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A-10



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FEATURES

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FEATURES

- Main Home- 1 bedroon & 1 bathroom
- 1st Guest house-1 bedroom & 1 bathroom
- · 2nd Guest house-1 bedroom & 1 bathroom 5 acre river front
- Additional outbuildings
- Unique opportunity!
- Perfect investment!

\$499.000



READY IN SEPTEMBER 2024



4050 SE HWY 31, ARCADIA. FL 34266. MLS# A4602536

FEATURES

- · 3 Redrooms
- 2 Bathrooms
- New-construction (2024)
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 - Private utilities
- .45 Acre lot
- Open floor plan
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- *** 3 Bedroom/2 Bathroom
- **†**Over 1700 sq ft
 - Situated on Corner Lot in Sunny Breeze







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NEW LISTING

This new on the market home is a treasure. Here are the facts you want to know. This home is custom built 3BR, 2 full baths plus a ½ bath and a total of 3125 sq ft.. There is a BONUS room that is currently the 4th bedroom leaving a formal dining room, a Large and open GREAT ROOM, an open kitchen with it's own breakfast nook and an indoor laundry room with access from the Garage. The Primary bedroom is quite large and boasts a spacious walk in closet and private Primary bath. There are two guest rooms with access to a Jack & Jill Bathroom that's very convenient for both. Both the Great room & the Bonus room have access to the POOL. Yes, I didn't forget to mention this inground SALT water pool that's self cleaning AND heated. This area is all under a screened enclosure with the lanai under cover. The lot is ½ acre and beautifully landscaped and is in a deed restricted community but NO HOA. One additional perk is that this home has a NEW ROOF. Will require an appointment.

ASKING \$467,500! BUT LETS TALK! MLS#C7496939









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Motor Vehicle Wo Valid License

BROWN, JACOB TYLER:

Obstructing Justice - Tampering In Misdemeanor Proceeding, Battery - Touch Or Strike

CAMPBELL, TIFFANY LYNN:

Battery - Touch Or Strike

CRUZ TABLADA, ESTEFANY ISABEL:

Aggrav Asslt - Weapon - W Deadly Weapon Without Intent To Kill

DEBARDELEBAN, JAMES EDWARD:

Nonmoving Traffic Viol - Fail To Register Motor Veh

EVANS, CAMERON:

Aggrav Asslt - Weapon - W Deadly Weapon Without Intent To Kill

FITZ, JOSE IGNACIO:

Prob Violation

FOX, ALISON WALTON:

Disorderly Intox - Disorder Intox Public Place Cause Disturbance

GALLEGOS, ROBERTO ARTURO:

Nonmoving Traffic Viol - Drive While Lic Susp Habitual Offender, Drugs-Possess - Cntrl Sub Wo Prescription, Drug Equip-Possess - And Or Use

GARZA JR, JESSE:

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GAY, KHARAHN DYCHEIM:

Prob Violation

HODGES, DAVID ALLEN:

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LOPEZ-REYES, MAURICIO ROGELIO:

Nonmoving Traffic Viol - Operate Motor Vehicle Wo Valid License

LUNA, CHRISTINA DANIELLE:

Fraud-Imperson - False Id Given To Leo, Drugs-Possess - Cntrl Sub Wo Prescription, Drug Equip-Possess - And Or Use, Weapon Offense - Use Display Etc Firearm During Felony

MORALES-PEREZ, MOISES:

Battery By Strangulation

MORRIS, MAURY CARSON: Out Of County Warrant

MOTT, TONY ALLEN:

Fraud-Imperson - Attempt To Use Id Of Another Person Wo Consent, Cocaine-Possess - Possess Cocaine, Drug Equip-Possess - And Or Use

SALAZAR, MARIA VERONICA:

Nonmoving Traffic Viol - Operate Motor Vehicle Wo Valid License

TUIL POP, EDDYN ELMER:

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VALENZUELA-IBARRA, LEOBARDO:

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Burgl - With Assault Or Battery, Aggrav Asslt - Weapon - W Deadly Weapon Without Intent To Kill, Battery - Touch Or Strike

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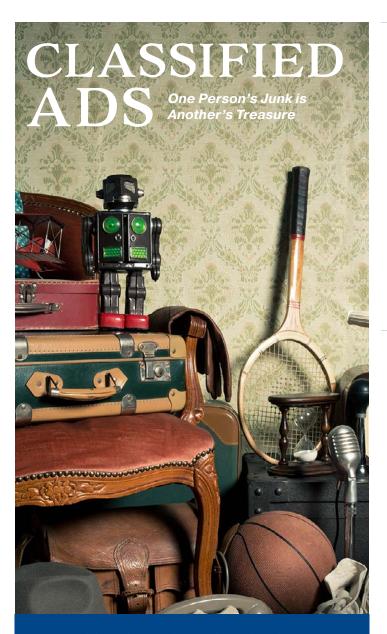








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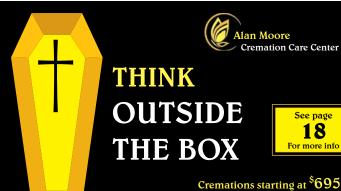
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The DeSoto County Board of County Commissioners will hold a Public Workshop on:

Tuesday, September 10, 2024 at 1:00 PM (or as soon thereafter as it may be heard)

in the County Commission meeting Room 103

Administration Building

201 East Oak Street

Arcadia, Florida

TO DISCUSS IMPACT FEES

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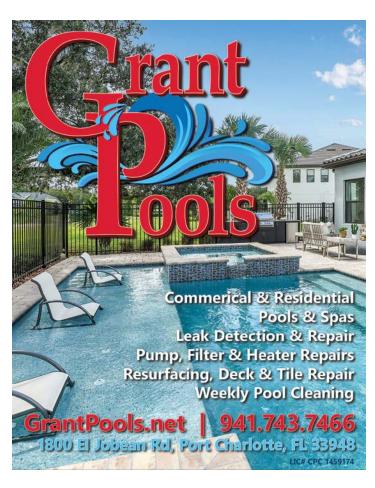
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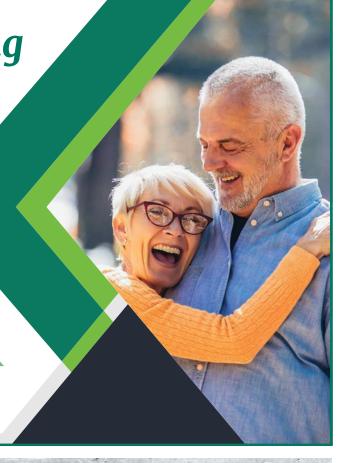
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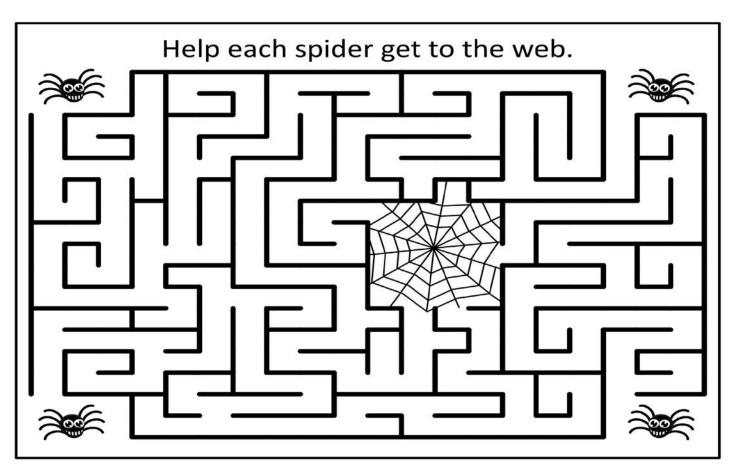
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<u>CRYPTO FUN</u>

Determine the code to reveal the answer!

Solve the code to discover words related to laughter.

Each number corresponds to a letter.

(Hint: 14 = E)

A. 10 2 20 14

Clue: Funny saying

B. 5 13 9 9 16

Clue: Humorous

C. 19 7 13 19 20 22 14

Clue: Laugh slightly

D. 1 25 8 22 14

Clue: Pleased expression

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<u>CRYPTO FUN</u>

 ★ 十 Determine the code to reveal the answer!

Solve the code to discover words related to lawn and garden.

Each number corresponds to a letter.

(Hint: 8 = S)

A. 5 2 23 9 13 25 8

Clue: Colorful plants

B. 15 25 4 8 8

Clue: Lawn plant

C. 2 4 22 16 8 17 4 24 13

Clue: Visual features on property

D. 10 23 9 13 25

Clue: Cuts grass

swers: A. flowers B. grass C. landscape D. m

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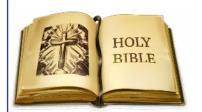
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- 13. Gland
- 14. Intestinal pouches
- 15. Fungal spores
- 16. Erstwhile
- 17. Engine additive
- 18. Nasal mucus
- 19. Fit a horse with footwear
- 21. Consumed
- 22. Settle
- 27. Larry and CurlyOs pal
- 28. Basketball's GOAT
- 33. Exclamation of surprise
- 34. Made tight
- 36. Before
- 37. Actor Nicolas
- 38. Not hot
- 39. Talk
- 40. Pledge
- 41. Abandon a mission
- 44. Trims by cutting
- 45. Aspects of oneOs character
- 48. Boxing GOATOs former surname
- 49. Holy places
- 50. Body art (slang)
- 51. Attributes

CLUES DOWN

- 1. How one feels
- 2. American NatÕl Standards

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- 3. Information
- 4. Licensed for Wall Street
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- 6. Born of
- 7. Choose to represent
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- 26. SantaÕs helper
- 29. Rapper Rule
- 30. Month
- 31. Word formed by rearranging letters
- 32. Nullifies
- 35. Young woman ready to enter society
- 36. Unemployment
- 38. Weight unit

- 40. Formal party
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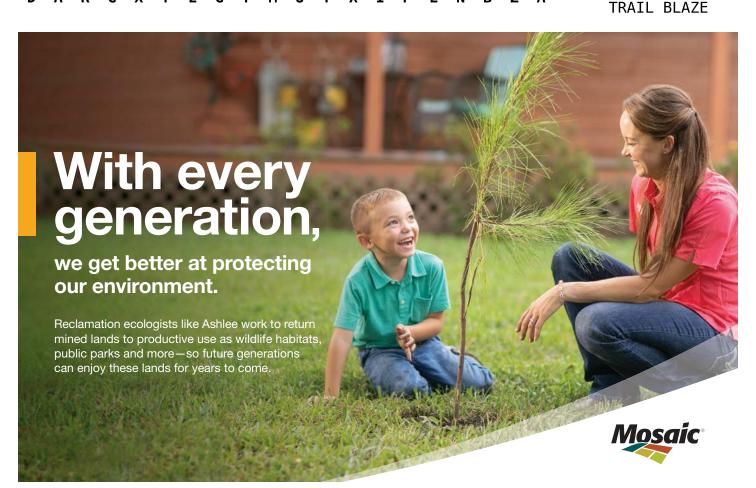
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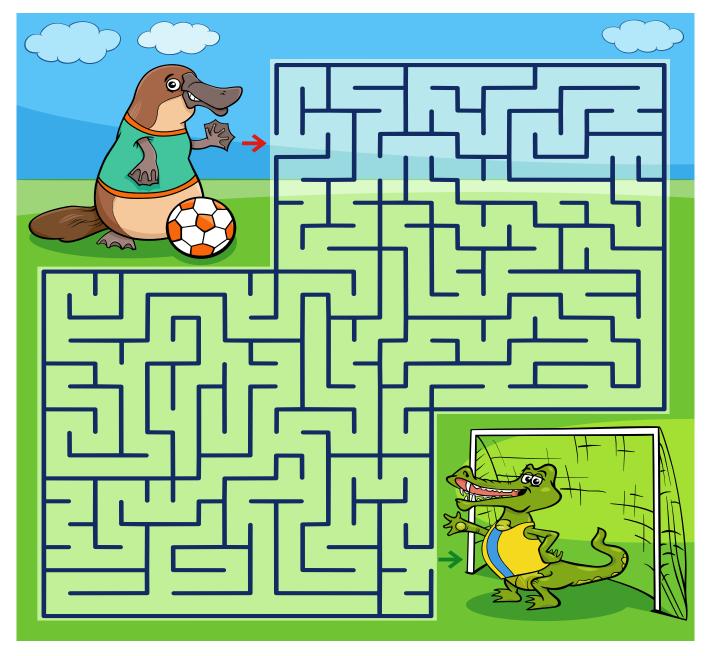




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Folks my theory on this issue from studying different scriptures; Satan with a host of angelic beings was placed in charge of our original earth and through his pride sought to be equal with God. To punish him for this the earth was cast into a chaotic state. Satan and his angels were excluded from Heaven and took up their abode in the Heavenlies the Heaven the 2nd Heaven located between the atmosphere of our earth and the Heaven where God dwells and thus became the Principalities and Powers and the Rulers of the Darkness of this age and the spiritual wickedness in high places which is our 2nd Heaven. We are warned of this from scriptures of the Bible; Ephesians 6:12. Ephesians 2:2 also tells us Satan is the Prince of the Powers of the air and say he is the God of this world. Folks, our world refused to accept the rule of God. When it crucified Jesus they chose Barabbass instead of Christ.

This event exalted Satan to the position of God of this World. 2nd Corinthians 4:40; He is the God not of the earth for that belongs to God but its world systems. Satan is constantly waging war against God to retain his possession of the earth. Folks, Satan has liberty in the Heavenlies and on earth. He knows scriptures folks so be on guard against him. Pray.

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CHAPTER 25

Ok, now it's my turn. But then I got to thinking. What can I do? I mean, I know I get large and I know I have a long tail. Will I be super strong? Can I move fast or carry heavy things? I didn't test any of that. The bag dad gave me, I haven't even opened. Now I'm worried about if I will be all they expect me to be. Most important thing of all, will I be able to get them up the mountain? Looks like I will get my chance pretty soon. Hanson said he would be able to tell when we were within three miles of the fertilizer. He acted like that wasn't too far away. I knew after that conversation that I wasn't going to get any sleep. Hanson gave me a thumbs up sign and walked away. Soon we were all sitting around the camp fire. Some were still eating the food that the twins had brought. Boy, am I glad they brought some food. It was some kind of dried-up meat, but it wasn't hard like jerky. It was soft like fresh pancakes, tender and sweet. They seemed to have quite a bit of it and it looked like everybody was glad they did. Hanson didn't say much at the fire. He told everyone goodnight and went off to his sleeping bag. The twins hardly ever talked anyway, so pretty soon they went running off into the woods. Where were they going? I thought as they went running and jumping as they left us. That left grandfather, dad and me still up. The fire they had built was a pretty good size. It had been burning strong for a long time. It made me wonder what they had put in it to make it last so long. Both grandfather and dad were sitting there staring into the fire. I kind of hated to bother them with one of my stupid questions. But, if you can't ask your grandfather or dad, who could you ask, right? It took me a few minutes, but I finally got up the nerve to break the silence. Grandfather I asked, will I be able to get everyone up that mountain? Both him and dad turned and looked at me. With big smiles on their faces, they

say together like they had rehearsed before, Yes Levi you can. Then dad continues. Levi, as a "Warrior" you have almost unlimited powers. You would be able to get three times as many people up the mountain if strength was all you needed. As far as your power goes, this little party will be no problem for you. Grandfather was shaking his head as dad was talking & then he added, the power of the "Warrior" is unbelievable. But, even with all that power you will still need Hanson and the twins to protect us as we go. The "others" will do everything they can to stop us. Their only purpose in life is to protect the fertilizer. They are super strong and can climb the mountain without even breathing hard. That's what they do. By now, they know we are coming and have set up traps for us. The mountain is pretty steep already and with them setting traps, we are going to have to be very careful with every step. They won't be able to do any damage to you as a "Warrior", but they can sure cause us a lot. Hanson and the twins will do what they can, but you will be the only one that can keep us safe. They can slow them down. They can probably even trap or kill one if they have the time, but it will take you to stop them. One good hit from that tail of yours, will send them to their death. Great I thought, I haven't used that tail but once and then I almost knocked over a lamp. Dad senses that I am worried and says, don't worry son, all the power and knowledge doesn't come from you just eating a berry and growing huge. The "Warrior" will come out when you take the berry and smell the sweet fertilizer. Then it will all come to you. I promise...





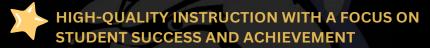






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