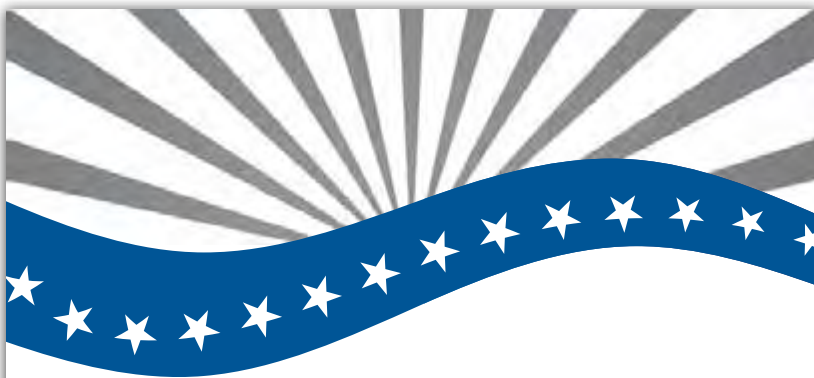




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PLUM CREEK'S ANNUAL 4TH OF JULY CELEBRATION

ON THURSDAY, JULY 4TH!

Hosted by the Recreation Committee

Come out for our annual 4th of July Parade and Picnic! The fun happens on Thursday, July 4th from 10:00 am to Noon.

Decorate those wagons, strollers, bikes, and scooters and come out to march with your neighbors in the parade. If you don't want to decorate your stuff or walk, please come out and cheer on those in the parade, it is a sight to see!

The parade will start promptly at 10 Am on the corner of Witte and Negley and continue down Witte to McNaughton Park with the picnic to follow. Bring the whole family and enjoy the fun.

We will have lunch for you at the park but be sure to bring blankets and lawn chairs for you to sit and eat on. Don't forget the swimsuits and sunscreen, as we will have a waterslide to help keep you cool. We are looking for volunteers to help us cook and serve.

If you have any questions or would like to volunteer, please contact Brandee at recreation@plumcreektxhoa.com or 512-557-2728.

Independence Day Celebration Fireworks Show

Join in the celebration of Independence Day this July 4th as the City of Kyle once again has planned for a spectacular fireworks show. Due to limited space at Gregg-Clarke Park, the fireworks show has moved this year to the Plum Creek Golf Course's Practice/Driving Range.

Before it gets dark on July 4th, find a safe and secure location around the Hays CISD Performing Arts Center (PAC) or anywhere around the intersection of FM 1626 and Kohler's Crossing. The show can even be seen from the parking lots around Subway, What-A-Burger and Kohl's.

Please use extreme caution in parking on the street's right of way and no alcohol is permitted at the PAC or on school property. The fireworks are scheduled to begin around 9:30pm. Rain out makeup date is July 5th, same time, same site. For more information visit the City of Kyle website: www.cityofkyle.com.



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YARD OF THE MONTH!

Congratulations to the May Yard of the Month winners:

1st place 5913 McNaughton

2nd place 280 Skinner

3rd place 5289 Hartson

Please take a look at these beautiful yards; they are only three of the many wonderful landscapes in Plum Creek. Signs of recognition will appear in the winning yards May 15th. The next judging for June Yards of the Month will be June 7. Please send nominations (yourself or your neighbor) to landscape@plumcreektxhoa.com.

FRONT PORCH DAYS GARDEN TOUR

Garden Tour 2013 was a hit, with over 50 people touring 6 homes. The weather was fantastic for seeing koi ponds, herb gardens, vegetable gardens, English gardens, water recovery systems, bird friendly gardens, and roses galore! After touring everyone met back in Fergus Park for lemonade and brownies and door prizes. It was a beautiful 2 hours on a gorgeous Saturday morning. If you missed this year, do not worry there will be another tour in 2014. The tour is always the Saturday prior to Front Porch Days and we always start and finish at Fergus Park.

If you would like your yard to be showcased for next year, just contact Suzanne at landscape@plumcreektxhoa.com.

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Active and Current Social Groups in Plum Creek

55+ GROUP

Meets at various times throughout the year with potluck and catered dinners and speakers/events. If interested, please contact Pam Dennis and Mariel Perkins at dperkins@reoservices.com.

AGGIE MOMS OF HAYS COUNTY

All moms and grandmas of Aggie students are invited to the Aggie Mom's meetings on the 2nd Thursday of every month at 7:00 pm at the Plum Creek Club House in Kyle. Please join us for Fun & Fellowship. For more information contact Debby Brewington at 512.650.4590 or debbybrew@austin.rr.com

BUNCO

Meets 3rd Tuesday of the Month at the Haupt Community Center at 6:30PM. Email Zoe at zls823@gmail.com for more info or to RSVP.

SIP & SEW

Meets 2nd Tuesday of the Month at the Haupt Community Center from 6:30 to 9PM. Members share their talents of

knitting, fabric sewing, needle point, quilting, punch needle and rug hooking to name a few. For additional info, contact Pam Chapman (512.656.6050), Iris Sandle (512.405.0054), or Sandra Sigler (512.405.0187).

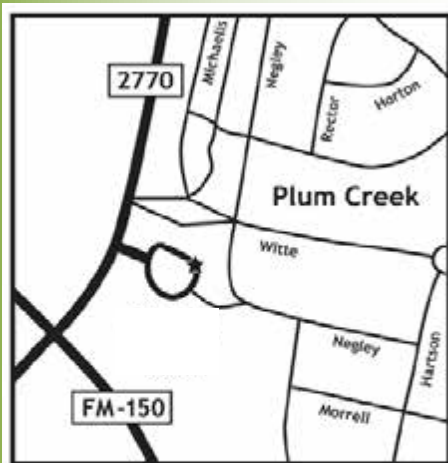
SCRAPBOOKING

The group meets monthly on the first Friday of every month at 7PM. Plus, there will be four weekend retreats in 2012 – 2nd Friday and Saturday in January (1/13 and 1/14) and April (4/13 and 4/14) and the 1st Friday and Saturday in August (8/3 and 8/4) and October (10/5 and 10/6). All free of charge! If you are interested in learning more about this group or to get on the email list, please contact Jeannie Willis at 512.268.4130 or Jeanniemn@yahoo.com.

TODDLERTIME

Monthly toddler playdates in Plum Creek. Email Christina at cb28655@earthlink.net for the dates, times, and events, as they vary from month to month.

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Orthopaedics/Sports Medicine



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Family Medicine

Be Featured in Meet the Neighbor

We're bringing back Meet the Neighbor in July's PC Press issue. If you'd like to be featured, just email the answers to the following questions to announcements@plumcreektxhoa.com by June 8th along with a picture. Feel free to elaborate on any one of the questions! If we get lots of submissions, we'll submit one each month until we run out, and then, we'll ask for more!

- Name and General Job Description
- Names and Ages (optional) of Kids/Other Family Members Living in Plum Creek, if any
- Names and Types of Pets, if any
- City/State Before You Lived in Kyle and/or Hometown
- Hobbies/Interests
- Why did you move to Plum Creek?
- What is your favorite feature or event in Plum Creek? What do you love about it?
- What is favorite restaurant, store, event, or activity in Kyle?
- What is one thing about you that most people would be surprised to know?

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SIX FLAGS DISCOUNT TICKETS!

Once again, our Recreation Chair Brandee Otto has secured a great deal for Plum Creek residents! Saving is easy with Six Flags and Plum Creek HOA! Just log into your own Six Flags site to buy tickets with substantial savings off the main gate price. This online benefit program offers not only substantial savings, but allows you to "print and go" so you have your ticket in hand when you get to the park with no waiting in the line to purchase tickets. To access your special tickets, please go to www.sixflags.com/PartnerLogin, then log into the site with the username and password provided.

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Front Porch Days Pie Contest

OVERALL WINNERS W/ A TIE

- **Michelle Ducote** w/ Lemon Swirl Cheesecake Pie
- **Amanda Nickell** w/ Banoffee Pie

APPEARANCE WINNERS

1. **Diane De La Vega** w/ Chocolate-Peanut Butter Cheesecake Pie
2. **Michelle Ducote** w/ Coconut Kissed White Chocolate Key Lime Pie
3. *(Tie)* **Michelle Ducote** w/ Lemon Swirl Cheesecake Pie,
Prudi Van Wagenen w/ MiMi's Caramel Crusted Apple Pie

TASTE WINNERS

1. *(Tie)* **Michelle Ducote** w/ Lemon Swirl Cheesecake Pie,
Michelle Ducote w/ Coconut Kissed White Chocolate Key Lime Pie
2. **Amanda Nickell** w/ Banoffee Pie
3. **Diane De La Vega** w/ Banana Cream Pie w/ Caramel Sauce

ORIGINALITY WINNERS

1. **Michelle Ducote** w/ Coconut Kissed White Chocolate Key Lime Pie
2. *(Tie)* **Derek Bartz** w/ Angel Food Pie
Amanda Nickell w/ Banoffee Pie
3. *(Tie)* **Amy Williams** w/ Pearly – Berry Pie
Prudi Van Wagenen w/ Mimi's Caramel Crusted Apple Pie
Michelle Ducote w/ Coconut Kissed White Chocolate Key Lime Pie
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Front Porch Days GOLF TOURNAMENT

Here are the results of the Golf:

1ST PLACE:

- Jason Otto
- Bryan Otto
- Brent Hurt
- Terry Bullock

2ND PLACE:

- Jason Chapman
- Glenn Crabbe
- Scott Richardson
- Patrick Lambricht

3RD PLACE:

- Vic Hernandez
- Craig Kaminski
- Jose Hernandez
- Robert Saucedo

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From the Landscaping Committee: **XERISCAPING!**

If you are still pondering what to do with your yard, please consider XERISCAPING. No we do not mean all cactus, rocks, and cattle skulls. That is not xeriscaping. According to Dr. Welch from Texas A&M University, xeriscaping is a quality landscape that has proportional balance of 1/3 plantings, 1/3 lawn, and 1/3 hardscape (decks, patios, sidewalks). You can see quality landscapes (i.e. XERISCAPED) in magazines such as Southern Living and Better Homes & Gardens. There are many yards in Plum Creek that are xeriscaped according to Dr. Welch's definition. With his definition in mind, you can have a beautiful landscape and also save time and conserve water. It is never too late to start saving water and doing our part to preserve our planet. Happy Gardening!!!!



STREET SAFETY

SLOW DOWN ON THOSE STREETS, PLEASE!

As a reminder, please keep those speed limits to under 30 (or 20 in some spots) when driving through Plum Creek. Alleys are typically 5 MPH. Please be extremely careful on streets with lots of parked cars, as you never know when a jogger, child, or pet might dart out from behind one. Had a few complaints of speeding lately, so wanted to remind everyone to keep their speeds slow and easy in the neighborhood. THANK YOU! :)

ROUNABOUT STREET OPENING COMING SOON!

Keep an eye out for the barricade at Fairway and Sanders to be removed. This will add a third vehicle into the roundabout. Please be cautious and yield to the vehicles coming from the left.

STREET LIGHTS

If a street pole light is out, you can report the address/location of the light to the City of Kyle Public Works Department at 512-262-3024 or you can email the address/location to pw@cityofkyle.com.



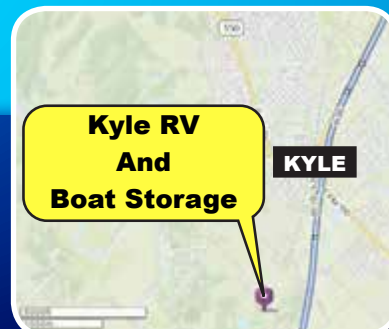
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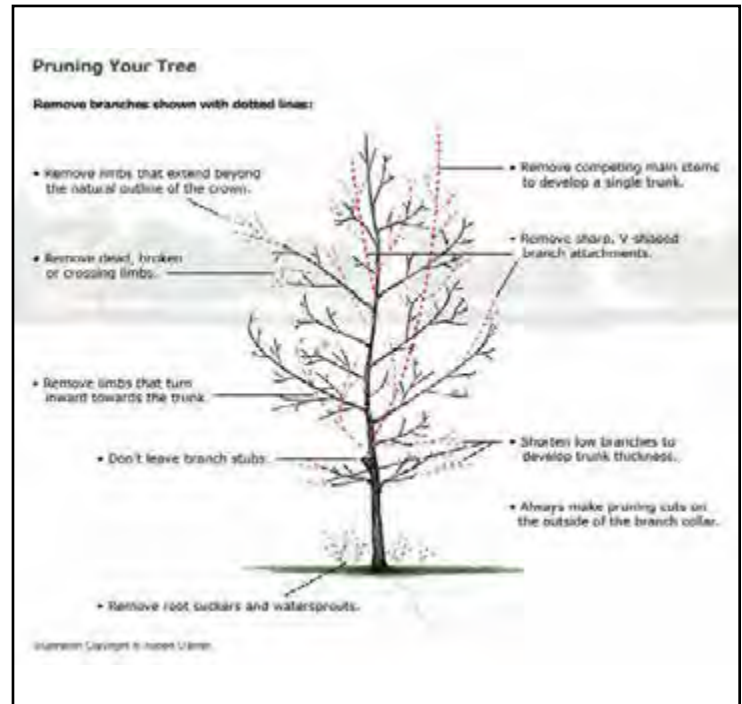
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Our Trees Need Attention ... and Trimming

Trees are one of the many things that make Plum Creek such a wonderful place to live. The street trees and yard trees planted throughout Plum Creek reduce home cooling costs by providing shade. They cool the ambient air temperature by providing shade to the sidewalks and streets, which absorb sunlight and continue to radiate heat during the night. Trees reduce storm water runoff, store carbon, and improve air quality by releasing oxygen and filtering the air. Additionally, the trees make walking in Plum Creek cooler and safer by creating a physical barrier between pedestrians and cars and improve our quality of life.

However, these wonderful trees with all of their benefits need our regular attention and care. Many of the trees need to be trimmed to prevent damage to persons or vehicles that traverse the sidewalks and streets. Please prune any and all of the trees in the planting strip or yard that are encroaching on these areas. It is requested that these trees be trimmed up to allow seven (7) feet of clearance beneath them. Remove dead trees and limbs on a regular basis. Unmaintained trees and limbs can lead to a deed restriction violation which may result in a \$25 fine until the violation is corrected. With everyone taking care of their trees, Plum Creek will continue to be a place where people want to call it home. Thanks so much!



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Are You Running With Your Dog In The Midday Heat?

Inez Scott, Chair, Dog Park Committee

Heat stroke can strike your dog quickly, especially on humid summer days. It can happen rapidly, and it doesn't have to be that hot outside. One minute, they are fine, and the next, they are frantically panting and on the verge of a heat stroke. Dogs don't have sweat glands like humans. Dogs expel heat through the respiratory system with some expulsion through small sweat glands in their foot pads and noses. The dogs that are most at risk are heavy coated, overweight, very young, or old. Also, dogs with short, flat noses, such as boxers, mastiffs, pugs, Pekinese, and bulldogs, are susceptible.

As their caretaker, it is important for you to keep your dog cool, hydrated, and well-ventilated and to avoid vigorous exercise on hot, muggy days. Danger signs and indicators of heat stroke tend to follow a progression from mild to severe, as follows:

- Loud, frantic panting
- Temperature over 103 degrees
- Elevated heart rate
- Agitation
- Excessive, frothy salivation
- Dark purple gums
- Vomiting
- Diarrhea

- Muscle cramping
- Seizure-like tremors
- Weakness
- Dazed and disoriented
- Loss of balance
- Collapse
- Loss of consciousness
- Death

The outcome of a severe heat stroke is rarely positive. If the dog survives, it will often sustain permanent organ and even, brain damage. **WE DO NOT WANT THAT TO HAPPEN!** So, **PREVENTION** is our best option. If you suspect your dog is suffering from heat stroke, stop all activity, offer fresh water, and wet your dog down with cool water. If outside, allow him to rest in a breezy, shaded area, or if inside, in front of a fan or air conditioning to help your dog lower his body temperature. However, do **NOT** apply ice or extremely cold water or cover the dog with a wet towel. The towel can capture body heat and prevent the cooling process. If your dog is experiencing severe signs of heat stroke, get your dog to an emergency veterinary clinic at once.

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City of Kyle Moved to Stage Two Water Restrictions in May

It is shaping up to be a hot and dry summer as most weather forecasts call for continued below average rainfall and above average temperatures.

To get the latest in water restriction information, visit www.cityofkyle.com/utilitybilling/water-use-restriction-information

Kyle water customers are required to limit their watering to twice per week and to only water during the hours before 10 am and after 8 p.m. Customers with automatic irrigation systems should only water between the hours of Midnight and 10 am.

MANDATORY TWICE PER WEEK WATERING SCHEDULE

- **Residential Odd-Numbered Addresses:** Wednesday and/or Saturday
- **Residential Even-Numbered Addresses:** Thursday and /or Sunday
- **Commercial & Multi-Family:** Tuesday and/or Friday

OTHER IMPORTANT REQUIREMENTS OF STAGE TWO RESTRICTIONS ARE:

- Use of an automatic fill valve for an outdoor swimming or wading pool or pond is prohibited
- Charity car washes are prohibited
- Washing sidewalks, driveways, parking areas, streets, patios or other paved areas is prohibited except to alleviate an immediate health or safety hazard
- Washing automobiles, trucks, trailers, boats, or other recreational vehicle or mobile equipment is allowed only on customer's designated water use day and with a hand held bucket or hand held hose with a positive shutoff nozzle.

You can log onto the City of Kyle website for updates about the current water restrictions- www.cityofkyle.com



At the Fence Front Porch Days Winners

Due to PC Press deadlines, the remaining winners for the events at Front Porch Days will be in the July issue! Thanks!

UPCOMING SURROUNDING AREA EVENTS

There are great family events coming in Kyle and surrounding cities. Check out the city's website for upcoming events and entertainment.

City Of Wimberly:

www.cityofwimberly.com

Blue Hole Concerts for the Park: June 7th to June 9th

City of Kyle:

www.cityofkyle.com

Movies in the Park: June 14th at 8:30 pm

Here Comes the Boom

City of Buda:

www.cityofbuda.com

Farmers Market: Saturdays from 9 am to 12 pm

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Attention Teenagers

The **Teenage Job Seekers** listing service is offered free of charge to all Plum Creek teenagers seeking work. Submit your name and information to announcements@plumcreektxhoa.com by the 9th of the month!

Have You Registered for the Plum Creek Weekly eNews Yet?



The Plum Creek eNews is a weekly email for Plum Creekers containing neighborhood watch information, lost and found pets, weekly and upcoming event information, and just about anything else one might need to know! Typically, the email is sent once per week on Thursday or Friday.

The eNews has been designed as an 'Opt-In' email, as to not bother anyone just wishing to visit the HOA website on occasion. If you're interested, please add your email to the list by following these instructions:

- Visit www.plumcreektxhoa.com.
- Enter your username and password at Login: Residents Login or request one via Login: Login Requests on the menu bar.
- Once you sign onto the site, click on My Profile in the menu at the top left of the page. You should arrive at your address book profile.
 - Click on the Subscriptions tab.
 - Check the box next to "Plum Creek eNews: Neighborhood Opt-In Email List"
 - Click Save Changes.
 - Start receiving the Weekly email as early as next week! :)

If you add your email and do not receive the e-News the following Thursday or Friday, please email announcements@plumcreektxhoa.com to get added.



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How to Execute The Forehand Service Return

In previous newsletters, I offered tips on how to hit a forehand groundstroke, a two-handed backhand, one-handed backhand, forehand volley, the two handed backhand volley, the serve, the forehand half-volley, the one-handed backhand volley and the overhead “smash”.

In this issue, I will offer you instructions on how to execute the second most important shot in the game of tennis: The Service Return, since it is the response to the first most important shot of the game: The Serve.. In the illustrations, Ken Comey, player at the Grey Rock Tennis Club, shows the proper technique to execute this stroke. Photos by Charlie Palafox.

Step 1: The Ready Position: When Ken is getting ready to return the serve, his eyes are focused on the tennis ball held by the opponent. Knees are relaxed and the hands are holding the racket with a relaxed grip..

Step 2: The Split Step: When the opponent tosses the ball into the air, Ken will take a hop with both feet off the ground, trying to time the split step with the contact of the ball on the opponent's racket

Step 3: The Back Swing: Once Ken realizes that the ball has been directed to his forehand, he will turn his upper body

and will take the racket back. Notice that the left hand is up in front to allow him to keep his center of gravity in the center. He has loaded his weight on his right foot and will be ready to step forward to meet the ball

Step 4: The Point of Contact: Ken now is ready to step into the ball. He has kept his eye on the ball and his center of gravity now is shifted to the point of contact. Notice the left knee being slightly bent and the left foot is pointing to the ball meeting the racket

Step 5: The Extension of the Point of Contact: Ken is now directing the ball toward the opponent's court. His eyes have now shifted toward his target and his body weight is now fully in front of his left foot. The left hand is still helping to keep the center of gravity in the center without opening up too early.

Step 6: The Follow Through: Once Ken has finished his stroke, the momentum of the racket continues to move almost to a point behind his neck. His left hand is next to his body and his right elbow is pointing toward his target. His body is now ready to take the “split step” with both feet in order to prepare for the opponent's returned shot.

Look for in the next Newsletter: The Two Handed Backhand Service Return



Older Adults Express Anxiety In Different Ways

While there are several factors that can cause anxiety in older adults, it can be difficult to identify because they express anxiety in unique ways, according to an expert at Baylor College of Medicine. According to Dr. Melinda Stanley, professor in the Menninger Department of Psychiatry and Behavioral Sciences at BCM, common types of anxiety disorders in adults include:

- Generalized anxiety
- Specific fears and phobias
- Shortness of breath
- Increased heart rate
- Dizziness
- Social phobias
- Post-traumatic stress disorder
- Difficulty sleeping
- Muscle aches and pains

Anxiety symptoms that older adults and their family members should watch for include:

Anxiety is not a normal part of aging and can be treated. The first important step is to have a physical exam. Cognitive behavioral therapy is a treatment option that teaches learning skills to manage anxiety. Skills that can help reduce anxiety include relaxation, changing thoughts, facing fears, learning how to solve problems and learning behaviors to improve sleep.

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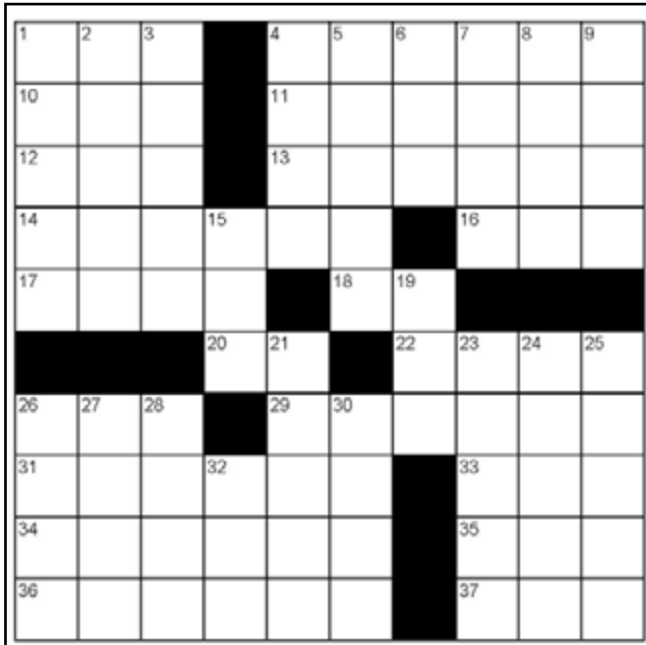
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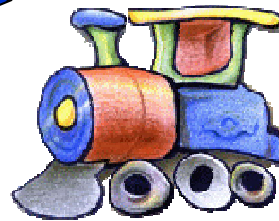
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