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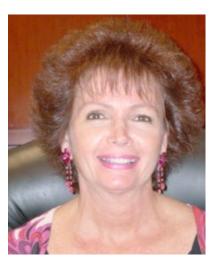
FROM CENTURY VILLAGE

Century Village was designated as a point of distribution (POD) for the Covid-19 vaccine and many people worked hard to get our residents vaccinated.

Very special thanks to President Dave Israel, LCAM Donald Foster and Eva Rachesky, WPRF CEO who put the works in motion.







Additional thanks go out to Commissioner Gregg Weiss, the Department of Health Nurses Aides, Platinum Security, the National Guard and the UCO volunteers who worked diligently every day of the operation, as well as Glow employees, Nurses and CNA's, Florida National Guard, CERT Team and the Palm Beach Sheriff's Office.

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#### REMINDER

DELEGATE MEETING Fri., February 5 -9:30 AM, CH Aud

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#### The President's Report

# COVID-19 Registration and Vaccination in CV

At the time of this writing, Tallahassee Government has allocated 3,000 doses of vaccine to Century Village, West Palm Beach. I understand it is not enough, as we have at least 12,000 people in residence of which thousands meet the minimum age requirement of at least 65. However, I am grateful for what we received and, of course, we in UCO and WPRF are working to obtain more as it becomes available. Thanks to our District Two County Commissioner, Gregg Weiss for his work with Tallahassee to obtain our allocation. Starting January 11, 2021 we began registering our residents who are at least 65 and who desire the vaccine. Part of the registration process includes providing them with appointments to be vaccinated. We continued to register until we made 3,000 appointments.

The process proceeded smoothly and for the most part efficiently. We received several feed-backs as follows:

1) "I could not believe how smoothly the registration went this morning. It was handled extremely well by the volunteers. I got in line at 6 am and was registered by 8:10 am! Again, kudos to all the people who were involved."

- 2) "Great efficient job setting up the registration for the vaccine."
- 3) "Great job on vaccine signup. 2 1/2 hours start to finish. Very smooth, everyone helpful, no knock-down drag outs that I could see. Well planned. Well executed. Thank you."

Of course, there was some negative feedback, as was to be expected. The following is an example:

"FYI: The Road from Windsor to Clubhouse and Haverhill exit is SHUT DOWN due to whoever decided on how to line up the cars for the Vaccine!!! NO ROOM for traffic to flow!!! NO EMERGEN-CY VEHICLES CAN PASS. Did we NOT learn from the Free Turkey Fiasco!!!! This is terrible planning!!"

You cannot please everyone all the time. So, what next? On January 13, 2021, Vaccination was begun in the Main Clubhouse, and continued for six days. This required the suspension of all recreation activi-



ties in the facility to enable vaccination to go forward. Additionally, residents without cars.

This has been a great project for our Village. Many thanks go out to our UCO LCAM, our volunteers, our Platinum security guards, PBSO, WPRF Management, and of course, our C.E.R.T cell. Truly a Team effort.

Also, thanks go out to Com-UCO provided buses to transport missioner Weiss, and to the Palm Beach Post, whose combined efforts alerted Tallahassee that Century Village, Boca Raton is distinct from Century Village, West Palm Beach. Also, thanks to Congregation Anshei Sholom for providing space for the registration event.

#### **ATTENTION UCO DELEGATES UCO ELECTIONS AT CV CLUBHOUSE**

FRIDAY, MARCH 5, 2021 8:30 AM UNTIL 10:30 AM

THIS ELECTION WILL BE FOR TWO VICE PRESIDENT SEATS- THERE ARE THREE CANDIDATES: FAUSTO FABBRO, STEWART RICHLAND, AND OLGA WOLKENSTEIN.



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We promise to listen to your concerns and to treat all our residents with courtesy and respect. Your opinion is valuable to us and will be considered in our decision for publication. These are the criteria for publication:

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#### **EDITORIAL**

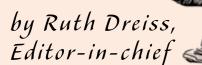
Now that Covid-19 vaccine has become available, it has replaced Covid-19 testing as the foremost topic on everyone's lips. Our community has done a tremendous job in getting 3,000 residents vaccinated and ready for their second booster shot which is happening as you read this. After concern about parking and long lines at the clubhouse to get vaccinated, I could hardly believe how quickly and efficiently the process went, thanks to the joint effort that originated with our own UCO team to get things organized, down to Glow employees who worked continuously to get everything sanitized. In between, there was Palm Beach County, PBC Commissioner Gregg Weiss, Department of Health, PBSO, CERT Team, Florida National Guard Congregation Anshei Sholom and the WPRF staff. If I omitted anyone, I apologize.

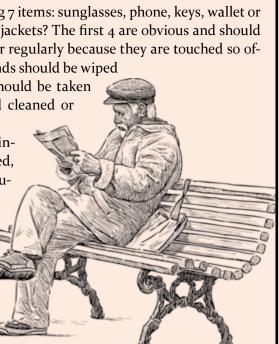
However, that does not mean that we are now free and clear. It has been well publicized that the use of masks, social distancing, washing of hands and all types of sanitizing should still be on our agenda. We wash our hands and wipe down counters, furniture and other items, but what about sanitizing the following 7 items: sunglasses, phone, keys, wallet or purse, credit cards, cash and jackets? The first 4 are obvious and should be wiped down with sanitizer regularly because they are touched so often. With the use of cash, hands should be wiped

after touching and jackets should be taken off when arriving home and cleaned or washed more often.

Now that many of our win-

Now that many of our winter residents have returned, it's time to go on with Century Village amenities that are available at this time and enjoy the season while it lasts.





# FEBRUARY 2021 UCO Committee Meetings

TUE 2	TRANSPORTATION	1:00 PM	MCH ROOM C
TUE 2	COMMUNICATIONS	10:00 AM	UCO BOARDROOM
WED 3	PROGRAMS & SERVICES	1:00 PM	MCH ROOM C
FRI 5	DELEGATE ASSEMBLY	9:30 AM	MCH AUDITORIUM
FRI 5	SECURITY	1:00 PM	MCH ROOM C
TUE 9	ADVISORY	1:00 PM	MCH ROOM C
WED 10	BROADBAND	1:00 PM	MCH ROOM C
THU 11	COP	1:00 PM	MCH ROOM C
FRI 12	CERT	1:00 PM	MCH ROOM C
TUE 16	INSURANCE	1:00 PM	MCH ROOM C
WED 17	BEAUTIFICATION	12:00 PM	MCH ROOM C
WED 17	CANDIDATE'S FORUM	1:30 PM	MCH AUDITORIUM
THU 18	BIDS/INFRASTRUCTURE	1:00 PM	MCH ROOM C
TUE 23	OPERATIONS	1:00 PM	MCH ROOM C
WED 24	FINANCE	1:00 PM	MCH ROOM C
THU 25	OFFICERS	1:00 PM	UCO BOARDROOM
FRI 26	EXECUTIVE BOARD	1:00 PM	MCH ROOM C

Meetings are limited to Committee Members until further notice. Committee Meetings are Subject to change. Principles only, Masks and Social Distancing

#### **UCO OFFICER'S REPORTS**



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Well, 2021 has arrived. For some it arrived with a "boom," however for most of us it was just a "poof!" For UCO it was an "ouch." The head of security tested positive for COVID -19 and thus UCO had to shut down the office. Fortunately, all your officers and staff tested negative and so we were able to open our office, with a modified schedule to assist our residents.

As you are probably aware, most Associations are in the process of electing their Board of Directors and Officers for 2021. Hopefully, this process will provide the kind of leadership that is necessary to ensure a high level of quality leadership that is necessary to preserve the value of unit owners' investments.

Sadly, however, and not unexpected, I along with my other VP's have a rash of new Association presidents come to the office with a range of issues that clearly indicated that there is a lack of understanding of what knowledge is required to ensure that all long and short term issues are resolved in the best interests of the residents.

I urge new board members to avail themselves of the expertise that we at UCO have to help in resolving those Association issues that are potential sources of discord.

On another note, I want to remind our residents that UCO elections for VP will soon be here and as I have noted in past columns that I will be running for re-election. Your support will be greatly appreciated.

Let's hope that this year will provide us with a fresh start on clean slates.



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With the availability of three thousand (3,000) doses of COVID-19 vaccines promised to us, vaccinations required a workable plan to provide access for the residents by a group of volunteers gathering at one location for making appointments, and a day time for application of the required dosage for the 1st stage of immunization through a wellthought attempt. This was achieved with an elaborate scheme by our Property Manager, Donald Foster utilizing those volunteers, including UCO Officers, WPRF Officers, and many others creating detours and routes to facilitate the approach and movement through a labyrinth intended to stretch out a steady stream of vehicles with Century Village residents gathering at the

Synagogue near the Hastings Complex, where appointments were created by which the first inoculation could take place at the Main Club House at a date a few days later.

This opportunity, fortunately, has been made to those over sixty-five (65) years old and a mere eight hundred (800) doses were available on the second day. This two-dose vaccination will not mean that 'masks' can be discontinued, but aids the crude term "Herd Immunity" where a majority of us can avoid being sickened and perhaps die from this vicious and deadly plague. Unfortunately, group activities and gatherings will not be available this Winter season for some time. Elsewhere, throughout the world, social gatherings are either reduced or prohibited keeping us close to home without groups gathering and cruising. Sun bathing and water activities will continue to be impacted.

Otherwise, those seasonal residents can still enjoy the time spent without snow, sleet, ice and cold temperatures. Restaurants frequented previously, will be unavailable but so are those back "Home."

We are happy that those who have been able to come to the Sunshine State can still enjoy cook-outs, walks, beaching, golfing, sailing, fishing and those things previously enjoyed with those neighbors as in the past. We are happy that you are joining us and bringing friendships, past and future together.



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Happy New Year to all.

We started the New Year a little rocky, but we managed to get back on course. I want to ask the residents to remain vigilant always, and to wear a mask when out of your apartment. More and more residents are coming into the Village. Some are not following the safety precautions that are needed to stay safe. Please do your best to keep our Village as safe as possible.

Remember your VP's are in the office to help you.



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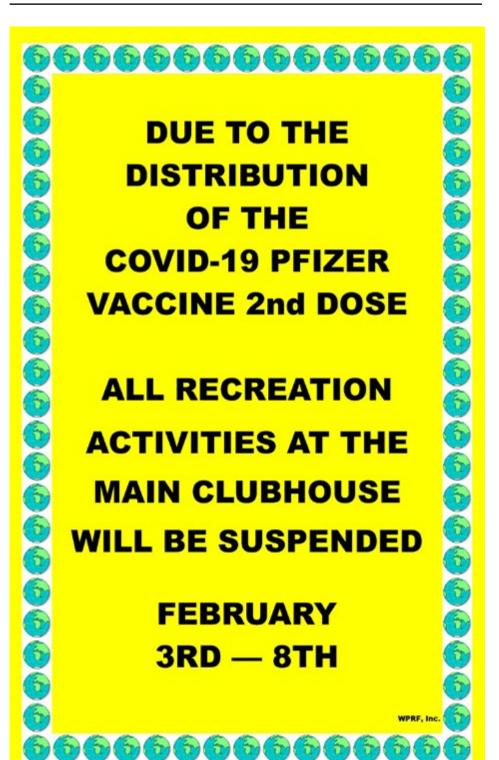
Wow, what a way to start the New Year! First the temporary closing of the UCO office, and then the roll out of the Covid-19 vaccine program. I am still in extreme awe of all the work that was done by both paid staff and by volunteers. There was a lot of work done

behind the scene and especially on the

front lines. The very small part that I played in this is not even worth mentioning. There is no way that I can thank everyone involved enough. I'll just say, "Thank You again." This is just another example of how fortunate I am to call Century Village West Palm Beach my home.

On the horizon, there are still many things going on. Elections in March, there are two positions for Vice President and ten openings for the Executive Board. Also the upcoming Millennial Agreement. Soon we shall see work being done for the second half of the drain clearing in the Village. With this project there may be some traffic rerouting, but it is usually very minimal.

I know that we are all waiting for a return to normalcy, but now is not the time to let our guard down in regards to the virus. Please continue to wear your mask and practice social distancing, until we hear the all clear sound. I'm optimistic that it will be soon. Until next month, stay well and be polite.



#### NO WEAPONS OF ANY KIND ALLOWED ON RECREATIONAL PROPERTIES

VIOLATORS WILL BE REMOVED FROM THE PROPERTY AND RISK SUSPENSION OF THEIR PRIVILEGES

#### **Property Manager's Report**

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By Donald Foster, LCAM

COVID-19 VACCINATIONS AT CENTURY VILLAGE- January was a somewhat busy month here at Century Village. On 1/7, UCO was notified by the Florida Department of Health that 3000 doses of the Pfizer vaccine had been allocated to CV, and that a closed Point of Distribution team would begin administering shots at the CV Clubhouse on Wednesday, 1/13.

With less than a week's notice, two major operations needed to be planned out and executed-registration of 3000 over-65 year old CV residents, followed by six days of vaccinations. Observations at two other senior communities led to several decisions that were key to plans at CVWPB:

- Registration would be in- person, first come, first serve
- There would be no "stand up" lines for registrations or vaccinations.
- Registrations and vaccinations would happen at separate locations.
- Vaccinations would be by appointment, to reduce waiting and to provide for social distancing.

Over the weekend, a drive through registration event was planned out for Monday, 1/11 and Tuesday, 1/12 (later extended to Thursday, 1/14) at Congregation Anshei Sholom. A line up route for cars, using secondary and tertiary roads, was established, additional security staff and police were scheduled, and movement of traffic devices (directional signs, cones, barrels) were ordered and set up along the route on Sunday evening.

Community media (BLOG, Community TV stations, email blasts) was used to announce the registration and vaccination events, and to provide instructions for orderly assembly and for eligibility rules. Informal "Coconut Hotline" telephone and email networks were also quite effective in getting the word out on short notice, and with a reasonable degree of accuracy.

Also over the weekend, W.P.R.F. staff organized the vaccination event, creating 3000 time/date stamped reg-

istration forms, which would ensure that no more than fifty Century Village residents would be at the Clubhouse at any given time, with minimal wait times. A decision was also made to close the Clubhouse to all recreational activity during the vaccination event.

On Monday, 1/11, 2200 CV residents were registered for vaccines, and 3000 were registered by end of day on 1/14, accounting for one hundred percent of CV's vaccine allocation. Most of the registrants showed up in the pre-dawn hours of 1/11, leading to traffic lines along most of the main roads and into some residential sections. Deputies from the Palm Beach County Sheriff's Office and Platinum Security managed this traffic effectively, assisted by CERT team members and UCO Volunteers. Wait times for the first 2200 registrants ranged from two to three hours, and the remaining 800 registrants experienced short or no wait times. CV residents without cars were shuttled to the Synagogue by special buses, and were registered on the buses by CERT team members and the UCO LCAM.

On 1/13, vaccinations began at the CV Clubhouse. Socially distanced seating was set up at waiting areas, check-in tables, vaccination stations, and the recovery/ observation area. Clubhouse Manager Eva Rachesky planned out a one-direction traffic route, with residents entering at the front of the building, moving through the stations, and exiting to the parking lot through a rear door of the Party Room. Traffic flow was managed by Platinum Security staff, CERT team members, and Florida National Guardsmen. All waiting areas and stations were continually sanitized by Glow Cleaning Plus. By all accounts, this event happened smoothly and safely. Each vaccinated resident was given an appointment for their second "booster" shot.

By the end of the day on 1/18, over 3100 Century Village residents were vaccinated. UCO is working on getting additional allocations of vaccines into our Community. It is possible that another closed Point of Distribution will be scheduled for CVWPB, and should this happen, our experience with the January events will help to create an even smoother operation. However, as the supply of vaccines increases, national and regional distributions ramp up, and vaccines become available to those under 65 years old, vaccination sites will likely expand into more traditional locations, such as doctor's offices, hospitals, and

pharmacies. As always, UCO will keep our Community informed of any developments as they happen.

On January 19, Governor DeSantis announced that vaccines for persons over 65 years of age would be made available at all Publix locations in Palm Beach County. Vaccinations at Publix will be by appointment only, via the following Internet webpage: www.publix.com/covid-vaccine/florida. At the time of writing this article, this website was fully booked; CV residents should check back frequently for openings. CV residents who received their first shot at the CV Clubhouse should be aware that the Moderna vaccine will be dispensed at Publix, not the Pfizer vaccine that was dispensed at the Clubhouse. If you got your first shot at the Clubhouse, go to the Clubhouse for your second shot, and no place else.

The second vaccination event will begin on Wednesday, 2/3, and continue until Monday, 2/8. The Clubhouse will again be closed for recreational activity during this second vaccination event. These second vaccinations will be by appointment only- you must have your original "shot card" (no copies), CV ID card, and Government ID to be vaccinated.

This event was a supreme team effort, and we thank all who were involved: UCO Officers and Volunteers, CERT team members, Platinum Security, S.E. Florida Transportation, Glow Cleaning Plus, PBSO, W.P.R.F., Florida and PBC Departments of Health and Emergency Management, and the Florida National Guard. We also particularly thank our Palm Beach County District Two Commissioner Gregg Weiss, and his staff, who were instrumental in getting this vaccine allocation into Century Village. Also, we especially thank Congregation Anshei Sholom, for allowing the registration event to happen on their property. This is the second time during this Pandemic that the Synagogue extended itself to help our Community. And, finally, thank you CV Residents, for your patience and your cooperative spirit- events like this are EXACTLY why we all live here!

#### **END OF REPORT**

Editor's Note- The photos below were taken by the CAM, and other Century Village residents.

#### CONT. ON PG 19



CV BOCA RATON- OVER 1500 RESIDENTS LINED UP FOR COVID-19 VACCINE REGISTRATION ON 1/5. MOST BROUGHT THEIR OWN CHAIRS.



CV BOCA RATON- RESIDENTS LINED UP IN THE PRE-DAWN HOURS. THESE PICTURES LED TO UCO PRES-IDENT'S ORDER: "NO STAND UP LINES AT CENTURY VILLAGE WEST PALM BEACH!".



NORTH DRIVE- CV RESIDENTS LINED UP FOR VACCINE REGISTRATIONS IN THE EARLY MORNING OF 1/11.



CONGREGATION ANSHEI SHOLOM- FIVE REGISTRATION LINES WERE SET UP AT THE SYNAGOGUE PARKING LOT, MANNED BY CERT TEAM MEMBERS AND UCO VOLUNTEERS.



CONGREGATION ANSHEI SHOLOM- ON 1/11, VOLUNTEERS MOVED UP AND DOWN THE LINES, HANDING OUT REGISTRATION FORMS AND KEEPING TRAFFIC MOVING



CONGREGATION ANSHEI SHOLOM- CERT TEAM MEMBERS HANDED OUT TIME/DATE STAMPED REGISTRATION FORMS



TEAM MEMBERS, FOR MANNING THIS REGISTRATION AREA FOR FOUR STRAIGHT DAYS, AND THEN WORKING AT THE CLUBHOUSE.



CONGREGATION ANSHEI SHOLOM- CV BUSES BROUGHT RESIDENTS TO THE REGISTRATION SITE. PASSENGERS WERE REGISTERED ONBOARD.



CV CLUBHOUSE- VACCINATIONS BEGAN ON 1/13.
REGISTRATION STATIONS, WAITING AREAS, AND VACCINATION STATIONS WERE CONTINUALLY SANITIZED BY GLOW CLEANING PLUS.



CV CLUBHOUSE- UCO CAM'S MOM WAS VACCINATED ON 1/13



CV CLUBHOUSE- UCO PRESIDENT WAS VACCINATED ON 1/17.

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EACH VACCINATED PERSON GETS A 'SHOT CARD", WHICH SHOWS DATES OF FIRST AND SECOND VACCINATIONS, AND TYPE OF VACCINE. THE PFIZER VACCINE WAS USED AT CENTURY VILLAGE. DO NOT MIX UP THE TWO VACCINES (PFIZER AND MODERNA). IF YOU GOT YOUR FIRST SHOT AT THE CLUBHOUSE, GET YOUR SECOND SHOT AT THE CLUBHOUSE, AND NOWHERE ELSE.

#### MAINTENANCE

With so many sheltered in their condo, I searched for a subject apropos of this month regarding maintenance. Last night, shortly after midnight, it came in a screaming answer. The Smoke Detector, mounted above the Walk-in Closet went off with a horrible scream and sparks emanat-



By Dom Guarnagia

ing noise and flashes of bright light. Rotating and removing the device to quell the noise (after looking for smoke and fire), I read on the back of the device that the Ten Year Battery had, indeed, expired in 2018 and the device was no longer effective.

I visited a "Big Box" store and purchased two (2) twin packs for less than Forty-five dollars and the rest is history. Fortunately for me and hopefully for you, the same manufacturer has continued the same model and removing the base by loosening two (2) screws, I simply replaced the base

and snapped on the device. With only two (2) devices that had been in place for twelve (12) years, I installed the additional ones in new vulnerable areas. The kitchen is the least area to locate a smoke detector because of the sensitivity of the device to be activated when the "something for dinner" gets an unwanted crust and announces that you are not paying attention.

If you reside in a condo with Ductless Air Conditioning and have ceiling fans to circulate warm air from the AC Unit under the window, this is the time to depend upon those fans to direct the warm air delivered close to the floor, up into the top of the 'comfort zone' and transfer all the warmth as high as six (6) ft. The rotation of the fan(s) should be set so that it lifts the air rather than pushes it downward. Simply take a facial tissue, lighter than a feather, and raise it close to the slowly rotating blades. If the tissue flutters upward, that signifies upward movement of the air that will keep

the warm air across the ceiling and push the cold air downward, thereby defeating the purpose. Stop the fan, move the small switch on the side of the motor in the opposite direction and you have created upward lift raising the warm air. The tissue can now be used to stop the bleeding on your finger tip when you held it too close to the rotating blades!!

With so few Board of Directors present this year due to the quarantine, there is little 'Group' designated activity to do anything other than inquire about future plans for concrete repairs to the stairs, balusters and railings, painting, new landscaping, etc. Enjoy the warmer weather and make plans for the 2021 season.

#### SECURITY

Hi folks. Looks like we have to go over a few things with you again. WHO TO CALL & WHEN TO CALL. OK, here we go

1. If you observe a suspicious person and or fighting, loud arguing, burglary, car or unit door jiggling, persons on building property that do not belong, CALL SHERIFF'S OFFICE 9-1-1 THEN Call Security. DO IT!!! Remember Security

- ONLY the Deputy Sheriff does.

does NOT have law enforcement power



By George Franklin & Daniel Zelaya

2. IF you observe anything as described above, CALL 9-1-1. DO NOT hesitate - just do it. The operator will guide you as to what questions they will ask you to answer. THEN call security. When the deputy gets finished speaking with everyone, ASK if there is a case number and ask POLITELY whether

Security and yourself can have it. Security knows what to do. I do advise allowing them to take charge and ask questions, if necessary. Do not interfere.

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3. If there is a medical emergency,

again 9-1-1. The medics are just down the street and will arrive in minutes. Then call Security.

- 4. When in doubt about anything, call 9-1-1. That slight hesitation can cost a resident their life!
- 5. If you know about any person dealing and selling Drugs, call either of us and we will take the necessary steps as to what to do, OR Call the Sheriff's Office, Narcotics Bureau. Be sure to have all the information you need. DO NOT guess. State ONLY the facts. Guess when and if the deputy asks you to.
- 6. Auto Accidents Of course call 9-1-1 right away. If you observed anything, let

the deputy know what it was you saw.

- 7. Animal attacks and or bites, call 9-1-1 at once! Call PBC Animal Control AND advise that you need medics. That about sums it up. This is just plain common sense. Use it !!! Last and least,
- 8. DO NOT PANIC! Take your time and THINK when being asked questions or when trying to describe a person or vehicle.

We hope this will help you if ever you need to call for help.

#### TREASURER'S REPORT



By Ed Grossman

The Need to Improve Never

Many kudos to those who conducted the administering of the COVID vaccine to the UCO unit owners. The arrangements for this procedure were very professional and in-

dicated good planning and was exercised by those who had training, experience, and a willingness

to work together as a team. Checks and balances were evident in every step of the way.

These are the same principles that must be present when conducting the business of the treasury. The disbursing of medication and the protection of the unitholder's money and the production of correct financial information must be accomplished by those who have the training, experience, and willingness to work together.

We as unitholders are accustomed to paying our association fees which include many services and amenities; however, they do not include everything. There are other goods and services which require an additional cost to the unitholder, only if and when they require the additional services.

Among them are the following:

- 1) Investigations of new owners and renters
- 2) The Sale of gate Passes
- 3) The Sale of car Bar Codes
- 4) Rental Income from UCO Property: (I.e. Atlantic Broadband & Seacrest)
  - 5) Income from the use of washing machines and

dryers (public laundry)

6) Income from the sale of ads placed in the UCO Reporter Newspaper.

All the above activities from a financial standpoint have one thing in common except for The UCO Reporter. They all require payment at a fixed rate before or at the time of purchase. Therefore, the accounting and control of the money involved are relatively easy.

The exception is The UCO Reporter, the Village's mandatory newspaper. There is no charge to the unitholders for the paper. The paper solicits ads to offset the costs related to the production of the paper. The official policy regarding the cost of these ads is that they are supposed to be paid for before the actual printing. The price of similar ads should be the same for every advertiser.

This is not the case. The real situation is as follows:

- 7) The prior financial administration decided to open a separate set of accounting records whose only function was to produce the invoices for the ads.
- 8) The actual recording of the payments for these ads were recorded on another set of accounting records
- 9) Thus, one set of accounting records are on a cash basis and the other is on an accrual basis, which were never reconciled to make sure that all expenses were translated into ad invoices

The failure to adhere to the official policy of payment before printing caused accounts receivable to be created.

10) The actual books of record never showed the accounts receivable related to the newspaper.

The creation of accounts receivable revealed prob-

lems such as:

- a. Ads that were placed in the newspaper that were never billed, causing a loss of income
- b. Bad debts that were uncollected and had to be written off causing a loss of income.
- c. This produced complaints from advertisers such as, placing ads not ordered, not placing ads according to executed contracts, not invoicing for ads that should have been paid because of prearranged credit cards on file, complaints about incorrect advertising charges. These are but a few of the complaints the treasurer has experienced since working on the billing and correcting the booking problems.

Such complaints do not make happy advertisers.

To correct this situation the treasurer has embarked on a program to correct the accounting procedures by maintaining the accounting records on one set of books, eliminating printing of ads unless they are paid for, uniform billing procedures as well as collecting delinquent accounts.

We are preparing and sending to our advertisers' letters of confirmations to compare UCO's records to that of our advertisers. The preparation of correct new invoices has been deliberately slow by making sure in all respects that they are correct. To accomplish this goal all parties involved must communicate, coordinate, and cooperate at a much greater level.

At a future time, I will inform you of our progress or lack thereof.

Wishing everyone a healthy New Year.

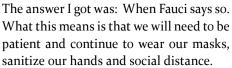
God Bless America

God Bless Century Village

#### **WPRF NEWS**

Dear Residents,

As you read this article there are many of you that have received the first of two shots of the Pfizer vaccine. Many were excited while a few were trepidatious, but there were plenty of smiles to go around. The same sentiment was voiced over and over again, and that was...when will we be safe?



A return appointment card as well as a second registration form was handed out as residents were leaving. Please fill out your form before coming back on your appointed day, but please note that the health questions should be answered based on how you are feeling the day of the second shot. A reminder... the health



By Eva Rachesky

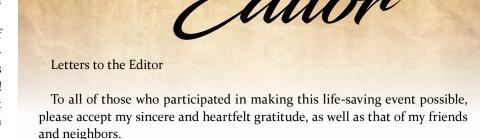
insurance information does not need to be filled out. For those that did not get a second registration form, they can be picked up in the Ticket Office at the Clubhouse. Please bring your appointment card with you so your appointed time can be added to the registration form.

As a reminder to yourself put a note on your refriger-

ator door, your bathroom mirror, etc., as you do not want to miss your second dose! Remember to bring both the appointment card and the 2nd registration form with you on the day of your vaccine.

Anyone with any questions can call 561-640-3120, option o and one of my staff will be happy to assist you.

Yours in good health,



The process was as flawless and painless as possible. We are grateful to the UCO executives and staff that organized the event through coordination with the Palm Beach County and Florida Health Department, Most of all we want to thank all of those other people along the way that stepped up to help insure

that we were all taken care of in such a safe, secure orderly manner.

David Israel, Donald Foster and the rest of the UCO officers, thank you. Eva Rachetsky, and the rest of the WPRF staff, thank you. All of the GLOW employees who help keep the clubhouse clean and safe thank you. MOST of all thank you to all of the volunteer neighbors who stepped in as always to make Century Village the outstanding community where we live.

JoAnne Robinson Norwich L

#### **Attention Committee Chairpersons**

See the published February Monthly Meetings Schedule on page 3. If your meeting has since been cancelled, it is your responsibility to notify your committee members of the cancellation. ZOOM meetings can be made available, but you must notify me.

Bob Rivera, UCO Recording Secretary

BIG THANKS TO ...

UCO, WPRF, Cert volunteers, our guards, national guard and special THANKS to Eva Rachesky and Donald Foster. We are very fortunate to have been able to get our vaccine right here in the village.

It was handled so efficient. I am glad I live here.

Concerned Resident Barbara Cornish

#### Abstract Art: What It's About and How it Communicates

#### BY YOUR NEIGHBOR, ARTIST HELEN LEVIN

A couple of years ago, a Dutch art collector friend of mine published a compendium, *Abstract Art*, to celebrate his ninetieth birthday. He's a businessman, *and* he's also dedicated to his belief that feelings for abstract art Improve Intelligence in all endeavors—be they the sciences, public life, and, even more, for the business world and its creative innovations! He asked me to write an essay for his book, and I felt it behooved me to make the case for abstraction and what's *special* about it.

Just to clarify things a bit, I mean non-objective art, or non-representational art. In my case, since I am a painter and collagist, I refer to two-dimensional art, such as paintings on canvas or paper, but it pertains to sculpture. Abstract art as a movement came from the recognition in "Western" art (Europe and the Americas) that a *painting was a painting*, paint on canvas—no longer tethered to being a replication of what It saw, as per the Renaissance based "picture window" concept for art.

Artist Piet Mondrian called the new art "plastic art" and "pure plastic art," and said it no longer was bound to being a copy of an image. Likewise, artists began to say: "Hey Guys, let's separate the beauty of painting from the beauty of the subject matter, a beautiful woman is not the same as a beautiful painting, OK?—although at times the two coincide!" So, in the portraits by artist Ingre, we have both a beautiful painting and a beautiful person. But its beauty emanates from its composition, colors, shapes, lines and textures. And what is important is that throughout the history of art,— and from all different cultures, beauty is a universal quality recognized for itself in the early twentieth century as separate from the subject matter in the art; it is imbedded, instead, in the materials (e.g. paints) themselves, and their

expressive potential in a particular work of art. What makes it special is it *puts us in contact* with our deep feelings and emotions via its intuitive, *non*-verbal language, the language of vision. So the gestures and expressiveness "speaks" to us in many ways!

Because visual art moves us in a nonverbal way, it can "speak" volumes. Please come and enjoy my art exhibition at the <u>Cultural Council of the Palm Beaches!</u> <u>Helen Levin:</u> <u>Gestural Abstraction</u>

April 24 - May 22, 2021 inclusive 601 Lake Avenue Lake Worth, FL

I believe my paintings, which are colorful, textural, and inspired —at varied times by nature, song, and/or contemporary architecture,—convey an optimistic mood. Further, it's my hope that in this difficult time,—that my messages emanate a peaceful and healing aura. I have been dialoguing with myself about art and exhibiting my work for over fifty years, and I know that abstraction speaks to receptive minds in all walks of life, for it translates universally. It's my honor to welcome the community at Century Village to my show.

Masks and. protection against COVID-19 will be adhered to by all attendees and staff at the Cultural Council. Come share and enjoy the dialog with Abstract Painting. — Helen L, MFA, BFA Painting.



Helen Levin is also the author of a book, Small Gifts, A Memoir of an Artist in the Classroom, which shares some practical drawing techniques and a classroom experience in New York with a heartfelt lesson. Her paintings and creative artist's books are in the permanent collections of eight museums.



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#### SOLD A HOME IN FLORIDA

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#### RENTED A CONDO

"My Agent was a life saver in a long distance transaction. Her communication, attention to detail and just plain caring made the impossible happen. A MILLION thanks!" - L.A.\*

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### **LEGAL**

#### Being a Board Member Doesn't Have to be Stressful – Part 1

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

Stress is defined as "a state of mental or emotional strain or tension resulting from adverse or very demanding circumstances." While it is difficult to be totally stress free, there are coping strategies that Board members can use to cut down on the amount of stress that comes with the position. The following are some tips that I give to clients when they are having difficulty coping.

1. You may be a Board member year-round, but you are not on duty at all times. Set boundaries with your schedule. For example, the president will deal with Association-related matters on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday. The vice president will take Tuesday and Thursday. During those days, except in extreme circumstances, your "office" hours are 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. You can organize it however you like, but you have to compartmentalize and leave time for yourself as well.

- 2. Use separate emails. Get a free Gmail, Yahoo, or other account. There is nothing more stressful than trying to enjoy your emails in the evening only to find that a unit owner is sending you multiple emails in all CAP letters demanding you do something. That will stress you out and make you lose sleep. Have a separate email account for Association business. Never use your personal email address for Association business.
- 3. Do not give out your personal cell phone number unless it is imperative. There is nothing worse than texting with your friends or grandchildren as you try to relax on the weekend only to have members of the community filling your phone with text messages and comments, complaints, concerns or other issues. If there is an emergency you should have a means that they can reach you, but if the association can afford to have a separate phone that transfers from president

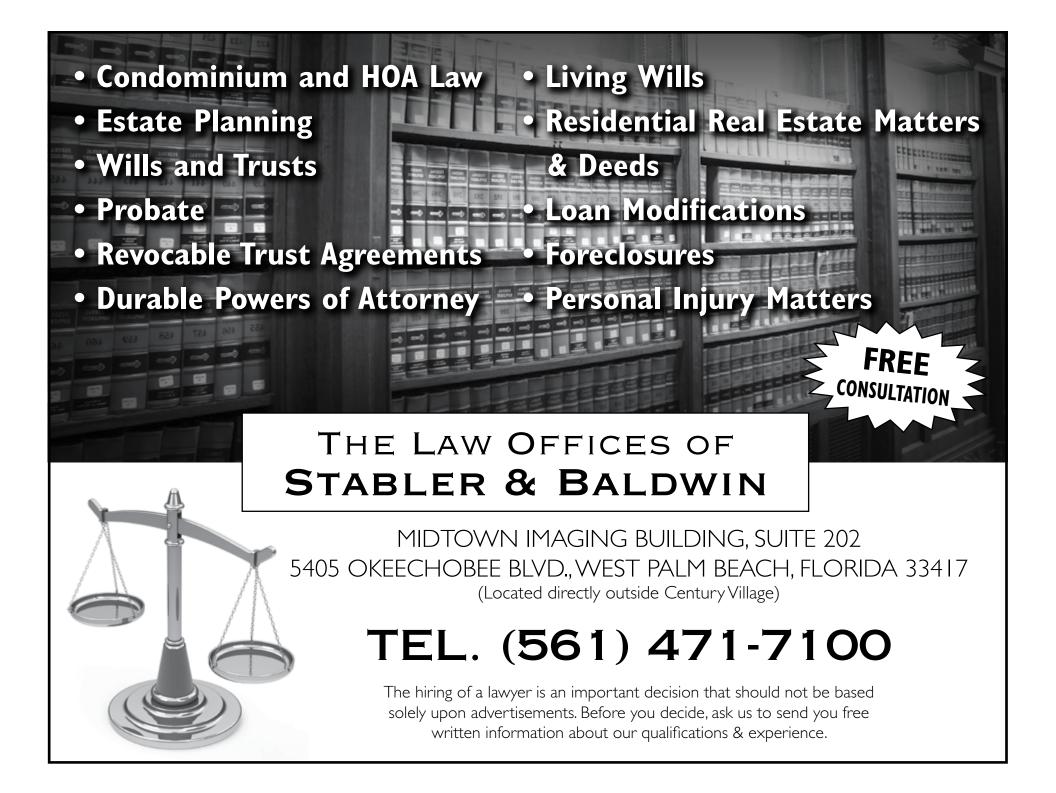
to president, that may help alleviate the stress.

- 4. Work with a licensed community association property manager or management company approved by the Board. Upgrade your current management contract if need be so that the manager does more of the day-to-day work with the Board left as decision makers on behalf of the community.
- 5. Work with a Board-Certified attorney. Get to know your attorneys and use their legal services when stressful issues come up such as whether you must approve a transfer, violations, fair housing issues, etc. Having to deal with all of these difficult issues like a full-time job that you, as board members, are not being paid for, only adds to your stress unnecessarily. Also aligned with this topic is to know your basic legal rights through seminars, webinars,

and materials provided by law firms and the Division of Florida Condominiums, Time Shares and Mobile Homes. If you know the meaning of a term like "fiduciary duty" and how that works on a practical level you may not be stressed out if someone erroneously says that you breached this duty when you know what is and is not considered a violation.

More recommendations next month.

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#### SALES

#### UPPER FLOOR, CORNER, 1 BED 1.5/2 BATH

- 113 WALTHAM E FULLY FURNISHED, CARPET, CERAMIC TILE, CENTRAL AIR CONDITIONING, LOTS OF LIGHT AND BREZZY, ENCLOSED PATIO, COMMUNITY PATIO, THIS CONDO HAS BEEN WELL TAKEN CARE OF, MOVE RIGHT INTO. NEAR THE CLUBHOUSE AND THE HAVER HILL GATE. 300 NORTHAMPTON O THIS CONDO HAS BEEN WELL TAKEN CARE OF, FURNITURE WITH THE EXCEPTION OF THE DINING ROOM TABLE AND CHAIRS. LOTS OF LIGHT, CENTRAL AIR CONDITIONING. LARGE SPACIOUS ROOMS, COMMUNITY PATIO, GREAT ASSOCIATION WITH GOOD
- RESERVES, GREAT LOCATION. \$49.000 236 CAMDEN J DIAGONAL CERAMIC TILE FLOORING THRU OUT. FULLY FURNISHED, NEWER A/C, WELL TAKEN CARE OF CONDO, MOVE RIGHT INTO, COMMUNITY PATIO, NEAR CAMDEN POOL \$47900
- 26 GOLFS EDGE E TENANT IN PLACE, UNFURN, CENTRAL AIR, WASHER/DRYER CAN BE PLACED IN UNIT. NEAR EAST GATE AND CLURHOUSE. \$49.000

#### **GROUND FLOOR CORNER 1 BED 1.5 BATH**

- 113 WINDSOR F THIS IS OUTSIDE CORNER, GARDEN VIEW, STEPS TO PARKING, RENOVATED KITCHEN, AND WELL TAKEN CARE OF, CENTRAL AIR CONDITIONING, TENANT IN PLACE, AND WANTS TO STAY! GREAT LOCATION RIGHT INSIDE THE GATE, CLOSE TO CAMDEN POOL
- 57 WALTHAM C FURNISHED, CERAMIC TILE FLOORING, CENTRAL AIR, ITS JUST A DOLL HOUSE, AND WELL TAKEN CARE OF INSIDE CORNER, RENTABLE, GARDEN VIEW OFF OF PATIO. LOCATION IS DESIRABLE AND NEAR THE HAVER HILL GATE. ASSOCIATION HAS GREAT RESERVES AND THE NEIGHBORS ARE GREAT. \$59900
- 231 CAMDEN J OUTSIDE CORNER, PART.FURNISHED, CENTRAL AIR CONDITIONING, ENCLOSED PATIO OVERLOOKING A GARDEN VIEW, EXTRA STORAGE, NEAR THE WEST GATE, AND CAMDEN POOL. 24 HOUR SECURITY, ACTIVE CLUBHOUSE AND FITNESS CENTER. \$48900

#### UPPER FLOOR 1 BEDROOM 1.5 BATH

- 304 WELLINGTON M CERAMIC TILE FLOORING, LARGE SPACIOUS ROOMS, LOTS OF LIGHT AND VERY QUIET, OVERLOOKING ONE OF THE PRETTIEST WATERVIEWS IN THE DEVELOPMENT, CLOSE TO WEST GATE. THIS UNIT IS IN EXCELLENT CONDITION, YOU CAN MOVE RIGHT INTO.
- 150 HASTINGS I UNFURNISHED, CERAMIC TILE FLOORING, CENTRAL AIR CONDITIONING, WELL TAKEN CARE OF CONDO. SERENE LOCATION, GARDEN VIEW FROM PATIO, WALKING STEPS TO HASTINGS FITNESS CENTER AND POOL, CLOSE TO PARKING, NO THRU TRAFFIC, LAUNDRY ON SECOND FLOOR
- 307 WELLINGTON D ABSOLUTELY BEAUTIFULL. LARGE SPACIOUS KITCHEN AND RENOVATED LOTS OF STORAGE, FLOORING IS CERAMIC TILE AND IS THROUGH OUT THE CONDO, UPDATED BATHS, THERMAL WINDOWS ON PATIO, IMPACT WINDOWS IN FRONT OF CONDO. THIS IS A TURN KEY CONDO WITH ONE OF PRETTIES VIEWS OF THE LAKE FROM THE PATIO. WILL NOT LAST! LOCATION IS VERY DESIRABLE, AND THIS DEVELOPMENT HAS TWO POOLS, ONLY FOR THE WELLINGTON RESIDENTS, CENTRAL AIR CONDITIONING, LAUNDRY ON EACH FLOOR, AS WILL AS GARBAGE SHOOTS, ELEVATOR IN BUILDING \$105000
- 16 CANTERBURY D RENTABLE, FURNISHED PARTIALLY, CUL-DE-SAC, NEAR DORCHESTER POOL, CERAMIC TILE FLOORING, WELL TAKEN CARE OF, GREAT ASSOCIATION \$52000

#### GROUND FLOOR 1 BEDROOM 1.5 BATHS

111 DOVER A FULLY FURNISHED. CERAMIC TILE FLOORS, LARGE SPACIOUS ROOMS WITH HUGE PATIO, OVER LOOKING THE LAKE, FOUNTAINS AND CLUBHOUSE, NEAR THE LAUNDRY, AND MAILBOXES, STEPS TO DOOR FROM PARKING, THIS AREA IS SOUGHT AFTER, NEAR THE EAST GATE WHICH IS HAVERHILL AND CLUBHOUSE.

#### **GROUND FLOOR 1 BED 1 BATH**

- 226 SHEFFIELD J ABSOLUTELY BEAUTIFUL, NEAR LAUNDRY AND MAIL BOXES, CERAMIC TILE FLOORING, NEWER KITCHEN AND UPDATED BATHROOM, WELL TAKEN CARE OF STEPS FROM PARKING FROM PATIO. \$52000
- 82 BERKSHIRE D WATER VIEW, STEPS TO PARKING, FURNISHED, RENT ABLE, AND A GREAT INVESTMENT. NEAR THE KENT POOL, AND THE \$52000
- 4 WINDSOR A WATER VIEW! FULLY FURNISHED, STEPS TO PARKING, LAUNDRY AND MAIL BOXES, THIS CONDO IS PRICED TO SELL, BEAUTIFUL PATION SETTING WITH SERENE WATER VIEW, NEAR THE WEST GATE. \$42000 79 SALISBURY D OMG YOU WILL NOT LOOK ANY MORE, THIS IS A DECORATOR'S DELIGHT, COMPLETELY RENOVATED THE CONDO, INCLUDED A
- KNOCK DOWN WALL IN KITCHEN THAT THE OWNER HAS CREATIVELY DONE AND HAS LOTS OF ROOM WITH EVERY THING YOU NEED TO MAKE IT A HOME. LOTS OF LIGHT, FLOORS ARE ABSOLUTELY BEAUTIFUL \$59900 228 NORTHAMPTON L UNIFURNISHED, CLOSE TO PARKING, FRESHLY PAINTED, CERAMIC TILE FLOORING, GARDEN VIEW. NEAR TO THE KENT
- POOL. SERENE AREA \$49900 227 NORTHAMPTON L UNFURNISHED, CLOSE TO PARKING, CERAMIC TILE FLOORING, GARDEN VIEW. \$49900
- 139 BERKSHIRE G COMPLETELY FURNISHED, WITH DISHED, ELECTRONICS, ETC. RENT ABLE ON DAY ONE. STEPS TO PARKING, CERAMIC TILE FLOORING THRU OUT. MOVE RIGHT INTO. GREAT LOCATION NEAR THE KENT POOL AND SO MUCH MORE. \$49900
- 222 NORTHAMPTON L STEPS TO PARKING, UNFURNISHED, WELL TAKEN CARE OF, CERAMIC TILE FLOORING LOTS OF LIGHT, WALK IN CLOSET, CLOSE TO THE WEST GATE, GREAT INVESTMENT! \$49000
- 359 NORTHAMPTON R STEPS TO PARKING, NEAR THE KENT POOL AND WEST GATE, GARDEN VIEW, TENANT IN PLACE, 24 HOUR SECURITY, TRANSPORTATION, NO SMOKING BULDING, BBQ, CUL-DE-SAC \$52000

#### **UPPER FLOOR 1 BEDROOM ONE BATH**

- 335 CHATHAM P FULLY FURNISHED, CERAMIC TILE FLOORS, NEWER KITCHEN, BATHS UPDATED, HEART OF THE COMMUNITY, GREAT ASSOCIATION, LOTS OF LIGHT AND BREEZES FROM THE LAKE AREA ACROSS THE STREET, 24 HOUR SECURITY, WELL TAKEN CARE OF CONDO. \$45000
- 16 WINDSOR A UNFURNISHED, GREAT WATERVIEW WITH NATURAL HABITAT, RENOVATED KITCHEN WITH KNOCK DOWN WALL IN KITCHEN THAT OPENS THE SPACE UP TO CREATE MORE SPACE. BEAUTIFUL FLOORING, WELL TAKEN CARE OF CONDO. \$44900
- 284 CAMDEN L WELL KEPT UNIT. TENANT IN PLACE AND WANTS TO STAY, CLOSE TO LAUNDRY AND MAIL BOXES, UNFURNISHED, CERAMIC TILE, NEW HOT WATER TANK, NEW AC INLIVING ROOM, TWO AC UNITS, CLOSE TO THE CAMDEN POOL AND THE WEST GATE. \$47000
- 129 BERKSHIRE F MS CLEAN LIVED HERE. WELL TAKEN CARE OF UPGRADES TO INCLUDE FRESHLY PAINTED, BEAUTIFUL FLOORING, LARGE GARDEN VIEW AREA FROM PATIO, LOTS OF LIGHT AND BREEZES ALL DAY LONG, STEPS TO PARKING AND THE KENT POOL. PARTIALLY
- 159 NORTHAMPTON H BEAUTIFUL AND SERENE WATERVIEW WITH NATURAL HABITAT, UNFURNISHED, CERAMIC TILE FLOORING, LIFT IN BUILDING, RENTABLE, PET FRIENDLY, NEW DOOR, STEPS TO PARKING, CLOSE TO KENT POOL. GREAT LOCATION AND GREAT ASSOCIATION. \$54900
- NORTHAMPTON G AMAZING DECOR AND CLEAN AS A WHISTLE, TASTEFULLY DONE, TILE, CARPET, PATIO FACES GARDEN AND IS VERY SERENE, STEPS TO PARKING AND CLOSE TO THE KENT POOL. MOVE RIGHT INTO.

#### **UPPER FLOOR CORNER 2 BED.1.5/2 BATHS**

- 184 CAMBRIDGE H OUTSIDE CORNER UNIT, THE BEST LOCATION, LOTS OF LIGHT AND VERY BREEZY, FURNISHED, RENT ABLE, AND PETS ALLOWED WITH CERTIFICATION. WELL TAKEN CARE OF, CENTRAL AIR CONDITIONING, CARPET AND CERAMIC TILE FLOORING. GREAT INVESTMENT. GREAT ASSOCIATION AND GREAT NEIGHBORS. 579900
- 76 BERKSHIRE C FURNISHED, NEW AC NEW REFIGERATOR, NEW DISH WASHER AND A BEAUTIFUL VIEW OF THE LAKE FROM PATIO, VERY SERENE. THIS CONDO IS PICTURE PERFECT AND READY TO MOVE INTO. \$89900
- 13 SALISBURY A OUTSIDE CORNER, RENTABLE, UNFURNISHED, BEAUTIFUL CERAMIC TILE FLOORING, WALKING DISTANCE TO THE HAVER HILL GATE, 24 HOUR SECURITY, TRANSPORTATION, TENNIS, CLUBHOUSE AND FITNESS CENTER, SO MANY CLUBS TO BELONG TO, DANCES ON SATURDAY EVENING. THIS BUILDING HAS A GREAT ASSOCIATION. 133 SALISBURY F NEWER KITCHEN, CERAMIC TILE FLOORING, NEWER BATHROOMS, OUT SIDE CORNER, RENT ABLE, UNFURNISHED. LOTS OF
- UPGRADES. NEAR THE HAVER HILL GATE AND CLUBHOUSE, GREAT INVESTMENT 132 DORCHESTER F UNFURNISHED. GRANITE COUNTERTOPS. ENCLOSED PATIO. BEAUTIFUL CERAMIC TILE FLOORING, INSIDE CORNER, CUL-
- DE-SAC, STEPS TO DORCHESTER POOL, HASTINGS FITNESS CENTER. ACTIVE COMMUNITY, GATED AND TRANSPORTATION \$65000 136 WALTHAM F NEAR THE HAVER HILL ENTRANCE AND CLUBHOUSE, INSIDE CORNER, FURNISHED, GREAT LOCATION AND A GREAT
- ASSOCIATION. COME SEE!! \$75000,00 22 GOLFS EDGE D VERY SERENE AREA, TWO FULL BATHS, LIFT ON STAIRS, LARGE SPACIOUS ROOMS DEVEL HAS ITS OWN POOL, CENTRAL AIR

CONDITIONING

- 301 NORTHAMPTON O CARPET AND CERAMIC TILE FLOORING, CENTRAL AIR, INSIDE CORNER, BUILDING SITS ON A CORNER LOT WITH LOTS OF LUSH LANDSCAPING, AND SPACE BETWEEN THE BUILDING, TENANT IN PLACE, PAYING \$1000 PER MONTH. THERE IS A TWO YEAR WAITING PERIOD TO RENT. ACTIVE CLUBHOUSE AND FITNESS CENTER, POOL, TENNIS, RACQUETBALL AND SO MUCH MORE. NEAR THE WEST \$65000
- 231 NORTHAMPTON LOUTSIDE CORNER UNIT, FURNISHED, TENANT IN PLACE, CENTRAL AIR, PRIVATE LOCATION, NEAR THE WEST GATE, STEPS TO THE PARKING, LOTS OF ACTIVITIES, TRANSPORTATION. \$78900

#### **UPPER FLOOR TWO BEDROOM 1/5 BATH CORNER**

DORCHESTER & CERAMIC TILE FLOORING, KITCHEN COMPLETELY RENOVATED, BATHROOMS HAVE UPDATES, NEW LIFT IN BUILDING, CENTRAL AIR CONDITIONING, ABSOLUTELY BEAUTIFULLY FURNISHED WELL TAKEN CARE OF. COMMUNITY PATIO AND NEAR DORCHESTER POOL, BUILDING IS TO BE PAINTED SOON, GREAT RESERVE, GREAT ASSOCIATION. \$89,900

#### FIRST FLOOR TWO BEDROOM 1/1.5 BATHS

CHATHAM L CERAMIC TILE FLOORING, UPDATED, UNIFURNISHED, ONE OF THE BEST WATER VIEWS IN THE VILLAGE, VERY DESIRABLE AREA, CENTRAL AIR CONDITIONING, STEPS TO PARKING, HEART OF THE COMMUNITY. \$91,900

#### **GROUND FLOOR CORNER 2BED, 1.5 BATHS**

- 28 SALISBURY B THIS CONDO HAS BEEN TAKEN CARE OF THE OWNER IS METICULOUS, INVENTORY OF FURNITURE TO BE SUPPLIED UPON REQUEST, NEWER KITCHEN AND BATHS, PLANTATION SHUTTERS IN MASTER SUITE, ENCLOSED PATIO, LARGE WALK IN CLOSET, GREAT ASSOCIATION, RENTABLE. NEAR THE EAST GATE, CLUBHOUSE, TRANSPORTATION AND SO MUCH MORE AMENITIES TO PARTICIPATE IN, GATED
- 331 NORTHAMPTON Q CERAMIC TILE FLOORING AND CARPET, OUTSIDE CORNER WITH PRIVATE PATIO, THE MASTER SUITE HAS THE MASTER BATHROOM GOING INTO THE MASTER BEDROOM, LOTS OF EXTRA STORAGE THAT THE OWNER PUT INL STEPS TO PARKING, CUL DE SAC. VERY QUIET, GARDEN VIEW, NEWER KITCHEN AND UPGRADED BATHROOMS, NEAR THE KENT POOL,
- 217 CANTERBURY J GREAT CONDO SHOWS GREAT, KNOCK DOWN IN KITCHEN OPENING THE SPACE IN TO A GREAT ROOM, INSIDE CORNER, GARDEN VIEW, CERAMIC TILE FLOORING, LOVELY FURNISHED AND READY TO MOVE INTO, RENTABLE AND CAT FRIENDLY, HAS EVERYTHING NEEDED TO MOVE RIGHT INTO. \$79900
- 174 SHEFFIELD H STAINLESS STEEL APPLIANCES, FURNISHED, GRANITE VANITIES, ACLESS THAN 3 YEARS PET FRIENDLY WALKING DISTANCE TO HASTINGS FITNESS CENTER, \$70000
- 265 NORWICH L WOOD AND CERAMIC TILE FLOORS, UNFURNISHED, TENANT IN PLACE AND WISHES TO STAY, PAYING \$1000.00 OUTSIDE CORNER, NEAR EAST GATE \$89900

#### **GROUND FLOOR 2BED 1½ BATHS**

228 WINDSOR K THIS CONDO HAS LOTS OF LIGHT, SOME FURNISHINGS WILL CONVEY WITH PURCHASE, SERENE GARDEN VIEW, AND PRIVACY. BEAUTIFUL FLOORING, WELL TAKEN CARE, USED ONLY SEASONALLY. GREAT ASSOCIATION AND BUILDING IS IN GREAT FINANCIAL SHAPE. NEAR THE WEST GATE AND THE CAMDEN POOL. STEPS TO PARKING.

#### UPPER FLOOR 2 BED, 1.5 BATH OR 2 BATHS

304 WELLINGTON M \$79,000 46 CHATHAM B THE BEST LOCATION IN THE VILLAGE, THE ISLE, RENOVATED KITCHEN AND BATHS, COMPLETELY FURNISHED, TURN KEY

WITH NATURAL HABITAT, GREAT LOCATION, GREAT ASSOCIATION AND FANTASTIC NEIGHBORS. \$77900 313 WELLINGTON E LARGE SPACIOUS ROOMS, MASTER BATH FROM MASTER SUITE, WALK IN CLOSET, CARPET, BEAUTIFUL ENCLOSED PATIO OVERLOOKING THE LAKE AND NATURAL HABITAT. UNFURNISHED, GARBAGE SHOOT AND LAUNDRY ON EACH FLOOR, ELEVATOR BUILDING,

CONDO, MOVE RIGHT INTO, ACCORDIAN SHUTTERS FRONE AND BACK FOR HURRICANE PROTECTION, A SERENE WATER VIEW FROM THE PATIO

- DEVELOPMENT HAS TWO POOLS ONLY FOR WELLINGTON RESIDENTS. NEAR THE WEST GATE. GREAT ASSOCIATION \$119900 2 GOLFS EDGE E NEWER KITCHEN, NEW REFRIGERATOR, BEAUTIFUL CERAMIC TILE FLOORING, WASHER AND DRYER CAN BE PLACED IN CONDO, TWO FULL BATHS WITH MASTER SUITE HAS PRIVATE BATH. GARDEN VIEW, NEAR THE HAVER HILL GATE AND CLUBHOUSE, LOCATION,
- LOCATION, LOCATION, BEAUTIFUL BREEZES \$88500 203 OXFORD 400 LARGE CONDO WITH TWO FULL BATHS, WASHER AND DRYER ALLOWED IN CONDO, DEVELOPMENT HAS ITS OWN POOL, NEW SHOWER BATH IN MASTER, LIFT IN BUILDING, WELL TAKEN CARE OF CENTRAL AIR CONDITIONING. CLUBHOUSE AND THE EAST GATE, GREAT BUILDING, GREAT RESERVES \$75000
- 19 BEDFORD A LIFT INCLUDED, LAUNDRY UPSTAIRS, COMMUNITY PATIO, THIS CONDO HAS BEEN WELL TAKEN CARE OF, SOME FURNISHING WILL CONVEY, CERAMIC TILE FLOORING, MOVE RIGHT INTO. \$59000

#### TWO BEDROOM TWO FULL BATHS UPPER FLOOR

264 WELLINGTON J ABSOLUTELY STUNNING, CENTRAL AIR, LAUNDRIES AND GARBAGE SHOOT ON EACH FLOOR, LARGE SPACIOUS ROOMS. NEAR THE WEST GATE AND WELLINGTON POOLS, THIS IS A ELEVATOR BUILDING. MOVE RIGHT INTO. \$159,000

#### ANNUAL RENTALS

#### **GROUND FLOOR 1 BED 1 BATH**

- 374 NORTHAMPTON S CERAMIC TILE FLOORING, KNOCK DOWN WALL IN KITCHEN, CREATES A VERY OPEN CONCEPT AND LARGER DEMENSIONS, GARDEN VIEW, STEPS TO PARKING, BRIGHT AND HAPPY, STEPS TO KENT POOL, LAUNDRY IN BUILDING \$975 228 NORTHAMPTON L FURNISHED, UNFURNISHED, STEPS TO PARKING AND THE KENT POOL, CERAMIC TILE FLOORING, MINI BLINDS, QUIET AREA, 24 HOUR GATED COMMUNITY \$900
- 196 SHEFFIELD I UNFURNISHED, CERAMIC TILE FLOORING, GARDEN VIEW, LOTS OF LIGHT, NEAR THE HASTINGS FITNESS CENTER, POOL, WAVE RESISTANCE POOL AND LOTS OF OTHER ACTIVITIES TO PARTAKE IN.
- 136 BEDFORD F UNFURNISHED, CERAMIC TILE FLOORING, GREAT AREA, WELL TAKEN CARE OF AND HAS STEPS FROM THE PATIO TO PARKING, WALL LINITS AND ENCLOSED PATIO
- CAMBRIDGE B, CERAMIC TILE FLOORING, UNFURNISHED, GARDEN VIEW, NEAR THE DORCHESTER POOL, 24 HOUR SECURITY, ACTIVE CLUBHOUSE AND FITNESS CENTER

#### **UPPER FLOOR CORNER 1 BED 1.5 BATH**

20 GOLFS EDGE H UNFURNISHED, CERAMIC TILE THRU OUT, CENTRAL AIR CONDITIONING, WATER INCLUDED, NEAR THE HAVER HILL GATE, CLOSE TO CLUBHOUSE

#### **GROUND FLOOR CORNER 1 BEDROOM 1.5 BATH**

113 WINDSOR ELOTS OF LIGHT, FURNISHED, CENTRAL AIR CONDITIONING, CARPET AND TILE, NEAR THE EAST GATE AND CLUBHOUSE \$975

#### **UPPER FLOOR 2 BED 1/5 BATH CORNER**

76 BERKSHIRE C FULLY FURNISHED, CERAMIC TILE FLOORS, WATER VIEW FROM THE PATIO, VERY SERENE, CLOSE TO PARKING, NEW REFRIGERATOR, NEW DISHWASHER, CENTRAL AIR CONDITIONING. CLOSE TO THE WEST GATE. \$1100

#### **GROUND FLOOR CORNER 2 BED 2 BATHS**

284 NORTHAMPTON O PARTIALLY FURNISHED, CERAMIC TILE FLOORING WHICH ARE BEAUTIFUL, WELL TAKEN CARE OF SERENE GARDEN VIEW FROM PATIO, LOTS OF LIGHT, 2 FULL BATHS, CENTRAL AIR CONDITIONING, INSIDE CORNER NEAR LAUNDRY. \$1275

#### UPPER FLOOR 1 BEDROOM 1 BATH

325 CAMDEN N MS CLEAN OWNS THIS CONDO. BEAUTIFUL PERGO FLOORING, FURNISHED, LOTS OF LIGHT. STEPS TO THE CAMDEN POOL GARDEN VIEW FROM PATIO, GREAT CONDO!

#### UPPER FLOOR 2/1 2/1.5

258 COVENTRY K CERMIC TILE FLOORING, UNFURNISHED, FRESHLY PAINTED, PET FRIENDLY, IT'S READY

#### 2/1.5 BATH FIRST FLOOR

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227 SUSSEX L, COMPLETELY RENOVATED, ABSOLUTELY BEAUTIFUL, MOVE RIGHT INTO, GREAT BUILDING AND NEIGHBORS, TWO BEDROOMS ON THE FIRST FLOOR ARE VERY RARE. \$1200.00

#### SEASONAL

TWO BEDROOM AND 1/1.5 BATH SECOND FLOOR, CERAMIC TILE FLOORING, BEAUTIFULLY FURNISHED, A GREAT RETREAT. COME DOWN

#### February Tax Talk

#### ANNE M. GANNON CONSTITUTIONAL TAX COLLECTOR PBC

As the pandemic continues to affect nearly every aspect of our daily lives, I am taking this opportunity to share information about important safety



measures implemented in our offices. I put these measures in place at the beginning of the pandemic and will continue to refine them as needed.

Even with these safety measures, we find ourselves periodically understaffed due to COVID-19. In these instances, wait times may be longer than

normal, even with an appointment. If you arrive for your scheduled appointment and find there

is a long wait time, please consider rescheduling your appointment for a later date or different location. I know this can be inconvenient and thank you in advance for your patience.

A quick reminder... our offices are closed Monday, Feb. 15 for Presidents' Day, but we are always open to serve you online at www.pbctax.com.



Pay real estate and tangible personal property tax in February to receive the 1% discount on your 2020 property taxes. There is no discount available in March. Pay smart, pay online at www.pbctax. com today!

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**Delinquent Business Tax Notices** 

Have you received a delinquent business tax notice? Don't wait! An additional \$250.00 fine is applied on February 1 pursuant to Florida Statute 205.053. Pay smart, pay online at www.pbctax.com today to avoid further penalties. You can also pay by mail or drop your payment in one of our secure drop boxes located in our office lobbies during regular business hours.

#### Steps We Are Taking to Protect the Health of our Emplovees and Clients

As this agency and our country continues to deal with the spread of COVID-19, I remain focused on protecting the health of our employees and the public. Beginning in March 2020, new process-

> es and safety measures were implemented in every office, often ahead of county executive orders. These proactive measures were put in place to ensure this agency could continue to provide essential services in the safest manner possible.

#### What We've Done

· Required face masks or cloth face coverings of anyone

entering our offices.

- Installed protective barriers at all front count-
- Placed social distance signage and markers in all offices.
- · Installed air purification systems in every of-
  - Conducted mandatory onsite COVID-19 educa-

tion and testing for all employees.

What We Continue to Do

- Limit our services to Palm Beach County residents and new residents only.
- Require an appointment for in-person service.
- Promote contactless payment methods in our offices.
- Provide staff with cloth face coverings, plastic gloves, hand sanitizer and disinfecting wipes.
- Require daily temperature and blood oxygen level checks of all employees.
  - Initiate periodic deep cleaning at all locations.

With every decision I make, I strive to balance our most urgent mission to provide essential services while protecting the health of our staff and clients. Over these past several months, we quickly learned we must remain flexible to adapt to new ways of working. Transforming how we serve you is part of my commitment to continuous improve-

#### **Important Dates and Deadlines**

Feb. 15 Presidents' Day - Offices closed Feb. 28 Last day to receive 1% property tax discount

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#### **Palm Beach County News**

#### FROM THE OFFICE OF COMMISSIONER GREGG WEISS

A note from Commissioner Weiss:

"2020 has been a tough year, dominated by the



coronavirus pandemic. We've lost almost 2,000 people locally and many more got sick. An even larger number of people were impacted financially: we saw businesses close, people lost their jobs, or had their hours cut.

We also saw the greatness of our community as people came together to help out one another. Businesses, non-profits, donating resources and time to help others in need. And, residents adhering to the guidelines that allowed us to get this disease under control. Fortunately, with the vaccines being rolled out, there's light at the end of the tunnel.

We will get there, but we're not there yet. It will still be at least two, and more likely three quarters before we can go back to our normal lives. Now is not the time to let our guards down.

So, I urge you to please stay safe: avoid crowds,

keep your distance and wear your mask.

#### **Century Village Water** System Upgrades

Palm Beach County Water Utilities Department (PBCWUD) has implemented a 5-year program to improve the water distribution system throughout the 29 neighborhoods in Century Village. The program includes the installation of valves to better isolate the system for future water main repairs while minimizing service interruptions to the customers. To date, Year 1 and Year 2 of the 5-year program have been completed with the installation of 105 gate valves.

expended **PBCWUD** has approximately \$650,000, respectively. The construction services for Year 3 will commence in February 2021 with a construction cost of \$513,000 and includes the installation of approximately 45 valves. It will take approximately four (4) months to complete this

#### **Reflection Bay**

As Dave Israel wrote in the November issue of

the UCO Reporter, builder D.R. Horton is interested in developing the former Century Village Golf course. The project known as Reflection Bay proposes to build around 700 residential units that are expected to be priced in the \$200,000 - \$300,000

The application, which is in the early stages, will eventually need to be approved by the Board of County Commissioners. Commissioner Weiss had an initial meeting with representatives for the applicant to learn about the proposal. Since then, our office has received some inquiries from Century Village residents.

"As Century Village's representative on the County Commission, I will work closely with UCO and residents to make sure that questions and concerns are addressed", said Commissioner Weiss.

If you have questions, concerns or need help, please don't hesitate to contact our office. Call: 561-

Email: District2@pbcgov.org

Find us on Facebook: @CountyCommissioner-GreggWeiss

### **February Property News**

#### **DOROTHY JACKS** PBC PROPERTY APPRAISER

My office is busy preparing the 2021 HOMESTEAD EXEMPTION ON REAL Tax Roll, a report of the combined value of all the property (real and tangible) in



Palm Beach County as of January 1. This report will reflect the impacts that COVID-19 have had on property values in Palm Beach County last

year. My staff are

analyzing new construction, demolition, land splits, land combinations, ownership changes, and additions or removals of exemptions, as well as market data reflected in sales of properties in 2020.

I wanted to share the latest projections (as of Jan. 11) for new construction to be added to the 2021 Tax Roll:

- Single Family Homes 1458 new buildings added
  - Townhomes 264 added
  - Condominium Units 354 added
  - Zero Lot Line Homes 189 added
- Commercial Buildings 58 added

To date, an estimated 2323 new structures will be added to the tax roll this year. These numbers are subject to change. This new construction has never been taxed before and will add new value to the 2021 Tax Roll. New construction contributes to a tax base while sharing the tax burden.

As the deadline to file for a homestead exemption is March 1, this is an excellent time of year to review your homestead exemption status and examine additional exemptions that may yield tax savings. In this month's newsletter, you will find information to help you do just that. I hope you find it useful.

#### **PROPERTY**

If you are a permanent Florida resident, you may be eligible for a homestead exemption, which can save you generally \$750 to \$1,000 in property taxes each year. All homestead exemption applications must be submitted by March 1.

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 as of January 1. 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. In addition, a homestead exemption limits any increase to your assessed value to a maximum of 3% each year or the amount of the change in the Consumer Price Index, whichever is lower.

#### Three ways to apply:

- E File at pbcgov.org/PAPA
- Visit one of our five service centers to file in person
- · Complete the application online, print it out, and mail it to the Property Appraiser's Office

Once you qualify, your homestead exemption will be renewed for you annually as long as you continue to qualify for the exemption.

Visit pbcgov.org/PAPA to E File and for information on other available exemptions for seniors, families, veterans, and more.

#### **ADDITIONAL EXEMPTIONS**

If you receive a homestead exemption, you may be eligible for additional exemptions or discounts in the categories listed below. The application deadline for all additional exemptions is March 1.

- Civilian Disability
- Institutional Exemptions
- Florida Law Enforcement & First Responders (Disabled in the line of duty)
- · Living Quarters for Parents or Grandparents ("Granny Flat")
  - Senior Citizen (Limited-Income)
- Veterans Disability
- Widow/Widower Exemption

For more information, visit pbcgov. org/PAPA or call Exemption Services at 561.355.2866.

#### **PORTABILITY - YOU CAN TAKE IT** WITH YOU!

If you sell your home and buy a new one, there is good news - You may not lose all the tax savings accumulated over the years.

Florida's Save Our Homes provision allows you to transfer all or a significant portion of your tax benefit, 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. This is referred to as "portability." The application deadline for portability is March 1.

You can E File for portability when E Filing for your homestead exemption. Or, if you have already filed for a homestead exemption and need only to file for portability, visit our website or call Exemption Services at 561.355.2866.



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#### Village Grandma Hilda: Morning Meditation Memoirs

BY SRI VASUDEVAN, PH.D.

Today it was a cool December morning at 5 am when I left my home for the jog. There was hardly anyone else walking until I went half way when I met Hilda. I know her through the walk for almost all the time that I have walked or jogged in the Village.

I stopped to chat and walk with her going the opposite direction. I tried to ask her to jog with me, but she declined politely laughing. So I started walking with her back towards my home in the opposite direction.

She said in an enthusiastic voice "no mask" any more. I asked her jokingly, "Are you the new President making rules here?" She just laughed.

I gave her a lecture on wearing a mask all of which she already knows. What

can I tell a wise grandma that she does not know already?

I said, "If we are keeping distance there is no need for a mask; especially if we are walking, since we need the oxygen constrained by masks. It is better to walk without a mask." She nodded without saying a word. I continued, "If you are jogging, it is actually bad to wear a mask, since you could faint without sufficient oxygen". She nodded again approvingly.

I told her the long story about my disastrous 3 hour Apple line in the mall. I got a phone call so I put the mask below the nose and started speaking on my phone with the speaker on. A security guide (do they actually work for Apple?) told me how I should cover my nose without knowing whether I have

a respiration problem or anything else about my health. We disagreed on how I should wear a mask and how he should keep a longer distance from me while a fellow worker was 1 foot away from him.

I also lamented to Hilda how Apple would not give me water for 3 hours and how I would have lost my spot in the line if I went downstairs for some water. They actually got 2 security guards to nearly take me out of the line, since I had too many unwelcome opinions about how they should manage the line in the store!

Then we switched to the topic of health care. I said, "Do you have a good doctor?" She said, "I just work with a nurse to take my blood for a lab every 3 months. What happened to doctors nowadays? Only a nurse works with me."

Very surprised without knowing what insurance she has, I said "All doctors do is to prescribe medication after diagnosis anyway. Personal touch and most of the hard work is usually done by nurses anyway."

She made my day. One can learn a lot by talking to the grandma who is out there early in the morning almost daily for a nice walk. Other younger people are walking much later if they do walk - suffering

from a lot of problems, afraid to walk without a mask, making frequent visits to doctors and drug stores in a car. WALK DAILY!

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171	BERKSHIRE H	2/11/2	SOLD	\$78,000	207	WELLINGTON A	1/11/2	SOLD	\$50,000
5	<b>GOLF'S EDGE F</b>	2/2	SOLD	\$85,000	116	CHATHAM E	1/11/2	SOLD	\$55,000
70	COVENTRY C	2/11/2	SOLD	\$63,500	347	CHATHAM Q	2/11/2	PENDING	\$79,900
340	CHATHAM Q	2/11/2	SOLD	\$92,500	161	SALISBURY G	1/11/2	PENDING	\$49,900
66	COVENTRY C	2/1	SOLD	\$60,000	103	WELLINGTON D	2/2	PENDING	\$130,000
50	PLYMOUTH F	1/11/2	SOLD	\$41,500					
	2020 Sales								
				2020	Suite	•			
382	WINDSOR Q	1/11/2	SOLD	\$55,000	107	SOUTHAMPTON A	1/11/2	PENDING	\$65,000
7	PLYMOUTH A	2/2	SOLD	\$105,000	221	SOUTHAMPTON B	2/11/2	PENDING	\$95,000
401	GREENBRIER C	2/2	SOLD	\$150,000	311	WELLINGTON D	1/11/2	CONTINGENT	\$75,000
153	CHATHAM H	2/2	SOLD	\$121,750	307	WELLINGTON C	1/11/2	PENDING	\$74,500
323	CAMDEN N	1/11/2	SOLD	\$55,000	269	ANDOVER K	1/11/2	SOLD	\$55,000
111	CAMBRIDGE E	1/1	SOLD	\$35,000	80	BEDFORD D	1/11/2	SOLD	\$45,500
165	WELLINGTON J	2/2	SOLD	\$118,000	104	<b>WELLINGTON M</b>	1/11/2	SOLD	\$55,000
104	WELLINGTON C	1/11/2	SOLD	\$55,000	113	<b>GREENBRIER A</b>	2/2	SOLD	\$93,000
163	WELLINGTON J	2/2	SOLD	\$77,500	241	CHATHAM L	2/11/2	SOLD	\$112,500

# The "Susan's" turn "LISTED" into "SOLD"

118

130

WELLINGTON B

STRATFORD I

STRATFORD J

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#### ALL ABOUT THE 'SUPER BOWL"

# A primer for people, like me, who know nothing about football!

#### BY BOBBI LEVIN

The Super Bowl has always been played on a Sunday and is usually played on the last Sunday in January. However, in 2002, for the first time in it's history, it was held in February. The reason is, due to the September 11, 2001 attacks, the television schedules were all delayed by one week. Super Bowl has been set for the first Sunday in February now for the next several years as follows:

February 7, 2021

(Los Angeles, Ca) 55th LV

February 6, 2022 (New Orleans, LA)
56th LVI [Not Official]

February 5, 2023 (Tampa, Florida)
57th LVII [Not Official]

February 3, 2024 (San Diego, CA)
58th LVIII [Not Official]

February 2, 2025 (Las Vegas, NV)
59th LIX [Not Official]

Super Bowl Sunday is solely a United States celebration. Just like in the old days when the old king was dethroned and a new king crowned, the Super Bowl determines who wears the crown in football after a long series of elimination games. The opponents are the winning teams from the AFL (American Football League) and the NFL (National Football League) and the game is played at a pre-selected city (usually in a warm climate or one with a covered stadium).

**Super Bowl Sunday** has become more than just a championship playoff event. In some cases, it is a national holiday. Even criminals take Super Bowl Sunday off. In 1985, when the San Francisco 49ers played the Super Bowl in Palo Alto, CA, the crime rate in San Francisco dropped 75%.

How did the name "Super Bowl" get started? Originally, many suggested it be titled, "The Big One" or "The Final Game." But. a Texas financier and owner of the Kansas City Chiefs, Lamar Hunt, came up with the idea of calling it "The Super Bowl" after watching his daughter play with a Super Ball - a small, high-bouncing ball very popular at that time! The games have been identified with Roman numerals rather than numbers since 1971.

It took a few years before the pregame show became a tradition. Super Bowl XV in 1981, displayed a huge yellow ribbon over the main entrance of the Louisiana Superdome in New Orleans to commemorate the 52 American hostages who had just been released by Iran after 444 days in captivity. It was NFL Commissioner Pete Rozelle who made sure that the Super Bowl provided entertainment on a big razzle dazzle scale. The first pre-game show released 4,000 pigeons and continuing pre-game shows have featured top Hollywood celebrities, jets with tailing plumes of dyed smoke of red, white and

The NFL's Green Bay Packers dominated winning the Super Bowl for a number of years. Then, the New York Jets and their infamous star quarterback, Joe Namath, aka "Broadway Joe" for his celebrity status, won Super Bowl III, proving that the NFL and AFL could compete equally and the Super Bowl increased its popularity. More popular = more money! The price of television advertising during the Super Bowl went from \$85,000 a minute to \$200,000. And by Super Bowl XIX, advertising was around \$1 million. Today a Super Bowl ad will run \$2 million or more, depending on how long, and what time slot of the game it's shown.

The Super Bowl is the most watched American TV show. There are approximately 45 minutes of commercials compared to 60 minutes of actual game time. The ads and the half-time show entertainment have become as important as the game. Ironically, some advertisers start running promos of their ads days before the Super Bowl to promote their ads because they cost so much to produce.

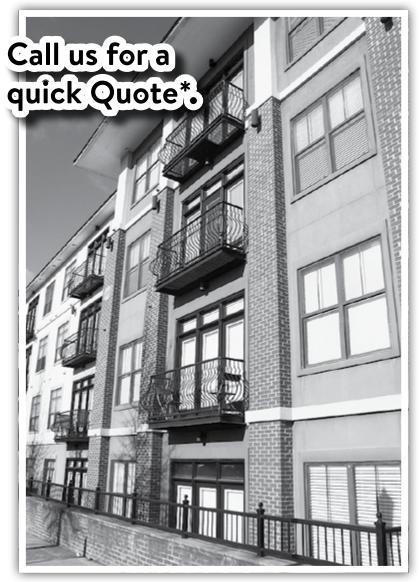
Tickets to the Super Bowl weren't always pricey. The cost of tickets to the very first game was around \$6. But, each year they seem to get more and more outrageous. In 2020 ticket prices soared. The lowest ticket is \$3,812, with an average ticket price of \$9,446. But, the most expensive ticket for the game is \$485,750!

Did you know that every year the NFL has a lottery in which 500 names are drawn out of hat for a chance to buy a pair of Super Bowl tickets at their face value? This happens sometimes between February 1 and June 1st. The details for this are posted on the NFC's official website.

Super Bowl Sunday is also the day when more food is eaten in the US, second only to Thanksgiving Day. It's the most "junk food" holiday in the US. Pizza places all over the country offer special deals to customers that night. It is estimated that 1 billion chicken wings are eaten during the game as well. There's also a boost in sales for beer, chips, and sodas, as well as fors salsa, dips and sauces. Partying may be fun, but local police and highway patrols also increase their manpower and buckle down on drunk drivers on this day, as well.

The **Super Bowl** trophy is given to the winning team and is named after Vince Lombardi, whose game plan was "Attack, Attack, Attack!" The trophy is symbolic of the values Lombardi exemplified and the excellence he demanded of his players.

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**Arby's.** Get a 10% discount on your purchase, and some locations offer a free drink with purchase.

**Bonefish Grill.** Present your AARP card for 10% off.

**Boston Market.** Most Boston Markets have a senior discount available. Ask your local restaurant about age requirements on any discounts.

**Burger King.** If you are 60+, you can receive a 10% discount on your purchase.

**Carrabba's Italian Grill.** Show your AARP membership card to get 10% off.

**Chick fil-A.** Small drink or coffee plus a 10% savings for those over 55.

**Chili's.** Seniors who are at least 55 years old can enjoy a free refillable drink (excluding coffee).

**Dairy Queen.** Participating locations offer free drinks or 10% off purchase to customers who are 55 years of age or more.

**Denny's.** AARP members receive 15% off their purchase. And if you are feeling spunky, ask your server for something off the secret menu. It's so secret that some locations don't even know about it. French Toast Grilled Cheese Sandwich. You are welcome.

**Einstein Bagels.** Guests over the age of 60 get a 10% discount.

**IHOP.** The 55+ Menu offers lower prices for smaller portions of dinner entrees such as pot roast and lemon chicken and breakfast favorites such as French toast. And most locations have a 10% discount for seniors, although the age requirement may vary.

**KFC.** Seniors who are 55 or older can get a free small drink with meal purchase. But we found the franchises may offer a discount of up to 10%, excluding any coupons or sales. Ask before ordering.

**McDonald's.** Customers who are 55+ can receive discounts on coffee and other drinks.

**Outback Steakhouse.** AARP members can show their card to get 10% off their meal.

**Panera Bread.** Not just for senior citizens, Panera Bread has special deals for MyPanera club members, including surprising members with a free bagel every day of one month.

**Popeye's.** Get a free drink or a 10% discount for guests who are 55 years of age or older.

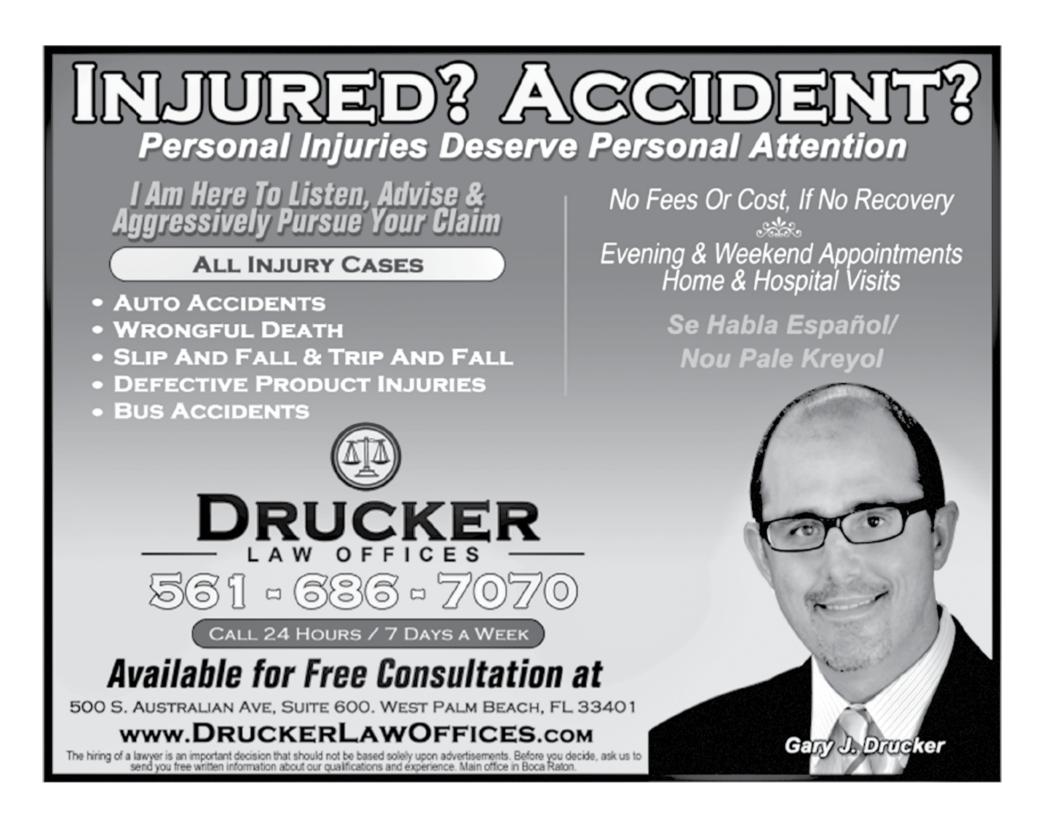
**Red Lobster.** Members of the Fresh Catch Club receive coupons and promos by email.

**Sonic.** Drive in and go home with food and a 10% discount, or a free drink with purchase, if you are at least 60 years old.

Taco Bell. Get 5% off and a free drink.

**TCBY.** Enjoy your yogurt for 10% less if you are over 55.

**Wendy's.** If you are 55 or older, ask for a 10% discount on your purchase.



#### **Property Manager's Report - Continued from page 5**



CV CLUBHOUSE- NURSES AND CNAS ADMINISTERED VACCINATIONS AT SOCIALLY DISTANCED TABLES IN THE PARTY ROOM.



CV CLUBHOUSE- FLORIDA NATIONAL GUARDSMEN PROVIDED SECURITY AND HELP MOVE TRAFFIC THROUGH THE CLUBHOUSE.



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CV CLUBHOUSE- VACCINATED RESIDENTS EXITED THE PARTY ROOM THROUGH A REAR DOOR AND INTO THE PARKING LOT.



CV CLUBHOUSE- AMR AMBULANCE CREWS WERE ON STATION THROUGHOUT THE EVENT.

#### West Palm Beach at the movies

While we are thrilled to once again open the Clubhouse Theater for movies, it is of the utmost importance that we do so safely. A combination of safety protocols and experience enhancements have been put into place which will provide a safe environment for those who choose to attend.

- All residents are required to wear facial coverings and observe social distancing while in the Clubhouse and Theater.
- Restrooms and frequently touched surfaces such as counters, railings, door handles, elevator buttons, and chairs will be cleaned and disinfected regularly.
- Sanitizing stations have been placed at all entry points for hand disinfecting after entering the Clubhouse and Theater and additional sanifizing stations are available throughout the Clubhouse.
- · Guests will not be permitted at this time.
- Social distancing is encouraged through the use of signage and visual dues on the floor
  throughout the Clubhouse Please follow all directives, including those communicated through
  a gnage and visual dues on the floor.
- Limited seating arrangements have been made in the Theater to comply with CDC guidelines
  and local government regulations regarding capacity and social distancing. Social distancing
  will require physical separation between seats for all Theater patrons who do not reside in the
  same household.
- No changing seals after you are sealed.
- No admittances to the Theater once the movie starts.
- As always, please take note of the emergency exits: I wo at the front of the Theater tright and left
  of the stage) and one left side exit near balcony.
- Please adjust hearing aids and listening devices and silence cell phones.
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# **UCO REPORTER** \*\*\*\* VOTER GUIDE \*\*\*\*



# ELECTI®NS \_









#### Fausto Fabbro | Greenbrier A

Running for:

**UCO Vice President** 



#### **Education:**

- Jersey Academy, Cannan College, Lincoln Technical Institute, General Motors Tech
- Many courses in public relations, customer service, business management & HOA



- · Wholesale and Retail/auto & food industry.
- Leadership in Community Service:
- 30 years Kiwanis (Hixon Fellow, Past Lt. Gov. NY); 29 years KofC (Past Grand Knight 5293) Life member status; 21 years Rotary Club of Mastic Shirley (Paul Harris Fellow); 12 years Director Shirley/Mastic Chamber of Commerce.



#### **UCO/CV Experience:**

• 14 years Canterbury B Board; 9 years President Canterbury B Assoc.; Current President Italian American culture Club of CV (a legal Non Profit Corp. in State of Florida); 5 years volunteer usher; 1 year UCO Executive Board; 4 years UCO VP; 3 years President Greenbrier A; 2 years Pres. Greenbrier Corp (pool & grounds).

#### **Committees:**

- Security, Operations, Programs & Services; Barcodes; Transportation; Cable Contract; Insurance; Millennium Agreement.
- · Unit owner in CV 19 years, full time resident for



**UCO Vice President** 

#### **Education:**

- · Washington Irving High School, New York City, N.Y.
- Honors Graduate, Berkshire Community College, Pittsfield, MA
- New York State University, Buffalo, N.Y.
- Lee College, Houston, Texas

#### **Career Experience:**

- Self-Employed Restaurant Owner
- · Chef and Dining Room Manager, Brooklyn College, School of Performing Arts, Indian HIII Campus, Stockbridge, MA
- · Renovated and Built Homes
- · Massachusetts Real Estate Brokers License-Inactive
- Florida Real Estate Sales Associate License-Inac-
- Retired U.S. Postal Service

#### **UCO/CV Experience:**

- President, Northampton R Association 20 Years
- Former Member of Executive Board, Bids Committee, Programs and Services Committee
- · Present Member of Finance Committee
- 25-Year Resident of Century Village



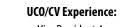
#### **Stewart Richland** | Somerset K Running for:

**UCO Vice President** 



#### **Education:**

- BA, MA, 90 graduate credits beyond Masters
- Teacher: total 54 years in the classroom: New York City, Los Angeles,
  - School District West Palm Beach



- Vice President 4 years, Executive Board
- 2015-2017, Programs and Services (Camden Pool responsibility) Chair of Beautification Committee, Nomination Committee, participate in all UCO Committees
- Work with Associations as part of my



quadrant responsibilities, provide guidance and assistance to Associations and unit owners to help resolve issues; assist in Association elections

C.V. resident 23 years, Full time resident of Century Village

#### **Military Service:**

• U.S. Navy 1951-1955





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# \*\*\*\*\*\*\* VOTER GUIDE \*\*\*\*\*\*







#### **Jackie Karlan** | Wellington L **Running for: UCO Executive Board**



- B.A. Hunter College, New York
- M.A. College of New Rochelle, New York

#### **Employment:**

- Teacher, Reading Specialist, 35 years
- · Consultant for several book companies

#### UCO/CV Experience:

- Former CERT Group Leader 5 years
- · Member of CERT 10 years
- Member of Executive Board 6 years
- Former President Salisbury F Condo Association



- Current Co-President/ Treasurer Wellington L Condo Association
- Former Vice President/Secretary Wellington L Condo
- Member CV Advisory Committee 3 years
- Current Chair/Search Nominations Committee 2 years
- Year round CV resident 16 years

#### Norma Pullman | Kent J **Running for: UCO Executive Board**

#### **Education:**

• Some college, Some trade school; Graduate of ISSA • Board member Kent 2 (Int'l School of Fitness)

#### **Employment:**

- · Market Research
- Owner of largest limo company in Suffolk County, NY
- Owner of fitness studio in Far Rockaway, NY

#### **UCO/CV Experience:**

- Association
- 2019 present
- Transportation Committee
- 2019 ran summer program for CV Boomers
- 2020 Program & Services Committee
- 2019 Elected to Executive Board (1 yr term)
- · CV Resident: Full-time 5 years.

#### **Jeffrey Skene** | Hastings C Running for: UCO Executive Board

#### **Education:**

- · Alumnus Housatonic Community College
- · Alumnus St. Vincent College

#### **Employment:**

- American Heat Treating 2011-2017
- Skene Heat Treating 1977-2009

#### **UCO/CV Experience:** VP Hastings C since

CV year long resident since March 2018



#### **Running for: UCO Executive Board**

**Patricia Caputo** | *Greenbrier A* 

Thomas Jefferson High School, Brooklyn, NY graduate

#### **Employment:**

- Legal Secretary over 30 years litigation, floor
- Office Manager, 7 years; Sales 2 years —wholesale & retail appliances

#### **UCO/CV Experience:**

**Education:** 

President, Greenbrier A, 2 years; Treasurer, 3 years
 Resident since 2004; full time since 2010

• Princeton University: B.A., magna cum laude

· University of Chicago: M.A., summa cum laude

· University of Illinois: Ph.D., summa cum laude

• St. Joseph's University: Teaching Certificate

• Valdosta State University: Gifted Certificate

**Richard Handelsman** | *Plymouth 5* 

**Running for: UCO Executive Board** 



- · Usher, 2 years
- UCO Front Desk receptionist, 2 years
- Committees: Operations, Millennium Agreement · President, Women's Guild, St. John Fisher, 2 year term
- Italian American Culture Club, presently VP &
- Treasurer



#### Maureen Debigare | Cambridge | Running for: UCO Executive Board

#### **Education:** · 1973 Newington High School

- · Graduate Cosmetology Academy 1974
- **Employment:**

#### Hairdresser

- Cosmetology Teacher
- Childcare teacher, early childhood- school age Transportation van driver, special needs children
- Paraprofessional elementary choreographer, children's and adult shows



Volunteer at UCO

#### Executive Board, currently

- Pass out clickers **Delegate Assembly**
- Committees: CERT, Security, One Unit One vote
- Operations Committee
- Annual resident shows · Act 2 Repertory Theatre
- · Italian American Club
- Cambridge I treasurer 3 years
- WPB Elks Club member, Lodge #1352, 1 year • CV resident full time, Florida resident since 2011

#### **Employment:**

- · Instructor, Millikin, Illinois, and Cincinnati Universities
- · High School Gifted, S.A.T. Prep (Math and Verbal);
- Advanced Placement Literature; Advanced Placement Composition.

#### **UCO/CV Experience:**

- · Delegate, Plymouth 5 • Committees: (5):
- Advisory Chair: Operations, Broadband; Insurance Bids
- Subcommittees: (2): Millennium; One Unit One Vote
- · Executive Board
- · CV resident (Palm Beach County Registered): 15 years • Twelve month resident since 2012: will continue.





#### **Michael Rayber** | Wellington K Running for: UCO Executive Board

#### **Education:**

· Collage, Nassau Community, LI, NY **Employment:** 



- Management Consultant
- Owner Breslers Ice Cream Palm Beach Mall

#### Field operations supervisor AMR Ambulance **UCO/CV Experience:**

- Current President Wellington K
- · Co Chair Health and Safety Committee
- Member UCO Security Committee
- Member UCO Executiv
- Volunteer UCO Office resident expert on Health Matters, wrote former Health column for UCO Reporter, current EMT, retired Area Field Operations Supervisor for AMR ambulance
- · CV resident 17 years, full time

#### Mllitary:

· Former US Coast Guard Auxiliary

#### **Ruth Dreiss** | Chatham F **Running for: UCO Executive Board**

#### **Education:**

• Walton HS graduate, New York City, NY

#### **Employment:**

- Bookkeeper children's dress manufacturer, NYC 14
- · Bookkeeper architect, Miami Beach, FL 6 years

- UCO/CV Experience: • UCO volunteer since inception 1982
- UCO Vice President (late 1990's)
- · Executive Board member Served and/or chaired committees
- Security, Auto Decals, Gate Passes, Transportation, Investigations, Cable,



- of 2 bldg. associations, Secretary Chatham Federation CV resident 49 years
- · Year round resident of CV































































































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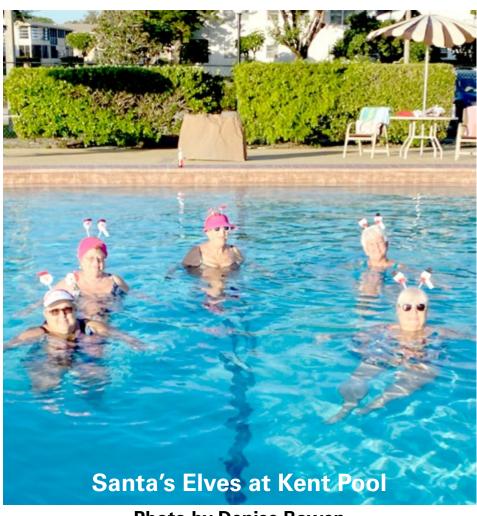
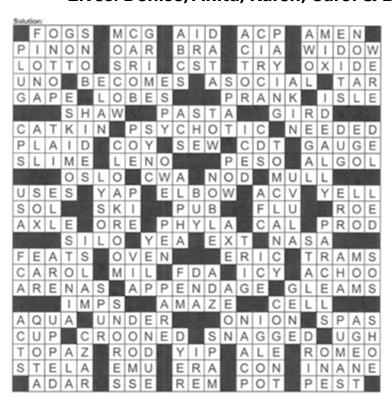


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For Gate Passes: Have your CV ID and photo and address of your guest ready for presentation (if he/she is not already in the system), before coming to the desk. Fee is based upon the number of months requested. Maximum is 12 months for \$15.00 (cash only).

Renters and Occupants must have a current CV ID for any purpose. To save time, present your renewal documents to the ID office in the clubhouse to receive an updated ID. Then come to the UCO office for a bar code update, new bar code, or gate pass.

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#### A GUEST REPORTER REVIEWED BY BOBBI LEVIN

during the last 8 months has been Sunday brunch at a location that has outdoor seating. Why did it take so long to discover Loic Bakery \* Café' Bar in downtown WPB? This hidden gem is owned by Loic Autret, an ex-French paratrooper who volunteered to clear land mines in Laos and Iraq is now working miracles in this bakery.

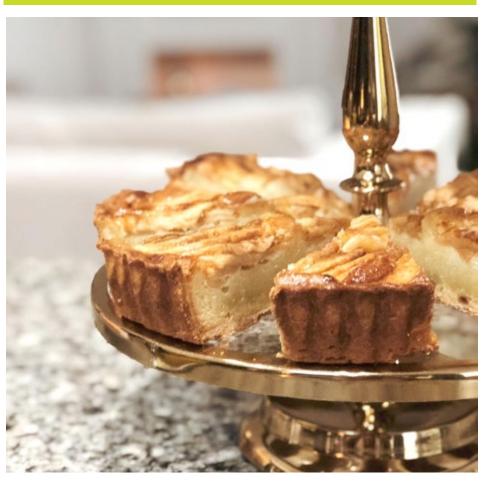
Dixie Highway may not be the Rue de la Paix but when the sun is shining and the temperature is balmy and I am eating a pistachio white chocolate almond croissant and sipping a cappuccino – it might as well be Paris. Grab a table. Go inside and place your order. A few minutes later, a waitperson will bring your order to your table.

My only dining out experience soups and a variety of egg favorites. I can tell you that the avocado toast for \$8.50 is spectacular. How does fresh avocado, citrus salt, chia seeds, cilantro and crunchy pistachios with virgin olive oil on top of homemade walnut raisin bread sound? The \$8.50 homemade quiches are also mouth watering as is the \$12 omelette baguette a fresh omelette, Swiss cheese, Boursin cheese, bacon, tomato and avocado served on a toasted handmade baguette.

Just interested in a quick treat? Try a piece of focaccia or a granola parfait. Better yet - indulge in a sweet croissant or one filled with ham, cheese, and herbs de Provence.

Never leave Loic Bakery without The menu features café' specials purchasing an artisan bread to to gourmet salads to homemade go. You don't know how good

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bread can be until you have a Loic baguette, the kalamata olive bread or the walnut raisin bread.

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unpretentious establishment serving exceptional food executed by a talented French chef. Hope to and see you there next Sunday!



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# Nutrition and Health Nutrition Q & A

BY JEANIE W. FRIEDMAN, MS RD LD/N



This month, we will focus on a few common label. Read the ingredients on nutrition questions.

# IF I WANT TO CUT DOWN ON SALT, WILL IT BE ENOUGH TO JUST STOP USING THE SALT SHAKER?

Putting down the salt shaker would somewhat help to reduce your intake of salt, however, it wouldn't make a tremendous impact. Most of the salt people eat are from processed foods, such as deli meats, frozen and canned foods. Restaurant food can also be highly seasoned with salt.

Please keep in mind, as mentioned in a previous article, table salt is made up of sodium chloride. Salt and sodium are usually used interchangeably, though technically they are not exactly the same.

In order to make a bigger difference, cutting down on processed foods would be the fastest way to reach your goal. The food label is a great tool to use to monitor your salt intake.

If you must have deli meat, look for lower sodium versions and limit these types of foods. Aim for fresh foods as much as possible and cook with less salt. If you use canned items, some of these come in a lower or no sodium version. When eating out, ask the server if it's possible to have your dish prepared with less salt.

#### ARE FAT FREE COOKIES HEALTHIER THAN REGULAR COOKIES?

The term "healthier" is rather broad. A fat free cookie is still a cookie regardless of the label. Read the ingredients on the food label. Does it sound like something that lines up with your health and nutrition goals? Fat is what gives food that wonderful mouthfeel, how it moves around in your mouth, and fat also provides a great deal of flavor. Companies usually compensate by adding more sugar to fat free products to offer better taste.

Fat free doesn't mean caloriefree. We would still need to eat these in moderation. Filling up on snack foods leaves less room for nutritious meals and foods.

# ISN'T IT EASIER TO TAKE DIET PILLS TO LOSE WEIGHT INSTEAD OF WATCHING WHAT I EAT?

You should always ask your doctor first before taking any pills or supplements to be sure it is what you need and that it is safe for you to do so. Diet pills alone do not allow you to make necessary lifestyle changes, which can help increase success over time. Maintaining that weight loss is much more beneficial than constant dieting. Slow steady weight loss allows you to set goals and boost confidence as you reach them. Physical activity can also help to increase muscle tone and strength and to maintain weight loss.



#### WHAT TYPE OF WHEAT PRODUCTS SHOULD I BUY?

Look for products labeled "100% Whole Wheat". If it doesn't state "100%", you may be getting cheaper refined grains in your items. The food labels will give you a greater idea of what's in it. The first ingredient should be whole wheat flour. "Whole" is the key word. There is a wide variety of whole wheat items to choose from. If you don't care much for whole wheat spaghetti, perhaps you might like whole wheat bagels more.

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# West Palm Beach at the movies

While we are thrilled to once again open the Clubhouse Theater for movies, it is of the utmost importance that we do so safely. A combination of safety protocols and experience enhancements have been put into place which will provide a safe environment for those who choose to attend. Please visit the CV Theater website for the complete list at <a href="https://www.centuryvillagetheater.com/west-palm-beach">www.centuryvillagetheater.com/west-palm-beach</a>



#### 1917 R, 1 HOUR, 59 MIN.

(RATED R FOR VIOLENCE AND SOME DISTURBING IMAGES.)

It's April, 1917 on the western front of World War I and two British soldiers are sent out to deliver an urgent message to an isolated regiment of 1,600 soldiers in this hard-hitting, historical war drama. Time is of the essence since the regiment is walking into a trap and the two soldiers' journey is fraught with danger as they pass through enemy territory. The film stars Dean-Charles Chapman, George MacKay, Daniel Mays, Colin Firth and Benedict Cumberbatch.

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#### A RAINY DAY IN NEW YORK PG-13, 1 HOUR, 32 MIN.

Woody Allen wrote and directed this romantic comedy about a young couple who arrive in New York for the weekend. Their relationship is put to the test when they are met with bad weather and a series of adventures. The film stars Timothée Chalamet, Elle Fanning, Liev Schreiber, Jude Law, Selena Gomez and Diego Luna.

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#### THE CALL OF THE WILD PG, 1 HOUR, 40 MIN.

Inspired by the classic Jack London adventure novel, the film S tells the story of Buck, a big, kindhearted sled dog who is stolen M from his home in California and deported up North to be sold in Skagway, Alaska. From a carefree life of leisure, he now has to struggle for survival in the wilds of the Yukon. The movie stars S Harrison Ford, Omar Sy and Cara Gee.

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#### THE WAR WITH GRANDPA PG, 1 HOUR, 34 MIN.

Robert De Niro stars as grandpa in this fun comedy. Grandpa, coming to live with his family, is welcomed by his grandson Peter until he realizes that grandpa has taken over his bedroom. Peter has been relegated to a creepy attic room and even though he loves his grandpa, he has decided to declare war in order to get his room back. He enlists his friends to help but grandpa has a plan of his own. The movie also stars Uma Thurman, Christopher Walken, Cheech Marin, Jane Seymour and Rob Riggle.

Mon.	February	22	6:30 pm
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Thurs.	February	25	6:30 pm
Sun.	February	28	1:45 pm

(Continued in March)

(Please note all evening movies this month will start at 6:30 pm)

Movies will be presented with captions when available on the first Monday and Tuesday (only) of each new movie. (Mondays at 6:30 pm and Tuesday at 1:45 pm)

Admission is free and tickets are not required.

#### **Notice to All Residents**

The UCO Reporter welcomes all articles, poems and photos for consideration, to be held in our files for publication, as needed. Please send your submissions via Email with Attachment to ucoreporterwpb@gmail.com. Many thanks.

Ruth Dreiss, Editor-in-chief UCO Reporter

# West Palm Beach at home series

While it's intermission for live theater, great entertainment is still available at Century Village Theater!

CV At Home Series continues to offer free video performances that you can view right on your computer or internet device. During the week you will receive an email announcing the video performance along with a short description. The following day you will receive the viewing internet link at 8 pm. This video performance will then be available for viewing for the next 48 hours.

The response to this program has been fantastic and if you are not already taking advantage of it, you can do so by subscribing on to our email list at www.centuryvillagetheater.com/join-our-newsletter-wpb

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These are only a sampling of the wonderful video performances that will be coming to you this season and that you will be able to view directly from the comfort of your home.



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#### **UCO Reporter No Longer Mailed**

As noted in the October issue of this publication, the UCO Reporter will no longer be mailed to winter residents as of January 1, 2021. The newspaper can be read online at: village-blog-and-chat.blogspot.com each month. If you do not use a computer, you might make arrangements with neighbors or friends to mail copies to you.

Ruth Dreiss, Editor-in-chief



#### WAR WAR WORLDS

### Broadcast Hysteria

Orson Welles's War of the Worlds and the Art of Fake News

BY STEW RICHLAND



On Oct. 30, 1938, Orson Welles and his Mercury Theatre broadcast the infamous "War of the Worlds" on the CBS radio network, reporting that aliens had invaded Grovers Mill, New Jersey. The next day, headlines told of mass hysteria across the nation after listeners mistook the radio drama for breaking-news coverage of a Martian attack. "Upwards of a million people were convinced, if only briefly, that the United States was being laid waste by alien invaders." (from a PBS documentary). The panic inspired by Wells made "War of the Worlds" perhaps the most notorious event in American broadcast history. This is the story that most Americans already know and has been reprinted in many textbooks and popular cultural histories.



Was the "War of the Worlds" radio broadcast a magnificent fluke perpetrated on a gullible nation? Wel,l let's take a closer look at that night of panic. A recent PBS American Experience documentary asserts the notion that native Americans were terrorized by their radios back in 1938.

The 1930s was considered the "Golden Age" of radio. American families gathered around what was considered

their central piece of furniture, their radio, especially on Saturday evenings to be entertained by the likes of Charlie McCarthy, Jack Benny and Fred Allen. These radio programs provided sources of entertainment, as well as inspiration with heroes such as the Lone Ranger and the Shadow. News broadcasters also influenced the way the public experienced current affairs.

Even though the "War of the Worlds" was broadcast over 80 years ago, many radio historians and sociologists are still trying to logically evaluate the reasons why so many Americans believed that America was really being invaded by aliens.

According to NPR's Radlab, they stated that on Oct. 30, 1938, "The United States experienced a kind of mass hysteria that we had never seen before." However, they note that the panic was so small that it was difficult to measure. They also stated that "almost nobody was fooled by the Wells broadcast."

NPR"s research blamed the newspapers for the supposedly nation-wide panic. They explained that radio in the 1920s and 30s had siphoned off advertising revenues from the print media damaging the newspaper industry. So newspapers used the opportunity of Welles' broadcast to discredit radio as a source of news. Just as we see today, the newspapers were going to use this event to discredit the radio and some TV stations, as a reliable source of news. All this implied that radio management was irresponsible and not to be trusted. The New York Times published an editorial, "Terror By Radio: in which they accused radio executives for approving the interweaving of "blood-curdling fiction" with "new flashes" offered in the same way that normal news was reported.

The opinion column continued with the following, "The nation as a whole continues to face the danger of incomplete, misunderstood new over a medium which has yet to prove....that it is competent to perform the news job."

Over the years, radio historians have attempted to explain why radio listeners were so panicked that there was genuine fear that Martians were invading the nation. Some analysts labeled listeners uneducated and gullible. As one researcher noted that if the listeners had been more knowledgeable about radio and how their message was presented or about the various differences in the styles the announcers used to deliver information, the listeners would not have reacted the way they did.

Well all this happened over 80 years ago and I am not sure how relevant the above analysis is in the context of today's radio, TV, Facebook, Twitter generation.





Below is just a tease from the original radio transcript performed by Orson Welles and the Mercury Theatre on the Air from a script by Howard Koch and based on the novel by H.G. Wells

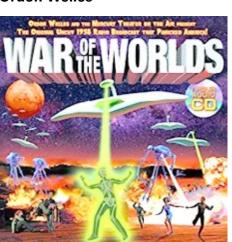
ANNOUNCER: The Columbia Broadcasting System and its affiliated stations present Orson Welles and the Mercury Theatre on the Air in The War of the Worlds by H. G. Wells.

(MUSIC: MERCURY THEATRE MU-SICAL THEME)

ANNOUNCER: Ladies and gentlemen: the director of the Mercury Theatre and star of these broadcasts, Orson Welles . . .



**Ordon Welles** 



ORSON WELLES: We know now that in the early years of the Twentieth Century this world was being watched closely by intelligences greater than man's and yet as mortal as his own. We know now that as human beings busied themselves about their various concerns they were scrutinized and studied, perhaps almost as narrowly as a man with a microscope might scrutinize the transient creatures that swarm and multiply in a drop of water. With infinite complacency people went to and fro over the earth about their little affairs, serene in the assurance of their dominion over this small spinning fragment of solar driftwood which by chance or design man has inherited out of the dark mystery of Time and Space. Yet across an immense ethereal gulf, minds that to our minds as ours are to the beasts in the jungle, intellects vast, cool and unsympathetic, regarded this earth with envious eyes and slowly and surely drew their plans against us. In the thirty-ninth year of the twentieth century came the great disillusionment. (https://www.wellesnet.com/the-warof-the-worlds-radio-script/\_

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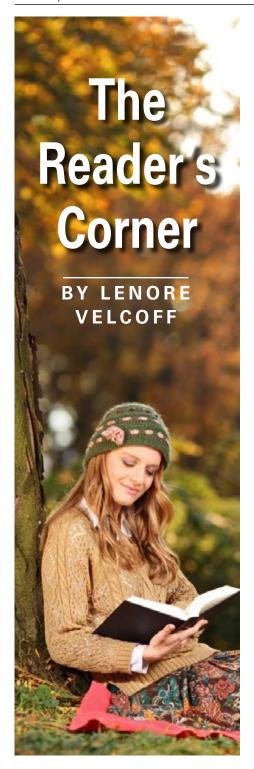
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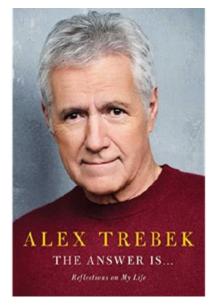
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#### Two for One

# The Answer Is...: Reflections on My Life by Alex Trebek

This is a short autobiographical book by a beloved television icon. He entertained readers with some pieces from his long time in the public spotlight, as well as many of his more personal moments. The book looks at his influence on a program



that has endured for decades. His approach to life and to death speaks of a simple man who lived a fascinating life. The pictures he has included help make this book a must read.

#### **AMERICAN DIRT** by Jeanine Cummins

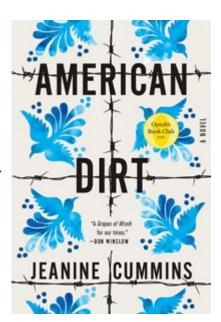
I am a white woman, living in Florida, many miles from Mexico. I have no real personal experience regarding the Mexican migrant issue, and therefore, cannot speak to whether or not author Jeanine Cummins writes a genuine representation of the crisis or not. I don't even dare to attempt to do so. What I can write about, however, is my own reading experience of this novel. This is a very heavy book and is not for everyone.

Forced to flee from Acapulco after the massacre of their entire family, Lydia and her eight year old son, Luca become migrants and begin their journey to the United States. In Mexico, they were part of a middle class family, Things once taken for granted are no longer available to them, or come at a premium. The beginning is brutal and the tension never ceases. The cartel's savagery is not the focus of the novel but it is there. At its heart, this is a novel about victims and there are victims aplenty. No one is to be trusted, however, it's not possible to survive without trusting some strangers. Early in their journey, Lydia and Luca meet two teenage girls, Rebecca and Soledad, who are also escaping violence.

Although there is danger along the route, mainly from officials, they also find kindness and humanity in the form of hostels for migrants where they can sleep safely and strangers who offer food and water. She and others form a de facto family group, loyal to each other, sharing what they have and sacrificing their own safe-

ty for each other. It is a story full of love. Cummings is interested in characters who suffer inconceivable hardship, and people who manage to triumph over extraordinary trauma.

There are plenty of twists and turns to keep the reader interested. I found it to be surprisingly well done and on an important subject.

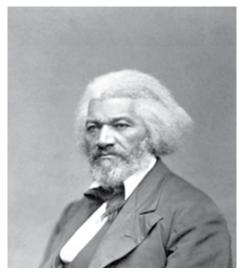


# Notables Born in February

#### BY LENORE VELCOFF

**THOMAS EDISON** is considered one of America's leading businessmen and innovators. Edison rose from humble beginnings to work as an inventor of major technology and is credited with inventions such as the first practical light bulb and the phonograph. He held over 1,000 patents.

**FREDERICK DOUGLASS** was born into slavery in Maryland, but in 1838, when he was 20, he escaped to freedom in New York. He gained fame as a speaker, began his



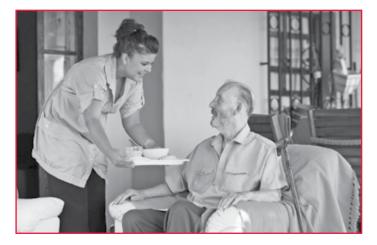
own anti-slavery publications, and then became a 'conductor' on the Underground Railroad that helped lead slaves to freedom.

**SUSAN B. ANTHONY** was a leading figure in the women's voting rights movement. Raised in a Quaker household, Anthony went on to work as a teacher. She was a suffragist, abolitionist, author and speaker who was the president of the National American Woman Suffrage Association.



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February celebrants, as usual, have the Amethyst as their birthstone, zodiac signs are Aquarius or Pisces and flowers are the Violet and Primrose. February is derived from the Latin word "februs," meaning "to cleanse." How appropriate for these sanitizing times.

There are 28 days in February, the shortest month of the year and is the most commonly found in a list of misspelled words in the English language. It is often spelled "Febuary", instead of correct "February."

The best known day is February 14th, Valentine's Day with 190 million greeting cards exchanged annually on this day for sweethearts. February is Black History Month. Some recognized days are: Chinese New Year on the 12th (see our featured article this month); Super

Bowl Sunday is the 7th; Presidents' Day is the 15th; Mardi Gras on the 16th; Ash Wednesday, the 17th; and Purim begins on the 26th.

Following are Bizarre, Crazy, Silly, Unknown Holidays and Observanc-

Love the Bus Month (dedicated to our bus manager, Jose Martinez); Pull Your Sofa Off the Wall Month; Return Shopping Carts to the Supermarket; Spunky Old Broads Day on the 1st; Love a Mensch Week (a person of integrity and honor), the 14-20th; Shower With a Friend Day on the 5th; Read in the Bathtub Day, the 9th; Satisfied Staying Single Day, the 11th and Best Friends Day on the 19th (Hi there, BFF Pat).

We here in Florida know that it's the place to be in February, no matter what day it is. Enjoy!



Here are a few fun facts you might not know:

- Named after several early Christian martyrs named Valentine and established in 496 AD.
- ♥ It did not become associated with "romance" until the Middle Ages!
- Geoffrey Chaucer wrote the poem, "For this was Saint Valentine's Day, when every bird cometh there to choose his mate", to honor King Richard II of England and Anne of Bohemia. During this time, young men and women would draw names from a bowl to see who their Valentine would be. They would wear their names on their sleeve for one week.
- Symbols of the holiday are heart shapes, Cupid, doves, candy, flowers, greeting cards, cupcakes, and anything red or pink!!!
- ♥ In 1797, "The Young Man's Valentine Writer" was published, which contained many verses for lovers to use who could not develop their own sentiments. Valentine cards with verses became popular in the next 100 years, especially unsigned ones sent through the mail to your secret sweetheart.

- Cupid is the symbol of love. It is said that if Cupid shoots his arrow of love and it hits you, that you will fall madly in love with the next person that you meet! Watch out!
- Paper Valentines were mass produced in the early 19th century and morphed into ones made with real lace and fancy ribbons. Today, handwritten notes have given way to mass produced cards, and all kinds of gifts. Roses, chocolates in heart shaped boxes, and jewelry; nothing is too small for your sweetie!
- Over one billion Valentines are exchanged each year in the United States, given not just to sweethearts, but family members, kids, friends and classmates.
- The internet has allowed a new way of showing love: e-cards, or printable greeting cards. Over 15 million e-cards were sent in 2019! 189 million stems of roses are sold in the U.S. on February 14th! Red roses are traditional for true love!

The holiday has become completely commercialized! Caring can't be purchased for money.

Some of the best gifts are hugs and simply saying, "I love you"!

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### Chinese New Year 2021 (Spring Festival)

Chinese New Year 2021 falls on February 12th and the festival will last to February 26th, about 15 days in total. 2021 is the Year of the Ox according to Chinese zodiac. Onesixth of the world's people celebrate Chinese New Year. It is the longest public holiday in China and the whole country is on the move.

Most employees have 7-12 days off from work, and students have one month winter vacation.

No matter where they are, people try their best to return home for a family reunion. Some families travel together during the holiday making this the world's largest annual migration, known as the Spring Festival Travel Rush. The total trips made by plane, train, bus and ship can reach nearly 3 billion.

Fireworks are an indispensable part of the Spring Festival and most families set off fireworks to celebrate the festival. Decorations are mostly in red. Houses are decorated with red lanterns and red paper cuttings; city streets are lit up by red lanterns; and numerous people are dressed in red. This is because red in Chinese culture is the symbol of happiness, wealth and prosperity, and can ward off evil spirits and bring good luck. These red decorations are to the festival what Christmas trees are to Christmas.

#### **Chinese New Year Taboos**

The Spring Festival is a time to celebrate and welcome the new year with a smile. At the same time, the needles shouldn't be used. In old-Spring Festival involves somber ceremonies to wish for a good harvest. These are the top 10 taboos during the Chinese New Year. Follow these and fortune will smile on you.

- 1. Do not say negative words: All words with negative connotations are forbidden! These include: death, sick, empty, pain, ghost, poor, break, kill and more. The reason behind this is obvious. You wouldn't want to jinx yourself or bring those misfortunes onto you and your loved ones.
- 2. Do not break ceramics or **glass:** Breaking things will break your connection to prosperity and fortune. If a plate or bowl is dropped, immediately wrap it with red paper while murmuring auspicious phrases. Some would say suì suì píng ān. This asks for peace and security every year. After the New Year, throw the wrapped up shards into a lake or river.
- 3. Do not clean or sweep: Before the Spring Festival, there is a day of cleaning to sweep away the bad luck. But during the actual celebration, sweeping is taboo. Cleaning or throwing out garbage may sweep away good luck. If you must clean, start at the outer edge of a room and sweep inwards. Bag up any garbage and throw it away after the 5th day. Similarly, you shouldn't take a shower on Chinese New Year's Day.
- 4. Do not use scissors, knives or **other sharp objects:** Scissors and

en times, this was to give women a well-deserved break. Sharp objects, in general, will cut your stream of wealth and success. This is why 99% of hair salons are closed during the holidays. Hair cutting is taboo and forbidden until Lunar February 2, when all festivities are over.

- 5. Do not visit the wife's family: Traditionally, multiple generations live together. The bride moves into the groom's home after marriage and she will celebrate Chinese New Year with her in-laws. Returning to her parents on New Year's Day means that there are marriage problems and may also bring bad luck to the entire family.
- 6. Do not demand debt payment: This custom is a show of understanding. It allows everyone a chance to celebrate without worry. If you knock on someone's door, demanding repayment, you'll bring bad luck to both parties.
- 7. Avoid fighting and crying: Unless there is a special circumstance, try not to cry. But if a child cries, do not reprimand them. All issues should be solved peacefully. In the past, neighbors would come over to play peacemaker for any arguments that occurred. This is all to ensure a smooth path in the new
- **8. Avoid taking medicine:** Try not to take medicine during the Spring Festival to avoid being sick Rice, also on Okeechobee Blvd. the entire year. Of course, if you are

chronically ill or contract a sudden serious disease, immediate health should still come first. Some related taboos: Don't visit the doctor; Don't perform/undergo surgery; Don't get

- 9. Do not give New Year blessings to someone still in bed: You are supposed to give New Year blessings, but let the recipient get up from bed first. Otherwise, they'll be bed-ridden for the entire year. You also shouldn't tell someone to wake up. You don't want them to be rushed around and bossed around for the year.
- 10 . Chinese gift-giving taboos: You should bring gifts when paying visits. It's the thought that counts, but some gifts are forbidden. Clocks are the worst gifts. Gifting clocks is a homophone of paying one's last respects.

But like a parent would say, these admonitions are all for your own good. Formed over thousands of years, these taboos embody the beliefs, wishes and worries of the Chinese people.

Here are some suggestions for nearby Chinese food restaurants from Lenore Velcoff, our Restaurant Review columnist: Singing Bamboo on Military Trail and Grand Lake on Okeechobee Blvd. For quick takeout, Star River across from the Village; China Wok on Jog Rd. and Got



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# Tales from the Cold War

# **The Berlin Tunnel**

#### BY DAVE ISRAEL

In the early 1950s, the Red Army of the former Soviet Union had 30 divisions based in Germany. These forces were known as the Group of Soviet Forces Germany, GSFG. What were the Soviets up to? British and American efforts to answer this question had been stymied by their inability to crack the Russian military and diplomatic codes. The British and Americans desperately desired information that would provide an early warning of any Soviet attack. They devised an audacious plan to get it. They would build a quarter mile long tunnel from Berlin's American sector to the city's Soviet sector and tap into the underground telephone cables that carried conversations to and from Soviet military headquarters.

CIA Director, Allen Dulles, approved the top-secret plan in January 1954. It would be a joint CIA and British operation. Work began immediately. Cover was provided by building a new facility next to a Berlin airport close to the dividing line between the American and Soviet sectors. Disguised as a radar installation, it provided the starting point for the tunnel and a hidden dumping ground (actually, the 23-footdeep basement) for all the dirt created by the excavation.

By May 1955, the tunnel was completed and the Russian cables containing an estimated 1,200 telephone lines were tapped. It was a mother-lode of information that kept 650 translators and analysts based in Washington and London busy around the clock for the next three years.

It was not to last. In the spring of 1956, heavy rains inundated Berlin saturating the earth and interrupting the service of a number of cables. In the early morning hours of April 22, 1956, the American spies watching from their disguised location were horrified to see a team of German workers digging directly above their tunnel. Within hours the tap was discovered, and the listening devices shut down.

But was the discovery the result of CIA and British Intelligence did not know, or even suspect, was that their plan had been compromised from its very beginning. A "mole" had infiltrated British Intelligence. His name was George Blake and he had been recruited as a Soviet spy while he was being held prisoner during the Korean War. After his repatriation, Blake joined the British and was assigned to the team developing the tunnel. He reported the plan to his KGB masters even before ground was broken. However, the murky world of international espionage often works in strange ways. It was discovered after the collapse of the Soviet Union that the KGB never revealed the existence of the tunnel to their military comrades for fear that closing the operation might alert their

American and British adversaries to the existence of a mole within their

In 1968, the CIA wrote an "after action" report of the Berlin Tunnel operation code-named PBJOINTLY (Other cover names associated with this project are GOLD and REGAL). Following reprises, the CIA report as American agents listen to a microphone hidden in the "tap chamber" where the underground Soviet cables have been spliced

"At approximately 0050 hours on 22 April, 40 or 50 men were seen on the east side of Schoenefelder Allee, deployed along the entire area observable from our installation, digging at three-to-five-foot intervals over the location of the cable and, incidentally, the tap chamber.

At approximately 0200 hours the top of the tap chamber was discovered, and at 0210 Russian speech was heard from the microphone in the tap chamber. The first fragments of speech indicated that the discovery of the tap chamber aroused no suspicion among those present. A small hole was broken in the tap chamber roof permitting limited visual observation of the chamber, and a Soviet captain was brought to the spot. After some discussion, all agreed that the discovery was a manhole covering a repeater point, and the working crew began enlarging the hole to gain access to the repeater point.

The work of excavation continued, and fragments of conversation connected with it were picked up by the tap chamber microphone. . . . A German remarked that the chamber might be connected with sewage work and proposed that plans of the sewage system be obtained... The Russian answered that they already had this information and the plans showed 'that chamber' to be 120 meters away from this point. At about 0320 hours, when still more of the tap chamber was revealed and a better view of the intea freak accident of Nature? What the rior obtained, those present began to speculate vaguely about its exact nature and the time of its construction. . . Shortly after 0330 hours, the Soviets left the site by motor vehicle, presumably to report their findings.

> At approximately 0415 hours, Vyunik [Colonel Vyunik, Chief of the Soviet signal center in Berlin] telephoned Alpatov's apartment [Major Alpatov, a KGB officer] and asked Alpatov if he had spoken with General Dudakov [Chief signal Officer of the GSFG]. Alpatov said that he had, that he was getting dressed, and that he would go to his signal center as soon as possible. Vyunik told Alpatov to telephone him at the GSFG frame room as soon as possible. Adding, 'When we speak we must do so carefully. We know what



Soviet Officer inside the Tunnel

the matter is, so will speak carefully.' This clearly indicated that by 0415 hours the GSFG Signal Directorate and General Dudakov, the Chief Signal Officer, had been informed of the discovery of the PBJOINTLY chamber, viewed it with extreme suspicion, and planned to re-route circuits passing over the target cables.

Between 0700 and 0800 hours, a number of additional Soviet officers arrived at the excavation, including Colonel Gusev of the KGB Signals Regiment. A Russian-speaking German was heard to remark that a 'commission' was expected, and a Soviet officer said that they would await the arrival of this commission before deciding as to what the next step would be.

At approximately 1145 hours one of the German crew was heard to exclaim, 'The box is an entry to a shaft!' . . . the Germans. . .broke a hole 'through the wall and gained visual access to the equipment chamber, which they described as a long passage.' By 1300 they evidently had enlarged the access hole and described 'a complete installation - a telephone exchange. . . An installation for listening in.'

Conversations reflected that all present realized that the planning of the tunnel approach to the cables must

have necessitated a very detailed study of relevant maps and plans.

... One of the Germans rather indignantly exclaimed, 'What a filthy trick. And where you would least expect it.' To which another relied, 'Unless one had seen it for himself, nobody would believe it.'

Between 1515 and 1530 hours the tap wires were cut, and at about 1545 the attention of the Germans began to concentrate on the microphone itself. . .At 1550 hours work began on dismantling the microphone. Shortly afterward the microphone went dead and, after 11 months and 11 days, the operational phase of PBJOINTLY was completed."

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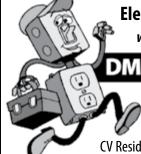
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