated that day ?

Well that's what happened at the Silly Supper (Mysay Uppersay) at The Ranch on February 14 (Valentine's Day). The doors opened to The Mexican Grill at 4:11 PM and the dinner cost \$4.11. Guests were encouraged to dress as silly as they could and pictures were taken of all (available for blackmail for a small fee). It was a 4 course dinner (that sounds good), served to your table (That's good), chosen from a menu also good) that listed the food items by cities of New Mexico (not good). Consequently, guests might be served a course of an olive, applesauce, ice cream and a napkin. It was up to the guest to figure out how to consume them. Some very creative methods were observed and also recorded in pictures. Before the final course, the guests became bilingual as they learned to sing in Anguish Language. Songs such as Hormone De Range (Home On The Range) were belted out with gusto. A good and silly time was had by all.

The conniving minds behind this whole thing were Dave and Sally Stribling, Jean and Bob Stuvell, and Norm and Shirley Partch, aided and abetted by Rich and Melody Baker, Chuck and Nettie Hasse, and Mark and Karen Ireland, all of whom ate their dinner with silverware and proper decorum.

Submitted by
Shirley Partch
Lot # 5



ATTENTION ALL RANCH HANDS

The Chili Chapter will be holding a spring picnic/rally at noon on March 11, 2009 at Rattlesnake Springs in Carlsbad Caverns National Park. In addition to enjoying the park, we will have a semi-annual business meeting at this picnic/rally including the election of a Treasurer and Secretary.

This is a brown bag luncheon and all Ranch Hands, former Ranch Hands and any SKP's in the area are more than welcome to attend the picnic. At this one everyone gets to eat what they bring.

Directions: 5.5 miles south of White's City on 62/180. Turn right on Washington Ranch Rd (there are signs for Rattlesnake Springs) and follow the road signs for 2.5 miles to the park. Parking is limited so carpool if you can.

Chili Hugs
Sally Stribling
North Star Chili



Hi Ranch Hands,

After having the honor of dining with Don Gage and his fine culinary crew for a “breakfast in a bag” event, a walk was necessary. Another factor in taking the walk is the deadline imposed by our beloved Palaver editor. As I strolled around our park, I was excited to see all the sprucing up that has been happening. The newly varnished rockers on the porch are looking great and we almost lost one when Carol Koontz did such a great job that it was mentioned that it should be framed. The peeling trim has been painted on many of the park buildings that needed attention. A sparkling new coat of paint was applied to the shed on the managers’ lot. A new parking area was built by our Monday volunteers and it is now possible to park near the laundry and work shop without moving your car or backing out. A huge round of applause goes out to the volunteers who accomplished all of these tasks. Special thanks to Mike Kerr for the lovely straight lines of gravel dividing the parking spots in the new parking area. The work of many leaseholders and many visitors make me proud to be a member of The Ranch.

Continuing on my walk I notice a new paint job on Rob and Taffie’ Levins shed. Nice color. Chuck and Nettie Hasse are closing in their patio to keep the hurricane winds out. Great job on the improvement. Joe Cherry is doing a fine looking job on the addition to Earl and Shirley Culpepper’s shed. Bill and Linda Good have a new set of stairs for easy access to their fifth wheel. Ken and Donna Goode have added French doors to their shed and it changes the entire look. Well done. Dean Cryar’s remodel is taking shape nicely and upon completion should make him proud.

Jean and Bob Stuvell have been painting and refurbishing the cowboy and coyote silhouettes. They look a lot fresher with the new coat of paint and new neckerchiefs.

Lots of improvements done around our park sure does make it feel like The Ranch has emerged from the dark days of sewer and water problems and is well on its way to being the greatest park in the Escapee system.

Frank Lieberman
Lot #54

HIP-HIP-HOORAY

EDITORS NOTES

Besides the two eating events noted in the earlier parts of this newsletter we also had all of the regular events of eating and games going on so you know it has been a busy time. As for many of the improvements and clean-ups done by the Monday working crew, I think Frank needs his own huge “round of Applause” for getting behind all of it and Rosemary did more than her share if it was only picking up the doughnuts for the workers.

There was also a Chili Chapter luncheon at The Paddock, as well as MEWS and both men’s and women’s coffee and a Red Hat salad luncheon was chaired by our Work-camper Sally and recipe books are being printed of all the salads that were available.

I regret to say that I was not a part of many of these past events, including cleaning up my lot and repainting some of the trim on the big red barn. Also a screen needs fixing on the screen room I built two years ago. However between doctors’ appointments for both Tom and I as well as my working nights it has been an impossible effort. Maybe as the winds lessen and the weather warms I will get more ambition. I sure hope so. I might even get to restack the big rock in my garden that was knocked down or find the deer skull that is gone from the “garden”. However plans have been made for a new roof on the shed.

In the meantime I sure do go along with what Frank had to say, “This is a great place to live with some wonderful family members sharing and caring”.

Luvya All

Roxy Colomb

Editor

Lot #1



DID YOU KNOW

The month of March means that Spring will soon be coming to The Ranch. Days are getting longer and warmer, Green will start appearing on the desert brown. Wildflowers may soon appear, some are very tiny so look closely; others, like the claret cups are very flashy.

However, Spring sometimes brings a windy season. Another gentle reminder – never leave your awnings out when you go away from the park unless they are *very* securely anchored. The same goes for any item that might become a projectile in a high wind. The wind can come up very suddenly and with very strong gusts.

In the Spring, some leaseholders get “hitch itch” and head out of the park. When you leave the park please read your electric meter, Take the reading to the office and pay the electric bill. Notify the office that you are leaving and sign out on the clipboard on the wall outside of the office. Sign by your lot number the date you are leaving and initial. Always exit your lot to the left; the pedestal and the large propane tanks thank you.

Other leaseholders return to The Ranch for the spring and summer. Let the office know at least 7 days in advance when you plan to return to your lot. This is required by those in the rental pool so that your lot will be available when you arrive. For non-rental lots, it is a courtesy that should be observed. When you arrive, please, please stop at the office to let them know you’re back and sign in by your lot number on the clipboard.

Wherever you are, keep your friends at The Ranch posted on your adventures. All leaseholders get the Palaver so write a note and send it to Editor Roxy. Your Ranch family likes to stay in touch. Happy Spring!

Shirley Partch

Welcome Committee Chairman

Hi All,

We’ve been down in Donna TX since December and trying to enjoy all the things the valley has to offer. The weather has been pretty good this year. Just this week we had our first rain, which the valley really needed. We have our share of “winds”, but from what we hear not half as bad as the “winds of Lakewood”. Gale has been busy playing Bingo, crafting and a new interest... Kitchen Band. Can’t wait to return to The Ranch and explain the Kitchen Band to everyone. That’s something fun we can get into. Think about it, an apron, crazy hat and instruments made of kitchen utensils, and of course our lovely singing voices!!!

Craig has been busy with golf at least twice a week and his coin collecting hobby. We have had our visits to Mexico too, and visits with Ranch Hands here in the Valley. This year we once again got ourselves involved in the “Golden Age” Olympics. Craig played Texas Hold Em, we both played cribbage, and I am going to Walk and Talk in McAllen soon. Walk and Talk you donate canned food and walk around old McAllen, it ends in the Rey Theater where they show old movies and give out prizes. A fun day for a good cause. After all the events are over there is an Awards Dinner at the new Convention Center in McAllen. All the people who contributed or participated meet to receive their awards and enjoy a nice lunch. The park with the most people in the Olympics also wins a special trophy for their park. Last year Bit-O-Heaven came in third place, maybe this year we will get first place. We will find out in March.

Not sure when we will return to The Ranch, we are planning to head to the East Coast this summer. Craig has his 50th class reunion at the end of September in Massachusetts. We plan on going back to our old haunts on Long Island and visits with my brothers in the Hamptons. Maybe we will even meet up with Carl and Cindy Johnson and help them welcome their new grandchild. I am hoping to get some more National Park Stamps in my book too. Most of all we are hoping to do all this and get back to The Ranch in time for Round-Up.

Well a few more weeks here in Texas then off we go east.

Hugs,

Craig, Gale and Samson too

Lot #78

Hello All,

Hello,
Time for another update, but not a lot has been happening here in Ohio except for the snow. January had something like 41 inches, just shy of the previous record, and we had plenty of cold temps to go along with that. We drove over to Michigan for the New Year holiday for a nice visit with Bill's family (although all their barking dogs just about drove us crazy). One snowy weekend we went to a big RV show in Cleveland and walked around for hours in what was billed as the largest indoor show in the country. The first weekend in February we drove back up to the Buffalo area to visit with Bill's friend again, stopping at the smaller RV show in Erie on the way. We made another trip to Niagara Falls to see what it looked like in the winter and got some neat pictures with all the snow and ice formations.

The big news is that Bill's job here ended on January 30th. The week before they had let 114 permanent people go so I guess it didn't come as a big shock, and they actually gave him 5 days notice. We immediately gave notice to our landlord and now we're in the process of getting

ready to pack up and move everything back into the coach in the next few days.

Originally we had about a 6 foot mountain of snow piled up in front of the RV courtesy of the guy who plows the driveway, but we had a few days of warmer weather not too long ago and lots of rain to melt most of that snowpile down.

Bill's actively doing a new job search and actually has submitted to a few places, but we haven't heard anything yet, and with the economy in such a tailspin, we really don't know how long it will take to find something. So... we're getting ready to leave here and head back to New Mexico, planning a stop to visit some friends in the San Antonio area along the way. By the time this newsletter comes out, we just may be parked on Lot # 106 getting caught up on the latest happenings around the ol' homebase.

Hope to see everyone soon!

Pat, Bill and the Kamper Kitty

#106 Windmill Vista



Hi Ranch Hands,

Art & I went to Ortiz, MX. It was a day trip from the Pink Store. Very nice trip. We went to a cutting factory, The Hacienda De San Diego. It was a very large ranch with a huge hacienda that the great grand daughter of the house keeper now owns and is restoring. Don't think she'll get it done in her lifetime. We met the man who started the renewal of the pottery sales at Mata Ortiz. We bought a small pot and a lady on the trip bought a lot. Stopped for cheese and went thru a large Mormon community. We had a very good breakfast, \$5.00 for both of us and lunch was great. The trip lasted 13 hours. Luis, the driver and waiter from the Pink Store, also takes trips thru Copper Canyon. Art & I would recommend this day trip. The weather was perfect.

Hugs

Art & Sherry Lumb

Lot # 6

HAPPY SPRING

**WITH LUCK FOR
LIGHT
APRIL SHOWERS**

Hi neighbors,

Soren and Barb have been busy since we left The Ranch. We stopped in Columbus, NM so that Soren could check into some of the Mexico dentists. The one we found is Dr. Baron. He took impressions and we made an appointment to return on Feb6.

Meanwhile we went to Quartzsite to enjoy the Elk BOF rally. Had a big turnout this year and we mostly ate out! Now there's a big surprise, isn't it.

After the Elk gathering, we moved to the SE of Quartzsite for the tag end of the Boomer rally. Bonnie and George Keefe followed us over. George and Soren went their way at the Big tent while Bonnie and Barb wandered the aisles of the tent. Some areas were so crowded it was hard to tell what was being sold. We did each buy a scrunchy shirt, tho.

Soren and Barb left Q and moved Gila Bend for another Elk gathering. There were a total of 10 Escapees (one of them being Roland Begin) who joined the Elks at Gila Bend. Many of these were from the SOLOS BOF. The Elk BOF officially sponsored this one. It used to be a Boomer affair but they seemed to lose interest about 4 years ago.

Today as I write this we are at Pancho Villa State Park again. Soren went to Dr. Baron and had the prep work done for his bridges and caps. His nice shiny, white, straight temporary teeth sure do look different. Hasn't helped with the accent, tho.

We will remain here until the 26th of February when we will move to Alpine TX for the Cowboy Poetry Gathering. We enjoyed it last year and are looking forward to it again. We expect to return to The Ranch early in March if all goes well. At least that is the current plan. We all know how those "current plans" go. They are done in sand so that we can brush them out if something else grabs our attention!

Soren & Barbara Walther

Lot #10

Rambling Raileys

We left The Ranch and headed to the Gulf Coast Of TX where we found a great RV park at Riviera.

While we were there we enjoyed touring King Ranch near Kingsville and the Kennedy Ranch near Sarita.

We spent much time in Penitas, TX in "deep South Texas" as they call it. The lower Rio Grande Valley in TX is warmer than any place north, we had a wonderful time. We especially enjoyed the Atascosta National Wildlife Refuge near Port Isabel and the Gladys Porter Zoo near Brownsville. That area is interesting as there are approximately 200,000 to 250,000 winter Texans who come there every year to avoid the Midwest cold. Marilyn's sister and her husband were some of those winter Texans and we spent some time with them.

We arrived back at The Ranch and left our trailer so we could go to Santa Fe and celebrate a granddaughter's birthday. We will stop and stay at The Ranch someday but who knows when. Hope all of your winter travels have been as wonderful as ours.

Bob & Marilyn

Lot # 30



SPECIAL REQUEST

As writer of the LA Posada I have been using information from our newsletters of 10 years ago. As of this issue I found that there are no records of the following newsletters.

March-April 1999

May-June 1999

July-August 1999

Sept-Oct 1999

Nov- Dec 1999

If anyone has a copy of these would you please let the office or our editor Roxy know so that copies may be added to the Newsletter archives.

Thank You

Cindy

I just have to mention one more greaaaaat eating event will be taking place just about the time you will all be reading this. At least I hope you will all be reading this. I sent an e-mail to Pam as to where the website copy should be sent and hope we can get it thru to her and George while they are in Mexico. If not the Palaver may not get onto the web site until a bit later.

Now back to food. Don Gage and his trusty crew are doing a pancake breakfast on Saturday March 7, 2009. It is about the same group that did the omelets in a bag so we know it will be good.

Then later this month will be the previously mentioned Chili Chapter Rally/Picnic. There is also a feast being planned by Mary & Bill Smith for St. Patty's Day, along with all the usual Men's coffee, the Red Hat's, the MEWS, and Ladies Coffee.

I'm sure someone will decide on a salad luncheon or something of the kind and I have heard talk of another Root Beer Float before one of the Happy Hours, and of course our birthday anniversary Party. I missed the last one even though it was my birthday and I will probably miss the next one although it will be our (The Matched Set) anniversary. Oh well at this point in time earning some money comes first. Anyway who knows if Tom will be up to going to a party. This is certainly not the way we planned on having it be when we finally decided to settle down here, but it sure is nice to have our family around.

Luvya All

Roxy/Tom

Lot # 1



DEL PASADO – FROM THE PAST

9 YEARS AGO MARCH/April 2000

By **Cindy Johnson Lot # 92**

(There is no copy of the 10 years ago issue so I settled for nine years ago.)

Vice President's Report (Chuck Patzer)

We did purchase the CD writer... It is used to "write" on CD's which hold a tremendous amount of information, and is very fast...

The storage parking area is on hold... The park has a few frozen pipes...The Board agreed to donate one week with electricity to both fall and spring Escapees as door prizes, the feeling being that lots are sold to people who visit and get to know us.

Resurrection (Lou Novy's Beautification Committee)

Y2K Program will be called "Adopt A Common Area" to interest leaseholders in adopting a specific common area.

Trockel's Tips (by Ede Trockels)

A piece of fish an inch thick requires no more than 10 minutes to broil or grill or bake (at 400F.)

Keep your supply of trash bags in the bottom of the trash can under the bag in use. Then it's there waiting for you when you need a replacement.

New Leaseholders: Thayer & Charlene Tarvin Lot # 105

March 1, 1999 A couple of prime movies (wasn't it just yesterday?)

**Saving Private Ryan * Message In A Bottle*

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