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The President's Report

By Dave Israel

Midge flies are back

We have received our first notice from a Chatham Association of the swarming pests.

There are four stages in their life cycle: egg, larva, pupa, and adult. Part of midges' life cycle is aquatic, and part is terrestrial. Large populations of freshwater midges are often indicative of a system that is abundant in nutrients. Here in CV, this is a result of long term usage of reclaimed water which is abundant in Nitrogen and Phosphorus. This also leads to high counts of algae. When midges emerge from their habitat, they come off in swarms, which can be a nuisance. You can find midge larvae in numerous systems such as:

- Small and large natural lakes.
- Wastewater channels.
- Sewage oxidation and settling ponds.
- Residential and recreational lakes, including man made retention ponds as are found in Century Village.

The Midge fly is problematic, for a number of reasons such as:

- New midge-producing habitats constructed near residences
- Deteriorating water quality which helps midge populations thrive
- Increasing desire of homeowners to live close to lakes and rivers

Between April and November, when Midge fly population is at its peak, they can be an extreme nuisance, especially to residents living in breeding areas. Midges prefer cool, shady areas during the day and are attracted to the lights surrounding houses and businesses at night. When the population of blind mosquitoes is high, they often cause home and business owners grief by staining paint, stucco, and other wall finishes. They can also damage the headlights, windshield, and paint of automobiles due to their bodies becoming mashed onto the car from driving. Blind mosquitoes will fly inside of residences and cause indoor issues such as ruined laundry and stained indoor walls, ceilings, draperies, and other furnishings.

Controlling Freshwater Midge Populations

It is impossible to completely control Midge flies, also known as blind mosquitoes, and partial control is often too expensive or too complicated to be practical. The use of insecticides on adult midges is



Chironomid adult. UF/IFAS Photo by James Castner

only a short-term fix and can even be counter-productive if it also kills the natural predators of midges such as spiders.

Blind mosquitoes can be more populous in polluted water. Waste from food-processing plants, septic tanks, sewage treatment plants, and leaching of fertilizers from lawns and agriculture around lakes provide the nutrients needed to produce the food that allows freshwater midges to thrive. As pollution continues to increase, so do blind

mosquito populations.

So, all residents should be aware, especially those surrounding Lake Century, that these swarms will be plentiful for some time. However, WPRF will be spraying the shoreline to try to control these pests.

Also, it would be wise for Associations surrounding the lake to consult their property manager to spray their common elements, so as to be integrated into the Midge control effort.







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EDITORIAL

The UCO office remained open during April and May to help many residents with bar codes, guest passes, investigations, to answer telephone inquiries and to publish this issue of the UCO Reporter. This was possible with a skeleton staff of a few volunteers for 2-3 hours daily. The handling of bar codes and guest passes was made possible by one volunteer to do the computer/paperwork and one or two others to affix the bar codes on the vehicles. With just a few more dedicated volunteers who were on the job daily, other services were made possible. Without this dedication, many residents would not have had their needs satisfied, nor given guidance. It was gratifying to receive their thanks for service during this trying time.

UCO was able to provide 313 services from March 30 to May 15: Updates 153, Bar Codes 116 and Gate Passes 44. During the balance of May, this number will be increased. Had the office been closed, these particular security services would not have been rendered and residents would have had to rely on entry into the Village with their CV ID and phone call down for their guests.

At the same time, there were those who sat at home and complained about meetings not held, commenting that the volunteers who served were crazy, when, in fact, it was their choice, just as the officers who chose not to come in was their choice, and this was respected; that the virus testing should not have been done at Anshei Sholom, that there were no usual Staff meetings, (however there were and discussions were held for better ways to handle conference calls. The last call was a disaster with everyone

speaking at once, making it impossible for the secretary to take minutes......and on, and on). Instead of supporting the UCO president, especially at this trying time, they chose to criticize and denigrate him and the staff who was willing to serve. The president is in his 11th year of service to the community, so he must be doing something right.

I am pleased to report that many favorable comments were received for the May issue of the UCO Reporter. It was the first time that we published the paper in just one section. Thanks go to the contributors of articles and for the full page of COVID-19 testing photos by photographer Walter Johnson. A special thanks goes to Congregation Anshei Sholom for the use of their parking lot for coronavirus testing. It is greatly appreciated by UCO and the almost 1,800 residents who made appointments to be tested. Those tests ended on May 13th.

By the time you are reading this issue, a lot will have transpired during the month. We saw the opening of the pools at the main clubhouse, if only on a limited basis via appointments. In addition, private pools at Greenbrier, Oxford, Plymouth, Golf's Edge and Wellington were opened. No one knows how much longer we will need to endure this pandemic, but if infections decline, we will be going in the right direction. Just keep doing what you are doing to keep well and safe. Masks! Don't leave home without them.

by Ruth Dreiss

ATTENTION!

If you are not receiving In-house TV channels 590/591/592, call Atlantic Broadband at the CV dedicated telephone number: 844-489-7509 and request that they be activated.

UCO OFFICER'S REPORTS



Dom Guarnagia

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With stern advice from my Nephrologist / Primary Care M.D., I have conspicuously been absent from my duties as UCO Vice President. However, I have responded to residents' requests for rendering advice by phone and site visits to all who call. My fear that my exposure could result in bringing home the COVID-19 has also weighed heavily on my obvious absence. Exercising "Social Distancing" and "Self-Quarantining", I continue to serve, as best as the circumstances allow.

A situation that has been brewing for almost a decade between the President of UCO and the newly elected UCO Treasurer has been fomenting, currently impeding the completion of the 2019 Financial Report by the Auditor of Record for the past several years. Both philosophical and fiduciary differences of the methodology employed, regarding the end results with both sides convinced that their method of obtaining the final result is in jeopardy. The result has been that a stalemate-type situation has come to verbal conflict. The current method of paying bills involves Electronic Checking, the same way that you and I pay our Utility Bills, Atlantic Broadband, WPRF and for most Associations, Seacrest Services for maintenance issues. The past has required two signatures per check for tracking purposes and accountability. That is where the conflict lies.

Some of the officers of UCO, mainly three (3) Vice Presidents, who have a wife at home, have exempted themselves because their presence at the UCO Office where Bar Code installations, as well as other non-essential activities could result in undesirable exposure and bringing home the virus infecting their spouse.

Without the presence of all Officers, daily business is being conducted within a background of conflict that needs remediation. As a Vice President, the majority of my responsibilities is to assuage conflicts between Owners and errant Officers within my quadrant and often beyond, recommending that the situation requires an attorney

to force remediation or remedying the situation. Speaking for myself during these times, I answer queries and aid in reviews of Contracts like painting, roofing and concrete work for Officers in Cambridge, Camden, Dover, to name a few. We, as a body, had no input into signing checks during 2019 and recommend a meeting of the 'body' to resolve the conflict between the newly elected Treasurer and the President.

During these times, one of the VP's has suggested that we use the rear parking spaces to set-up tables and chairs, arranged to meet the current "spacing" requirements to settle issues, and move forward. Change takes time and there has not been sufficient time, working within the existing framework, to stymie the efforts of our Accountant and the Auditor to conclude the 2019 audit.



Stew Richland

Andover • Bedford
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Southampton • Dover

Do you remember the movie "Groundhog Day"? A weatherman finds himself inexplicably living the same day over and over again. Well, because of the Coronavirus and its impact on all of us, we seem to be living in some sort of "time loop", where we are required to stay at home and are virtually forced to relive each day in the same way. So many of us are trying so hard not to relive the difficult awkward events of yesterday. It's like taking a ride on a roller coaster that has no ending.

After discovering that one of our UCO volunteers succumbed to the virus, I decided, based on my age, and the fact that both my wife and I have conditions that make us more susceptible to infections, our immune systems are weaker, and this opens the door for infection, in addition to the fact that chronic age-related diseases can contribute to weakness, as well. As a result, I decided to stay home and follow the guidelines that the CDC has outlined and help my wife as best I can because she no longer drives.

Stay home, stay safe, wash your hands a lot, and wear masks if you leave your home.



David Boas

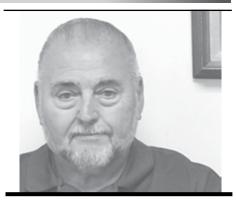
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Hey Dave, whatcha doin? Chapter next. Shoes. Now I'm not even close to Imelda Marcos, but I do have 23 pairs of them. Of course, this includes all types of footwear. Don't ask me why, but I have two or maybe three pairs that I keep just because I might need them to do a work project. Like I'm really going to paint the walls, or ceiling, or put down a new floor. But you just don't know. I have several pairs that I have not worn, but once or twice, and some that I have not worn in a long time. Like the pair of black wingtips, or the two pairs of oxblood penny loafers which I've had re-soled at least three times. Here's a great one, I have a pair of red patent leather shoes. Boy are they sharp! They are so smooth and soft. These are from the mid 1970's. I also found a pair of ecology day socks from this era, as well. I guess it's time to "shoo" some of these away.

What else did I find when going through the closet? Well, I was an umpire for 43 years. I still have some of my first uniforms and equipment. My Salvation Army League uniform shirt, my first USSSA and ASA umpire shirts. I also have my first indicator and brush. The list of things collected could go on for quite awhile. Funny how we decide what to keep or not.

I love to read. Nothing more enjoyable than a day of reading on the porch. My reading interest is quite diverse. I like to read to learn, but also to be entertained. I like an occasional mystery, and I love biographies, but never science fiction. There are 3 books that I have read many times. All of them have humor. Here they are, Tune In Tomorrow by Mary Jane Higby. The story of a radio soap opera star. Here's Morgan, by Henry Morgan. A great and underappreciated talent. Finally, a biography of Jack Benny, by Irving Fein. Need I say more. In times we are in, it's good to take a break from the serious.

In closing, remember to give your friends and neighbors a call. Practice social distancing, please be polite and stay well.



Fausto Fabbro

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The world as we know it was turned upside down. This pandemic has changed our lives for a long time to come. It has brought out the best in some and the worst in others. We are a social group and some find it hard not to have contact with others, but we did survive. Now we must take care not to move too fast and cause another panic. I see that CV did well, not too many cases or deaths.

I believe we will not get back to what we knew as normal for some time. It is up to all of us to work together to keep CV as safe as possible. Do not let some of the unhappy people lead you into the wrong direction. They will never be satisfied with any outcome. They will always blame someone or something, so they can get attention.

We all have had a family member or a friend pass away during this horrible time. It has been hard not to be able to say goodbye to our loved ones. From my family to yours, we regret your loss. I hope that I can get into the UCO office soon to help the residents.

Have faith. Soon things will change for the better.

Thank you for the kind thought...

Many thanks to Rachel Schipper of Golfs Edge F for the thoughtful chocolate chip cookies and the "Thank you, UCO, for your work during COVID."

The volunteer staff at UCO appreciates the kind gesture during these trying times.

Property Manager's Report - June

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By Donald

The COVID-19 testing event at Congregation Anshei Sholom ended on May 15. As of the printing of this newspaper, 1090 Century Village residents were tested, with six (6) positive results. On the final day of testing, a number of CV employees and contract employees were also tested. Residents that have questions about their test results should call Phoenix Health at 201-

Many CV residents have called UCO to ask about how Foster, LCAM many COVID-19 related deaths have occurred in the Village. This information is not made available to UCO, but

I can confidently report, with regret, that two of our neighbors were taken by this pandemic. This information is based on my conversations with family members, Clergy, and in one case, printed articles in the Palm Beach Post and the Broward Sun Sentinel.

I am proud to report that, thanks to a small group of dedicated Century Village unit owners, the UCO Office has remained functional throughout

the emergency, processing sales and rental applications, supplying screening reports to CV Associations, and providing bar codes and guests passes to residents, in addition to managing and overseeing regular community services and maintenance. I would like to extend my sincere thanks to this group for their support during this difficult time.

At the UCO Office, safety protocols continue to be developed to ensure safe operations, including limiting visitors and hours, social distancing, requiring face coverings inside the building, and regular deep cleaning of all areas of the building. UCO Office hours are 9:00 AM to 12:00 PM, Monday through Friday, and 12:00 PM to 3:00 PM on Fridays. Please note that the barcode/guest pass desk closes one half hour earlier than published closing hours.

As always, I can be reached through my email address: <u>UCOMAINTENANCE@GMAIL.COM</u>, or by calling UCO at 561-683-9189.

END OF REPORT





CERT CORNER Guide to Hurricane Preparedness BY JUDY AMSLER AND JOHN HESS

Each year hurricane season begins on June 1st and lasts 6 months with storms typically peaking in August and September. As with every hurricane season, regardless of forecast, knowing the essentials of how to prepare could truly be a life saver.

Predicting a tropical storm's path can be challenging; there are many global and local factors that come into play. Trying to predict where the storm will go can usually take 2-3 days out to calculate fairly accurately. Generally the forecast track or path is given with the average consensus of these calculations.

Hurricane Kits It is important to create a kit of supplies (that you could take with you if you are forced to evacuate). This kit will also be useful if you are affected by the storm, such as through the loss of power. One common trend seen when hurricanes are approaching is a wide-spread panic. When this happens, people rush in large numbers to get all the supplies they think they need. However, if you prepare your kit ahead of time, you can alleviate a lot of the potential stress of a very chaotic situation. You should create your kit in a bag that you can easily take with you. Some recommended items to include are:

Non-perishable food (enough to last at least 3 days); Water (enough to last at least 3 days); First-aid kit (include any prescription medication you may need); Personal hygiene items and sanitation items; Flashlights (have extra batteries on hand); Battery operated radio (again, have extra batteries); Water**proof container** with cash and important documents; Manual can opener, lighter or matches, books, magazines, games for recreation, cooler and ice packs....and a plan for evacuation, including a plan if family members are separated.

Secure Your Condo!

Building Association Contacts

BY BOB RIVERA, RECORDING SECRETARY

I would encourage each and every Association to update their Officer, Delegate and CERT Contact Report. Many of the reports on file have not been updated in years. In order to be as current as possible, UCO requests that it be updated AT THE LEAST, every other year. Unfortunately, residents move, pass away or are not elected the following year.

Here are a few hints when filling out your form:

- 1. First and foremost, Use the form provided at UCO, (Your Seacrest form and/or self generated forms will not be accepted) and you must PRINT legibly.
- 2. If you do not have a name for a CERT contact, it will default to the Association President. Your CERT contact should be a year round resident who will be able to check on other residents during emergencies.
- 3. Your president IS your Delegate.
- 4. Should your president not be able or willing to represent your association, an ALTERNATE should be selected. Having an Alternate ensures that each Association is REPRESENTED.
- 5. Associations may have as many Alternates as they want, but ONLY the first delegate to sign into the Delegate Assembly Meeting will be able to vote at the meeting and will not be transferable once the meeting begins.
- 6. The Officer, Delegate and CERT Contact Report will not be valid without the Association Seal in the lower left corner.

Please note: There are many Associations that have no Alternates, so MANY Associations are unrepresented. Not having a representative would be equivalent to throwing your money out the window and having no say on where it goes.

I would urge each Association to make sure you are represented at each Delegate Assembly Meeting. Make sure your Association Officers appoint Alternates.



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TREASURER'S COLUMN



By Ed Grossman

that I am writing this month's Treasurer's Report. Since my last report of April, things have gone downhill. We are now in the second month of my tenure, and I am encountering stonewalling and excuses when it comes to the finances of the village. I am engaged in a constant struggle

with the administration to acquire the necessary documentation for the year-end audit as well as the current period. We lost our long-time independent annual auditor, Kim Juda, due to their inability to obtain the documentation from the past administration. This documentation was necessary for completing the 2019 annual certified audit. Despite my efforts to satisfy Kim Juda's deficiencies, for which she requested my help. I was unable to do so due to the stonewalling tactics employed by David Israel, himself.

President Israel still insists on retaining a paid employee of an outside firm to manage the finances, going so far as to calling him Treasurer Two. I ran my election campaign on the premise that I would dismiss the paid employee of an outside firm and manage the books on my own in a volunteer position. The delegates agreed and elected me. President Israel has no interest

It is with a sense of regret in complying with the will of the people as he staunchly refuses to remove the paid employee of an outside firm. There is no such position as Treasurer 2 in Century Village. The e-mail called Treasurer 2 bears the representation of being an officer with implications of authority which is misleading to third parties (i.e., vendors) and residents of Century Village. The Treasurer 2 e-mail receives financial information (i.e., bills and statements) for which I am responsible. I do not have access to the Treasurer 2 e-mail which is a clear violation of UCO's By-Laws, per David Israel's instructions!

> The officers may claim they had no knowledge about the state of the books, but that is not an acceptable premise. By now, everyone knows. They are responsible to the residents to make sure the village is run according to the bylaws and the code of ethics when it comes to handling your money. By keeping silence and inaction on the matter, things are going from bad to worse. These matters are compounding, wrongly done, by continuing the way they are.

> I have standing offers of assistance from two good residents. George Lowenstein CPA, the former UCO President, and twice serving Treasurer. And a very experienced Americo Meneguzzi CPA has also offered his help. Both have 100 years of combined experience. But I

have been rebuffed in efforts to include them. The administration has no interest in following a course of action by bringing experienced and credible residents into the affray.

The administration should comply with the bylaws as written to facilitate the cleaning up of the chaotic mess and missing records.

I have retained an attorney, Max Zaretsky, Esq., of the Zaretsky Law Group, who has sent a letter to all the officers of UCO apprising them of their duties and liabilities as per UCO's By-Laws.

I would hope that the above problems will be addressed and corrected ASAP.

God Bless America and God Bless Century Village.

(Editor's Note: Officers' duties do not include financial records. All financial records are available to the Treasurer from Christopher Sheppard, UCO bookkeeper simply by asking. Treasurer Two is merely an email address).

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By George **Franklin**

want to let you know about an incident that occurred here one evening. This will show the importance "See Something Say Something."

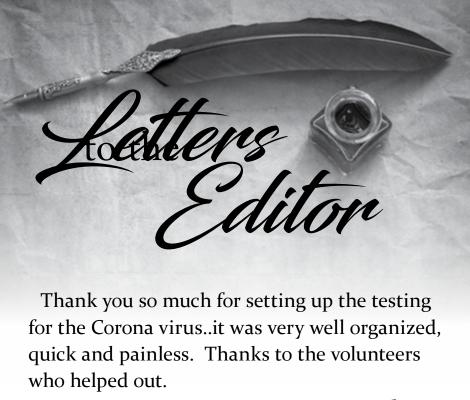
A resident saw a female that was walking around on the catwalks of our building. Seems he did not recognize her and he challenged her as to what she was doing or looking for. She then told him "none of your business." She then went to the staircase. The resident called his visiting son to come over and speak to her. Again she was asked about what she was doing here and there was a reply "none of your business." At this time, the Sheriff was called and while waiting for law enforcement, a car drove up to the center of the building with no lights on and the passenger door already open. A male, thin in build with a "turban" hat got out of the car which was identified as tan in color.. This female then ran to the car. They got in and took off. Unfortunately, since no lights were on, no license plate or make and model, or driver could be identified. The Sheriff's Deputy did show up, but not in time to stop and question the actors. Security was called and responded also. This shows that

Hi folks. Just when you call 9-1-1 it DOES work. There is no question in my mind that this couple was up to no good. The only description of the female that I was told about was she was a black female young and thin build. The male also black and thin build. I will be reviewing the report when it becomes available and talking to both our security company and the PBSO for more details. Now, stopping and challenging a person is not the best thing to do....male or female COULD be armed and cause a bigger problem for you. However, in this case it worked. I would suggest to all if you see someone that does NOT belong in your area call 9-1-1 right away THEN call Security. Fortunately we have not received any complaints of any burglaries with property missing or damaged. How did this person get into the Village? What was she doing here? Who was the driver of the vehicle and how did they get in? A lot of questions to ask. But PLEASE be on your toes and watch out for persons who DO NOT belong on your property and keep your doors LOCKED! DO NOT wait a week or more to report problems Do it right away! Turns out no report was written as this was a "Suspicious Person" complaint and was closed out as there were no other problems reported to law enforcement. Be on your GUARD!

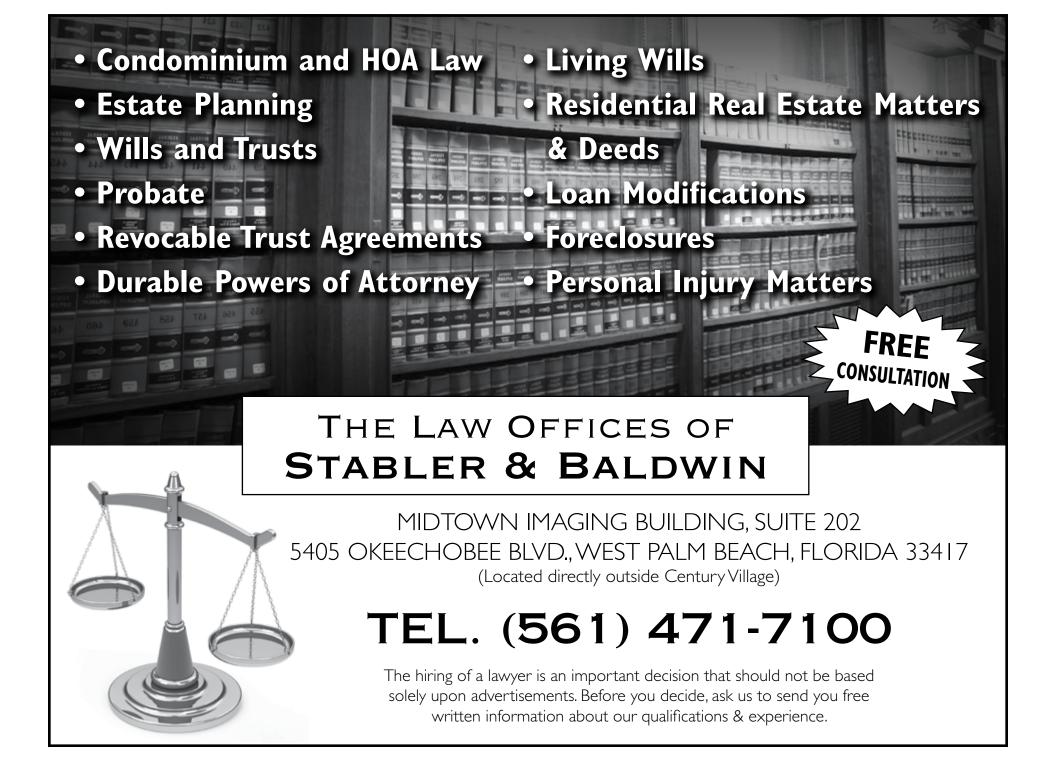
DISCLAIMER

Misleading coronavirus information was falsely attributed to Johns Hopkins Hospital in the May issue of this publication on Page A12. Some claims are accurate, but experts say others contain false or misleading information. See Medical Info by Johns Hopkins Medicine at https://bit.ly/2wMIIRg and https:// bit.ly/3 byYb6w.

Ruth Dreiss, E-I-C



Joan Dahmer





LEGAL

Material Alterations to the Common Elements

BY MARK FRIEDMAN, FLORIDA BAR CERTIFIED AS A SPECIALIST IN CONDOMINIUM AND PLANNED DEVELOPMENT LAW

What is a material alteration?

The Fourth District Court of Appeal gave meaning to the term in Sterling Village v. Breitenbach in 1971. That definition has been used The Court held to this very day. that "the term 'material alteration or addition' means to palpably or perceptively vary or change the form, shape, elements or specifications of a building from its original design or plan, or existing condition, in such a manner as to appreciably affect or influence its function, use, or appearance."

What vote is required for a material alteration?

The Condominium Act requires a vote to approve material alterations. Section 718.113, Florida Statutes, provides that you approve a material alteration by using the voting requirements found in the Declaration of Condominium and, if the Declaration is silent, then the statute requires the approval of 75% of the total voting interests.

Is every type of change a material al-

No, but the analysis gets more complex. Some changes, for the protection of the property may, depending on the facts fall into the category or necessary maintenance. In fact, the same change to the common elements in two separate condominiums could result in two different ways that the issue must be handled. For example, if one condominium is in a high crime area where there have been numerous break-ins and there is a foreseeability of harm, then installing a gate or security door may be considered necessary maintenance for the protection of the property. That type of change would likely not require a material alteration vote. However, if we look at the same change in a condominium that has absolutely no

history of criminal activity that is in cent change in the law to be kept an area where this type of harm is not reasonably foreseeable, then the change would likely be deemed a material alteration requiring a vote as outlined in the Declaration.

Would installing security cameras be considered a material alteration?

Yes. The Division of Florida Condominiums, Time Shares and Mobile Homes has held that since security cameras do not stop crime, but only record it for later use as evidence of a crime, that this is a material alteration to the common elements.

Does the vote on a material alteration have to be recorded in the public records?

No, the vote is not the same as an amendment. There is no necessity to record the vote. The minutes of the meetings at which the vote took place are now required, under a re-

forever, so there will be a record of this change reflected in the minutes.

Is changing the color of a portion of the building a material alteration?

Yes. In the case, Islandia v. Vermut, the buildings' colors were changed and the court held that it was a material alteration. The buildings in this case were changed from different colors to all one color. However, even a less drastic change in color is considered a material alteration.

Mark D. Friedman, B.C.S. is a shareholder in the law firm of Becker and is Board Certified by the Florida Bar in Condominium and Planned Development Law. This column is for educational purposes only and is not meant as a substitute for consultation with your own legal counsel when material alteration issues arise. Mr. Friedman may be contacted at MFriedman@beckerlawyers.com.

Notice from Mary Immaculate Church

FROM FR. TOMASZ

Hello to all Mary Immaculate parishioners living in Century Village and to all Catholics. How are you? Hope you are all well. I have an update from the Bishop on when our churches are reopening. We are scheduled to open for our first normal Sunday Mass on Saturday May 30 at 4 pm. We will, however, be limited to only 25% capacity. Our Sunday Mass schedule will be changed for the summer and so Masses will be at 8:30 am and 11 am. Daily Masses Tuesday through Friday at 12:15 pm. All Masses will be celebrated in the Church, our chapel will be off limits.

However, all Catholics of the Diocese of Palm Beach are dispensed from the obligation to attend Sunday Mass. We will have Mass available at our website every Sunday.

The following preparations have been implemented to insure the safety of our parishioners: all buildings thoroughly cleaned, sanitized, pews roped off for our 6 ft social distancing, etc.

In the so-called meantime, you have been all in my prayers and thoughts.

I am especially grateful for your prayers and mutual support you have shown at Century Village. That is very uplifting and morally building - thank you all for that!

Looking forward to seeing you and if you have any questions please don't hesitate to call or e-mail our church office: 561-686-8128.

Thanking you -- Special thank you to Ruth Dreiss, Editor of the Century Village UCO Reporter.

God Bless Fr Tomasz

Staff Stats

BY RICHARD HANDELSMAN

In April, Platinum Security for Century Village (aka:"Rover") recorded 159 incidents, including a lost child and dog reunited with grandmother (aka: "Nana"). Assistant Director David closed breach using zip ties. Property Manager made aware of breach." In addition, 46 expired passes were confiscated and 3 resident passes confiscated when guests attempted to use them to enter the Village.

Although recreational facilities were closed to residents and guests, Platinum officers have been securing Hastings clubhouse, the main clubhouse, and the checkpoint at the clubhouse bridge. Furthermore, starting on April 23, officers had been verifying about 100 appointments daily, and directing traffic, to and from the Anshei-Sholom COVID-19 testing site from 8AM to 5PM.

Interestingly, April's security data - 159 incidents, 49 passes confiscated - nearly matches March's numbers -171 incidents, 64 passes taken. In short, the need for security never stops.

As for WPRF amenities: COVID-19 simultaneously canceled many work assignments - yet created many more. For example, canceled were the Hastings Gym equipment inspections, the daily set-up of the tennis courts, and the sailing area inspection. More than offsetting these cancellations was the necessity for "pandemic cleaning" of many facilities - the Clubhouse alone has 21 A/C units, hundreds of square feet of carpets, aisles, and theater seats.

WPRF also seized the opportunity to begin extensive work at Hastings. On Tuesday, April 28th, via teleconference, the Operations Committee affirmed contracts for (a) two new roofs (tile and flat) at Hastings for \$228,853.94 (budgeted \$243,673) and (b) repair of the Hastings pools for \$73,959 (budgeted \$83,000: the overage of \$9,041 will be used to repair handrails and ladders). The work on the pool is underway.

In short, in addition to security, repairs and replacements never stop - and now, pandemic cleaning.



Susan Wolfman

561-401-8704





#1 REMAX Century Village



WATERFRONT LUXURY - LAKESIDE

WELLINGTON J 2/2 - 2nd floor, WOW!! All new construction, open kitchen, soft touch cabinets, recessed lighting, stainless appliances, never used. Double sink, disposal, quartz counters. *Porcelain tile throughout. New centrl A/C & water heater.* New impact windows, stunning lake vies, steps to pool & patio. Luxury elevator building\$179,900

BEST VIEW IN THE VILLAGE

Somerset B 2/2 Location, Location, Location!!! Gorgeous lakefront, open renovated condo. Watch the sailboats go by! Building across from pool, tennis. Walk to club elevator, storm protection. Move in ready!\$135,000

NEW LISTINGS

CAMBRIDGE E 2/1½ GREAT PRICE! Furnished, pristine upper corner unit......\$69,900 WALTHAM F 1/11/2 corner, new cen. AC, walk to gate.. \$54,900

LUXURY 1/11/2's

WELLINGTON D STUNNING TURNKEY, allupdated, "Tommy Bahama" Florida style.....\$79,900 WELLINGTON C WOW!!! All new, gorgeous top of the line upgrades. Wood, tile, granite. *New furniture. Must See!*\$79,900 WELLINGTON B grant lakeside patio, undate lakeside patio, update WELLINGTON C great price for this floorplan. 3rd fl, lakeside. Oversized kitchen, closets, more\$59,900

CHATHAM L ~ CORNER/LAKE

2 bed, 1 1/2 bath, beautiful view of lake, completely remodeled, extended Children, stainless, step-in shower, furnished, turnkey, simply perfect \$122,900

DORCHESTER D ~ CORNER

2 bed, 1 1/2 bath, turnkey beauty, updated, 2nd floor, adjacent to pool. Walk to health club, near perfect. Just bring your toothbrush!!\$89,900

SOMERSET C ~ CORNER

2 bed, 2 bath, totally renovated, new kitchen & baths, tile, kitchen has granite breakfast bar, new hurricane windows. Watch the sailboats go by. Walk to club. Building has lift. Must See!\$124,900

SOMERSET L's

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WELLINGTON K

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CHATHAM H ~ LAKEFRONT GEM

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Susan Wolfman turns "Listed" into "SOLD"

June Tax Talk

ANNE M. GANNON CONSTITUTIONAL TAX COLLECTOR

Beginning June 1, 2020, I will reopen our doors to the public BY AP-POINTMENT ONLY. Please note



several requirements and safety measures put in place for in-person service and remote driving tests.

Finally, I would like to ex-

tend my warm wishes for a very happy Father's Day! Thank you for the sacrifices you make every day to love, guide and protect our children.

Appointments Now Required for In-Person Service

Effective June 1, 2020, all six Constitutional Tax Collector offices will resume serving Palm Beach County residents in-person by appointment only. The following safeguards have been put in place to protect the health of our employees and clients.

Clients who cannot complete their transaction online or by mail must schedule an appointment at www. pbctax.com to receive in-person service at one of our offices. Appointments are available Monday through Friday, 8:15 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. for Palm Beach County residents only. Walk-

ins and out-of-county residents will not be permitted.

Appointments are available for the following tax collector services:

- REAL ID driver licenses, state identification cards and commercial driver licenses
 - Driving tests and written exams
 - Florida titles and out of state titles
 - Property tax
 - Local business tax
 - Registration renewals (limited)

Requirements and Safety Measures in Our Offices

Wait in Your Car. Clients with appointments should wait in their cars as our lobby waiting areas are closed. Clients may get in line 10 minutes before their appointment and must keep 6 feet of distance from other clients. We also recommend clients bring an umbrella and water.

Come to Your Appointment Alone. Clients should arrive for their appointment alone, as guests will not be permitted. The only exceptions will be caretakers of elderly clients, translators for clients who speak languages other than English, Spanish or Creole, and interpreters for hearing-impaired clients.

Wear a Face Mask and Follow Social Distancing. Anyone entering our

offices shall wear a face mask or cloth face covering. Please observe all social distancing measures including markings on sidewalks and inside our offices. Maintain at least 6 feet of distance between clients and employees.

Do Not Pay by Cash. Studies show cash, specifically paper bills, can contain bacteria and viruses for long periods of time. Clients are asked not to use cash to make a payment. Please use a credit or debit card or contactless payment method such as Apple Pay, Google Pay and Samsung Pay.

Additional Safety Measures. To protect our employees and clients, we have installed plexiglass barriers at all front counter service stations. As an extra precaution, clients should use their own hand sanitizer before entering our office. Clients should also use hand sanitizer after leaving our office.

New Procedure for Remote Driving Tests

The state has implemented a new remote driving test procedure for all tax collectors. The new procedure enables an examiner to maintain proper social distancing while administering the test.

The examiner will administer the test from outside the vehicle using a hands-free device while communicating instructions to the driver. Clients taking the remote driving test must have an accompanying licensed driver 21 years or older in the

seat closest to the driver unless the client holds a valid license from another country. The accompanying driver may not assist the customer during the driving test and may not be a driving school instructor.

Driving tests are by appointment only. No walk-ins will be permitted. For more information, please visit www.pbctax.com/driver-licenses.

Stay Healthy and Vote by Mail

I urge Palm Beach County voters to sign up to vote by mail. Voters can request a Vote-by-Mail ballot online at www.pbcelections.org. Return postage on Vote-by-Mail ballots is prepaid. Stay healthy and vote by mail!

Florida's Disaster Preparedness Sales Tax Holiday is May 29 – June 4

Let us not lose sight of the fact that hurricane season begins Jun. 1. Please consider stocking up on hurricane supplies during Florida's sales tax holiday which takes place May 29 through June 4. During this period, qualifying items related to disaster preparedness are exempt from Florida sales tax.

Important Dates & Deadlines

Jun. 1 Hurricane Season
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Jun. 21 Father's Day
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June Property News

DOROTHY JACKS PBC PROPERTY APPRAISER

As my office monitors the evolving impact of the Coronavirus, we are implementing ongoing measures to en-



sure the health and safety of our staff, while also maintaining the highest level of service to the taxpayers of Palm Beach County.

We are keep-

ing up with CDC guidelines and are in contact with county officials, and will continue to adjust our guidance accordingly. Please refer to our website: www.pbcgov.org/PAPA and our social media channels for the most up-to-date information.

On June 1, my office submits the estimated taxable property values for 2020 to all Palm Beach County taxing authorities. These values assist in the groundwork for the taxing authorities' budgets.

On July 1, my office submits a preliminary tax roll to Florida's Department of Revenue, the agency that oversees the operations of all Property Appraisers in the state.

During the next few months, the tax roll process will continue and as always, I welcome your comments and questions regarding your property value and exemption amounts. You can email us at PAO@pbcgov.org

Hurricane Season Begins in June

The month of June kicks off the 2020 hurricane season in South Florida, which runs from June 1 through Nov. 30. As a reminder to all property owners in Palm Beach County, take a moment to review our 'Report Storm Damaged Property' information on our website, www.pbcgov. org/PAPA. It offers important details you need to know if your property sustains severe storm damage. If you have any questions, call my office at 561.355.3230. For essential tips on hurricane preparedness, log onto the Palm Beach County Emergency Management website at: http://discover. pbcgov.org/publicsafety/dem/Pages/ default.aspx

Vote-by-Mail for 2020 Elections

Due to the Coronavirus pandemic, there has been a growing interest across the nation to expand Vote-by-Mail this year in order to keep poll workers and voters safe.

Vote-by-Mail refers to voting a ballot received by mail or picked up by or for a voter instead of going to the polls to vote during Early Voting or Election Day. Any registered voter can vote by mail. You can request a Vote-by-Mail ballot for a specific election or for all elections through the next two General Elections, you will need to make the request again.

For more information on this, go to the Palm Beach County Supervisor of Elections' website: https://www.pbcelections.org/ or call them at 561.656.6208.

A Reminder about E filing for a Homestead Exemption and Portability

In 2019, my office improved the Homestead Exemption E file module (on our website: www.pbcgov.org/PAPA) and implemented an online feature which allows you to file for a homestead exemption online the same day you close on a new home even without the deed. We also added an online component for when you're moving within the state of Florida

and filing for a homestead exemption, you can E file for portability.

Remember, a homestead exemption can reduce the assessed value of your property, thereby reducing the amount of property tax you pay.

In the state of Florida, a \$25,000 exemption is applied to the first \$50,000 of your property's assessed value if your property is your permanent residence and you owned the property on January 1 of the tax year. This exemption applies to all taxes, including school district taxes. An additional exemption of up to \$25,000 will be applied if your property's assessed value is between at least \$50,000 and \$75,000. This exemption is not applied to school district taxes.

Portability is transferring all or a significant portion of your cap savings, up to \$500,000, from a home with a homestead exemption to a new home within the state of Florida that qualifies for a homestead exemption.

Homestead exemption and portability applications must be submitted by March 1 (of the qualifying year).

Our Exemption Services department which administers all exemptions and portability applications including the E file module on our website, is available to answer your questions. Contact them at myexemption@pbcgov.org or 561.355.2866.

"Hidden Heroes" Keep County Running

SHARON R. BOCK, ESQ., CLERK & COMPTROLLER, PALM BEACH COUNTY

Doctors, nurses, law enforcement, truckers, grocers and others have stepped up to keep us healthy, safe and well-fed are heroes who should



be celebrated for their extraordinary efforts.

However, during this pandemic there have been less high-profile jobs done with little

acknowledgment. I call them our "hidden heroes" and they include those of us who kept our court and county business functioning so that our democratic structure never faltered.

Whether recording official records to keep our real estate industry open, allowing due process for our citizens by attending court hearings or securing payments to county vendors to keep businesses afloat, my team of nearly 700 employees have continued working for you.

While our doors were temporarily closed for non-essential services, on Monday, May 11, we will begin our "return to normal plan." I believe this is the right time to resume services for customers who need to enter

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into payment plans, visit our self-service center for assistance with landlord-tenant, small claims, and divorce issues, or to otherwise seek assistance.

Knowing that safety measures are on everyone's mind, I have made some important changes to our operations to ensure we are serving you safely. Those changes include:

- · Requiring that all visitors to wear face coverings.
- · Installing plexiglass dividers in our customer service areas.
- · Placing floor decals 6 feet apart inside our customer lobbies.
- · Monitoring our lobbies to ensure they do not exceed capacity to meet social distancing guidelines.

To further ensure social distancing and to provide added convenience, some services, including marriage licenses and marriage ceremonies, will be offered by appointment only. To schedule an appointment for a marriage license or ceremony, visit www. mypalmbeachclerk.com/marriage.

For our customers who can do business with us remotely, we continue to provide nearly all of our services online. Visit www.mypalmbeachclerk. com/services for a full list of our online offerings, including paying a traffic ticket, making a child support payment, electronically filing court documents or electronically recording official records such as mortgages and deeds.

Last year, we served more than 600,000 walk-in customers at our offices. We have missed you, and we look forward to safely serving you again.

Our Exemption Services department which administers all exemptions and portability applications including the E file module on our website, is available to answer your questions. Contact them at myexemption@pbcgov.org or 561.355.2866.





Submitting Your Petition to Amend UCO Bylaws

Unit owners, the UCO Advisory Committee appreciates your interest in improving governance in Century Village. Please submit your petition according to the following steps. If you need help, contact the Advisory Committee via the email noted below.

Email <u>ucoadvisory22@gmail.com</u> to receive a petition form (see reverse for sample).

 Include on the petition form the Article and section of the bylaw you want to amend as it appears in current bylaws, striking through the text you want to remove and underlining the wording you propose to add. (If you propose an entirely new Article or section, include it, underlined.)

Email the completed form to <u>ucoadvisory22@gmail.com</u> at this point or when you are ready to submit hard copies of signatures (Step 6).

- On signature pages (see sample following the petition form) list signers' Name (printed), Date, Address, Telephone or Email and Signature. The wording of the petition should appear at the top of each page of signatures.
- 3. Only one unit owner per unit may sign, and no unit owner may sign for more than one unit. **100 legible signatures** are required.
- 4. Submit hard copies of the pages of **original** signatures in a sealed envelope to the Advisory Committee or the UCO Executive Assistant. You may also drop the package off at the front desk in the UCO office or mail it directly to UCO, 2102 West Drive, West Palm Beach, FL 33417, attention Advisory Committee. Your package will be time stamped when received.

The approval process may take from 45-60 days to complete:

- vetting of signatures with Century Village ownership rolls
- legal review to be sure the proposed amendment is consistent with statute, Articles of Incorporation and the UCO Bylaws
- consideration by Advisory Committee, Officers Committee and Executive Board (unit owners, please attend meetings to support your petition)
- publication of the petition in the *UCO Reporter* before it goes before the

Delegate Assembly for a 2/3 vote.

Petition to Amend UCO Bylaws

Date Submitted to the Advisory C	ommittee:	
Name of Unit Owner Submitting Founds only one person as sponsor):	etition (if multiple owners initiate the petition,	list
AddressTelephone	Email or 	

Proposed Amendment

Include here the current bylaw by Article and section. Strike through the text you want to remove – abcdefghijk – and underline the wording you propose to add – mnopqrstu. (If you are proposing a completely new Article or section, include it here, underlined.)

Sample:

Article VI B, Executive Board, Term. Members selected for appointment by the President may serve for periods up to one (1) year, with such terms expiring at the Annual Installation—, except in such instances when the unexpired terms of the seats being filled exceed one year. (Period after "installation" is struck through and replaced with comma, underlined/ new wording added and underlined.)

Unit owner preference: Please indicate if you prefer that your petition move through the process without modification, exactly as you have worded it, or if you are open to suggestions from the Advisory Committee. Place an X in front of the option you choose.

______ No changes ______ Open to suggestions

Email the completed form to <u>ucoadvisory@gmail.com</u>.



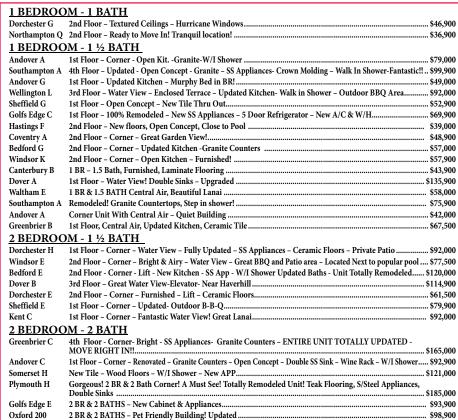
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Sample Signature Page for Petitions

With my signature I hereby endorse the petition below to amend UCO Bylaws. I am a unit owner in the association indicated in my address. The petition reads:

Article VI B, Executive Board, Term. Members selected for appointment by the President may serve for periods up to one (1) year, with such terms expiring at the Annual Installation-, except in such instances when the unexpired terms of the seats being filled exceed one year.

NAME (printed)	<u>DATE</u>	<u>ADDRESS</u>	T <u>EL. or EMAIL</u>	<u>SIGNATURE</u>		

VOTE TUESDAY AUGUST 18



"I graduated from Howard University School of Law where they taught all of us, that your life must include service to your community. This has been the guiding principle in the jobs that I have sought. I have served the public now for 32 years. I started at the Public Defender's Office in Palm Beach County. I worked for 13 years in all divisions

with the exception of capital crimes. I sought the position of court judge because I would also serve the people of Palm Beach County. It is a job that puts you on the frontlines, because many of the people who come into your courtroom have never been in the courtroom before. I strive everyday to make my jurors feel welcome. I help them to understand the process, and I strive to help them understand their importance. I also strive to help victims and defendants understand the court's rulings. I have helped to explain our appellate process so that the citizens know where to go when they are dissatisfied with a ruling from the court. In the twenty years I have been on the bench, I have served as administrative judge to two division. I handled both criminal and civil cases, as well as domestic violence injunctions and civil substance abuse cases. I served in south county and the main courthouse.

I am asking for your vote on August 18th so that I can continue to serve the citizens of Palm Beach County. The job I do is important because every citizen who uses the courts should understand what is happening to them and why. I have the experience, conviction and dedication necessary to carry out this job. I believe that is part of my calling to serve the public as your county court judge."

-Judge Debra Moses Stephens

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ABOUT JUDGE STEPHENS

EDUCATION

Duke University, BA English 1984 · Howard University, JD 1987

EXPERIENCE & CIVIC INVOLVEMENT

Public Defender's Office 1987 to 2000

Misdemeanor Division · Felony Division · Appellate Division · Juvenile Division

County Court Judge from 2000 to present

County Criminal Division · Domestic Violence Division · County Civil Division

Conference of County Court Judges

Circuit Representative · VP representing the 4th DCA

Administrative Judge for County Criminal Division and Domestic Violence Division

Judge Assisting the Traffic Hearing Officer Program – 2007 to present

Chief Judge's Executive Committee while Administrative Judge

Mentor Judge
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Criminal Justice Commission subcommittees

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LIMITED OPENING OF CERTAIN RECREATION FACILITIES

May 16, 2020

Management of the recreation facilities at WPB Century Village is aware of the May 16, 2020 issuance of the Palm Beach County Emergency Order Number 7 permitting the opening of community pools, gyms, tennis and pickleball courts. The opening of these facilities must follow specific CDC and county mandated guidelines with continuing adherence to those mandated guidelines, including social distancing protocols. Management is currently working on a plan to open the affected areas as soon as possible. Please note:

- ONLYTICKET, WPRF AND ID OFFICES WILL BE OPEN.
- Century Village ID's will be required at all areas.
- No Guests will be permitted at this time.
- No water fountains or showers will be available at any area.
- Any personal items left will be disposed of at the end of the day.
- If sick, DO NOT come to the recreational facility seeking medical care.

Areas with Limited Availability:

OUTDOOR CLUBHOUSE POOLS: The appointment process for the MCH pools will continue until further notice. Restricted access is still in force per the CDC. Century Village ID's will be required, and a time limit will still apply. Everyone utilizing the pool MUST wear a face covering when walking on deck.

SATELLITE POOLS: The Satellite pools will be restricted to 1/3 of the legal bathing load. Chairs/lounges cannot be moved. Century Village ID's required. All residents required to follow the CDC social distancing guidelines. Everyone utilizing the pool MUST wear a face covering when walking on deck.

TENNIS COURTS: Tennis courts 5 and 6 will be open for doubles play. Century Village ID's will be required and everyone waiting MUST wear a face mask except while actively playing. Congregating at courtside or benches is prohibited.

GYM: Available by APPOINTMENT ONLY with limited hours of operation. Saunas will not be available.

ID/WPRF/TICKET OFFICES: Will open sometime after Memorial Day.

In the event that violations occur, administration shall take corrective action, including, but not limited to, closing the pool, gym or court. Please call

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Plagues, Pandemics and COVID-19

BY: DAVE ISRAEL

The History of Pandemics

Pan·dem·ic /pan@demik/ (of a disease) prevalent over a whole country or the world.

As humans have spread across the world, so have infectious diseases. Even in this modern era, outbreaks are nearly constant, though not every outbreak reaches pandemic level as the Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19) has.

The graphic in this article outlines some of history's most deadly pandemics, from the Antonine Plague to the current COVID-19 event.

A Timeline of Historical **Pandemics**

Disease and illnesses have plagued humanity since the earliest days However, it was not until the marked shift to agrarian communities that the scale and spread of these diseases increased dramatically.

Widespread trade created new opportunities for human and animal interactions that sped up such epidemics. Malaria, tuberculosis, leprosy, influenza, smallpox, and others first appeared during these early years.

The more civilized humans became - with larger cities, more exotic trade routes, and increased contact with different populations of people, animals, and ecosystems - the more likely pandemics would occur.

The graphic in this article depicts some of the major pandemics that have occurred over time:

From the Antonine plague circa 165AD with 5 million dead to COVID-19 with some 235,000 dead at this writing, literally hundreds of millions have succumbed to various plagues and pandemics.

Despite the persistence of disease and pandemics throughout history, there's one consistent trend over time - a gradual reduction in the death rate.

Healthcare improvements and understanding the factors that incubate pandemics have been powerful tools in mitigating their impact.

Wrath of the Gods

In many ancient societies, people believed that spirits and gods inflicted disease and destruction upon those that deserved their wrath. This unscientific perception often led to disastrous responses that resulted in the deaths of thousands, if not millions.

In the case of Justinian's plague, the Byzantine historian Procopius of Caesarea traced the origins of the plague (the Yersinia pestis bacteria) to China and northeast India, via land and sea trade routes to Egypt where it entered the Byzantine Empire through Mediterranean ports.

Despite his apparent knowledge of the role geography and trade played in this spread, Procopius laid blame for the outbreak on the Emperor Justinian, declaring him to be either a devil, or invoking God's punishment for his evil ways. Some historians found that this event could have dashed Emperor Justinian's efforts to reunite the Western and Eastern remnants of the Roman Empire, and marked the beginning of the Dark Ages.

Luckily, humanity's understanding of the causes of disease has improved, and this is resulting in a drastic improvement in the response to modern pandemics, albeit slow and incomplete

Tracking Infectiousness

Scientists use a basic measure to track the infectiousness of a disease called the reproduction number — also known as Ro or "R naught." This number tells us how many susceptible people, on average, each sick person will in turn infect.

Measles tops the list, being the most contagious with a Ro range of 12-18. This means a single person can infect, on average, 12 to 18 people in an unvaccinated population.

While measles may be the most virulent, vaccination efforts and herd immunity can curb its spread. The more people are immune to a disease, the less likely it is to proliferate, making vaccinations critical to prevent the resurgence of known and treatable diseases.

It's hard to calculate and forecast the true impact of COVID-19, as the outbreak is still ongoing and researchers are still learning about this new form of coronavirus.

Urbanization and the Spread of Disease

We arrive at where we began, with rising global connections and interactions as a driving force behind pandemics. From small hunting and gathering tribes to the metropolis, humanity's reliance on one another has also sparked opportunities for disease to spread.

Urbanization in the developing world is bringing more and more rural residents into denser neighborhoods, while population increases are putting greater pressure on the environment. At the same time, passenger air traffic nearly doubled in the past decade. These macro trends are having a profound impact on the spread of infectious disease.

As organizations and governments around the world ask for citizens to practice social distancing to help reduce the rate of infection, the digital world is allowing people to maintain connections and commerce like never before.

In closing, I say, follow the guidelines, maintain social distancing, use masks or face shields, be patient, as this too shall pass.

Here Comes the Sun

BY MARILYN CURTIS

Hello fellow Coronavirus quaran-teener-- Did you'd ever think you'd be called a 'teen' again?

Not sure how you're doing out there—but I'm in daily discussions with myself about what I should put into my mouth (only to have it drop straight to my hips, regardless of my decision). Should I choose the Spinach? Or the Brioche with peanut butter drizzled with honey? Seriously? Is this a question?

OK. Had to stop for a minute and finish chewing. Got to take it slow with peanut butter.

At the beginning of this crisis I found some solace in isolation when I realized that poof! Just like that! I was excused from all of my responsibilities. All those meetings, that 'to do list' of association duties, off the calendar. Appointments? Gone.

I admit, I was heady with excitement for the first 48 hours. But then, I turned on the TV and was

advised by various experts that I needed to wipe down every surface in my environment, and maintain that schedule daily until further notice. What followed was my first 'fail.' I wiped down every surface a recipe that seemed fool-proof once—but then, reduced the schedule to a daily regimen of wiping door knobs, computer, and keys. That lasted for three days. Then, it dropped to every other day, then to weekly, and now-well, I'm still looking for the keys.

The cleaning phase was overtaken by a cooking phase. Watching food shows non-stop set my creative juices flowing. Who knew I had such a penchant for expressive dining? Taking inventory of my pantry goods, I realized that, without even knowing I would have limited access to groceries, I was well-supplied for this new hobby. There was canned corned beef, chocolate syrup, three different kinds of beans...OK. Don't judge.

There are things you can do to make food appealing. They almost always require fresh fruits and vegetables and those were wilting fast in my refrigerator drawer. Found in one of my magazines. Here's a sampling:

Quarantine Stew (E. Kuperberg; New Yorker May 4, 2020)

Prep time: 30 minutes or a few days—what's the difference?

Ingredients:

3 bottles red wine

1 lb beef (or you may substitute ice cream)

2 Lexapro tablets (crushed)

3 ½ c. beef broth (you may substitute ice cream)

Some carrots and onions or whatever. It doesn't matter.

Preparation:

Wash the onions to make sure

they're clean. Everything must be clean! Scrub them vigorously under scalding hot water with Lysol or bleach.

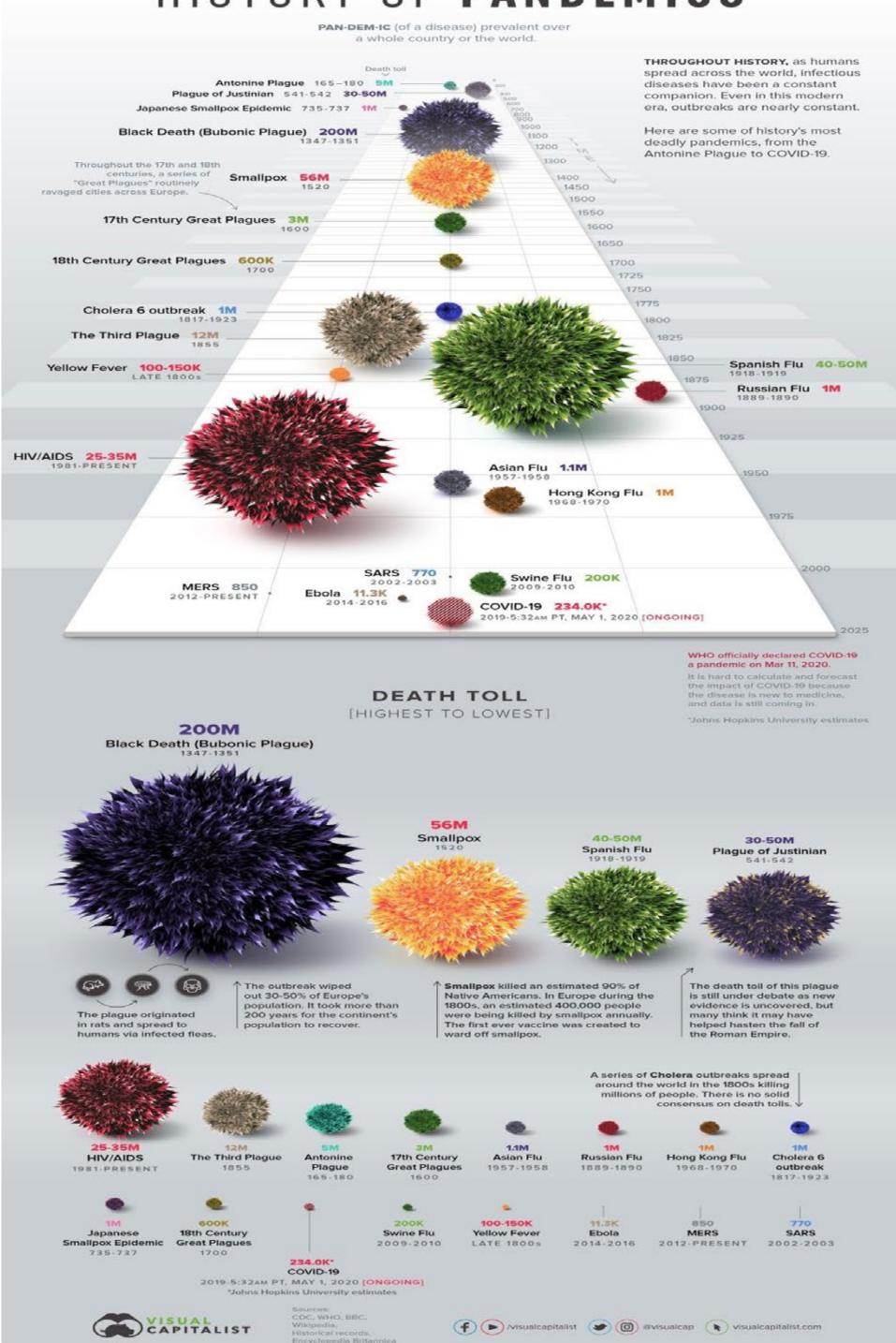
Drink first bottle of wine.

But you get the gist of this I'm sure. Make do with what's available. Maintain focus on the task at hand. Then, finding vast holes in your pantry supply chain and even greater holes in your ability to concentrate, raise the white napkin.

But don't stop trying! Filling your days exploring new fields of interest will help you bounce along so that you'll almost be able to forget that nine weeks have come and gone, and remember, "This too shall pass!"

So, how about a nap? All this thinking is wearing me out. Sweet dreams Sweet Princes and Princesses.

HISTORY OF PANDEMICS



LUNCH WITH LENORE



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BY LENORE VELCOFF

Although the restaurant is closed for dine-in, they still serve take-out and use a company called Door-Dash for delivery – they advertise that the first time is free. For my birthday, my son, who lives in New York City, surprised me with lunch for several days, though I did have to call-in Door Dash at the gate.

Delivered to my door, by a young woman wearing a mask, were two very large Too-Jays bags. Separately packed was a pint of Matzo Ball Soup - light and fluffy matzo balls in a rich chicken broth with carrots and onions - enough for two portions. Next was a half a loaf of their fresh baked rye bread - 8 very large slices. To put on that bread was a ½ pound of - TooJay's Classic pastrami and a ½ pound of lean and tender brisket. To go with the sandwiches was ½ pound of coleslaw (theirs is coarsely chopped and not too much mayo).

Although the restaurant is closed In another container were eight or dine-in, they still serve take-out crispy potato pancakes with two small containers of applesauce and sour cream.

To top everything off, there were three rugalach, a traditional dessert favorite. He picked one chocolate, one raspberry and one apricot. To drink, there were three cans of Dr. Brown's Diet Black Cherry soda.

What a treat! Everything was delicious. Thank you, Laurence. It made up for not going out to a restaurant to celebrate my birthday – the first time in probably 75 years that I missed.



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Nutrition and Health What's on your Shoes?

BY JEANIE W. FRIEDMAN, MS RD LD/N

When you think of a healthy lifestyle, most people think about diet, exercise, and staying hydrated. Personal hygiene is also a factor. People are usually mindful of basic hygiene: daily bathing and grooming, taking care of their teeth, and washing their hands. The recent coronavirus situation highlighted the importance of having clean hands.

With all the time and energy we spend on making sure we are clean, have you ever thought about the amount of dirt, grime and germs that your shoes may possibly carry into your house?

If you think about it, your shoes, from those comfy sneakers all the way to fancy sandals. walk over every type of ground and floor all in the course of a day. Pesticides, animal droppings, and even bacteria can be tracked into our house and transferred on to floors and perhaps even right on to our sofas and beds.

In a study conducted, an average of 421,000 units of bacteria was detected on the outside of shoes. Different strains of bacteria were found, one of which was

Escherichia coli (E. coli), which can cause intestinal infections as well as infections in the urinary tract and meningitis, and diarrhea.

The study also investigated the transfer rate of bacteria from shoe to floor and revealed a transfer rate of 90%-99%.

And it's not just bacteria..... another study looked into pesticides and other toxins. These were also easily brought into the home, carried in by our footwear. Shoes step in rainwater or the water runoff from sprinklers from lawns treated with pesticides.

It would be important to keep the floors as clean as possible and free from harmful substances, especially if people have young children, like grandchildren, who are visiting. Babies and toddlers spend an enormous amount of time on the floor and they also enjoy putting things from the floor right into their mouths. (My twin boys at 9 ½ months old love to crawl around and grab whatever they find.) Further, if you put your purse or shopping bags on the floor and then on counters where food is prepared, this could

transfer harmful bacteria to those surfaces.

Consider another mode of bacteria transfer: pets. If you have a dog, his little paws may also be bringing in unwanted debris and bacteria from the outside. Wiping his paws before coming back inside could help.

In several cultures, including Asian, Northern and Eastern Europe, the removal of shoes within the house has been a longstanding tradition, mostly as a way to keep the home clean. As a guest in someone's home, walking around with your shoes may be viewed as a rude gesture.

According to food microbiologist Donald W. Schaffner at Rutgers University, the health risk from germy shoes is low. However, Lisa A. Cuchara, a biomedical science professor in Hamden, Connecticut, believes that the health risk is greater for those with compromised immune systems, like people who are ill with infections, or those with cancer, people with organ transplants.

If you want to keep your floors clean as long as possible between

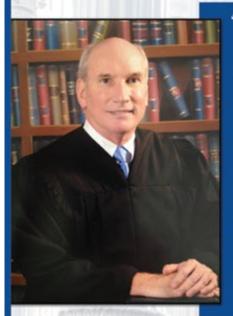


washings, you may want to consider adopting this new habit for your own home.

Jeanie W. Friedman is a Registered Dietitian and nutritionist licensed in the State of Florida. This article is intended for educational purposes only and is not intended as a substitute for consultation with your health care professional.

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BY DOM GUARNAGIA

The most difficult two months in a fifty-six year marriage has just passed without a murder/homicide reported in my condo and perhaps contemplated in yours.

The concept of "Social Distancing" and "Self Quarantining" are wearing thin. On the plus side, with the exception of trips to Publix wearing a paper mask, under which every exhale produces foggy vision and my speech like I have a mouth full of mashed potatoes. However, I am certain that you, like me, are experiencing those changes in lifestyle that were not as apparent before the COVID-19 impacted our lives.

1. Dining out for Lunch or Dinner resulting in a "Doggie Bag" that becomes tomorrow's leftovers that become "not again" consuming space in the fridge, end up in the

trash.

2. With more than 100 channels to choose from, I wind up watching rerun episodes of "Everybody Loves Raymond", "Wheel of Fortune", "Jeopardy" and today's weather. The local weather has nothing to do with venturing out, other than wearing a hat to take out the trash.

3. When was the last time that you got up at 6:00 A.M. to park your car in the Publix Market awaiting the 'Grand opening" at 7:00 sharp, donning your mask and being disappointed that, in spite of showing up early, there is no bleach, facial tissue, toilet paper, wipes "foaming" hand soap, ground beef, eggs, spring water, etc., etc.?

Needing something to consume hours of boredom, able only to purchase carrots, celery and onions, but not split breast 'skin on' chick-

en, the main ingredient in chicken soup, I ventured to Gordon Food Service, as a last resort. I had to purchase ten (10) pounds of chicken with which I was going to make chicken soup that I customarily share with my neighbors.

When completed later that day, and portioning the soup in freezer containers, there are things in the freezer that have been there for a while and were not my favorite things to eat. Removing them to make room, discarding 'stuff' while Kate was in the Laundry, I successfully completed the task. Several days later, I opened the freezer looking for ice cream. "Kate, do we have any ice cream?" "Sure! Look behind the chicken soup on the third shelf."

Today, we are having chicken soup for Lunch, chicken cutlets for Dinner and if I'm lucky tomorrow,

chicken salad at some point. Making a deposit at BBT at the Drive-thru with a black mask was somewhat reminiscent of the "Brink's Robbery".

Life, in the meantime, is changed in several other ways. We have time to converse with those younger neighbors who would normally be at work. We share recipes, especially fifty (50) different ways to prepare chicken, combating monotony and being thankful that we have avoided the virus.

On the down side, activities at the Clubhouse and outdoor activities are on hiatus! We are looking forward, in a seemingly endless time of boredom, awaiting the beginning of the "Rainy season." Keep your cool.





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BY STEW RICHLAND

In times of crisis, we turn to mystery. The detective story, book, movie, TV show, has kept its hold on us; had even, in the two decades between the great wars, become more popular than ever before; and why is this? You are upset, overwhelmed, possibly even in the depths of despair. And what do you do to make yourself feel better? You pick up a crime novel, watch an old "who done it" (I have on right now the Adventures of the Thin Man). This makes me feel better. It's comforting to fall into some else's problem when trapped in your own home. For those who want to escape for a few hours, go to YOUTUBE and type in the names of the movies that are shown in this article and up it will come on your screen. For the radio shows, go to Google and type in Old Time Radio - The Falcon and up will come many hours of escape listening.

THE ADVENTURES **OFTHE FALCON**

The Falcon was first brought to the screen in a 1941 RKO film, as a replacement for its popular series of Bs featuring Leslie Charteris' The Saint, which had starred actor George Sanders. Except for the name change, at first, at least it was pretty hard to tell the difference. Sanders also played The Falcon, and Wendy Barrie, who had played the Saint's girlfriend, appeared in the first couple of Falcon movies as... the Falcon's girlfriend.





suave, sophisticated type, a sort of freelance gentleman adventurer operating out of New York City, much to the dismay of the local constabulary. He wasn't British, though -- he was American, but he bore a light British accent -- just like the Saint. The first film, 1941's The Gay Falcon, proved successful enough to warrant a long string of sequels, three with George Sanders in the lead, although he was now called GAY LAWRENCE (as far as I know, none of the films or television or radio episodes ever explains why he's known as The Falcon) and nine more with Sanders' real-life brother, Tom Conway, as the Falcon's brother, TOM LAWRENCE.

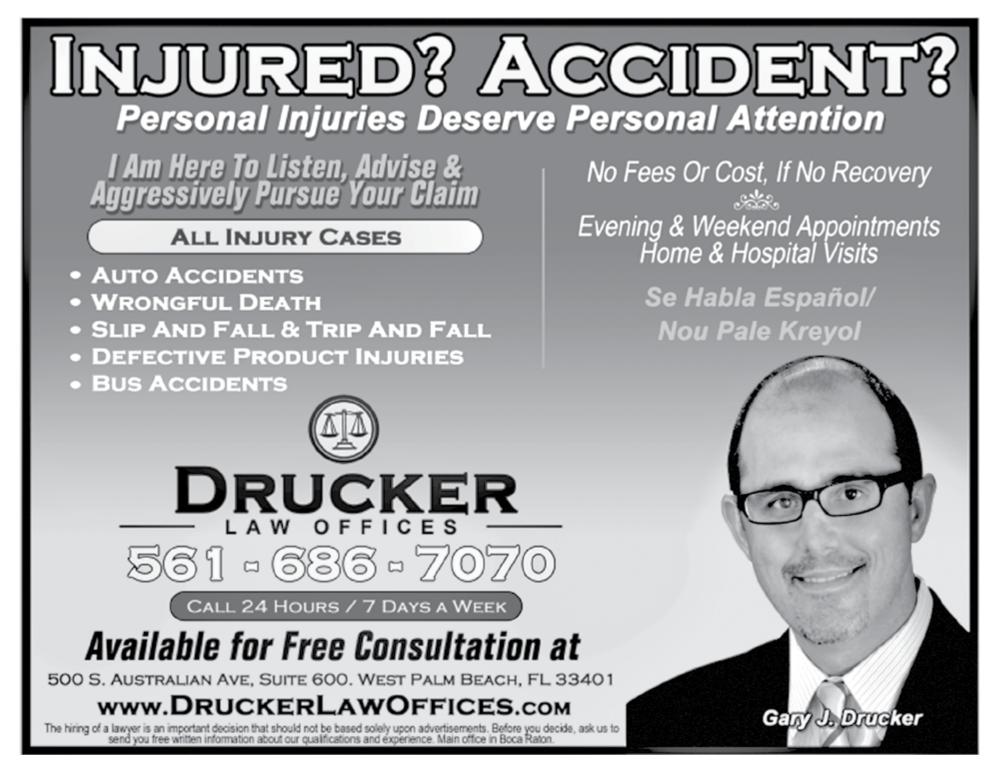
Over the course of the RKO series, the Falcon gradually became more of your standard private eye. In fact the third Falcon flick, 1942's The Falcon Takes Over, was the first filmed adaptation of Chandler's Farewell, My Lovely, substituting The Falcon for Philip Marlowe. (And actor Tom Conway went on to play Mark Saber on American television).

RADIO

"Always ready with a hand for oppressed men, and an eye for repressed women."

The Falcon radio show was loosely based on the series of popular detectives' movies with the Falcon charac-

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ter created by Michael Arlen. Some Falcon aficionados believe Drexel Drake created the character The Falcon in 1936. The Falcon was the alternative identity for the detective Michael Waring (or Gay Lawrence or Gay Falcon). His name and character-type changed as The Falcon soared from short stories to film to novel to radio to film again.

This hard boiled spy drama began as an RKO Radio Pictures theatrical serial in the 1940s, went on radio in 1943, and then came to TV around ten years later in a Syndicated series produced for distribution by NBC Films; the series was about an American agent whose code name was "Falcon".

The success of the films also led to a radio series that premiered on



Berry Kroeger

the American Blue Network in April 1943, and aired for the next ten years on various networks. It was here that his transition into a private eye was finalized, with The Falcon, now called MICHAEL WARING working as a hardboiled insurance investigator, with an office and a secretary, Nancy. Barry Kroeger was the first radio voice of the Falcon, followed by James Meighan, Les Tremayne, George Petrie, and Les Damon. Nearly all the shows were broadcast from New York.

The introduction to the show began with "The Adventures of the Falcon." Then continuing with a ringing phone call to the Falcon, also known as Michael Waring, from a woman in



which her voice is never heard. He would reply to her and another adventure would follow



Les Tremayne



Waring was snappy and sarcastic with the incompetent police who were inevitably unable to solve the mysteries without his help. Like the films, the radio plots mixed danger,

romance and comedy in equal parts..

Originally sponsored by Gem Razor Blades, The Falcon's lead role was filled by several actors. Most notably, Les Tremayne who appeared in the role in the late 1940s and Les Damon in the early 1950s. Toward the end of the show's run The Falcon changed careers and found work in espionage because of WWII.

John Crosby wrote in his radio reviews about private detectives:

This is adventure without mystery, or with only a minimum of it, but there is a good deal of gore, a lot of very tough talk, much of emitting from the side of the mouth, and some painful overacting.

Inevitably, at the end, there is a long explanation from the Falcon as to how he figured all this out, that I find superfluous, since I generally have it figured out way ahead of the Falcon.

Charles McGraw played the Falcon in the TV series.







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June Fun Facts & Events

BY RUTH BERNHARD-DREISS

exandrite and Moonstone.

The birth flowers are the Rose and Honeysuckle.

Zodiac signs are Gemini (May 21-June 20) and Cancer (June 21-July 22).

In any year, no month begins on the same day of the week as June. You're checking this out, aren't you?

George Bush, Sr. is the only US president to have been born in June, until Donald Trump.

"There are two seasons in Scotland...June and winter." (Billy Connolly, comedian)

On June 14, 1977, the flag of the US was adopted by the Continental Congress.

June is National Oceans Month in the USA. It is also National Candy

June's birthstones are the Pearl, Al- Month, National Dairy Month and National Iced Tea Month.

> June dates to remember are: Flag Day in the US comes on June 14th, Father's Day, the third Sunday of June, will be celebrated on June 21st this year and the First day of Summer is June 20th,

> June 1st is the beginning of Hurricane Season which lasts through November 30th. This year with COVID-19, we have to be extra hopeful that hurricanes pass us by.

Some historical events:

June 6, 1945 was WWII D-Day and war ended in Europe.

US Senator Robert F. Kennedy was shot by an assassin on June 5, 1968. And finally, Congress adopted the design for the Great Seal of the US on June 20, 1782.

Notables Born in June

BY LENORE VELCOFF



Marilyn Monroe was one of the foremost and biggest sex symbol of Hollywood. Named Norma Jeane Mortenson at birth, she spent most of her childhood in foster homes as her mother was mentally unstable and incapable of raising her daughter on her own. As an adult, she developed an image of sexy by appearing without clothes for the 'Playboy' magazine. As an actress, she acted in several successful films like 'The Asphalt Jungle', 'The Seven Year Itch', and 'The Prince and the Showgirl'. She was just 36 when she died as the result of an overdose of sleeping pills.

Clarence Thomas serves as the Associate Justice of the Supreme Court of the United States. He was the second of the three children born to MC Thomas and Leola Williams. While his father was a farm worker, his mother was a domestic worker. He graduated from Yale University with a degree in law. Ever since his appointment, he has joined hands with the most conservative members, thus adopting an assertive, conservative and consistent approach to constitutional interpretations. "Good manners will open doors that the best education cannot", says he.

Helen Keller was the very first deaf and blind person to attain a Bachelor of Arts degree. Helen was not born deaf and blind. However, she was affected by an illness which led to her condition. Her doctors described her illness as "an acute congestion of the stomach and the brain" which is now believed to have been either scarlet fever or meningitis. Both of Keller's eyes were replaced with glass replicas when she became an adult. Anne Sullivan started teaching Helen, and with her help, Keller was able to make her own mark as a writer and orator.

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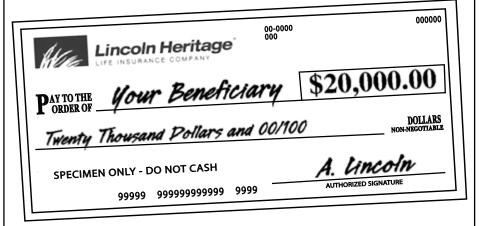
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The Best Books Of All Time by Emma Patterson

The books you read in your high school English class are not necessarily the best novels ever written. What makes for great literature, anyway? Some could argue that all your book needs, in order to be considered "great," is leather-bound packaging and microscopic print, but the truth is, you really can't judge a book by its cover.

Instead, you have to judge it by what's written inside. Is the story meaningful, honest, moving? Does it transport you to another time or place? When it comes to ranking the best novels ever written, we had to look for all of these things...and just because you love a certain book doesn't mean it made our list.

No fair – just seeing the movie. How many have you read? Many of them were controversial when written and some still are.

- 20. LOLITA Vladimir Nabokov The story of a middle-aged professor who lusts after his young step-daughter.
- 19. THE LORD OF THE RINGS J.R.R. Tolkin One of a trilogy of novels that dared readers to enter another world.
- 18 THE PICTURE OF DORIAN GRAY Oscar Wilde A gothic novel with homosexual undertones.
- 17. THE COLOR PURPLE Alice Walker The story of Celie, a black woman which stretches over decades in rural 1900s-era Georgia.
- 16. BRAVE NEW WORLD Aldous Huxley A dystopian novel which anticipated a highly technological world with a "hive" mind.
- 15. JANE EYRE Charlotte Bronte A first-person narrative of a romance novel.
- 14. THE GRAPES OF WRATH John SteinbeckThe Great Depression that related to millions of people.

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- 13. NINETEEN EIGHTY-FOUR George Orwell About a world that has succumbed to fear, violence, and perpetual surveillance.
- 12. THINGS FALL APART Chanua Achebe A captivating story of an overlooked group and the effects of imperialism in 1890s-era Nigeria.
- 11. BELOVED Toni Morrison It tells the story of escaped slave Sethe and her mysterious daughter.
- 10. THE CATCHER IN THE RYE J.D. Salinger Holden Caulfield has become a symbol of teen angst.
- 9. THE OLD MAN AND THE SEA Ernest Hemingway The book which follows an aging Cuban fisherman in pursuit of a giant marlin.
- 8. LES MISERABLES Victor Hugo an historical novel about revolutionary-era France and protagonist Jean Valjean.
- 7. THE ADVENTURES OF HUCKLEBERRY FINN

 Mark Twain Huckleberry Finn and his journey with escaped slave Jim down the Mississippi.
- 6. ONE HUNDRED YEARS OF SOLITUDE Gabriel Garcia Marquiz Blends myth and folktale with Latin American culture.
- 5. THE GREAT GATSBY F. Scott Fitzgerald The futility of the American Dream.
- 4. MOBY DICK Herman Melville Ahab and his obsession with his white whale.
- 3. TO KILL A MOCKINGBIRD Harper Lee Two children and their moralistic father in depression-era Alabama.
- 2. DON QUIXOTE Miguel de Cervantes Follows Alonso Quixano who, after losing his mind, believes he's a knight
- 1. ANNA KARENINA Leo Tolstoy About Imperial Russian Society.

Source: AOL-4/16/20

Show performances at the Clubhouse Theater were cancelled beginning March 14th. Neil Berg's 50 Years Of Rock N-Roll, The Duprees, Bravo Amici, Live in Central Park and The Other Hamilton.

Persons who have purchased tickets to cancelled shows will be given a full refund.

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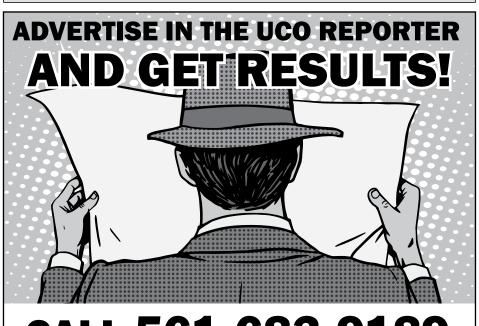
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A couple of months ago, I received a text from a woman in Tampa, Florida with the date of 5/9/66 and a phone number. This is now almost 54 years later and after calling the number, I was talking to the daughter that I had given up for adoption and we had quite a conversation. I have three children -- a son born 1973 and two daughters born 1975 and 1977 who were aware some years ago of this past birth. I was all set to go and visit my first born daughter on March 28th, but things were changed since "coronavirus" was spreading. I have spoken to her and corresponded in the meantime, and we have discussed and sent pics of our past life.

I just got a "Mother's Day" card from my daughter, Annmary and the words brought tears to my eyes. "You will always have a special place in my heart for bringing me into the world." Hopefully my two daughters and I will finally meet up with their sister and my first born daughter in August after this pandemic allows us to safely connect. This has been a very difficult time for me and I can't wait to meet Annmary and her family.



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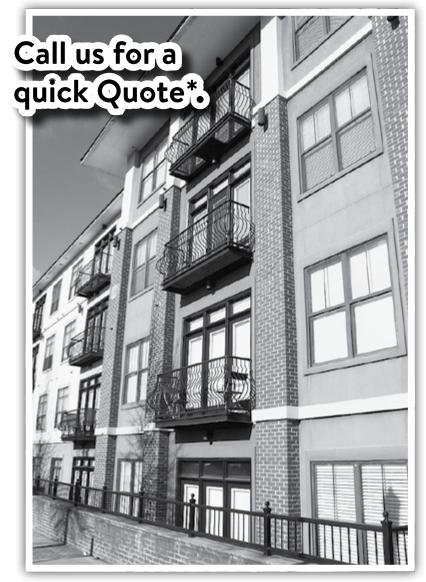
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A List of Interesting Facts About Life and Language. No Jokes.

Glass takes one million years to decompose, which means it never wears out and can be recycled an infinite amount of times!

Gold is the only metal that doesn't rust, even if it's buried in the ground for thousands of years.

Your tongue is the only muscle in your body that is attached at only one end.

If you stop getting thirsty, you need to drink more water. When a human body is dehydrated, its thirst mechanism shuts off.

Zero is the only number that cannot be represented by Roman numerals.

Kites were used in the American Civil War to deliver letters and newspapers.

The song, Auld Lang Syne, is sung at the stroke of midnight in almost every English-speaking country in the world to bring in the new year.

Drinking water after eating reduces the acid in your mouth by 61 percent.

Peanut oil is used for cooking in submarines because it doesn't smoke unless it's heated above 450F.

The roar that we hear when we place a seashell next to our ear is not the ocean, but rather the sound of blood surging through the veins in the ear.

Nine out of every 10 living things live in the ocean.

The banana cannot reproduce itself. It can be propagated only by the hand of man.

Airports at higher altitudes require a longer airstrip due to lower air density.

The University of Alaska spans four time zones.

The tooth is the only part of the human body that cannot heal itself.

In ancient Greece , tossing an apple to a girl was a traditional proposal of marriage. Catching it meant she accepted.

Warner Communications paid 28 million for the copyright to the song Happy Birthday.

Intelligent people have more zinc and copper in their hair.

A comet's tail always point away from the sun.

Caffeine increases the power of aspirin and other painkillers, that is why it is found in some medicines.

The military salute is a motion that evolved from medieval times, when knights in armor raised their visors to reveal their identity.

If you get into the bottom of a well or a tall chimney and look up, you can see stars, even in the middle of the day.

When a person dies, hearing is the last sense to go. The first sense lost is sight.

In ancient times strangers shook hands to show that they were unarmed.

Strawberries are the only fruits whose seeds grow on the outside.

Avocados have the highest calories of any fruit at 167 calories per hundred grams.

The moon moves about two inches away from the Earth each year.

The Earth gets 100 tons heavier every day due to falling space dust.

Due to earth's gravity it is impossible for mountains to be higher than 15,000 meters.

Mickey Mouse is known as "Topolino" in Italy.

Soldiers do not march in step when going across bridges because they could set up a vibration which could be sufficient to knock the bridge down.

Everything weighs one percent less at the equator.

For every extra kilogram carried on a space flight, 530 kg of excess fuel is needed at lift-off.

The letter J does not appear anywhere on the periodic table of the elements.

Submitted by Bobbi Levin





Operator, Please Press Zero



Around the Village

A CV Condo resident enjoying a walk

BY BETH BAKER



I took this photo of Cinnamon, the rabbit that has lived with its owner for 10 years. She's paper trained and loves rides in her stroller.



Luke catching fish behind his Grandmother Marilyn's place at Somerset L. And yes, he put the fish back in the lake. Good sportsmanship!



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Sadie's owner, Bob Rivera, **UCO Recording** Secretary.

Pool Day

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