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"AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR"

By Joe Cortese



So, the classic song says, "We Wish You A Merry Christmas and A Happy New Year" and I don't know about you, but at least for me, it's hard to believe its 23. The last few years have certainly been rough, and around the holidays I usually find myself deep in thought, but this evidently is nothing new. While digging around in some old notes I found an original copy of a poem I had written in 2009 that clearly indicates a heightened state of anxiety. I had forgotten how long ago I had written this poem and thankfully I have also forgotten why I had written it but every year this poem usually comes to mind and this year is no exception. I have tweaked a few things from the 2009 version, but it is essentially the same. I hope you enjoy the 2023 version and I hope and pray for a happy new year.

Especially This Year



This year especially when so much is bad, it seems all that we hear only makes us feel sad. So many are lost and don't know what to do, well maybe the answer is within me and you!



What if we decide to not join with the rest, we won't sweat the small stuff and we'll look for the best. We'll face piles of trials with smiles, as it's said, and we'll choose to be happy, and we'll make our own bed.

They say misery loves company and I believe that's a fact, but I prefer better colleagues so let's start a new pact. We'll take only the high roads and jump over the low, and spread happiness and love everywhere that we go.

This year especially we're going to seek out the good, and count up our blessings like the Lord say's we should, and if we just do this, we may start a new trend, and we'll make it through this year if we reach deep within.

Joe Cortese 2023

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INTO YEAR THREE WE GO!

By Dana Matlock, POP Co-Editor



Can you believe it? This January 2023 issue of The POP marks the beginning of our third year! Hopefully we can continue bringing this publication to you for years to come. Actually, you can help with that. We always need writers/contributors to keep us going. The diversity of interesting facts, things we need to know, upcoming social events, event photos, and some funnies thrown in for good measure are what sets us apart from other community newsletters. Please join our elite group of writers/contributors and together we can keep turning out a fun and informative publication for our community. Call or email me at 386-439-3443; dbmatlock@live.com.


Betty Vandermyn and Jo Kegel both served as co-editors in 2022. Betty had to resign to focus on other obligations and Jo Kegel came on board in September 2022. Thank you both for your many contributions and long hours of work to make this publication a success.

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 Next, Donna Copeland and her Block Captains (see complete listing with photos on Pages 2 and 3) package and deliver The POP to your doorstep every month. Our thanks and appreciation for your service to us.

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support and for purchasing the door hanging bags for delivery.

Special thanks go to residents, Irma & Mike Reed. They have supported our newsletter by advertising in every issue. Without dedicated supporters like them we do not have a newsletter.

As you can see many of our residents are involved in the making of this publication. If you have The POP this past year, just give a smile and a “thank you” to those dedicated volunteers.

Finally, thank you, the readers, for your interest and encouragement.



PS: Don't forget if you have a need, give our advertisers a chance to serve you. Without them we would have no way to pay for the publishing and printing of this publication.

New Year
 New Beginnings
 New Intentions
 New Thoughts
 New Focus
 New Results



THOUGHTS FOR THE NEW YEAR

May all your troubles last as long as your New Year's resolutions. ~Joey Adams~

A New Year's resolution is something that goes in one year and out the other.

Good resolutions are simply checks that men draw on a bank where they have no account. ~Oscar Wilde~

I would lose weight for my New Year's resolution, but I hate losing.

He who breaks a resolution is a weakling; He who makes one is a fool. ~F.M. Knowles~

I'm so excited for the new year. Unfortunately, I don't have any resolutions to make since I'm already perfect!

Last year's resolution was to lose 20 pounds by Christmas. Only 30 pounds to go.

I'm a little bit older, a little bit wiser, a little bit rounder, but still none the wiser. ~ Robert Paul ~

Tomorrow is the first blank page of a 365-page book. Write a good one. ~Brad Paisley~

BLOCK CAPTAINS

PURPOSE: To provide a communication link between PORA, CERT and the residents of community. To help build community among the residents of smaller areas (zones) within Plantation Oaks.

One of their major duties is the hand-delivery of information to residents in their areas, including *The POP*.

Thank you all for your service to our residents!

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Unpaid volunteers are often the glue that holds a community together. Helping out with the smallest tasks can make a real difference to the lives of people, animals, and organizations in need. Volunteering allows you to connect to your community and make it a better place.

Let's make 2023 the banner year for volunteers in our community. The reward is the enjoyment and satisfaction of serving others and the comradery among those you serve with. There are many opportunities to serve in Plantation Oaks: the residents' board of directors; committees; assisting with social events; teaching/sharing your hobbies or crafts with the community; assisting block captains; contributing article for our newsletter, and more! Commit now to attend meetings and events and step up to help. That small step can truly enrich your life.

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NASCAR FAN

By Joanne Kegel



Drivers...Start your Engines!

My interest in NASCAR started years ago when we lived in CT. Dave and I got interested when there was a local kid named **Joey** from CT moving up in the ranks. He was good and still is. I am more interested and follow it more closely than Dave, but we watch most of the races weekly together. Living near Daytona only enhances my interest. I hope to get to a race there soon.

I know that people say how boring it is watching fast cars go 'round in circles (ovals) taking only left turns.

When I started, I too watched the last 10 laps of the races because that's where they go the fastest and have the most crashes. How exciting! Unfortunately, that wrecks a lot of cars, causes injuries, and costs a lot of money for the teams. You have to remember that this is a lucrative business.

But there's so much more. You can't just watch the leader and the second all the time. The secret to tolerating the whole race is watching the battles in the middle and those fighting for top ten. If you pay attention, follow the battles, and find a favorite that you can root for, before you know it, several laps have gone by and the race doesn't seem as long. Pit stops use up laps too.

People love their driver for many reasons. Maybe they are from where you are from. Or they are related to another famous driver. Those are the drivers who are spoon fed racing from the time they are little, driving go carts, and on dirt tracks. That's all they know and just want to be in NASCAR as a pro someday.

I learned that when Dave was young, he was in a pit crew for a friend who owned a car that raced in lower series at local racetracks. From there, many drivers are born and grow into pros. We, together, went to 4 "Cup" races at Loudon, NH, which would be our home track. We would make a long weekend out of it and stay at a resort on Lake Winnepesaukee, (That's a story for another *POP* article)

It's fun learning about the different series that are in NASCAR, from amateur to pro. It's also fun following a driver from beginning to pro. You can't love just one driver, as they are all so talented by the time, or even before, they hit the top series. Watching them grow is intriguing. It's like watching a kid grow up. So many rookies that I followed are now the veterans, and some

are already retiring. I rarely stay inside to watch a race on a perfectly beautiful day. I'd rather be at the pool. I still follow the race leaderboard on my phone. But during the playoffs, I'm glued to the races on TV, hoping to see my driver win and gain points.

Every track is different, and every driver has his strengths and weaknesses at each track. There are also tracks where they actually make right turns! They are called road courses. And by the way, **Joey Logano** won the championship for a second time, in Nov. 2022!

Fun to watch. See you at Daytona!



DID YOU KNOW?

Submitted by John Mercurio



In the heyday of sailing ships, all war ships and many freighters carried iron cannons. Those cannons fired round iron cannon balls. It was necessary to keep a good supply near the cannon. However, how to prevent them from rolling about the deck? The best storage method devised was a square-based pyramid with one ball on top, resting on four, resting on nine, which rested on sixteen. Thus, a supply of 30 cannon balls could be stacked in a small area right next to the cannon.

There was only one problem. . . how to prevent the bottom layer from sliding or rolling from under the others. The solution was a metal plate called a 'Monkey' with 16 round indentations. However, if this plate were made of iron, the iron balls would quickly rust to it.

The solution to the rusting problem was to make 'Brass Monkeys.' Few landlubbers realize that brass contracts much more and much faster than iron when chilled. Consequently, when the temperature dropped too far, the brass indentations would shrink so much that the iron cannonballs would come right off the monkey; Thus, it was quite literally, 'Cold enough to freeze the balls off a brass monkey.'

(All this time, you thought that was a vulgar expression, didn't you?)



TRIVIA



By Rich Bencal

Happy New Year to all here at Plantation Oaks. I have researched various publications and reference books and have found 10 trivia questions to challenge you. The answers, as always,

will appear on another page in *The POP*. Good luck!!

QUESTIONS

1. What entertainer sang to us in a commercial "See the USA in a Chevrolet?"
2. What disc jockey first used the phrase "Rock and Roll"?
3. What cartoon character eats a can of spinach for strength?
4. What major airline was founded and had its first headquarters in Monroe, LA?
5. How many patents did Thomas Edison hold when he died?
6. Who was the first playmate featured in Playboy magazine?
7. Who played Clark Kent in the TV series Superman?
8. What TV character in the Honeymooners would tell his wife "To the moon Alice"?
9. Who played this character?
10. What is the name of the Jewish mobster in Godfather II?



THANK YOU!

Many thanks to ALL of our volunteers who help to make our community a great place to live.

A special thank you to Cathleen Niedhammer and her elves for providing the free delivery of our holiday cards within Plantation Oaks once again this year. It was a very convenient way to greet our friends and neighbors and send friendly holiday wishes. Good job, well done.

WEATHER STATION SIGN AT BEACH:

If the rock is wet...	It's raining.
If the rock is swaying...	It's windy.
If the rock is hot...	It's sunny.
If the rock is cool...	It's overcast.
If the rock is blue...	It's cold.
If the rock is white...	It's snowy.
If the rock is gone...	HURRICANE



RIOTING IN

Facebook, June 30,



The rioting in major cities across the U.S. has spread to The Villages, Florida, a retirement community of 100,000.

Looters in Florida's friendliest hometown have broken into stores that sell items like laxatives, vitamins, hearing aids, reading glasses, energy drinks and surgical stockings.

The thugs were easily caught and arrested since they were using their walkers and golf carts to flee.

The protests have been limited to the evening hours because most of the lawbreakers either had doctor's appointments during the day or rioting would have interfered with their naps.

The marches didn't last that long because many of the demonstrators had to get home to pee. In many cases, the demonstrators simply forgot why they were even there.

Officials considered a curfew starting at 9 p.m. But since that's the time when most of the residents go to bed anyway, it was decided that it wasn't needed.

Community leaders concluded that part of the problem was that residents were restless because they had too much time on their hands since the recreation centers, pools, theaters, boutique stores and especially the bars were closed due to the virus.

Community officials wanted to form a committee to look further into the problem, but the next day no one could remember why they needed a committee.

ORIGIN OF NEW YEAR RESOLUTIONS



By Betty Vandermyn

January is a month brimming with optimism and new beginnings. Anything seems possible and, as the chapter closes on one year, the shiny prospect of starting anew settles upon us. We set goals for the coming year and believe we will achieve them. Ha!! We start out with hope on our side and begin our resolutions, the forever optimist before the reality check of pragmatic February settles in. I wish everyone success in achieving their personal goals! The custom of making New Year resolutions has been around for thousands of years, however it did not always look the way it does today.

The ancient Babylonians are said to have been the first people to make New Year resolutions some 4000 years ago. They are also the first to hold recorded celebrations in honor of the new year. However, the year for them began in March, when the crops were planted, not in January. They held a 12-day religious festival known as Akitu. At this time, the Babylonians would crown a new king or reaffirm their loyalty to the reigning king. They also made promises to the gods to pay their debts and return any objects they had borrowed. If they held true to their promises, their (pagan) gods would bestow favor on them for the coming year. These promises are considered the forerunners of our New Year Eve resolutions.

A similar practice occurred in ancient Rome after Julius Caesar tinkered with the calendar and established January 1 as the beginning of the new year (circa 46 B. C.). January was named for Janus, the two-faced god whose spirit had special significance for the Romans. They believed that Janus symbolically looked backwards into the previous year, and ahead into the future, and offered sacrifices to the deity making promises of good conduct for the coming year.

For early Christians, the first day of the new year became the traditional day for thinking about one's past mistakes and resolving to do better in the near future. In 1740, the English clergyman John Wesley created the Covenant Renewal Service, which was held on New Year's Eve or New Year's Day. This included readings from Scriptures and singing of hymns and served as an alternative to the raucous celebrations normally held to celebrate the new year.

"A goal is not always meant to be reached It often serves simply as something to aim at."
Bruce Lee



Despite the tradition's religious roots, New Year's resolutions today are a mostly secular practice. Instead of making a promise to the gods, most people make resolutions only to themselves and focus on self-improvement (which may explain why such resolutions seem so hard to follow through on). If you find you are not successful in following through on your resolutions, don't feel bad as only about 8 percent are successful in achieving their goals and that's after 4000 years of practice.

Whatever your resolutions are for 2023, I wish everyone good health, happiness, and success in all you do. Let's wish each other well, forgive previous grievances, and treat each other with kindness and respect. This is a wonderful community and I appreciate life here every day. Thank you everyone and have a **HAPPY NEW YEAR!**



LUNCH....AND THEN IT'S WINTER

Submitted by John Mercurio



You know... time has a way of moving quickly and catching you unaware of the passing years. It seems just yesterday that I was young, just married and embarking on my new life with my mate. Yet in a way, it seems like eons ago, and I wonder where all the years went. I know that I lived them all. I have glimpses of how it was back then and of all my hopes and dreams. But here it is - the winter of my life and it catches me by surprise. How did I get here so fast? Where did the years go and where did my youth go? I remember well seeing older people through the years and thinking that they were years away from me - and that winter was so far off that I could not fathom it or imagine fully what it would be like.

But here it is: my friends are retired and getting grey; they move slower, and I see an older person now. Some are in better and some worse shape than me, but I see the great change. Not like the ones that I remember who were young and vibrant, but, like me, their age is

beginning to show, and we are now those older folks that we used to see and never thought we'd be. Each day now, I find that just getting a shower is a real target for the day! And taking a nap is not a treat anymore - it's mandatory! 'Cause if I don't on my own free will, I just fall asleep where I sit!

And so, now I enter this new season of my life unprepared for all the aches and pains and the loss of strength and ability to go and do things that I wish I had done but never did!! But at least I know, that though the winter has come and I'm not sure how long it will last, when it's over on this earth - it's over. A new adventure will begin! Yes, I have regrets. There are things I wish I hadn't done, things I should have done, but there are indeed many things I'm happy to have done. It's all in a lifetime.

So, if you're not in your winter yet, let me remind you, it will be here faster than you think. Whatever you would like to accomplish in your life please do it quickly! Don't put things off too long!! Life goes by quickly. So, do what you can today, as you can never be sure whether this is your winter or not! You have no promise that you will see all the seasons of your life. Live for today and say all the things that you want your loved ones to remember. Hope that they appreciate and love you for all the things that you have done for them in all the years past!!

"Life" is a gift to you. The way you live your life is your gift to those who come after. Make it a fantastic one.

- LIVE IT WELL!
- ENJOY TODAY!
- DO SOMETHING FUN!
- BE HAPPY!
- HAVE A GREAT DAY

Remember, "It is health that is real wealth and not pieces of gold and silver. LIVE HAPPY IN 2023!

THE WALKERS



By Jean Scionti

The weather outside is frightful, however, a stroll can be delightful... so witty? A new year has arrived, and it's time to get those thirty or so minutes in of daily walking.

Every morning, here in Plantation Oaks, I open my front blinds, look out into the mist and see ... the "walkers"! These folks have no names or faces that I can recognize but they are clearly focused on ... EXERCISE!

My husband has become one of them. He faithfully sets out on his journey up two streets and back again while passing these unknowns. He knows their faces but has no names for these individuals. When he comes back home, I ask him, "Who did you meet, and did you have a conversation?" His replies are varied. "I saw the woman who turns toward the clubhouse, and also the fellow from Maine", or "I always pass the two men who walk together most days. If it's only one of them, I ask what happened to his fellow companion. He then will say that his friend is sleeping in." Also, "I wave at the guy from Jersey. He usually runs past me."

Then there are the people who walk their dogs. My husband loves greeting these furry canine companions. He has the names of all the doggies along with facts about their age and ailments but knows nothing about their owners.

Getting back to walking, it is wonderful that all these folks have such focus and commitment. For this new year, I too will make an effort to get out there and walk a few miles. That is: after I drive to the supermarket; walk the aisles; pack the groceries into the car; drive home; drag the bags into the house; unpack it all and then put it away. "*Now time for a stroll...no wait, it's time to get a multitude of other chores done.*" I'm sorry, I can't help myself...I'm a whiner and surely a procrastinator.

Here are some walking facts:

- The longest walk around the world was completed by a neon-sign salesman. He walked 46,600 miles around 64 countries. *I wonder if anyone in Plantation Oaks has walked around the entire community. How many miles does that equal anyway?*
- It would take, on average, one hour and forty-three minutes of walking to burn off a 540-calorie "Big Mac". *Good thing I only like "Quarter Pounder's" with cheese!"*
- A 2000 study reported that walking regularly (three times or more a week for half an hour or more) saves \$330.00 a year in health care costs. *Now that is definitely an incentive!*

See you out on the street, 'walkers', it's time for me to hit the pavement!





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WELCOME COMMITTEE

By Bob Matlock



Beginnings and Ends

Spring sprang, fall fell, winter is here and it's warmer than usual. That doesn't rhyme and, if you are like me, you are wondering what happened to summer. It came and went just like everything else. If you think about it everything has a beginning and an end. Everything. Are we at the beginning, or in the middle of, or at the end of the universe? I don't even want to think about that, or this concept of time. Where does it start and where does it end? How do you measure it? Consider that today is day before yesterday's day after tomorrow. But today is also the day after tomorrow's day before yesterday. So, the yesterdays, todays and tomorrows all come and go. OK Bob, why are you talking about all this stuff that you know nothing about? Well, I do know something about beginnings and ends. As the Welcome Committee guy, I meet and greet most of our new residents. Their move here represents a new beginning/ journey that could have been tendered by any number of underlying reasons. Their move here also ends the last journey they were on, at their old home. The people, who sold them their new home here, are ending their Plantation Oaks journey and starting their new journey elsewhere. Our life is one big journey, Isn't it? We don't remember when or where it began (mother will) and we won't remember when or where it ends (only family and friends will). Hopefully I make a positive impact on the beginning of each new resident's journey in Plantation Oaks. 2023 is upon us and it represents a new journey. It offers an opportunity for all of us to put aside our dislikes of others (because of their affiliation(s), wealth, health, and whatever afflictions you tag them with) and together we can strive to make each other's journey a pleasant one. Remember we are all just people... Happy New Year!

Note: Please know that I am not always advised about new residents. If you were new resident(s) in 2021 or 2022 and I have not talked to you about a "welcome to the community session", please call me in the next few weeks at 386-439-3443 to make an appointment. Sometimes new residents don't respond to my attempts to contact them. If this is your situation, I will make a final attempt to call you in the next few weeks. If there is no contact and you do not return my call, then I will consider that you are not interested. Thank you.

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Contact Dana Matlock at 386-439-3443,
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HOW I MET MY WIFE

by Joe Addotta



Six pennies can change your life!



I was 21 years old when I was discharged from the Navy. I got a job as a representative for a finance company that floor-planned the vehicles for car dealerships. As a representative I would have to eat lunch, with the owners of dealership, where we would discuss business. During one of these lunches, at a local luncheonette, we were waited on by a new waitress; a very pretty and very young 17-year-old. We were all very impressed with her. So, to get her attention I would leave her a six-penny tip. One day as I finished my lunch, she approached me and said, "you're the guy that leaves me the six-penny tip". I said yes, and I did that so I could get your attention. I asked her out to the movies, and she agreed. I picked her up and we had a great time at the movies. I dated her regularly and we got married and had three sons. We were married for 57 years. And they said it would never last! Paula, my wife, got sick in the latter part of our marriage. I most willing took care of the house, cooking, laundry etc. She told me I would be better off without her. I responded that I don't work, and this is my job now. And, if the shoe was on the other foot, and I was the one sick, I know that she would do the same for me. Paula passed away about four years ago. She was the love of my life and the best thing that ever happened to me. I miss her terribly and I hope I see her in heaven because I know she is there.

Editors' Note: Thank you Joe for sharing this beautiful tribute to your wife.



FEDERATION OF MANUFACTURED HOME OWNERS (FMO)



By James Pursley, Plantation Oaks FMO Rep

Well, I'm back, a big "Thank You" to Dana for doing a great job on the very informative article last month.

Along with the experience of the fall I had, I don't know what that stuff they use to put in your hair for x-rays, or whatever they were doing up there, they need to use it for something at the Space Station. I was still sliding out of bed four days later after shampooing my hair three times a day.

Our experience started (my lovely wife with me) when the Neurologist, I finally got an appointment with, has an office in Palm Coast and St. Augustine. One of the many tests I had was in his office in St. Auggie. So, we went on a road trip. After my test, with more Gunk in my hair we went to Buc-ee's and Costco. We took a mini vacation. You see we don't get out much. We both traveled a lot in our younger lives both for pleasure and business. Now it's nice just to hang around home.

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Back to the road trip, I know we probably are the last people in Plantation Oaks to go to Buc-ee's but we finally made it. So, we loaded up on cookies, peanuts, jelly, brisket sandwiches, everything but gas, you see I had filled up several days before not knowing we would be going there. Then off to Costco, I was a member years back in Georgia, different now. When we entered the building, the lady gave us a "day pass" and I felt like I was at Summer Camp. We had a nice time looking around and of course buying the store out. Well, when we got ready to pay, they had not told us that we had to join before we could leave. Then out comes this young gentleman, this is not to offend anyone that may have connections to Costco but just an experience. On the wall they had different memberships to join. Then the

manager comes over, so we have two people explaining these programs to us. I've never heard so many options since I bought my Edsel years ago.

In closing, I'm packing to go to Switzerland, I'm pretty sure my wife bought a membership, and I bought a trip. Guess I need to stay home. Until next month.



WHAT HAPPENS IF THERE IS NO FMO & NO FS CHAPTER 723?

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5. Rents could go up with a 30-day notice every 60 days.

Keep in mind: The FMO is an organization in the State of Florida that monitors and advocates for the rights and interests of manufactured homeowners living on leased land.

Through FMOs involvement, the Florida Manufactured Home Act (*Florida Statute 723*) was drafted and enacted in 1984. It addresses the relationship between the park owner and homeowners of manufactured homes on leased land. The Florida Legislators recognized that manufactured homeowners AND park owners both have certain basic rights that must be protected.

The FMO and FMHA (*parks owners*) frequently submits changes to FS 723. FMO has had a huge impact on proposed legislation by opposing harmful proposed changes through negotiations. You can find a link to the latest revision of FS 723 at fmo.org or Google "FS 723".

FS 723 covers such items as:

- Your Prospectus
- Park Owner's and Homeowner's Obligations
- Rules and Regulations and changes
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LET'S MAKE A HEARTY WINTER SOUP!

By Chef Kevin Gallagher, MS, CEC



When I was in the Navy and stationed in London, England, our family used to fly to Munich, Germany, rent a car and travel to a beautiful little town on the Austrian border, called Garmisch-Partenkirchen. This town is known as the site of the 1936 Winter Olympic Games, the first to include alpine skiing, and hosts a variety of winter sports competitions. We would stay there for a week and go skiing each day and enjoy the local town life in the evenings.

While skiing on the slopes of the Bavarian Alps, we would work up a good appetite! At the top of the mountain there was a beautiful ski chalet with a roaring fire to warm yourself and great food to fill your belly and replenish your energy! One of our favorite things to order was the Goulash Soup.

In Austria, warming bowls of goulash soup are served in all kinds of establishments - from quick-service restaurants along the Autobahn to Vienna's elegant Hotel Bristol to the top of the ski mountains. This satisfying rendition has chunks of beef and potato plus red peppers, bacon, onions, and garlic, all fragrant with paprika. This recipe is just like the soup we used to eat in the ski chalet I hope you enjoy it as much as we do now!

Hearty Goulash Soup

Servings: 6

Ingredients

- 3 slices bacon, chopped
- 1½ pounds boneless chuck, trimmed and cut into 1/2-inch cubes
- 1 tablespoon vegetable oil
- 2 medium onions, chopped fine
- 2 garlic cloves, minced
- 2 tablespoons sweet paprika, (preferably Hungarian sweet*)
- 1 teaspoon caraway seeds
- 1½ tablespoons all-purpose flour
- 2 tablespoons red-wine vinegar
- 2 tablespoons tomato paste
- 5 cups unsalted beef broth
- ½ tsp salt (or to taste)
- 1 red bell pepper, diced small
- 2 large russet potatoes, (baking), peeled and cut into small dice



Instructions

1. In an 8-quart heavy soup pot cook bacon over moderate heat, stirring, until crisp and transfer with a slotted spoon to a large bowl. In fat remaining in pot, brown chuck in small batches over high heat, transferring it as browned with slotted spoon to bowl.
2. Reduce heat to moderate and add oil. Add onions and garlic and cook, stirring, until golden. Stir in paprika, caraway seeds, and flour and cook, stirring, 2 minutes. Whisk in vinegar and tomato paste and cook, whisking, 1 minute. (Mixture will be very thick.) Stir in broth, salt, bell peppers, bacon, and chuck and bring to a boil, stirring. Simmer soup, covered, stirring occasionally, 45 minutes.
3. Add potatoes to soup and simmer, covered, occasionally until tender, about 30 minutes. Correct seasoning of soup with salt and pepper. Soup may be made 3 days ahead. Reheat soup, thinning with water if needed.

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PREDICTING THE FUTURE, PART 1

Submitted by Keith Mowling



Guess we'll have to come back in-person to see if this forecast comes true. All the following will likely become reality in the next 10-20 years. Many of us won't see the changes, but our kids and grandkids probably will.

1. Basic auto repair shops will disappear. Read on to know why.
2. A gas/diesel engine has 20,000 individual parts. An electrical motor has only 20 parts. Electric cars are sold with lifetime guarantees and are repaired only by dealers. It takes only 10 minutes to remove and replace an electric motor.
3. Faulty electric motors are not repaired in the dealership but are sent to a regional repair shop that repairs them with robots
4. Your electric motor malfunction light goes on, and so you drive up to what looks like a car wash, and your car is towed through while you have a cup of coffee and out comes your car with a new electric motor!
5. Gas pumps will go away
6. Street corners will have meters that dispense electricity. Companies will install electrical recharging stations; in fact, they've already started in the developed world.
7. Smart major auto manufacturers have already designated money to start building new plants that build only electric cars.
8. Coal industries will go away. Gasoline/oil companies will go away. Drilling for oil will stop. Say goodbye to OPEC! The middle east is in trouble.
9. Homes will produce and store more electrical energy during the day than they use and will sell it back to the grid. The grid stores it and dispenses it to industries that are high electricity users. Has anybody seen the Tesla roof?
10. A baby of today will see personal cars only in museums. The FUTURE is approaching faster than most of us can handle.
11. In 1998, Kodak had 170,000 employees and sold 85% of all photo paper worldwide. Within just a few years, their business model disappeared, and they went bankrupt. Who would have thought of that ever happening?
12. What happened to Kodak and Polaroid will happen in a lot of industries in the next 5-10 years ... and most of us don't see it coming.
13. Did you think in 1998 that 3 years later you'd NEVER

take pictures on film again? With today's smartphones, who even has a camera these days?

14. Yet digital cameras were invented in 1975. The first ones only had 10,000 pixels but followed Moore's law – that technological capacity will DOUBLE every year. So as with all exponential technologies, it was a disappointment for a time before it became 'way superior' and became mainstream in only a few short years.
15. It will now happen again (but much faster) with Artificial Intelligence (AI), health, autonomous and electric cars, education, 3D printing, agriculture and jobs.
16. Forget the book, "Future Shock", welcome to the 4th Industrial Revolution.
17. Software has disrupted and will continue to disrupt most traditional industries in the next 5-10 years.
18. UBER is just a software tool; it doesn't own any cars and is now the biggest taxi company in the world! Ask any taxi drivers if they saw that coming.
19. Airbnb is now the biggest hotel company in the world, although they don't own any properties. Ask Hilton Hotels if they saw that coming.
20. Artificial Intelligence: Computers become exponentially better in understanding the world. This year, a computer beat the best Go player in the world, 10 years earlier than expected.

Tune in next month for more predictions!

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Pulled a nose hair out today to see if it hurt!
Judging by the screams of the guy asleep on the bus next to me! Yes it did hurt!!

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January Crossword

ACROSS

1. Poplar variety
6. Select by voting
11. Depart
12. Illness
15. Victor
16. Differs in opinion
17. American Medical Association
18. Noteworthy
20. Martini ingredient
21. Infinitesimal amount
23. Regulation
24. Heredity unit
25. Pretentious person
26. Musical phrase
27. Blow a car horn
28. Apprentice
29. Play a role
30. Parental sisters
31. Lovelorn
34. They connect points
36. Before, in poetry
37. Chooses
41. Prefix meaning "Within"
42. Russian emperor
43. Entice
44. Rodents
45. A gathering or event
46. Winglike
47. Big fuss
48. Museum wing
51. 54 in Roman numerals
52. Related to unskilled tasks
54. First-aid item
56. Exact
57. Pilotless plane
58. Discourage
59. Durable fabric



DOWN

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|----------------------------|------------------------|--------------------------------|
| 1. Payment to an ex | 15. Midsection | 38. Tugging |
| 2. Legislator | 16. Fearlessly | 39. Rookie |
| 3. Greek god of flocks | 19. Ceasefire | 40. Wait on |
| 4. Smooth or level | 22. Teems | 42. Bank employee |
| 5. Adopted son of Claudius | 24. Venetian boat | 44. Wheelchair access |
| 6. Safe to eat | 26. Chits | 45. Untrue |
| 7. Fine thread | 27. Color | 48. Person's manner of walking |
| 8. Being | 30. Affirm | 49. Disposes |
| 9. C | 32. Modern | 50. Bygone era |
| 10. Trigonometric function | 33. Give a speech | 53. Frozen water |
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