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The Harbor Light Editor

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FEBRUARY 2021

| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
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| 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 | 11 | 12 | 13 |
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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



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COVID-19 VACCINATIONS

Since learning of the efforts made by the Polk County Health Department to inoculate residents at Cypress Lakes, you might say it lit a spark to see if it might be possible to have that happen at Lakeland Harbor. At the beginning of that journey I was somewhat disheartened when I learned that the catalyst for that was that Cypress Lakes had specific training through the Health Department that lent itself to doing this type of event with them. There is only one other community in Polk County who had that training and sadly it is not Lakeland Harbor. I thought we had little to no chance and for a moment thought—no point continuing.

My German heritage has been said to make me a tad stubborn, so I couldn't let go without a little more sleuthing. After talking to several people I knew from other communities, including Cypress Lakes, and through various organizations I have worked with through our HOA, I discovered a community that was being considered for, and planning for, a similar effort and they, like us, did not have that special training. As of this writing their vaccinations will be done Friday, January 22.

Between January 4th and 12th I sent many texts, emails and made many phone calls to those people who had knowledge of this situation. From what they shared with me it was obvious that a plan was needed to prepare for the possibility that our community might have a chance to do this if we worked hard..... and had a little luck.

An LHHA Board meeting had already been scheduled to get everyone up to date and discuss ideas to see if we might be able to ramp up, carefully, some activities for our residents. Nothing about my ongoing research was listed on that agenda because at that point I had nothing concrete to report. The outcome still looked pretty dismal and very much like it wasn't going to happen.

Then, thanks in part to help from a couple of great people I had worked with at Cypress Lakes and Beacon Terrace in both of their HOA's, I got a call. Now I did have something concrete that I could finally present to the Board and share with residents. The DOH representative, after her explanation of their plan, and allowing me to share what had been researched here to prepare, agreed to add Lakeland Harbor to the list of potential future sites to come and administer the vaccine.

She stressed emphatically that this is not a guarantee this will happen. Mostly on when sufficient vaccine is delivered to the Department of Health. In the event this happens, we need to provide volunteers to handle paperwork provided by the DOH, shuttle residents, monitor traffic, etc. Communication on this will be handled through the LHHA website. **JOIN NOW!** Tonya has also helped and will continue so that we can reach everyone we possibly can. **You will need to show ID that you are 65 or over and we will verify that you are a bona fide resident of Lakeland Harbor.** If a member of your household is not yet 65, at this point they will not be eligible to receive the vaccine at this event.

Part of the proposed plan being formulated was to reach out to various people to help recruit and organize our volunteers, The next step was the email sent on January 16th to gauge interest in receiving the vaccination and in just over one day we got more than 100 residents who responded yes...Wow! Soon we will begin a more complete outreach campaign.

If you want to get the COVID-19 vaccine and are pursuing that with your doctor or through other means, DO NOT STOP with that endeavor. If you get an appointment for the shot, take it and get it done, don't wait!

MANAGER'S MESSAGE



Tonya Ramsey, Property Manager
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I have good news and bad news....Good news....One month into 2021 and things have been quiet. Bad news....COVID numbers are on the rise in our area. It is so very important that we all stay the course by social distancing and mask wearing as we see how the next several months unravel with vaccines starting to be administered.

Speaking of vaccines, KUDOS to your LHHA!!! They have been working extra hard planning, getting prepared and will be ready to go when the Health Department calls to come to Lakeland Harbor. ELS is fully backing this venture and I am happy to assist in any way that I can to get information out to you to help make the process smooth and seamless. If you have not been getting the Robocalls from the office, we may have an old phone number for you. It is so important that you update us when you change your phone number so we can update our records. That way you won't miss out on important information, community updates or announcements.

ATTENTION dog owners: park rules state you can walk your dog in common areas only. Resident laws are not common area. You should not be allowing your dogs on resident's grass. If your dog happens to defecate on a resident's lawn, please be neighborly and clean up after the dog. As a reminder, ALL dogs when outdoors are to be on leash!! Yes...even those riding on golf carts or bike baskets. Not only is it the law, but it is for the safety of your fur baby.

We are FINALLY at the end stages of the clubhouse kitchen. The Fire Suppression System is officially installed, and we are now waiting for final inspections from the city to move forward and finish up the last of the job. WE will soon start our 2021 projects!

Happy Valentine's Day Lakeland Harbor !!!! Cherish your someone special extra this month!

Until next time....



Your picture goes here!

Let's *get* Social

?? New Social Coordinator ??

NOTE

Calendars in The Harbor Light and on the LHHH website list regularly scheduled events, however some schedules may change due to holidays or various other restrictions. Please check with Chairperson if you have questions.

LAKELAND HARBOR NEEDS YOU!

As noted in the January edition, LHHH is in need of a new Social Coordinator for 2021. We all have high hopes that at some point SOON we will be able to hold fun events and open things up a bit more.

This person would be responsible for putting together a small committee, setting a calendar of events for the year and presenting that calendar to the LHHH Board of Directors for approval. From there the Board sends it to ELS Management for their blessing.

Once this is in place the final step is to secure Event Chairpersons to carry out the planned socials. Since we will be getting a later start than in years past, this will give this person a chance to get their feet wet at a slower pace. Please contact me if you are interested in this position.

Linda Mitchell
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In case you missed it, 2020 Christmas Golf Cart Parade



Just a few of the volunteers for the Christmas Carryout dinner.

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- 14 Patricia Bates
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- 16 Brenda Wells
- 17 Maissa King
- 19 Gloria Carlton
- 20 Carolyn Braudrick
- 21 Sherry Gibson
- 22 Deena Leslie
Sonia Chiarella
- 24 Lisa Downey
- 26 Carol Reilly
- 27 Marybeth Johnson

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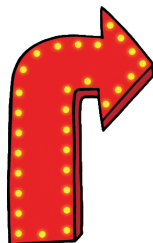
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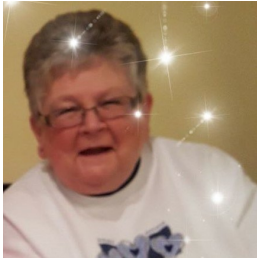
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BE AWARE: The scammers are busy. Residents have received phone calls saying it is the Social Security Administration. They indicate your benefits will be stopped unless you verify items such as your date of birth, social security number, bank account number, etc. **DO NOT GIVE OUT THIS INFORMATION.** The Social Security Administration will **NEVER** ask for this information via a phone call.



Sandy Brandow

TIPS AND TIDBITS!

(February comes from the Latin word februa, which means “to cleanse”. The month was named after the Roman Februalia, which was a monthlong festival of purification and atonement).

Winter dry skin tips:

Do not go out in any season without using SPF of at least 30 on your face and hands. Choose a lotion brand that has petroleum jelly or lanolin high on the ingredients list. As soon as you get out of the shower or tub, while your skin is still damp, slather on the moisturizing lotion.

Well, here are a few things to watch out for this month:

Punxsutawney Phil – Will he see his shadow or not!
Cupid, you know the little dude with the arrows, beware he is wily!
Now it is time to get serious and “find” those tax papers you will need for “Tax Day”, UGH!

Now that I’m older, I’ve learned:

A woman is never childless if she has a husband.
Worry about the things you can change and don’t sweat the small stuff.

Riddles for the Month:

What is in the Creek but not in the Ocean or the Lake?
What is in the Fire, but not in the Flame?
What is in the Country, but not in the Town?



Recipe of the Month: Spanish Rice (variation)

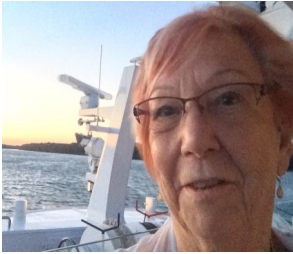
4 slices of bacon, cut up
¼ C. finely chopped onion
¼ C. chopped green pepper
3C. cooked rice (1C. uncooked)
2C. canned tomatoes (any flavor)
1 ½ t. salt, 1/8 t. pepper, a dash of chili powder

Fry bacon in skillet until crisp. Drain most of bacon grease, add onion and green pepper. Cook until onion is sautéed, add rice and seasonings. Cook on low for about 25 min. Enjoy with hot rolls and a salad.

Riddle Answer: The letter “r”

The Harbor Light Distribution Coordinator

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YOU HAVE A CHANCE TO BE UP TO DATE WITH HOW Florida Law, Chapter 723 and other Administration Chapters directly affect you as a M/M Homeowner.

February 4. 9-12 am CERTIFICATION session available only via distance learning on ZOOM. FMO member or non-FMO member.

Program cost is \$30. includes pre-mailed copies of current Chapter 723 and other materials. Follow along during the session and use also as a reference during reporting of upcoming March FL. legislators proposed changes. This certification education program is open to any person via ZOOM.

Registration is via fmo.org. or FMO 727 530 7539. Directions and codes to use to sign into ZOOM will be in emails from FMO.

There are interactive questions and answers. Screened for efficiency to all. You do not have to speak or be seen. (!)

ZOOM is a free (to you) internet APP. FMO uses ZOOM for distance meetings and education. Search ZOOM and click to install. On day of program, you click ZOOM put in code from FMO registration and you are "joined" in meeting. It is GREAT, walk around while listening.

MUST click in at end (only) for certificate. Certification is only required for Homeowners Association Board members following election. Questions, Carol Ahern 781 856 4287.



Patricia Baranski
 4632 Steamboat Avenue
 December 13

Judi Gordon
 4616 Lakeland Harbor Loop
 January 19

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- 14 Dick & Chris Pellerin
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- 15 Sal & Carol Dejewski
- 21 Robert & Laura Gargan
- 23 Marshal & Betty Hart
- 27 Mike & Cathy Smith

ANNIVERSARIES OVER 50

- 6 Phil & Donna Katterhagen
- 9 Charles & Carol Reilly
- 20 Walt & Carolyn Lundgren
- 23 Tommy & Vivian Whrey

LHHA 2021 MEMBERSHIP

Dues are still the same as in recent years—\$20 per household. Please remind your neighbors who have not yet joined to do so in case they forgot.. They may notice that you received this newsletter and they did not.....as this is the first edition that 2020 members are not included in the distribution of 2021 editions.

We will be having another sign-up event this month and will post the date and time later.

Julie Anderson, Chairperson
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Don't miss out and be disappointed!



Hey all -

Our first *Lunch Bunch* went really well. We all had a fun time and good food at Carrabba's. A few changes from previous lunches: The Lunch Bunch is open to any resident, male or female, who wishes to go. However, we will only have up to 18 people - more than that is very difficult to get seating. If you are interested in going please email me or call me - and I will accept the first 17 people.

We will do a different restaurant each month. Feel free to recommend a restaurant. Looking forward to our next lunch at **LING'S BUFFET** on S Florida Avenue, Wednesday, February 10th at noon. COME OUT AND JOIN US!!!

Lydia Seitz
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Rosalie Loveland
Here are the girls behind the work

In our October edition we showed you pictures of the beautiful Christmas Decorations and Butterflies this group of ladies created with the Busy Fingers group. There was so much to cover in that issue that we could only use the 2 pictures of the crafts. Luckily I held on to this picture of this creative group who are:

- Rosalie Loveland**
- Sharon Drwencke**
- Jacki Korn**
- Mary Borgus**
- Donna Katterhagen**

Glad I found this, always nice to see smiling faces. Great job ladies!

Missed Birthday

Ed Barnowich—Jan 17



If you personally were missed, or as a friend/neighbor, are aware of someone's special day we missed, please let us know. We don't always get the information for our files. Thanks.

HONORING
OUR
VETERANS



I have been told there is a good chance that by the time you read this the kitchen renovations will be finished and access to the area of the clubhouse where the names of our Veterans here in Lakeland Harbor are honored may be available again.

When you have a moment, please verify whether your name is included and if not, please contact me so I can do so.

Thank you.

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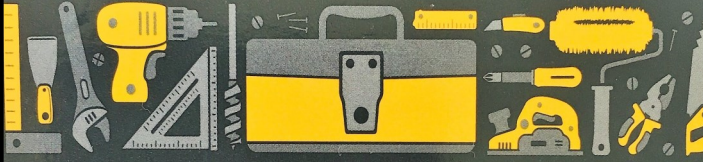
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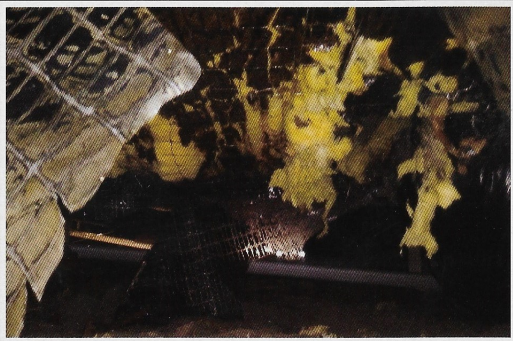
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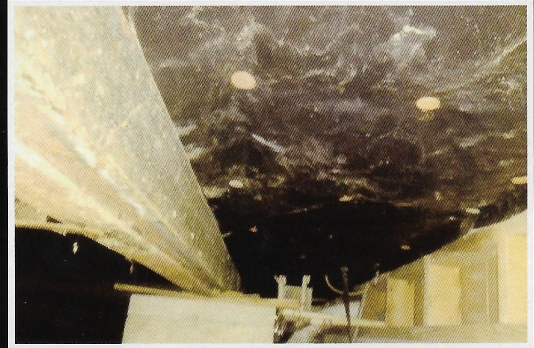
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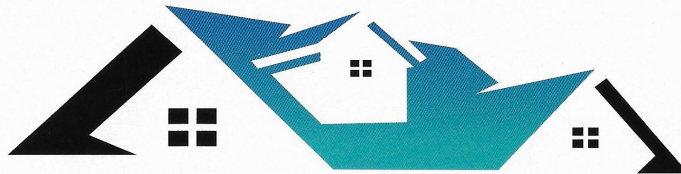
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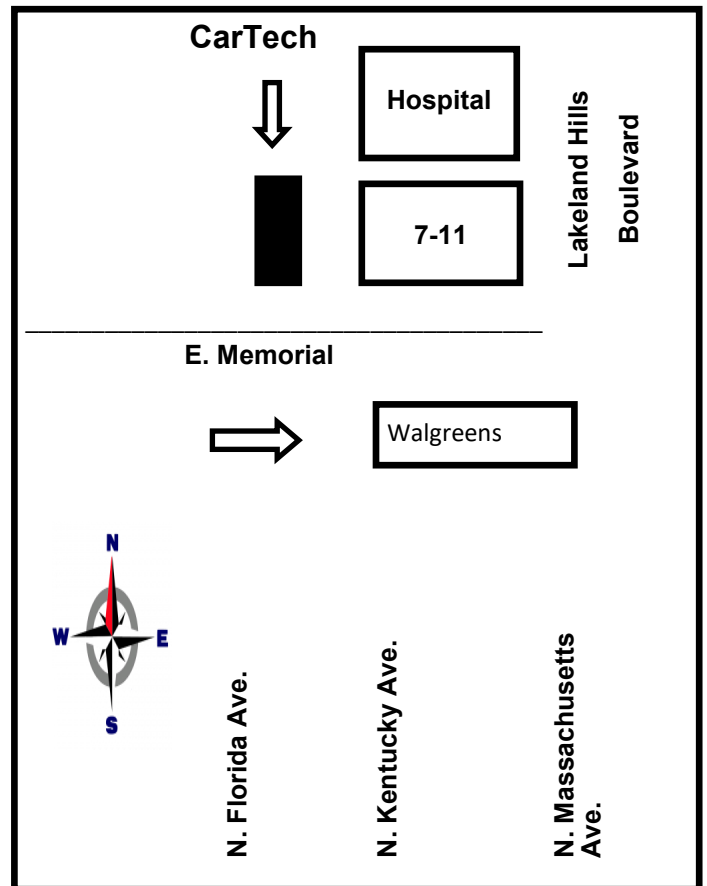
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THE WAY IT WAS....



January, 1986 was the beginning of the second full year of the Lakeland Harbor Homeowners Association and President Don Gors was busy getting his committees and agenda together.

Vice President Clayton Bertrand was organizing his band of busy "picker uppers" and resuming the newspaper and can pick up service started the month before. As you are aware this service continues today and many of the "pioneer" picker uppers still are working faithfully and have been joined by newcomers along the way. This has been a dependable source of income for the Association. "Thanks guys!"

Resident Tom Hamic was hired by Lakeland Harbor, Inc. to serve as Service Manager in January. So he began immediately to wear two hats.

Due to a lack of volunteers we found ourselves without a Social Committee chairman but thanks to volunteers along the way we had an active social calendar in addition to the regular activities.

Casey Stengl actively recruited 32 people to sign up for a "pool" tournament scheduled to start January 2nd at 1:00 p.m. with cash prizes for first and second place winners. In February, Casey announced the winners....and "lo and behold" the guys were really red faced....Sharon Hamic (Tom's wife) beat the socks off the whole bunch. Yay!

Two major purchases were made by the homeowners as the result of a survey by the Board. Residents and management shared the expense of a cover for the swimming pool and a committee was formed headed by Russell Butler to cover and uncover the pool night and morning to retain the heat. It was a big job!

The stereo was shopped for and installed by Clayton Bertrand, assisted by Ken Hilliard (wire

man) and Jimmy Pastore (shelf man) along with various onlookers and advisors.

Management announced in February we'd no longer be able to use their copy machine. What would we do? Jim Hoeflinger (editor and Board member) along with Ton DeStephano were assigned the job of researching the cost and feasibility of buying a copy machine. At that time our newsletter, phone directory, flyers, etc., were printed on the copy machine. Result: The new copy machine arrived on March 5th and copy service was offered to the residents by 14 trained residents. (Author's note: The purchase was made possible because each member of the Board pledged to advance \$100 toward the purchase price due to low funds in the treasury.) "We've come a long way baby!"

Did you know that the first library was housed in the closet now used to store Bingo supplies and the copy machine? After Casey and Marriel Stengl donated 150 books and just before the new copy machine arrived, the library was moved to the present location. The first shelves were built by Clayton but more had to be added later.

In April 1986 crime reared its ugly head and the first rash of break-ins occurred. Eleven homes were entered by cutting screens and crawling through "open" windows. Naturally residents were in an uproar and demanded action. The resident security committee beefed up the neighborhood watch program, added additional volunteers to the evening hour patrol and held numerous seminars with the police department advising us on precautions we could implement. After additional break-ins in September, management hired a security man to patrol the park from 10:30 p.m. until 5:30 a.m. Remember at this time we had no fence along the perimeter and no gates.

To be continued...

Again, many thanks to our own Jan Ellis for providing me with these "keepsake" articles.

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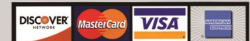


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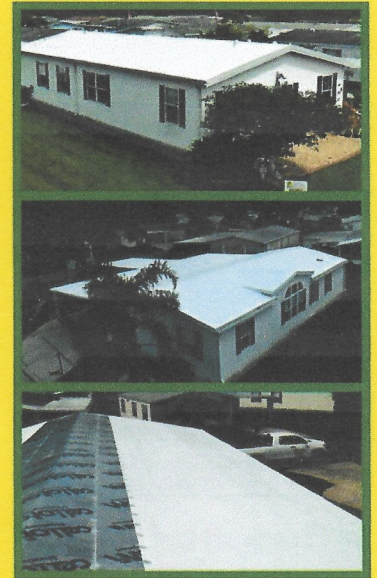
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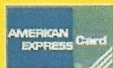
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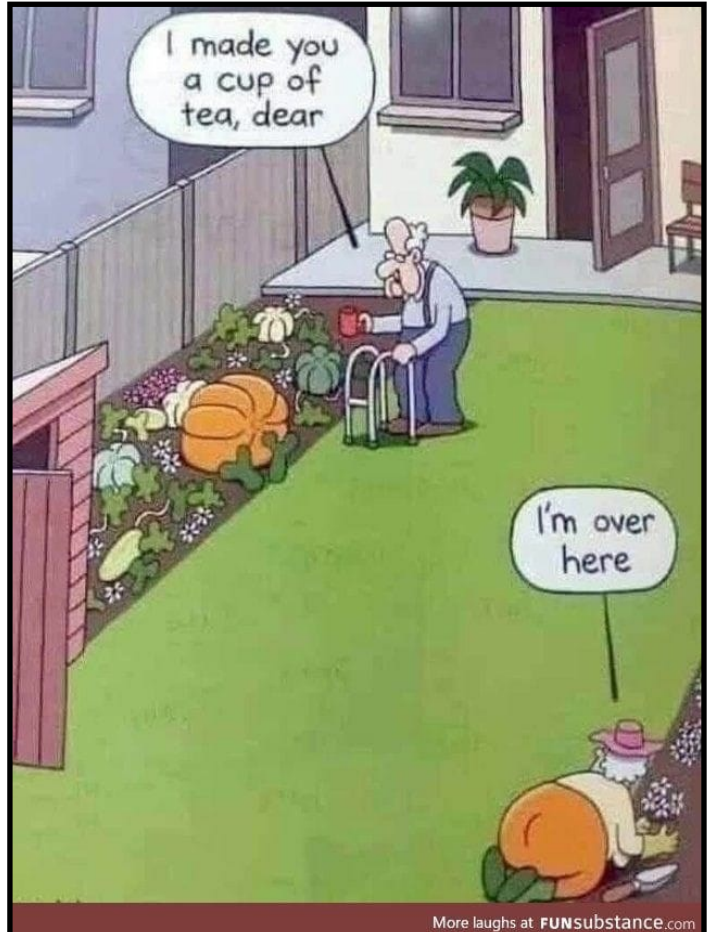
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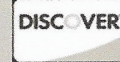
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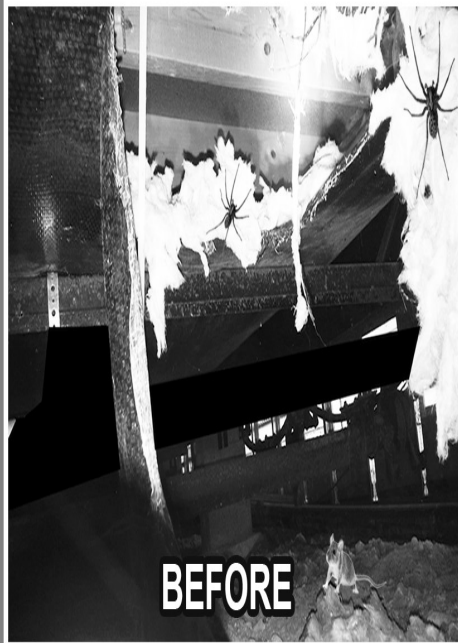
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