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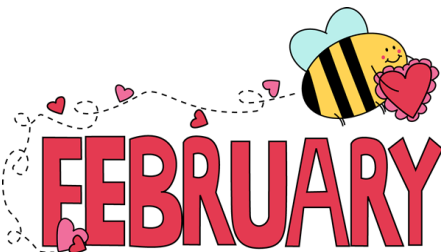
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**HAPPY VALENTINE'S DAY EVERYONE,**

And happy Groundhog Day. Looks like Punxsutawney Phil did not see his shadow. According to the legend, we're in for an early spring. Not that makes a difference to us in South Florida. Except for the dog days of Summer, it's always Spring here. Enjoy the weather.

As you know, by the noise and dust generated by the jackhammers, the concrete work continues. We haven't struck oil yet, but there is good news concerning insurance, the roof replacement, and the sprinklers.

It appears the Florida Legislature is allowing 6 insurance companies to do business in the state. I don't want to sound overly optimistic, but it would seem that the added companies might lead to more competitive rates. We'll have to deal with that issue in the coming months.

The Board has been looking at bids for the roof, and although the initial costs were incredibly high, we're getting more reasonable estimates. We're still waiting for more estimates to make a final decision.

Also, from the Florida legislature, the sprinkler requirements have been postponed until 2027. It is not much of a reprieve, but it will give us a stay to catch a breath from all the demands that have come down recently. This will allow us to work on a more cost-friendly solution.

Lastly, if you receive chocolate presents for Valentine's, eat them all. Chocolate is supposed to be good for you.

Happy Trails!  
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- 1/8 teaspoon cream of tartar
- 1/8 teaspoon salt
- 2/3 cup sugar
- 1 teaspoon vanilla
- 2-3 drops red food coloring
- Hershey's Kisses (6 oz. package, 36 count)

Beat egg whites with cream of tartar and salt in small mixer bowl until soft peaks form. Gradually beat in sugar; continue beating until stiff peaks form. Add vanilla and food coloring. Drop meringue mixture by half teaspoonfuls onto greased cookie sheets; top each with a Hershey's Kiss. Cover kiss completely with a small teaspoonful of meringue. Place in a preheated 375 degree F oven. Immediately turn off oven and let cookies remain in oven overnight or until cookies are completely dry and oven is cold. Don't peek during this time, or your cookies will turn soggy. Makes about 2 1/2 dozen cookies.







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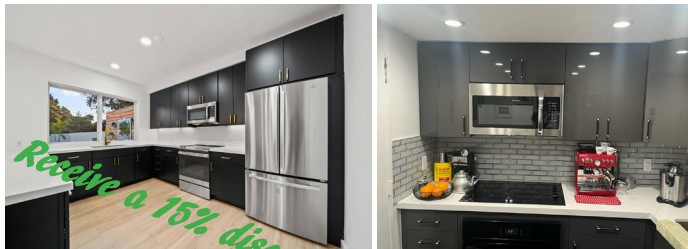
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