

# Neighborhood Newsletter

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Monday, March 20—First Day of Spring!

*See OUR CLUBHOUSE, page 9. Here just some of the clubhouse events coming soon.*

*March 8th—Cards, 6:30 PM (Every Wednesday)*

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***Resident Directories, posted on the community website***

**[www.myvolc.org](http://www.myvolc.org)**

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# Around the Neighborhood



*January's Monday Luncheon was at Unwined on the Water in Elkton.*

*Folks enjoyed a varied menu.*

*At right—the topper was the crab pretzel that **Jean Pokropski** ordered!*

*Now, that's a pretzel!!!*



***Christmas on the Elk River**—**Lois Inglisa** sent along this photo. Lois says that this is the first time the whole Inglisa Family has had Christmas together in years because of COVID and work schedules.*

***Lois and Nick** are in the center row of the second row from bottom.*

*Another cause for family celebration was the recent letter naming the youngest grandchild, **Nickolas**, to the Dean's List at Clarkson University.*



(Neighbors cont.)



## Angels among us—

**Bob Leaming** recently reported glass in the street after a recycling run. He went out and cleaned up all he saw along his strip and asked that the community be alerted.

**Donnie Thompson** and **Pam Smith** headed out to do the same. Together, they picked up broken glass and other trash from Donnie’s corner down to #41 and from the corner near Cann Rd. all the way to the clubhouse.

It’s likely that others picked up too. To all who did, “Thank you!”

Several calls were made to GFL and to IPS, letting them know how bad it was this time.

## Info on Monday trash/recycling pickups

You’ve probably noticed that Waste Industries merged with GFL Environmental. You may see either the gray Waste Industries trucks or the green GFL ones.

GFL suggestions:

- “Place your trash can and recycling bin at the curb with the wheels facing your house and the lid opening into the street.
- Keep your garbage cans four feet apart and at least four feet or more from any obstacles such as mailboxes, cars, lamp posts, or power lines.
- Keep your container at the curb until the end of the day if it hasn’t been collected. Sometimes the timing of our arrival changes, and we don’t want to miss you if we come later than expected.

**It’s generally best to put your container out the night before your collection day. That way, even if we’re early, you won’t miss your pick-up.”**

Recently, the recycling truck has been coming to the VOLC at about 7:10 AM.

If your container was out at the time of pickup and it was not emptied, you can call IPS at 302-994-3907 or GFL directly at 302-378-5400.

See pickup schedule on page 20.





(Neighbors cont.)

**Right—Ken Francis** snapped this pic at Fox Run Shopping Center on February 17.

Ken said” I observed a flock of black birds feasting on treats. Moments later, turkey vultures joined in.”



**Left—Linda Trach** shot these photos - a redbud and hyacinth—on February 24. An early sign of Spring!

**Bottom left** —On a recent cruise, **Barb and Joe Doto** were treated to this Valentine swans/ heart towel sculpture in celebration of their 58th wedding anniversary! Pretty creative and very sweet!



**Above—Christine Killian’s** granddaughter, Kelsey, was chosen to sing with the National Honor Choir, an annual event held this year in Cincinnati, Ohio. Honor Choir USA is designed for choral singers who are participants in their School Choir or have been referred by their choral directors. Christine says that Kelsey loves to sing!





**Chandrika Thankappan** sent these photos. The first two are some that she herself took.

**Right**—Her blooming amaryllis

**Left**—The moon over the VOLC from her house

**Below**—Stunning photos she has received: Indian Kingfishers and aptly-named flowers that look like something else.



*Kingfishers*



*Duck orchid*



*Dancing Girls*



*Ballerina*



*Hummingbird*



(Neighbors cont.)



*Bob and Sharon Dickol* elected to spend the better part of this winter in sunny Florida instead of moving cross-country in their deluxe RV making stops every few days. They staked out a spot at an RV resort in Palmetto, which has all the amenities of a 5 star hotel!

From this home away from home, they made day trips and even learned some new skills!

At left, the view from their lot. Below, the dining room and pool complex.

As you can imagine, their impending return to Delaware is bittersweet. But, future trips are already in the works!



Below —*Garrett Werner, Guy and Cheryl's*, grandson, celebrated being 100 days smarter, along with his Kdg. class.



*Bear Skelly* sure gets around with Mom, *Jean*. He was blessed by his pastor and got a checkup at the dentist!



**March**

<i>Jane Cheek</i>	<i>2nd</i>
<i>Ray Whiteoak</i>	<i>8th</i>
<i>Bob Dickol</i>	<i>10th</i>
<i>Judy Pannucci</i>	<i>12th</i>
<i>Stefano Medio</i>	<i>21st</i>
<i>Monica Chan</i>	<i>23rd</i>
<i>Charlie Pinchot</i>	<i>24th</i>
<i>Donnie Thompson</i>	<i>28th</i>
<i>Linda Smallbrook</i>	<i>28th</i>



*It's a VOLC ritual to celebrate birthdays-of-the-month at Happy Hour.*

*Join us!*

**April**

<i>Bob Leaming</i>	<i>6th</i>
<i>Ray Search</i>	<i>9th</i>
<i>Marilyn Abrams</i>	<i>9th</i>
<i>Pam Smith</i>	<i>9th</i>
<i>Carolyn Aresu</i>	<i>10th</i>
<i>Linda Trach</i>	<i>15th</i>
<i>Joan Rowland</i>	<i>16th</i>
<i>Paul Wellborn</i>	<i>17th</i>
<i>Don Hobson</i>	<i>18th</i>
<i>Sonja Lemanski</i>	<i>18th</i>
<i>Debbie Happold</i>	<i>14th</i>
<i>MT Lednum</i>	<i>24th</i>
<i>Carol Thompson</i>	<i>26th</i>
<i>Barbara Lawrence</i>	<i>27th</i>



# Our VOLC CLUBHOUSE

*Our clubhouse is the only amenity in the Village of Long Creek, and every resident has part ownership. As such, everyone should have a key fob for entry. If you never got one or need a replacement, contact our Management Company, IPS, at 302-994-3907.*

*How is the building used? Let us count the ways:*

- ◆ **Library**—Our book collection keeps people coming and going. All books have been donated by residents. Discarded books are taken by Judy Anderson to the Newark Senior Center, where Judy volunteers.

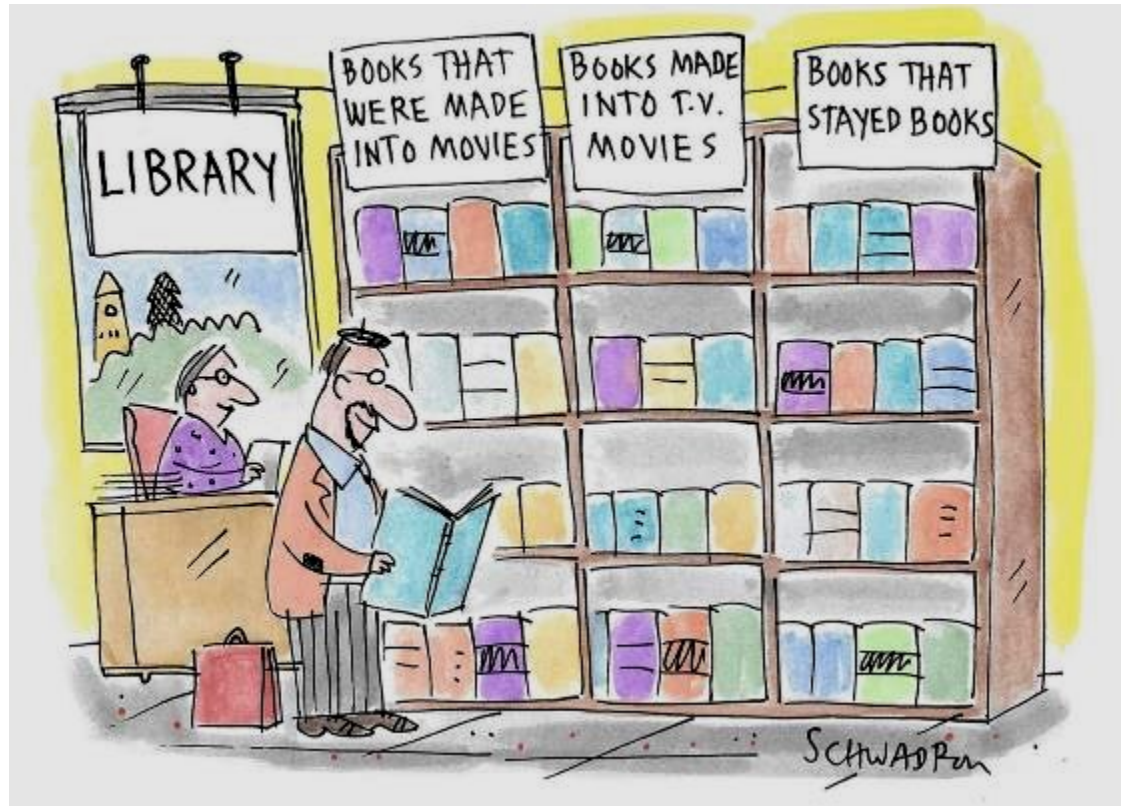
*The clubhouse library is run on the honor system. Take as many books as you'd like and keep them for as long as you'd like. No checkout, no due date, no fines!*

- ◆ **Puzzles**—There is also a robust and popular collection of puzzles, kept in the file cabinet in the meeting room. The same system applies. Take as many as you'd like, then return them when finished.

*If donating a puzzle, kindly put the pieces in a zip-lock style plastic bag, so that we can file them on their side, allowing folks to see the title and number of pieces. The bags really help to stop the loss of pieces.*

- ◆ **DVDs**—Take as many as you'd like. Return when done.

*Contact clubhouse librarian Cheryl Werner with questions about books, puzzles, or DVDs.*



*(Clubhouse cont.)*

- ◆ *Board meetings, committee meetings, and various speaker presentations*
- ◆ *Monthly Clubhouse Events organized by the Activities' Committee:*

*Stitch 'n Bitch*—every 2nd Tuesday of the month.

*Coffee Klatch*—every 3rd Thursday.

*Pizza/Bingo*—Every 3rd Tuesday.

*Happy Hour*—Times vary

Contact Christine Killian or Cheryl Werner

- ◆ *Gatherings organized by individuals -*

*Book Club*—meets every 4th Wednesday of the month—Contact Janet Sanders.

*Wednesday Night Cards*—Contact Mary Ohara.

*If you'd like to start a special interest group and use the clubhouse for meetings, just send along the information to Communications Committee members, Sharon Dickol and Cheryl Werner, and we'll get the word out. We'll also schedule the clubhouse for your use.*

**Coming soon:**

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*March 27th —Safety Presentation by officer with New Castle County police—6PM*

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*April 27—Healthcare Advocacy: Navigating the Healthcare System—6 PM*





Around the

# New Year Brunch!



Forty-five VOLC neighbors celebrated the New Year of 2023 with a Mr. Omelette Brunch in the clubhouse. Chef Mark really kept things going, and folks chose from a great variety of sides.



Mr. Omelette, **Chef Mark**, was remarkably professional and quick!

New Year's Day  
January 1, 2023



At left, **Nancy Weldin** enjoyed her meal!

At right—**Linda Trach and Mindy Steele** made the celebration their own.



**Christine Killian, standing**, made sure that everyone had what they needed.





*Sharon Mutschler and Martyanne Grabusky*



*Dorene Grant, Justine Gilbert, and  
Bonnie Anderson*



*Fran Rapp*



*Bingo is played on the 3rd Tuesday of every month at 6:30. It wouldn't be a 55+ community without it!*

*Preceding the game, pizza from Rudy's is delivered. Current favorite toppings are Mushroom and Pepperoni. Sign up in advance.*



*Angie's husband, Tim, assists in the setup and program.*



***Also in the club-***

***house:*** *Presentations on topics of interest to seniors. In February, the Activities Committee hosted a presentation on Heart health, by RN Angie Primus, in conjunction with the American Heart Association. Residents availed themselves of the free blood pressure and glucose screenings (and goodies, of course!) after the slide show and discussion.*

*Angie will be back in the clubhouse in April with info on navigating the healthcare system and patient advocacy.*



***Angie made use of a Power Point slide show.***

*Watch for greater use of technology at the clubhouse as a result of the recently purchased components and a volunteer tech team.*



(Clubhouse cont.)



At our monthly **Happy Hours**, we celebrate our **Birthday Babies**, residents born that month. Above those born in January.

**John Dean, JoanMarie Powers, and Ken White.**

*Happy Birthday*



**Norm Petterson**



Our monthly **Coffee Klatch** is held on the third Thursday.

There's always coffee, tea and a treat but mostly good conversation in a relaxed atmosphere.

Above—**Debbie Carr and JoanMarie Powers**



From left—**Loretta Fitch, Ray and Katie Whiteoak, and Jean Pokropski**



*February's Happy Hour was Mardi-Gras themed. The clubhouse was all decked out in beads, beads and more beads— and boas, masks, and Mardi Gras colors: Purple, Gold, and Green.*

*Happy Hour buffet offerings featured muffulettas and king cake, and was followed by a competitive game of Trivia.*



*Jean Skelly & Joan Dreibelbis*



*Above, the winning Trivia Team proudly holding the coveted trophy...(look closely... it's there.)*



*JoanMarie Powers donated her many beads from a trip to New Orleans and the Mardi Gras parades.*



*Sue Bifano & Marilyn Abrams*

*From Left—Bonnie Anderson Ken and Susie White, and Linda Trach*



*Cheryl Werner shared her King Cake with all.*



*Paul Wellborn & Pam Smith*





# YOU must ASK for your discount!

**Disclaimer:** These lists come and go, so there is no guarantee these discounts are available when you try, but as the saying goes, "If you don't ask, you don't get..."

## RESTAURANTS:

- Applebee's: 15% off with Golden Apple Card (60+)
- Arby's: 10% off ( 55 +)
- Ben & Jerry's: 10% off (60+)
- Bennigan's: discount varies by location (60+)
- Bob's Big Boy: discount varies by location (60+)
- Boston Market: 10% off (65+)
- Burger King: 10% off (60+)
- Chick-Fil-A: 10% off or free small drink or coffee( 55+)
- Chili's: 10% off ( 55+)
- CiCi's Pizza: 10% off (60+)
- Denny's: 10% off, 20% off for AARP members ( 55 +)
- Dunkin' Donuts: 10% off or free coffee ( 55+)
- Einstein's Bagels: 10% off baker's dozen of bagels (60+)
- Fuddrucker's: 10% off any senior platter ( 55+)
- Gatti's Pizza: 10% off (60+)
- Golden Corral: 10% off (60+)
- Hardee's: \$0.33 beverages everyday (65+)
- IHOP: 10% off ( 55+)
- Jack in the Box: up to 20% off ( 55+)
- KFC: free small drink with any meal ( 55+)
- Krispy Kreme: 10% off ( 50+)
- Long John Silver's: various discounts at locations ( 55+)
- McDonald's: discounts on coffee everyday ( 55+)

## ACTIVITIES & ENTERTAINMENT:

- AMC Theaters: up to 30% off ( 55 +)
- Bally Total Fitness: \$100 off memberships (62+)
- Busch Gardens Tampa, FL: \$13 off one-day tickets ( 50 +)
- Carmike Cinemas: 35% off (65+)
- Cinemark/Century Theaters: up to 35% off
- Massage Envy - NYC 20% off all "Happy Endings" (62 +)
- U.S. National Parks: \$10 lifetime pass; 50% off additional services including camping (62+)
- Regal Cinemas: 50% off Ripley's Believe it or Not: @ off one-day ticket ( 55 +)
- SeaWorld, Orlando , FL : \$3 off one-day tickets ( 50 +)



(discounts cont.)

**TRAVEL:**

**Airlines:**

**Alaska Airlines: 50% off (65+)**

**American Airlines: various discounts for 50% off non-peak periods (Tuesdays - Thursdays) (62+)and up (call before booking for discount)**

**Continental Airlines: no initiation fee for Continental Presidents Club & special fares for select destinations**

**Southwest Airlines: various discounts for ages 65 and up (call before booking for discount)**

**United Airlines: various discounts for ages 65 and up (call before booking for discount)**

**U.S. Airways: various discounts for ages 65 and up (call before booking for discount)**

**Rail:**

**Amtrak: 15% off (62+)**

**Car Rental:**

**Alamo Car Rental: up to 25% off for AARP members**

**Avis: up to 25% off for AARP members**

**Budget Rental Cars: 40% off; up to 50% off for AARP members ( 50+)**

**Dollar Rent-A-Car: 10% off ( 50+) Enterprise Rent-A-Car: 5% off for AARP members Hertz: to 25% off for AARP members**

**National Rent-A-Car: up to 30% off for AARP members**



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**Bus:**

**Greyhound: 15% off (62+)**

**Trailways Transportation System: various discounts for ages 50+**

**GROCERY :**

**Albertson's: 10% off first Wednesday of each month ( 55 +)**

**Food Lion: 60% off every Monday (60+)**

**Kroger: 10% off (date varies by location)**

**Publix: 15% off every Wednesday ( 55 +)**





(Discounts cont.)

**Overnight Accommodations:**

Clarion Motels: 20%-30% off (60+)

Comfort Inn: 20%-30% off (60+)

Comfort Suites: 20%-30% off (60+)

Econo Lodge: 40% off (60+)

Hampton Inns & Suites: 40% off when booked 72 hours in advance

Hyatt Hotels: 25%-50% off (62+)

InterContinental Hotels Group: various discounts at all hotels (65+)

Mainstay Suites: 10% off with Mature Traveler's Discount (50+); 20%-30% off (60+)

Marriott Hotels: 25% off (62+)

Motel 6: Stay Free Sunday nights (60+)

Myrtle Beach Resort: 30% off (55+)

Quality Inn: 40%-50% off (60+)

Rodeway Inn: 20%-30% off (60+)

Sleep Inn: 40% off (60+)

Holiday Inn: 20-40% off depending on location (62+)

Best Western: 40% off (55+)

Cambria Suites: 20%-30% off (60+)

Waldorf Astoria - NYC \$5,000 off nightly rate for Presidential Suite (55+)



***Resolutions?***

*JoanMarie Powers says that she doesn't make them anymore, because they're too hard to keep. She sticks to her resolve on "no sweets" during Lent though!*

*Tom Sutor reports that there comes a time when you realize that it's time to make a resolution to stop making resolutions. That starts the year on a positive note.*



I'm always surprised when heavily tattooed couples have a baby and it comes out blank.



# SMILES



Kevin was starting to think that maybe his mom wasn't coming back.



Knowing girls these days. Those are probably eye lashes.



Sometimes I talk to myself and we both laugh.



The firefighter was asked why he laughed while saving this old woman...

He said that the elderly woman said to him: "You reminded me of my wedding night.." 🤔🤔🤔





## Did you know?

*Tip from Dorene Grant:*

***Did You Know that:***

*The Newark Recycling Center*

*(470 Corporate Blvd.)*

***accepts old paint cans?***

*They can be dropped off on the last  
Wednesday of the month from*

*10:00am to 2:00pm.*

**Other Special Collections at the Recycling Center:**

- **Household Hazardous Waste**—Every Wednesday, 10am-2pm
- **Document Shredding**—1st Wednesday of Each Month, 10am-2pm
- **Electronics Recycling**—Monday-Saturday 8 :30am-3:30pm

## DeIDOT Project Updates from State Representative

### Eric Morrison:

Here are some current DeIDOT projects in the district. Also, you can stay updated on all DeIDOT projects through their [DeIDOT Projects Portal](#).

#### I-95 & SR 896 Interchange

The project will implement interchange improvements to improve safety and reduce congestion. Project design is complete, and advance clearing and utility work has begun. Construction is scheduled to begin in spring 2023, with a completion date of 2026.

#### US 40 & SR 896 Improvements

This project will construct a grade-separated interchange to improve safety and reduce congestion. Project design is underway. The project should be completed in 2028.

#### Glasgow Avenue, SR 896 to US 40

This project will implement a “Main Street” concept by reducing travel lane width, modifying road shoulders, adding turn lanes and transit amenities, and providing bicycle and pedestrian accommodation on both sides of the road. Safety improvements at Old County and Paxson Lane will also be included. Project design is underway. A public workshop will be held in 2023.

**This last project was part of the discussion at the Hodgson HS meeting on February 28th, concerning a planned bus exit road as part of the new school project.**

**There was confusion about how this road might fit with the previously publicized roundabout at Paxson Lane. Stay tuned.**



2023 GFL RECYCLE CALENDAR

**January**

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**March**

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**Acceptable Recyclable Items**

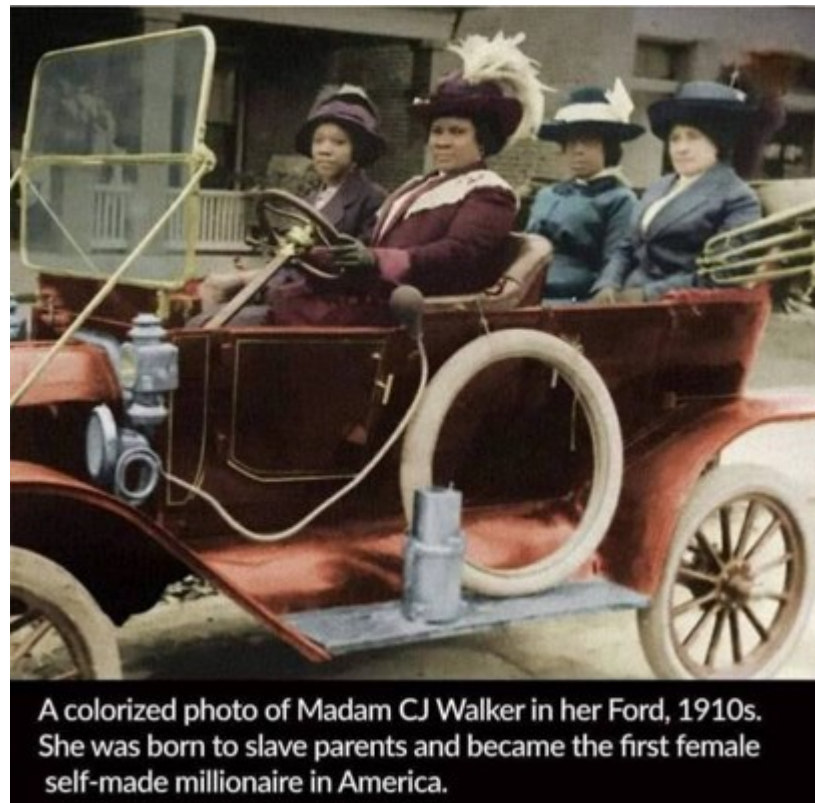
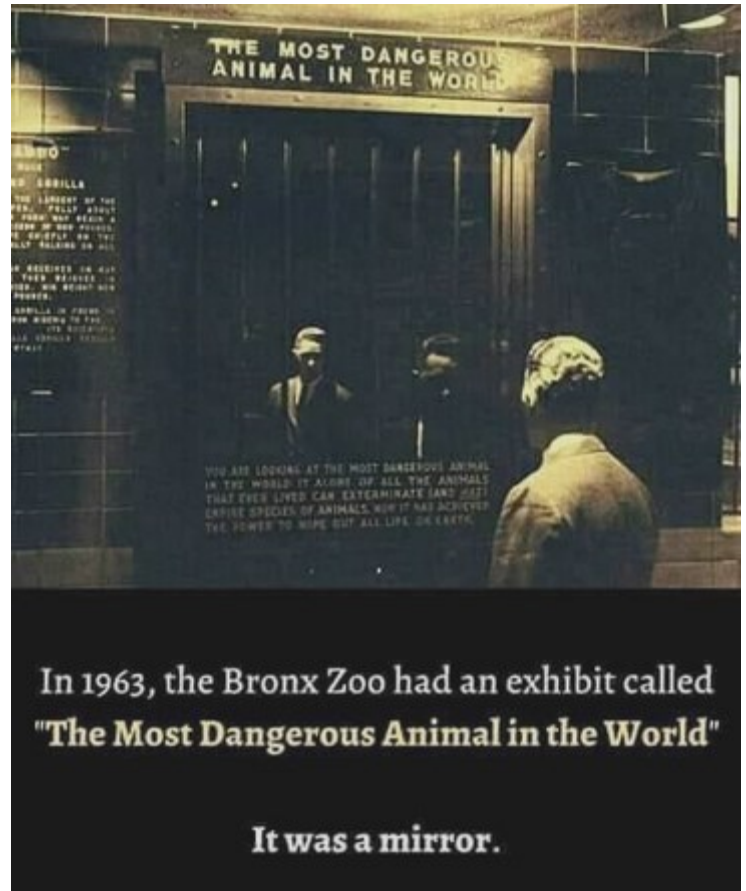
Paper - Newspapers, magazines, catalogues, office paper, phone books, cardboard, (cereal boxes) mail (including junk mail), all paperboard  
 Containers - Aluminum beverage cans, steel food cans (rinsed), empty aerosol cans, all glass (food and beverage containers only), plastic bottles and jugs  
 \*\*\*HOLIDAY SCHEDULE: Memorial Day, Independence Day, Labor Day, Thanksgiving Day, Christmas Day and New Year's Day.  
 If the holiday falls on your scheduled pick up day, ALL SERVICES will be picked up on the following day. All remaining pick ups for that week will be a day late.  
 If the holiday falls on Saturday or Sunday, there will be no delays.\*\*\*



# Extraordinary Historical Photos

From Charlie Pinchot

1939. Kansas Wheat. When they realized women were using their sacks to make clothes for their children, the mills started using flowered fabric for their sacks so the kids would have pretty clothes. Pure kindness. The label would wash out.





**Right**—In 1962, when an American aircraft carrier, USS Independence flashed the Italian Amerigo Vespucci with a light signal, “Who are you?”, the fully-rigged ship responded, “Training ship, Amerigo Vespucci, Italian Navy.” The US ship replied, “You are the most beautiful ship in the world!”

The fame of the ship, still in service, has only grown over the years.



**Below**—Young oyster shuckers, Josie, 6, Bertha, 6, and Sophie, 10, in Port Royal, South Carolina in 1912.



**Above**—This unbelievable photo is of the RMS Queen Elizabeth ship pulling into New York harbor in 1945, packed with US soldiers returning from Europe. The ship left Scotland on August 6th, 1945, and arrived in New York on August 11th, 1945.

The ship looks absolutely packed which might be attributed to all of the soldiers coming up top for the arrival into NY, or, after criticism, because Eisenhower opted to get more soldiers home all at once, rather than more ships with fewer soldiers on them.



# Snow fun



Buffalo, of course!





# CURES FOR EVERY SICKNESS I HAD AS A KID



Aah the good ol' days, when I used to go for a run with my mom



**I CAN SMELL**



**THIS PHOTO**



**1975**



**Today...**





## If you receive a call, text, or email that...

- Threatens to **suspend your Social Security number**, even if they have part or all of your Social Security number
- Warns of **arrest or legal action**
- Demands or requests **immediate payment**
- Requires payment by **gift card, prepaid debit card, Internet currency, or by mailing cash**
- Pressures you for **personal information**
- Requests **secrecy**
- Threatens to **seize your bank account**
- Promises to increase your **Social Security benefit**
- Tries to gain your trust by providing **fake “documentation,” false “evidence,” or the name of a real government official**



.... it is a **SCAM!**

### Example 1: Hang up or ignore calls, texts, or emails

**Tweet/Post:** If you receive a suspicious call, text, or email, hang up or do not respond. Government employees will NEVER threaten you or demand immediate payment. Retweet/Share to help us #SlamTheScam. Visit [oig.ssa.gov](http://oig.ssa.gov) to learn more. #NCPW2022

### Example 2: Report scams to the appropriate agency

**Tweet/Post:** If you receive a suspicious call, text, or email that mentions Social Security, ignore it and report it to [oig.ssa.gov](http://oig.ssa.gov). Report other government imposter scams to [FTC.gov](http://FTC.gov) #SlamTheScam #NCPW2022

*National Slam the Scam Day*

*March 9, 2023*

### Example 3: Highlight ‘SlamTheScam’ partners and events

**Tweet/Post:** During #NationalConsumerProtection Week, we’re partnering with govt agencies, such as @FTC, @SocialSecurity, and others to get the word out about the continuing threat of government imposter scams. Visit [oig.ssa.gov](http://oig.ssa.gov) to learn more about planned events during #NCPW2022 #SlamTheScam.

## Questions to ponder...

I used to eat a lot of natural foods until I learned that most people die of natural causes.

Can you cry under water?

How important does a person have to be before they are considered assassinated instead of just murdered?

Why do you have to "put your two cents in" ... but it's only a "penny for your thoughts"? Where's that extra penny going?

Once you're in heaven, do you get stuck wearing the clothes you were buried in for eternity?

What disease did cured ham actually have?

How is it that we put man on the moon before we figured out it would be a good idea to put wheels on luggage?

Why is it that people say they "slept like a baby" when babies wake up like every two hours?

Why are you IN a movie, but you're ON TV?

Why do people pay to go up tall buildings and then put money in binoculars to look at things on the ground?

Why do doctors leave the room while you change? They're going to see you naked anyway.

Why is "bra" singular and "panties" plural?

Why do toasters always have a setting that burns the toast to a horrible crisp, which no decent human being would eat?

If the professor on Gilligan's Island can make a radio out of a coconut, why can't he fix a hole in a boat?

If corn oil is made from corn, and vegetable oil is made from vegetables, what is baby oil made from?

If electricity comes from electrons, does morality come from morons?