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REMINDER

DELEGATE MEETING Friday 4/2/21 9:30AM in the Theater

Email articles & comments: ucoreporterwpb@gmail.com



The President's Report

BY PRES. DAVID ISRAEL

COVID-19 Vaccination in **CV-WPB**

leadership of Elections Committee Chair John Gragg, voting was conducted in the main clubhouse. The election took place from 8am to 10:30am and some 177 Delegates voted.

There were three candidates for

On March 5, 2021 under the two UCO Vice President positions. Two of the candidates were incumbent Vice Presidents, Fausto Fabbro and Stewart Richland. The third candidate was Olga Wolkenstein.

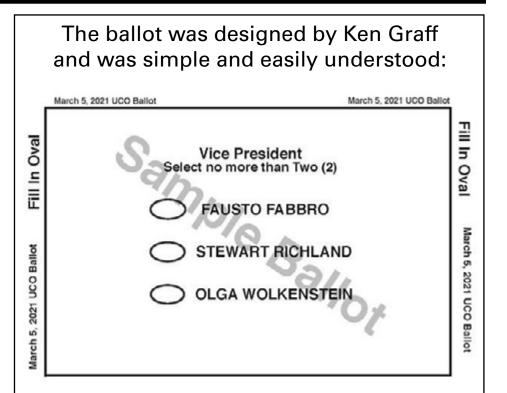
> All things considered; the results were quite close as may be seen in the final tally:



Fausto Fabbro - 100 votes Stewart Richland – 121 votes Olga Wolkenstein – 90 votes

As has been the custom in the last few years, the votes were counted by an independent company, Robert Half – Staffing Agency.

The UCO Elections Committee planned out a safe, socially distanced event like the recent vaccination events. A sample ballot was published in the March edition of the UCO Reporter, which was delivered on February 27, 2021, so there were no surprises as to the candidates and the election date. Congratulations and thanks to John Gragg and his team. Olga Wolkenstein had a hard campaign against two strong incumbents, and all things considered did remarkably well, Congratulations Olga.



The election proceeded smoothly without incident, this due to careful planning and organization.

As we all begin to recover from a year of pandemic mandated, reduced and suspended activity, it was good to see a turnout of Delegates getting re-involved with the management of our community, by engaging in voting in the UCO Elections. It is anticipated that UCO Delegate Assemblies will resume in the near future, perhaps in April subject to COVID-19 related conditions. As always, safety is our first concern.

RECREATION FACILITIES UPDATE AS OF: MARCH 15, 2021

ALL OUTDOOR POOLS OPEN "CHECK POOL SIGNS FOR DECK AND POOL CAPACITY" NO WATER AEROBIC CLASSES

POOL HOURS: 8:00 AM — 7:15 PM-8:00 PM

(ONE HOUR POOL CLEANING CLOSURE TIMES VARY)

(NOTE: SECURITY WILL BEGIN POOL CLOSURE ROUNDS AT: 7:15 PM) CAMDEN, DORCHESTER, KENT, SOMERSET & SO. HAMPTON POOLS

<u>POOL HOURS: 9:00 AM - 8:00 PM</u> (ONE HOUR POOL CLEANING CLOSURE TIMES VARY)

MAIN CLUBHOUSE RESIDENT POOL, GUEST POOL & INDOOR POOL

POOL HOURS: 7:00 AM - 8:00 PM (ONE HOUR POOL CLEANING CLOSURE TIMES VARY) HASTINGS POOL & LAZY RIVER/RESISTANCE POOL

CLUBHOUSE OPEN FOR BUSINESS

*<u>ID OFFICE</u> *<u>STAFF OFFICE</u> *<u>TICKET REFUNDS</u> *<u>WPRF (PAYMENTS)</u>

HASTINGS GYM

MONDAY — FRIDAY 7:00 AM — 7:00 PM SATURDAY/SUNDAY 7:00 AM — 3:00 PM 20 MAX. CAPACITY/1 HOUR WORKOUTS

BOCCE / PETANQUE / PICKLEBALL / RACQUETBALL / SHUFFLEBOARD MUST USE YOUR OWN SANITIZED EQUIPMENT

7 DAYS A WEEK 8:00 AM - 7:00 PM

PICNIC ISLAND

- 7 DAYS A WEEK 8:00 AM 7:00 PM
- NO GRILLING / COOKING BRING OWN SANITIZING SUPPLIES
- NO PARTIES / LARGE GROUP GATHERINGS

MASKS / CDC SIX FOOT SOCIAL DISTANCING REQUIRED EXCEPT WHILE SITTING / SWIMMING / ACTIVELY PLAYING / WORKING OUT

- Residents only with CV ID's
- No guests will be permitted at this time
- No lockers/saunas
- Personal items left behind will be disposed of
- Residents are encouraged to do their own sanitizing
- Use Recreation facilities at your own risk
- If you are feeling ill, please DO NOT come to the recreational facilities-seek medical care

SUBJECT TO CHANGE/MODIFICATION

REPORT VIOLATIONS TO SECURITY BY CALLING: 561 640-3120 option #6

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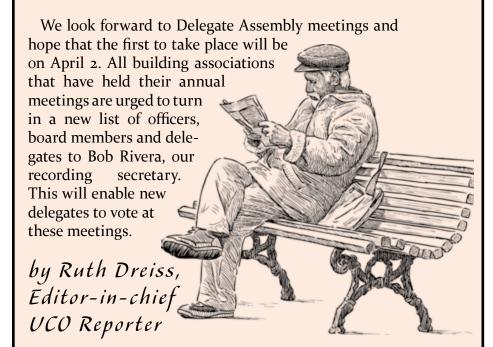
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EDITORIAL

I am pleased to announce the appointment of Fausto Fabbro as Business Manager of the UCO Reporter. He has already shown his ability to follow up on past due accounts in a very short time and is already doing douple duty as a UCO VP and front office volunteer. Congratulations to him and to Stewart Richland for being elected again to another two years in office as VP's. Because there were only 8 candidates running for 10 seats on the Executive Board, they are automatically seated and along with the 9 members serving for another year, and 3 presidential appointments to be approved by the delegates, there will be a 20-member board required in the UCO Bylaws.

As we head into the Spring season, it is hoped that Covid-19 will soon become something of the past. Those of us who have been vaccinated can find some measure of comfort in being protected 95%, but still must be wary of the 5% possibility of infection. Continue to wear those masks, folks. We aren't out of the woods yet.



UCO Committee Meetings

FRI 2	DELEGATE ASSEMBLY	9:30 AM	MCH AUDITORIUM
FRI 2	SECURITY	1:00 PM	MCH ROOM C
TUE 6	TRANSPORTATION	1:00 PM	MCH ROOM C
WED 7	PROGRAMS & SERVICES	1:00 PM	MCH ROOM C
THU 8	COP	1:00 PM	MCH ROOM C
FRI 9	CERT	1:00 PM	MCH ROOM C
TUE 13	ADVISORY	1:00 PM	MCH ROOM C
WED 14	BROADBAND	1:00 PM	MCH ROOM C
THU 15	BIDS/INFRASTRUCTURE	1:00 PM	MCH ROOM C
TUE 20	INSURANCE	1:00 PM	MCH ROOM C
WED 21	BEAUTIFICATION	12:00 PM	MCH ROOM C
THU 22	OFFICERS	1:00 PM	UCO BOARDROOM
TUE 27	OPERATIONS	1:00 PM	MCH ROOM C
WED 28	FINANCE	1:00 PM	MCH ROOM C
FRI 30	EXECUTIVE BOARD	10:00 AM	MCH ROOM C

Committee Meetings are Subject to change. Check with Committee Chair for updates/cancellations

Committee Members and Officers only.

Masks and Social Distancing, Visitors Will Not
Be Permitted at this time.

UCO OFFICER'S REPORTS



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I would like to express my thanks to all those Century Villager voting delegates who supported my successful bid to represent you for the next two years. It is very gratifying to know that you feel that I have represented the Village and unit owners in your best interests. Thank you again for your support.

As you are all aware, we are running the UCO office on a modified schedule. This does not mean that your concerns will not be addressed. We are making plans to have a Delegate Assembly meeting as soon as we get the "OK" from WPRF. More and more committees are beginning to meet and we hope that we will be able to return to a normal routine very soon.

In the meantime, I would like to remind unit owners that the Florida Weather Bureau has made a prediction that the hurricane season could start a few weeks earlier than estimated. I urge all residents to consider this when making your preparations and do it sooner than later.

This is the time of year that Associations hold their annual meetings. I urge all new board members to sign up for classes that are being given to help new members cope with their new responsibilities. These classes are advertised in the UCO Reporter. Please take advantage of this opportunity. I also want to remind unit owners that UCO makes every effort to provide residents with all the pertinent information about life here in the Village. Dates, times and places of all meetings. and announcements about WPRF activities are there for your information. Please take advantage of this important re-

One last piece of advice. Please keep a smile on your face and your anger in check when you are dealing with members of your Association Board of Directors. Remember, a negative mind set will never give you a positive outcome.



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Manners, PLEASE!

Recently I have received numerous calls about manners, or the lack thereof from around the Village. Unfortunately they seem to revolve around two areas. Security and Transportation.

Let me start first with Transportation. The areas of concern are that several people are arguing with the bus drivers about wearing masks. We are still asking that people wear masks when using the busses, not only for their own protection, but also for the other passengers and for the safety of the drivers, as well. The next issue is that some people, after they are on the bus, pull their mask down. This has led to several arguments on the busses. I have received calls about this with some people blaming the drivers for not enforcing this. Really. How is

the bus driver supposed to do this while concentrating on driving. Here is the simple answer for this. Wear your mask properly.

We are also experiencing many instances of abuse directed at our Security personnel. This not only happens at the entrance gates, but also at the pools and courts. If you have someone coming to your unit, please make sure that they have the proper address and name. Let your guests know that they will need identification to enter. This helps keep the line moving. Remember WPRF facilities are, for the time being, for RESI-DENTS ONLY. Guests are NOT permitted to use these facilities. Please follow ALL the rules that are posted and follow the guidelines on the wearing of masks and distancing, Residents should AL-WAYS have their WPRF ID with them, as well. I have personally observed the abuse that has been given to the security personnel. I was appalled.

Please remember that transportation and security personnel are following the guidelines that have been given to them. Furthermore, these people are providing a service to us, and yes they are being paid, but they also want to go home to their families feeling safe and looking forward to coming to the job the next day.

The pandemic is not over. Please stay vigilant, and hopefully it will be behind us soon. Until next month, stay well, mind your manners, and please be polite.



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The very successful inoculations against the virus that took place in the Main Club House, is ancient history and so many other venues have been opened, that we may not have a second chance for those who missed the event. Masks remain mandatory indoors and some events customarily available throughout Century Village continue to exist. To control the number of people allowed in the pools at the WPRF pools and the several private pools are being monitored and must conform to the PBC Health Dept. rules for distancing one another and the number of users in the water continues with much frustration. Remember these precautions are in

place for everyone's protection.

Unfortunately, the situation must continue and visits from the Health Dept. have resulted in temporary closings. Additionally, guest passes, previously obtainable at the MCH, have been suspended indefinitely, which means that your children and grandchildren, currently, are not permitted to use those amenities normally available in the past. The sole place for "Fun in the Sun" is the County Beaches, where crowds present the opportunity, but present other dangers. Further, there is a movement being presented by many municipalities throughout the country, where School Systems have been closed this School Year and wish to make up some of the lost days by having students attend during the Summer months. This means that you will need to travel North to spend fruitful time with your family.

With the change in meeting places, coupled with a more aggressive "Rainy Season", you should make plans, if you plan to travel, to have your condo "summerized" against both wind and rain as well as "MOLD-producing" dampness that can destroy the finishes, surfaces and items that are present in an environment that exists in a semi-tropical environment. To that end, I offer an article, elsewhere in this issue that guides you to things that can be copied and affected to ward off the potential damages.



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I'm going to start by saying THANK YOU for re-electing me for two more years. Keeping the UCO office open to serve the residents is sometimes very challenging, but this work is made easy by the unity of the four VP'S and the volunteers who help us every day.

I must say that most of the residents who come to the office say thanks for the job that you do. To the few who are not happy -- Oh well, what can we say, but have a good day and keep smiling.

We are always looking for volunteers. Please call me if you have any time to help. The Village is slowly opening up. Remember to stay safe and wear a mask. There is some contradicting information about the vaccinations. It is better to be safe and not feel sorry for the decisions we make.

I want to wish a HAPPY PASSOVER and HAPPY EASTER to all.

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Property Manager's Report

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By Donald Foster, LCAM

During this peak occupancy season, I find myself responding to many complaints, reports, and questions about garbage removal service at Century Village. Missed trash pickup service is the most common complaint, followed by

dumping of construction debris in or near dumpsters, whole unit dumps, and bulk trash put out too early.

When a dumpster is not emptied on schedule, the cause for the miss is usually a car or truck blocking access to the dumpster, or the dumpster being blocked by bulk trash. When this happens, the garbage truck moves on, and the dumpster will be serviced on the next scheduled day.

Associations should monitor construction and renovation activity at their buildings, and ensure that unit owners, and their contractors, remove construction debris from the property. This material will not be picked up by Waste Pro as part of regular service, but special pickup can be ordered, at additional cost, by calling Waste Pro at 561-688-8912.

Whole unit dumps are another common

complaint. Vacant units are often emptied during weekends, and the unsightly piles of junk will be left out on the lawns until the following Friday. This is a County Code violation. Association Boards, or their Property Managers, should immediately arrange for pickup of these junk piles, and back charge the responsible unit owners. Each unit may put out three bulk items each week, or not more than two cubic yards of bulk trash. Bulk trash piles that exceed these limits will require special pickup, at additional cost.

There is a backlog of requests from CV Associations for replacement of rusted out dumpsters. John Archambo, Director of Customer Relations at the Solid Waste Authority of Palm Beach County, reports that, due to COVID-19 supply issues, there has been a backup in procurement of steel dumpsters. Waste Pro, our trash removal contractor, has ordered heavy duty plastic dumpsters, and these will be delivered to Century Village soon.

Please send garbage reports/complaints ucogarbage@gmail.com. Routing these reports through this email address allows me to track complaints, follow up on responses, and identify problem sections.

Treasurer's Report

QUESTION!

Millions of dollars are at stake here!



By Ed Grossman

Almost 20 years ago, the officers of UCO entered into a contract commonly known as the Millennium UCO Amendment to the Long - Term Lease with the owners of the Century Village West Palm Beach rec-

reational facilities. This agreement duration was set at 20 years. The purpose was to change some of the terms of the 99-year lease which governed the rental terms for the facilities. Essentially the agreement contains two parts: the annual rent paid for the use of the recreational facilities; and, the operation of the facilities such as the cost of maintaining the clubhouse, swimming pools, tennis courts and other amenities owned and maintained by the owners. The cost of the annual rent including increases is fixed in the agreement. The annual cost of operations is variable and determined by the Operations Committee which consists of the UCO officers and other members of UCO and W.P.R.F., the appointed representative of the Benenson Capital Company, the owners of the recreational facilities. There is an annual budget meeting of the Operations Committee at which the operating costs of the following year are determined and approved by the UCO members of the committee.

Over the 20 years of this agreement,

TO BUY OR TO RENT THAT IS THE there have been major differences of opinion as to what costs are to be borne by UCO and what costs are to be borne by W.P.R.F., and UCO has never won the argument.

> The 20-year life of this agreement is now in its final year and a new agreement must be reached before the end of May, otherwise, it could go into arbitration.

> UCO has retained an attorney to negotiate the terms of any new agreement. The attorney has brought to light that Florida law requires the owner to offer the recreation facilities for sale to the unit owners, a fact that was not known before. This shines a new light on the negotiations. Century Village Deerfield Beach concluded a purchase of their facilities in 2020.

> The attorney has calculated cost comparisons, which, depending on many variables indicate that it may be more monetarily beneficial to purchase and self-manage the recreational facilities than to continue to rent for another ten years. This would enable the Village to self-determine important decisions.

> This is a sensational new prospect for the Village, one that has been talked about for years, but never thought feasible. While the purchase would take a great many obstacles to overcome and offer exciting new prospects for the Village, the final approval must come from the unit owners themselves.

> A provision of the law that mandates the owner to sell it also requires that twothirds of the owners approve the purchase.

> GOD BLESS AMERICA! GOD BLESS **CENTURY VILLAGE!**

IMPORTANT TELEPHONE NUMBERS

During COVID-19, temporary hours: UCO OFFICE

HOURS 9-12 MON-THUR - FRI 12-3PM FOR BAR CODES & GATE PASSES HOURS 9:30-11:30 MON-THUR - FRI 12:30-2:30PM

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COMMUNITY SERVICES	211
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VA HOSPITAL	422-6838
GOOD SAMARITAN HOSPITAL	655-5511
JFK MEDICAL CENTER	965-7300
WELLINGTON REGIONAL	798-8500

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-ournewsletter-wpb

The information is also on our website at www.centuryvillagetheater.com/at-home-series

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.



All Programs Subject To Change and/or Modification

Maintenance

"THINGS THAT REQUIRE A MODEST GROUP OF DO'S AND DON'TS FOR PREPARING TO BE ABSENT THIS SUMMER"



By Dom Guarnagia

More than usual, many of us will be travelling elsewhere during the Summer months, leaving our condo behind, needing to have created a simple set of actions that will result in your property staying in the same condition as that which you left. Some simple things have no cost and some require someone to check for existing conditions.

Driven by both Association Insurance, "Limited Common Elements", such as the "Drywall" upon which you have painted requiring the elimination of excess moisture causing MOLD, Common Plumbing such as the Electric Water Heater tucked away under the Kitchen counter top, the humidity level that may exacerbate the growth of mold from run-off of water entering from the a roof leak, etc. Some necessary actions are as follows:

• Hire a responsible person who will be tasked with the responsibility to make visits no less than every ten (10) days to visually scan the entire condo looking for any sign of damage from unwanted water intrusion that is either the responsibility of the Association and/or the Condo

Owner. Action by the proper party or parties can address the issue before it becomes disastrous.

- Should you, the owner, decide to provide a "Dehumidifier" that extracts moisture in the form of water in the container, then the container should be emptied to make room for the subsequent amount.
- A Box Fan- 24" dia., set on the corridor floor, connected to a standard outlet with a 110 Timer set to the same time as the operating AC Unit, can move the stagnant air from the Bedroom and Closet, as well as the Bathroom forward toward the operating AC Unit, thereby purging as much as possible, the dampness from the condo.
- With only one Air Conditioner, under the window, the unit should have a 220 Timer attached to the outlet that will operate for a period of two (2) or three (3) hours a day to discharge the moist cool air from the entire Condo that will decrease the volume of collected water.
- Further, the Big Box Stores sell a product in the Plumbing Dept. that consists of a clear heavy duty bag suspended from a similar bag, filled with Calcium Chloride that absorbs moisture from the environment of the Clothes Closet, converting the moist air into liquid and collecting the liquid in the heavy duty sack hanging directly below.
 - The water shut-off, if one exists within the condo,

should be turned to the "OFF" position and the contents left intact. NEVER empty the contents of the Electric Water Heater. The walls of the containment tank will rust from oxygen exposure and lead to an earlier failure than normally.

 The Electric Service Circuit Breaker Panel Box, located on the Corridor Wall behind the terrible picture of your 25th Wedding Anniversary, should be left uncovered for the person watching the Condo to make sure that there is no "Heat build-up" due to a failing breaker and/or operate the lighting so he can't make the excuse that it was too dark to see into the far corner.

If you are remaining here for the Summer months, this is a great time to begin accumulating all those things that you anticipate needing for two weeks without electricity and potable drinking water.. and Oh yes...batteries for your lantern, flashlight(s), radio and the electric razor and, Oh yah, that can of beans on the top shelf at Publix on Sunday morning. Remember, many of us are here to help in the time of need and the more you do in preparations, the better you can comfortably and safely manage until help comes. The National Weather Bureau isn't always correct in its predictions. I have lived in Century Village for eighteen (18) years and continue to do so!

Security



By George Franklin

Hi folks. Hope everyone is hunkered down and taking the Dr.'s advice regarding the Covid-19. Just a few things I want to go over with you. I have noticed that some snow birds that have not returned for season have advertisements hanging on their door knobs. If you

know a neighbor is NOT in town, please remove the advertising from the door. The reason for this is the bad guys see this and they know there is no one home and can target the unit for burglary! The same goes for newspapers. Bring them in if you see them there for an extended period of time. Don't let them pile up. Keep your association free of dated materials.

On another note, the Covid-19 appointments went very well, as you have heard by now. I am aware of only two unfavorable incidents

and the Deputy Sheriff on scene took care of them in a hurry, so things went back to normal. Any questions on any of this information, please call me at 561 683 9189. I will be glad to sit and discuss any issues you may have. In the meantime, keep those masks on, wash your hands and keep your distance. Follow all the guidelines. Get the vaccine and be kind to your neighbors. Let's KILL Covid!! Stay safe and secure

WPRF News



By Eva Rachesky

Dear Residents,

Center for While the Disease Control (CDC) has provided updated health interim public recommendations for fullyvaccinated people (cdc.gov), Cenvill Recreation/W.P.R.F. Inc. will not be changing any current COVID-19 policies. One reason is because

W.P.R.F. cannot possibly know the vaccination status

of everyone present within our facilities. And, while a number of our residents who use the facility have been vaccinated, there are still a significant number of residents who are not vaccinated that want to use the facilities. A second reason is the CDC still recommends that fully vaccinated persons continue to take precautions in public by: (1) Wearing a well-fitting facial covering (mask). (2) Practicing social distancing. (3) Maintaining good hygiene by washing one's hands frequently. And (4) Avoiding large unknown crowds of people. Please consider, before relaxing your COVID-19 protocols, there is

still uncertainty as to how long the vaccine protection lasts and how much the vaccines will protect against emerging COVID-19 variants.

So, for those residents who have called requesting that the dances and shows resume and guests be allowed to enjoy the facilities...please consider what I have written above. Everything W.P.R.F. has in place is to protect the residents as we continue to navigate the Corona Virus. Toward that end I urge everyone to continue to do what you were doing that got you

Stay vigilant to stay safe!

THANK YOU CENTURY VILLAGE **CLOSED POD VOLUNTEERS!**

- I would like to give a big THANK more days from 8 am to 5 pm to get the YOU to all the volunteers who assisted with the COVID 19 vaccine for 3,200 Century village residents; CERT members, Friends of CERT, UCO officers, and others who assisted by donating their time. There were a total of 30 Volunteers scheduled to cover all of the tasks necessary to accomplish this mission.
- These residents worked tirelessly, from 8 am to 5 pm, for 14 days. The first 8 days consisted of 2 days of handing out appointment registrations and 6 days of the 1st round of inoculations.
- They returned 18 days later for 6

second round of vaccination.

In addition to the volunteers, the WPRF staff, Platinum Security, and Glow Cleaning played a big part.

The Health Department provided the vaccination team of Registered Nurses, assistants, and the National Guard for cyber technicians.

When Century Village is allotted another round of vaccine doses, we will do this again for those who have yet to receive their vaccine.

John Hess, Team Leader, Century Village CERT

Important Vaccine Announcement

This may be of interest to you. A friend had his 2nd dose of the vaccine at a vaccination center after which he began to have blurred vision on the way home. When he got home, he called the vaccination center for advice and to ask if he should go see a doctor, or be hospitalized.

He was told NOT to go to a doctor or a hospital, but just return to the vaccination center immediately and pick up his glasses.



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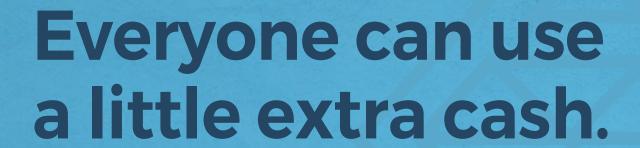
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- Dependence on electric medical devices
- · Dependence on supplemental oxygen
- Certain chronic but stable illnesses that require observation or caregivers
- **Progressive Alzheimer's or Dementia**All persons not meeting the above criteria will be referred to their nearest General Population Shelter

Transportation assistance to the Special Needs Shelter may be requested through the application process. The application process will collect information on your health, along with any assistance you may need with daily living activity.

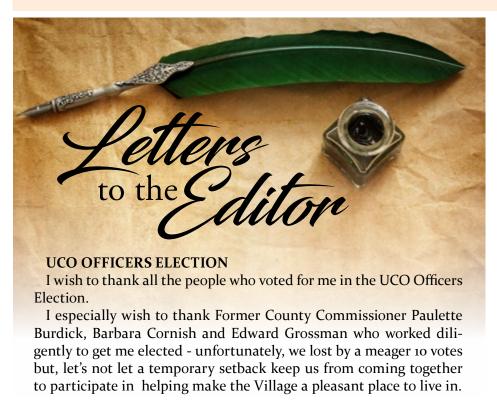
If you are accepted by the Special Needs Shelter you will be responsible to bring certain items with you to the shelter, including but not limited to medication, supplies, oxygen and/or concentrators to meet your needs in the shelter and during transportation.

Applications for the Special Needs Shelter are accepted electronically at **www.pbcgov. com/dem/sections/operations/scu.htm** by phone, or mail:

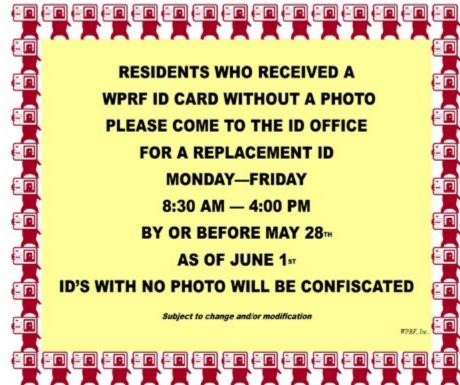
Special Needs Shelter Coordinator
Palm Beach County Emergency Management

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WELLINGTON 2/2's

"K" - ENJOY LONG LAKE VIEWS, new windows, new patio enclosure, tile, newer kitchen, updated baths and A/C. .. \$112,900 "F" - WOW, ENJOY LONG LAKE VIEWS, new impactfloor to ceiling windows. One bath beautifully redone \$112,500 "C"- ON THE CUL-DE-SAC, 2ndfloor, stone floors, gorgeous view WELLINGTON H - 2/2 Turn-key!!! Total renovation, new tile, new kitchen & stainless appliances, Baths redone too!!!! Welcome to

NEW LISTINGS

STRATFORD D 2/2 Priced to sell, 2ndfloor by the lake . . . \$84,900 COVENTRY I 2/112 Lovely 2ndfloor, lift, SS appliances, new baths, *wood floors, pristine......*\$84,900 SOUTHAMPTON B 2/11/2Groundfloor corner, new kitchen and baths, newA/C, extra large patio on garden.....\$73,500 DORCHESTER E 2/11/2Groundfloor corner near pool!! Light & bright, ceramic tile, both baths redone \$79,900 SOUTHAMPTON C 1/11/2 Great view from oversized lanai on garden, across from pool, elevator\$49,900 NORTHAMPTON P 2/112 Upper, delightful location, ceramic tile, carpet in bedrooms, updates galore, garden view \$62,500 COVENTRY G 2/11/22ndfloor corner, light and bright, updated kitchen, short walk to club & Haverhill gate \$73,999 KENT I 1/11A Groundflr corner, updated kit/master bath. \$54,000 SOUTHAMPTON B 1/11A Grdflr, tile, newer appls, cen. AC . .\$54,900 SHEFFIELD G 2/11/2 Stunning floors, new kitchen & baths\$68,000 BERKSHIRE D 2/11A Corner on water, new floors, updates STRATFORD K - 2/2 Stunning water views from new patio!!! *Lovely association......*\$129,000 STRATFORD A 2/2 Location, location, location!!! Walk to club and gate, priced to sell Needs TLC.....\$69,900 SOUTHAMPTON A- 2/1.5 New from floor to ceiling, vinyl flooring, new kitchen & baths, Nothing to do but move in! . \$69,900

WELLINGTON J - LAKEFRONT 2/2

All new, perfection. Open white kitchen with breakfast bar, new window, floors, baths with floor to ceiling impact windows. Best view in town. Poolside, elevator building has it's own lakeside

WELLINGTON L CORNER 2/2

CORNER PENTHOUSE, panoramic water views, impact windows & doors, new kitchen, stainless, granite, new master bath, step in shower, new appliances, extra storage\$189,900

WELLINGTON A 2/2

2/2 Perfect for the cook who loves to gather friends and family!!! Redone to perfection with top-of the-Line upgrades through-out, Cul de sac location Furnished \$169,900

CHATHAM S 2/1.5 BEST VIEW IN VILLAGE!!!!!

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COVENTRY I 2/1.5

Lovely corner with lift!!! Pristine upgraded light and bright with every attention to detail. Quiet location Walk to both club & gym \$84,900

DOVER

"A" - 1 BEDROOM, PA BATH. Enjoy panoramic views from oversized lakeside patio. Walk to pools, clubhouse and transportation. Brand new A/C \$79,900 "C"- 1 BEDROOM, 11/2 BATH. Stunning. Updated all white, simply gorgeous!!! Furnished, double sink, tile throughout. Huge "C"- 1 BEDROOM, PA BATH. Ground floor, updated kitchen and bathrooms, new furniture \$98,000

DOVER A

1 BEDROOM, 11/2 BATH. Enjoy panoramic views from oversized lakeside patio. Walk to pools, clubhouse and transportation. Brand new A/C.........\$84,900

PLYMOUTH

"R" - 1/11A GROUND FLOOR CORNER WITH WRAP AROUND PATIO! All new, W/D hookup and more\$119,000 "A" - 2/2 Upper floor, ceramic tile throughout, value \$80,000 "V"- 1/2 GROUND FLOOR CORNER, wrap around patio, tile, updated kitchen. Won't last! \$95,000

GREENBRIER C

2 bed, 2 bath, AMAZING VIEW FROM TOP FLOOR!! Oversized, easy walk to clubhouse, tile and updates throughout..... \$95,000

The "Susans" turn "Listed" into "SOLD"



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The Season that Wasn't

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

It felt like the season that wasn't. There were few calls from the Associations in the Village because a lot of Board members did not return this season due to Covid-19 concerns. In some cases, those owners that might cause legal issues were the ones who did not return, or they stayed quarantined in their units.

One of the things we all learned is that we can work remotely and remain productive. The law, while not established for what occurred during the past season, has sufficient provisions to provide the guidance necessary.

Section 718.112(2)(c), Florida Statutes provides that "members of the board of administration may use e-mail as a means of communication, but may not cast a vote on an association matter via e-mail."

Section 718.112(2)(b)(5), Florida Statutes provides, "A board or committee member's participation in a meeting via telephone, real-time

videoconferencing, or similar real-time electronic or video communication counts toward a quorum, and such member may vote as if physically present. A speaker must be used, so that the conversation of such members may be heard by the board or committee members attending in person, as well as by any unit owners present at a meeting."

Section 718.128 allows for Electronic Voting on your computer at a members' meeting (the provisions for doing so require a Board resolution to start the process which members may opt into if they choose).

As we have already cited in a prior article, Section 617.0721, Florida Statutes, (Florida Not-For-Profit corporation Act) allows, upon resolution of the Board authorizing same, and adopting procedures to identify members, permit the Condominium unit owners to appear remotely as well (telephone, Zoom,

Facetime, etc.).

It appears that this Covid-19 crisis may be coming to an end. However, these same lessons may be used during the aftermath of a hurricane when the Board and members are spread out around the country (or around the world), and unable to congregate at Century Village. I encourage everyone to approve the resolution for electronic voting and the resolution for remote participation. That does not mean you ever have to use either, but if there is a future crisis, or a continued pandemic (new strains, etc.), these resolutions will already be in the record books and you can immediately move forward with electronic voting or remote participation without first having to deal with these legal hurdles at that time.

I have some clients, especially buildings with a large population of individuals who live in other countries that wish to continue to offer electronic voting and remote

participation even without a crisis. That is okay as well. In many ways that has become the new norm for many associations. In fact, this year, there was great difficulty getting mail from Canada, so ballots were not returned in a timely manner. A number of those Associations plan on implementing electronic voting and remote participation measures as a contingency they can use to assist those in remote locations and enable their ongoing participation in the association.

Mark D. Friedman, B.C.S. is recognized by the Florida Bar as a specialist in Condominium and Planned Development Law. This article is for educational purposes only and is not meant as legal advice. You must consult with your association attorney in dealing with the issues discussed in the article. Mr. Friedman may be reached at MFriedman@ beckerlawyers.com.

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147	ANDOVER F	2/1 ¹ / ₂	UNDERCONTR.	\$58,599	11	GOLF'S EDGE A	2/2	UNDERCONTR.	\$85,000
109	WELLINGTON B	2/2	UNDERCONTR.	\$167,000	55	STRATFORD D	2/2	UNDERCONTR.	\$131,000
310	WELLINGTON F	2/2	PENDING	\$104,000	265	BEDFORD K	2/2	SOLD	\$110,000
346	NORTHAMPTONQ	1/1	SOLD	\$36,500	256	BEDFORD K	1/11/2	SOLD	\$46,500
70	PLYMOUTH H	2/2	SOLD	\$160,000	123	SOUTHAMPTON B	1/11/2	UNDERCONTR.	\$50,000
133	WALTHAM F	2/1 ½	PENDING	\$95,000	13	PLYLMOUTH A	2/2	UNDERCONTR.	\$75,000
	Recent Sales								
171	BERKSHIRE H	2/1 ½	SOLD	\$78,000	207		1/11/2	SOLD	\$50,000
5	GOLF'S EDGE F	2/1/2	SOLD	\$85,000	116	CHATHAM E	1/1½	SOLD	\$55,000
70	COVENTRYC	2/1½	SOLD	\$63,500	347		2/1½	SOLD	\$79,900
340	CHATHAMQ	2/1/ ₂ 2/1 ¹ / ₂	SOLD	\$92,500	161	SALISBURY G	1/1½	SOLD	\$49,900
66	COVENTRYC	2/1/2	SOLD	\$60,000	103	WELLINGTON D	2/2	PENDING	\$130,000
50	PLYMOUTH F	2/ I 1/1½	SOLD	\$41,500	201	BEDFORD H	1/1	PENDING	\$130,000
						SOUTHAMPTON A			
256	BEDFORD K	1/11/2	SOLD	\$55,000	107		1/1½	SOLD	\$65,000
382	WINDSORQ	1/1 ½	SOLD	\$55,000	311	WELLINGTON D	1/11/2	SOLD	\$75,000
7	PLYMOUTH A	2/2	SOLD	\$105,000	307	WELLINGTONC	1/1 ½	SOLD	\$74,500
401	GREENBRIERC	2/2	SOLD	\$150,000	269	ANDOVER K	1/1 ¹ / ₂	SOLD	\$55,000
153	CHATHAM H	2/2	SOLD	\$121,750	80	BEDFORD D	1/11/2	SOLD	\$45,500
323	CAMDEN N	1/11/2	SOLD	\$55,000	104	WELLINGTON M	1/11/2	SOLD	\$55,000
111	CAMBRIDGE E	1/1	SOLD	\$35,000	113	GREENBRIER A	2/2	SOLD	\$93,000

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April Tax Talk

ANNE M. GANNON CONSTITUTIONAL TAX COLLECTOR PBC

Each April marks the end of property tax season and one might think it is the conclusion of our busy season. While true, that property tax payments are



a big part of our volume of work and monies collected, we still have plenty to do for our Palm Beach clients. Real ID compliant driver licenses and ID cards continue to be processed as the October 1, 2021 deadline nears; our business tax team is gearing up for the annual mailing and processing of business

tax receipts; the finance and budget department is preparing for the 2021-22 budget planning; our tax services team continues to process volumes and volumes of mail each day and our HR team is quite busy screening and testing applicants for a number of vacancies we need to fill with qualified applicants. I encourage you to check out our careers page at www.pbctax.com/culture-and-careers for our latest open positions.

We are never too busy to assist with whatever you may need. We are always here to help you!

Installment Payment Plan Application Deadline is April 30

Did you know that if paying your real estate and tangible property taxes in one lump sum each year is too burdensome, you can apply to have your taxes paid in 4 quarterly payments through our Installment Payment Plan? By signing up by April 30, your 2021 estimated taxes will be split into four payments with the first payment due by June 30 and subsequent installment payments due September 30, December 31 and March 31, 2022. If you'd like to take advantage of this payment plan, please visit

our website at www.pbctax.com/ipp for details and to sign-up online.

A Community of Caring

Every two years, the employees of the Palm Beach County Tax Collector's office select two local non-profit organizations to support through their own monetary and in-kind contributions. For 2019 & 2020, Families First and Living Hungry were the two charities that were selected and supported by our employees. Through tremendous generosity and caring, we were able to contribute \$35,461.59 over the past two years to these organizations. "We are so proud of the work and commitment our employees have demonstrated in supporting these two charities and the individuals and families they help each and every day," said Anne Gannon.

2021 Tax Planner & Services Guide Now Available

The 2021 edition of our Tax Planner & Services Guide was recently published and provides information on the variety of services our office provides to the residents of Palm Beach County. It includes tips on how to use our online services, such as Pay Smart. Pay Online. There is even a monthly calendar highlighting important dates and reminders throughout the year. For instance, did you know that you can renew your driver license or ID card online at www. pbctax.com up to 18 months before it expires?

You can pick up a complimentary copy at any of our service centers or download a copy at www. pbctax.com. If you would like extra guides for your organization or community, please email us at ClientAdvocate@pbctax.com. Be sure to include the name and address of your organization, contact information and number of copies requested.

Welcome!

We have welcomed several new senior leaders to the tax collector's office. Each brings fresh thinking and new ideas and a commitment to provide unparalleled service that inspires trust.

Steve Weiss, Chief Excellence Officer joined our office last summer and leads the team responsible for corrections to the tax roll, resolving issues related to delinquent taxes, quality assurance, project management, managing strategic change and the continuous improvement of processes, projects and performance. Steve came to us from the Clerk & Comptroller's office where he was the Director-Finance Services and Investment Compliance Officer. He describes the work in the tax collector's office as interesting and challenging and the people that make up the organization are outstanding.

General Counsel, Hampton Peterson joined our office from the Clerk & Comptroller's office as well and brings with him 39 years of legal experience. His team is responsible for Bankruptcy cases, Tax Deed Applications, Contracts, Litigation, Business Tax Receipt enforcement, and other legal issues. Hampton is thrilled to be working in the Palm Beach County Tax Collector's office and is impressed with the professionalism and dedication to public service he sees in the office every day.

The newest member of our team is Jeffrey Vortolomei, Chief Communications Officer who leads the Communications & New Media Group. Jeff brings 20+ years of communications and leadership experience and is responsible for all internal and external communications and marketing, including print and digital. Jeff is excited at the amazing opportunity to lead the award-winning communications team and to work for a government agency that has built a culture and reputation of client service.

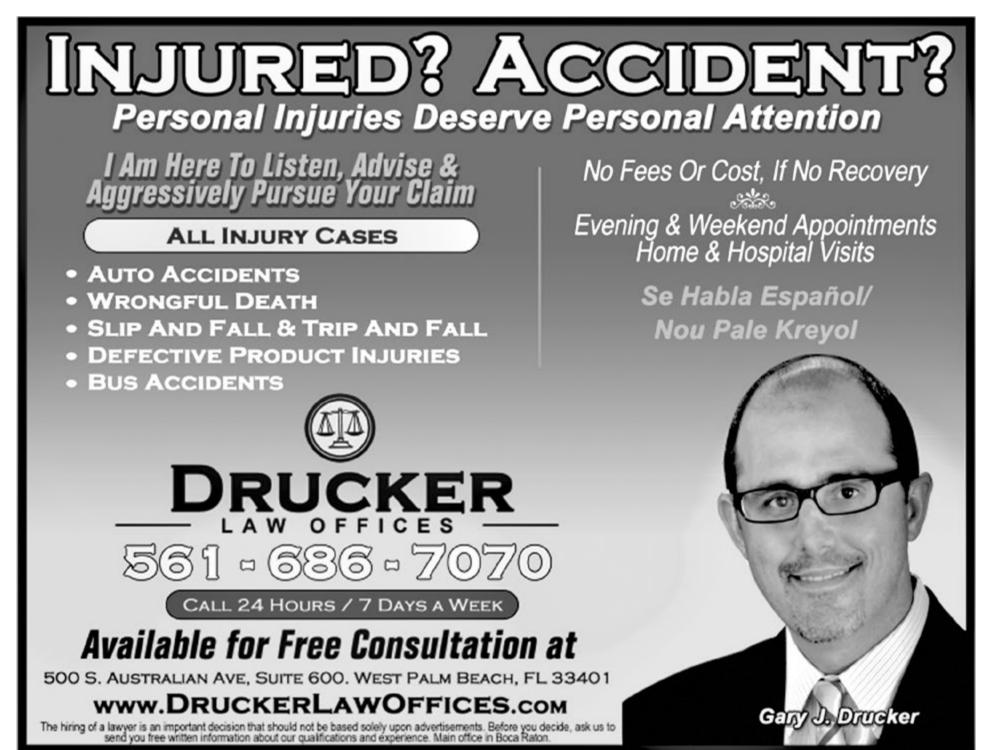
Important Dates and Deadlines

Apr. 21 Administrative Professionals Day

Apr. 22 Earth Day

Apr. 30 Installment Payment Plan Sign-Up

Deadline



April Property News

DOROTHY JACKS PBC PROPERTY APPRAISER

Happy Spring!

My office continues to work on the 2021 tax roll and make prepa-



rations for the release of the estimated 2021 taxable property values to the Palm Beach County taxing authorities.

These preliminary estimates (which are officially released at the end of May of each year) assist the county, its municipalities, and other taxing authorities in projecting their budgets and tax rates and also provide a benchmark as to what revenue they can expect to receive from property taxes in the coming year.

The preliminary tax roll will reflect the impacts of COVID-19 across Palm Beach County's property market. While markets were slow in the early days of the pandemic, the second half of the year saw record sales in both counts and prices. These sales will be factored into the 2021 valuations. Stay tuned.

A reminder about the limited income senior citizen exemption:

unlike the homestead exemption, this requires annual renewal. Your renewal form must be returned (postmarked) to my office no later than May 1, 2021. Qualifications and statutory requirements are listed in this newsletter.

Also, as "Snowbird Season" comes to a close, property owners who benefit from the homestead exemption and are considering renting all or a portion of their homesteaded property should review the important information below on short-term rentals on a homesteaded property.

I hope you find this information beneficial and interesting.

SHORT-TERM RENTAL OF A HOMESTEADED PROPERTY

You may rent your homesteaded property for 30 days or less per calendar year and maintain a homestead exemption. Rental for more than 30 days for two consecutive years or for more than six months constitutes abandonment of a homestead exemption.

Exempt property rented after January 1 of any year does not affect the homestead exemption for that particular year. If the property is

rented on January 1 of the following year or the terms of the lease are six months or more, the exemption will be denied.

Property owners are required to notify the Property Appraiser's Office when their property no longer qualifies for exemption. Failure to do so could result in a homestead tax lien with substantial penalty and interest.

Be aware of the law before deciding to rent your property. (Florida Statute 196.061 and 196.011 (9) (a)). For more information, visit pbcgov. org/PAPA or contact Exemption Services at 561.355.2866.

RENEWAL OF LIMITED INCOME SENIOR CITIZEN EXEMPTION

Earlier this year, my office mailed out renewal applications for those who qualified for the additional exemption for persons age 65 and older. The renewal form must be returned (postmarked) to the Palm Beach County Property Appraiser's Office, 1st Floor, 301 N Olive Avenue, West Palm Beach, FL 33401, no later than May 1.

This is an additional homestead exemption of up to \$50,000 for Palm Beach County residents who:

- Are aged 65 years and older;
- Own a property with a homestead exemption; and
 - Have a cumulative adjusted

household gross income (excluding tax-exempt bond interest or non-taxable social security income) of all persons living in the home of \$31,100 or less for 2021.

This exemption applies only to the property taxes levied by the taxing authorities granting the exemption for 2021. For a list of those taxing authorities, visit pbcgov.org/ PAPA.

Section 196.075, F.S. - Additional Homestead Exemption for Persons 65 and Older.

- a. "Household" means a person or group of persons living together in a room or group of rooms as a housing unit, but the term does not include persons boarding in or renting a portion of the dwelling.
- b. "Household Income" means the adjusted gross income, as defined in s.62 of the United States Internal Revenue Code, of all members of a household.

If you file a tax return, this is the amount reported on IRS Form 1040, line 7. If you do not file a tax return, adjusted gross income includes but is not limited to wages, salaries, tips, taxable interest, ordinary dividends, capital gain distributions, taxable IRA distributions, taxable pension and annuities, unemployment compensation, and taxable social security benefits.

For questions, please contact Exemptions Services at 561.355.2866 or myexemption@pbcgov.org.



Willhite Wrap-up

FROM THE OFFICE OF STATE REPRESENTATIVE MATT WILLHITE

Friends and Neighbors!

We just finished our first week of the 2021 Legislative Session, and it has



been busy here in our State's Capitol. We started this week with the Governor's State of the State Address to a joint session of the Legislature, participated in a Virtual Palm Beach County Days, and a few pieces of legislation that I have proposed moved through the committee pro-

The 123rd Session of the Florida Legislature has begun, and the Governor delivered the annual State of the State Address.

During the Address, Governor DeSantis claimed Florida is attracting new business and residents because of how it handled the COVID-19 pandemic.

While listening to the address, I couldn't help but think of those affected by COVID-19. We must remember that because of the COVID-19 pandemic, the state has seen over 31 thousand deaths and more than 1 million infections

since March 1, 2020. There is a lot of work to do in the next 60 days. Still, I sincerely hope that the legislature can develop innovative solutions to improve Florida's unemployment system and help citizens gain access to a COVID-19 vaccination throughout the session.

Palm Beach County Days

Traditionally Palm Beach County hosts its legislative advocacy days during the opening week of the legislative session. Like everything else this past year, PBC Day looks different as well. Nonetheless, the Palm Beach County Legislative Delegation is stronger together.

I am looking forward to working with the entire Palm Beach County delegation on behalf of our mutual constituents here in Tallahassee.

Sponsored Legislation

This week one bill that I put forward passed through its first committee. HB 29 is now moving to the Health and Human Services Committee.

HB 29 - Dispensing Medical Drugs

On Wednesday of this week, the Professions & Public Health Committee voted on HB 29. The purpose of HB 29 is to ensure the continuation of treatment to a patient discharged from the hospital. One thousand people a day move to the state of Florida, and with a growing population, we must come up with innovative solutions that expand health care to all Floridians.

HB 29 - Dispensing Medicinal Drugs provides patients with continued treatment without any lost time, helping patients stay pain-free until they can get their prescriptions from the pharmacy. Imagine leaving a hospital at 2 AM, and there is no pharmacy nearby to fill your prescription. Or perhaps you are discharged on a holiday weekend; again, there is not an open pharmacy nearby. This legislation authorizes a hospital to offer a discharged patient up to 24 hours or the next business day worth of medication upon discharge.

I am pleased to report that HB 29 was approved unanimously through the Professions & Public Health Committee.

Palm Beach County News

FROM THE OFFICE OF COMMISSIONER **GREGG WEISS**

appears to be on the decline in Palm



Beach County, we need to stay vigilant to keep moving in the right direction. Daily positivity rates are dropping steadily, but the county is still averaging

around 400 new COVID cases per day. To date, two thirds of Palm Beach County residents aged 65+ have been vaccinated. Persons aged 60+ will be eligible beginning on March 15.

Check out the COVID DASH-BOARD: https://bit.ly/3oEYLfA

VIRTUAL TOWN HALLS

In order to address your questions about COVID and the roll out, Commissioner Weiss has started holding virtual town halls. On February 24, the Commissioner held one with Dr. Alonso, Director of the Palm Beach County Health Department. On March 18 at 6:30 P.M., the Commissioner will talk to a leading vaccine scientist, and on March 23rd at 6 P.M., our office will be hosting a Spanish Language Virtual Town Hall with Dr. Alonso.

You can watch these town halls on our Facebook page @CountyCommissionerGreggWeiss

RENTAL ASSISTANCE **PORTAL**

The Palm Beach County Community Services Department (CSD) has opened its online portal for Emergency Rental Assistance (ERA) beginning

Though the COVID 19 pandemic March. Eligible Palm Beach County residents must be a renter household in which at least one or more individuals qualifies for unemployment, or experienced a reduction of household income; incurred significant costs, or experienced other financial hardships due to COVID-19; demonstrates a risk of homelessness or housing instability; and has a household income at or below 80% of the area median. Rental assistance may be paid up to three months in advance and income and crisis must be recertified for each three (3) month period. https://www. rentalassistancepbc.org/

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PLEASE NOTE UCO OFFICE HOURS **DURING COVID-19**

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Amendment to UCO Bylaws

BY ANITA BUCHANAN

Covid-19 has forced postponement of the last pending vote required for approval of the 2020 UCO Bylaws until Delegate Assemblies reconvene. The last 10 percent of a solution is always the hardest, but there will be a Covid-free (or at least Covid-managed) future for everyone before too long. When Assemblies come, can bylaws be far behind?

To refresh everyone's memory of the proposed amendment, the Advisory Committee is publishing it again in anticipation of the vote when the time is right:

Current bylaws currently use "present," "present in person" and "seated Delegates" when referring to votes taken at Delegate Assembly or Executive Board. We use the number seated at the beginning of an Assembly to determine the number of votes required for a majority vote. Even though we monitor to be sure quorum is maintained (117), we don't adjust the number "seated" if some Delegates leave before a vote. As a result:

• At the November 2019 Delegate Assembly a bylaw motion failed by a vote of 91 in favor, 40 against and 3 abstentions out of 134

votes cast.

- Based on a required 2/3 majority of seated Delegates at the beginning of the Assembly (158), 91 votes in favor amounted to 58% (less than 2/3), and the motion failed.
- However, 24 Delegates had left the Assembly before the vote was taken, so that
- if the number of seated Delegates had been counted before the vote was taken and adjusted to 134, a 2/3 majority would have been 88 and a vote of 91 in favor would have passed.

The Advisory Committee voted to amend the language in six instances in five UCO Bylaws to include where applicable, "Delegates present when a/the vote is taken."

The Advisory Committee, Officers Committee and Executive Board approved the amendment unanimously.

See boxed item for specific wording of each Article and Section as proposed.

Proposed Amendment for Delegate Vote at November 6 Delegate Assembly

Amend language in Bylaws as specified below to include, "Delegates present when a/the vote is taken such that the number of Delegates present at the beginning of a meeting shall be adjusted to account for those who may leave before a vote." The language applies to Executive Board meetings where noted.

Edits are <u>underlined</u> and deletions crossed through:

- 1. Article III, Meetings of the Delegate Assembly, Section F 1, Quorum and Voting. "Unless otherwise provided herein or in other governing documents, if a quorum is present when a vote is taken, the affirmative vote of a majority of the Delegates present is the act of the Board of Directors. every act or decision by a majority of the Delegates present when a vote is taken at a duly held meeting at which a quorum is present shall be regarded as the act of the Delegate Assembly."
- 2. Article III, Meetings of the Delegate Assembly, Section H, Majority Vote. "When a quorum is present at any meeting, the vote of a majority of the Delegates present in person when a vote is taken shall decide..."
- **3.** Article V, Delegate Assembly, Section A 3. "A Delegate or seated Alternate Delegate may be removed or suspended from further participation at any given meeting by a vote of two thirds (2/3) of the Delegates present when the vote is taken."
- **4.** Article VII, Executive Board, Section E, Quorum and Voting. "The affirmative vote of a majority of the Executive Board members present when a vote is taken shall be considered the decision of the Executive Board unless a different vote is required by the Act, applicable law or the Articles of Incorporation..."
- **5.** Article VIII, Officers, Section J 5, Removal from Office. "...the affirmative vote of two-thirds (2/3) of the Delegates present when the vote is taken at a duly called meeting of the Delegate Assembly, provided a quorum is present, shall be required to remove an Officer or member of the Executive Board."
- 6. Article XII, Section C 2, Amendment. "Approval of the proposed amendment requires an affirmative vote of not less than 2/3 (two-thirds) of the seated Delegates present when the vote is taken."

Anita Buchanan, Chair of the Advisory Committee



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We All Have a Story: Sharing is Good for the Soul

A LETTER TO FELLOW SENIORS FROM ARTIST, HELEN LEVIN

For many years, I wanted to write a memoir about my unusual childhood, but never could find the right approach. Six years ago, I decided on a format for a self published memoir that I liked, namely, ten short essays that had some point that I wanted to make: in my case, issues about my struggles living with a foster family. I chose self-publishing because I felt that getting a commercial publisher could take a lifetime, in light of the fact that competition is fierce and the orientation is commercial. I didn't want those two realities to silence my voice; I believed I had something to say. In fact, I believe we all have a story that has meaning; maybe we just have to search to find it! What's interesting is that when we do this, we learn something about ourselves, our values, and in what ways we adjusted. Heck! We see ourselves in a lens that's almost objective!

In my case, I felt that PROSPECTING HEART: MY CHILDHOOD IN A FOSTER HOME had to be written. And the time felt right, as a retiree, a parent of an adult, independent son; why I was now a bona fide senior! I was ready to share what I had kept very personal all along—and was even shy about divulging with others. My adult life is and was as an artist and teacher of both art and literacy, and a sometimes freelance arts writer It helped make me ready for the challenge of writing a book. A friend of a friend suggested that I publish with the Amazon subsidiary, "Create Space," (now "Kindle,") to do a book with a printon-demand arrangement. This is a good option for the would-be writer who wants a wider distribution, i.e. with the option to be online to the public. But one can simply create one's book with an office supply chain that offers printing services. Self publishing puts the writer in control of all decisions, like size, font, cover images, binding, and the like.

My first chapter tells about how I happen to have been raised with a foster family, how my Polish immigrants parents endured the hardship of an illness with their limited resources, language skills and education. My story happens to be bittersweet, yet I've been told by some it is "inspirational" and a "triumph of the spirit." A close friend, who is still active in her late nineties (a videographer and former dancer), bought seven copies to share for holiday gifts to others.

Some of my chapter titles: Love Occurs When Least Expected, My Special Summer, and Whose Soul is This? (a chapter about my personal property in the foster home). I sprinkled the book with several black and white photographs. On the cover is a pic of myself at age ten in a ballet tutu. I speak about some fraught interactions with my biological sister and the three foster brothers. My stories include the economic side of those nineteen years, and also about my startling visitation with my biological father after a forty-five year separation. My chapter on my controversial shrink is a story in itself. He helped me to improve my life, my career, my involvements in the arts, and ultimately to teaching.

So, what does a writer need? After getting your book written and having it looked at and edited, it is important to find someone,—a pro— who knows how to "format" a book, i.e. do pagination, help select fonts, and do the myriad details that precede its publication. A friend of mine created the cover graphics, and an acquaintance from my women's art group— formatted the book, and

submitted it to CreateSpace for publication.

Editing and formatting services are all that I had to pay for. My formatter also got my needed copyright and ISBN number. Publication itself was and is actually free. A reduced "author's price" allows the writer (you) to buy the number of books you want cheaply for distribution to family, friends, club members, or groups whom you believe might be interested in or hearing about your book. One more thing: I decided I'd like a commentary on the book by a professional, so I blindly contacted a few local psychiatrists, requesting they read the manuscript. Amazingly, one accepted. This individual not only said she "had agreed wholeheartedly with the point of view" (I learned this from her secretary), she allowed her "endorsement" to be printed on the back cover. While I've heard that some people pay for reviews and endorsements, I don't advise going that way; only honest, sincere words thrill the soul! On the back of the book there's my short statement, a recent photo, and the doctor's commentary.

I must admit I got hooked on writing! In 2019, I published my second memoir about my life as an artist and teacher. We all have a story. Your truth can be even more interesting and unique than fiction!

Your Century Village Neighbor,

Helen Levin HELENLEVIN.COM (My paintings, collages and artists books). Books:

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DARK WATERS PG-13, 2 HOURS, 6 MIN.

The movie is based on the biography of a corporate defense Thurs. lawyer who takes on industrial giant, DuPont. A farmer in the town Sun. of Parkersburg. West Virginia contacts him about the fact that Mon. his cattle are dying and after investigating, he finds out that the DuPont facility has been polluting the waters with an untested compound, causing many cancers in the population. There are still ongoing lawsuits against DuPont and after seeing this movie, you might want to re-think anything you have coated with Teflon! The film stars Anne Hathaway, Bill Camp, Mark Ruffalo, Tim Robbins and Mare Winningham.



LET HIM GO R, 1 HOUR, 53 MIN. (RATED R FOR VIOLENCE.)

After the death of their son, a retired sheriff and his wife leave their Tues. 06 1:45 pm Montana Ranch in this crime/thriller drama in order to rescue Thurs. 08 6:30 pm their only grandson. The desperate grandparents need to save Sun. their only grandson. The desperate grandsold in the Dakotas. Mon. April The film stars Diane Lane, Kevin Costner and Kayli Carter. Tues. April 11 1:45 pm 12 6:30 pm 13 1:45 pm



MARRIAGE STORY R, 2 HOURS, 17 MIN.

(RATED R FOR LANGUAGE AND SEXUAL REFERENCES.)

Laura Dern won an Academy Award for Best Supporting Actress Thurs. April 15 6:30 pm in this drama about a marriage breaking up while the family tries Sun. 18 1:45 pm to stay whole. Powerful acting by a superb cast underlines the Mon. 19 6:30 pm pain of divorce and the dissolution of a once good relationship. Tues. 20 1:45 pm The film also stars Adam Driver, Scarlett Johansson, Julia Greer, Thurs. 22 6:30 pm Alan Alda and Ray Liotta.



NORMAN R, 1 HOUR, 58 MIN. (RATED R FOR LANGUAGE.)

The film, subtitled The Moderate Rise And Tragic Fall Of A New Sun. York Fixer, tells the story of Norman Oppenheimer, a small time Mon. operator in New York City who helps out a young politician at a Tues. low point in his life. Years later, that same politician becomes the Thurs. Prime Minister of Israel and Norman's life will now dramatically change for better and also for worse. The movie stars Richard Gere, Lior Ashkenazi, Michael Sheen and Steve Buscemi.

25 1:45 pm 26 6:30 pm April 27 1:45 pm April 29 6:30 pm

(Continued in May)

(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.

WWest Palm Beach at the movies

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- 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 sanitizing 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 cues on the floor throughout the Clubhouse - Please follow all directives, including those communicated through signage and visual cues 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 seats after you are seated.
- No admittances to the Theater once the movie starts.
- · As always, please take note of the emergency exits: Two at the front of the Theater (right and left of the stage) and one left side exit near balcony.
- Please adjust hearing aids and listening devices and silence cell phones.
- No food or beverages permitted in the Theater.
- · Perfume and colognes are not permitted in the Theater. Please be respectful of your neighbor's sensitivities.

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Hurricane Season Just Around the Corner

BY JOHN HESS

RUMOR has it that May 15th will become the new start date of Hurricane season, actually the FACT is Mother Nature doesn't care when it is, so it is in our favor to be prepared. June 1st will remain the official start date although, for the last six years hurricanes have formed in May. They may not have affected us but nonetheless they have formed.

March is the month to sign up for the "Special Needs Shelter" to make sure they have a spot reserved for you. To register, call 561-712-6400 or go to www.readypbc.org A special form is needed and is available at the UCO Office.

Now is the time to start preparing your "survival kit" of non-perishable foods, water, flashlight, batteries, first aid supplies, etc. A list may be found in your local newspaper, handouts at the grocery stores, pharmacy, etc.

Have a plan to stay here or leave town for a safer location. Usually enough notice is given to be able to

RUMOR has it that May 15th will leave town safely. Sometimes there ecome the new start date of Hurcane season, actually the FACT is traffic, no gasoline, etc. Plan actordingly and stick to your plan.

Now is the time to decide how serious you are going to be about saving your own life. Devastation can occur, maybe lose electricity temporarily, or just get sideswiped with wind and rain. One never knows but it is safer to be prepared for any outcome. Don't be one of the "IF ONLY I WOULD HAVE...." crowd.

I have been in Florida for 15 years and have been fortunate not to have experienced the devastation like we all have seen on news reports; I.E. like the destruction in the Bahamas-a mere 90 miles from us. A few roofs damaged, trees blown down, etc.

Please pay attention to new reports - weather bulletins, etc., they provide very important information for you to use to decide what action you need, or want, to take. Stay Safe - Be Prepared

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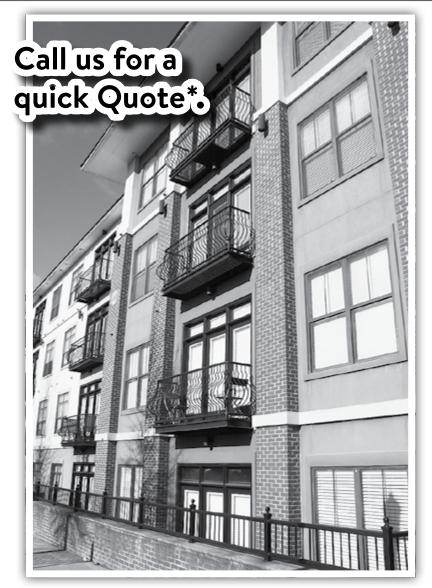
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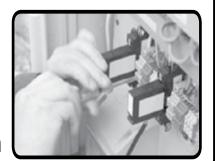
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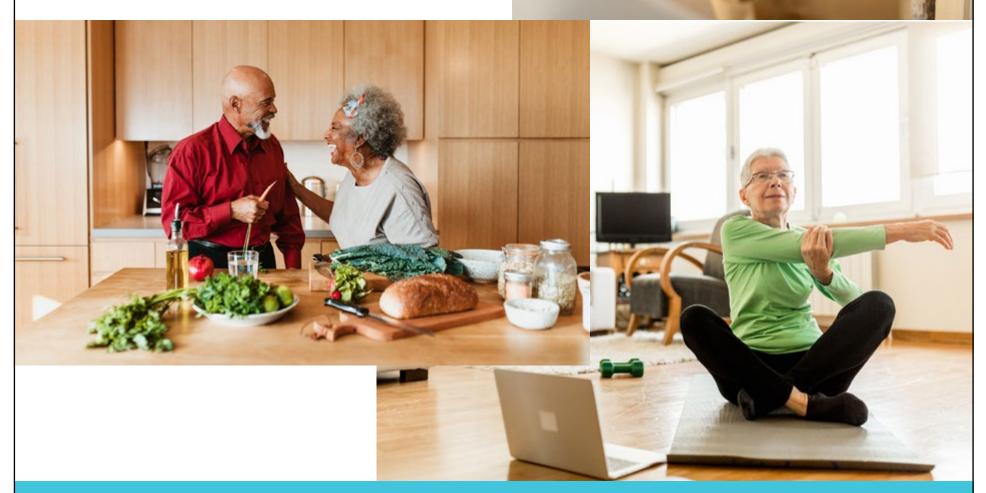
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Buying a Watch in 1880

BY RUTH DREISS

This is definitely worth reading to the end. turer and asked them what they Who knew? Buying a watch in 1880! If you were in the market for a watch in 1880, would you know where to get one? You would go to a store, right? Well, of course, you could do that, but if you wanted one that was cheaper and a bit better than most of the store watches, you went to the train station!

Does this sound a bit funny? Well, for about 500 towns across the northern United States, that's where the best watches were found. Why? The railroad company wasn't selling the watches, not at all. The telegraph operator was.

Most of the time the telegraph operator was located in the railroad station because the telegraph lines followed the railroad tracks from town to town.

It was usually the shortest distance and the right-of-way had already been secured for the rail line. Most of the station agents were also skilled telegraph operators and it was the primary way they communicated with the railroad. They would know when trains left the previous station and when they were due at their next station.

And it was the telegraph operator who had the watches. As a matter of fact, they sold more of them than almost all the stores combined for a period of about 9 years. This was all arranged by "Richard", who was a telegraph operator himself. He was on duty in the North Redwood, Minnesota train station one day when a load of watches arrived from the East. It was a huge crate of pocket watches. No one ever came to claim them

So Richard sent a telegram to the manufac-

wanted to do with the watches. The manufacturer didn't want to pay the freight back, so they wired Richard to see if he could sell them. And so Richard did.

He sent a wire to every agent in the system asking them if they wanted a cheap, but good, pocket watch. He sold the entire case in less than two days and at a handsome profit.

That started it all. He ordered more watches from the watch company and encouraged the telegraph operators to set up a display case in the station offering high quality watches for a cheap price to all the travelers.

It worked! It didn't take long for the word to spread and, before long, people other than travelers came to the train station to buy watches. Richard became so busy that he had to hire a professional watchmaker to help him with the orders. That was Alvah.

And the rest is history as they say. The business took off and soon expanded to many other lines of dry

goods. Richard and Alvah left the train station and moved their company to Chicago -- and it's still there.

YES, IT'S A LITTLE KNOWN FACT that for a while in the 1880s, the biggest watch retailer in the country was at the train station. It all started with a telegraph operator: Richard Sears and partner Alvah Roebuck!



Bet You Didn't Know That! OK, maybe you did; I didn't!

Now that's History. And now...Sears has closed its doors. (Submitted by your Editor's grammar & high school friend, Ramona, now living inTexas).



BY RUTH BERNHARD-DREISS

Some memorable holidays during the month of April are: Good Friday on the 2nd; Easter Sunday on the 4th, with Easter Monday in Canada on the 5th. Ramadan begins on the evening of the 13th, lasting 30 days. Earth Day is on the 22nd and Arbor Day on the 30th. Let's not forget April Fools' Day on the 1st - don't get caught by a jokester. Then there is Income Tax Day on the 15th and April begins the Major League Baseball Season.

In the Southern Hemisphere, April is the same as October in the Northern Hemisphere; the Japanese Fiscal Year for businesses starts on the 1st.

April's Birthstone is the diamond; the Flower is the daisy and also the sweet pea; and Zodiac signs are Aries and Taurus.

In other languages: Danish is April; French is Avril; Italian is Aprile and Spanish is Abril.

Enjoy April, the Spring of the year.



Notables Born in April

BY LENORE VELCOFF

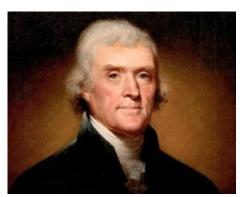


BILLIE HOLIDAY was a jazz singer. She was known for her vocal delivery and improvisational skills. However, her reputation deteriorated because of her drug and alcohol problems. Nevertheless, she was inducted into the Grammy Hall of Fame and the National Rhythm & Blues Hall of Fame, both posthumously.

THOMAS JEFFERSON served as the third president of the United States from 1801 to 1809. He was the principal author of the Declaration of Independence. While President, he promoted a western expansionist policy, organizing the Louisiana Purchase which doubled the nation's area.



LEONARDO DA VINCI is widely considered one of the most diversely talented individuals ever to have lived. His Mona Lisa is the most famous of his works and the most famous portrait ever made. He is also sometimes credited with the inventions of the parachute, helicopter, and tank. He made discoveries in anatomy, civil engineering, and geology, but did not publish his findings.



Dorchester K Flower Garden

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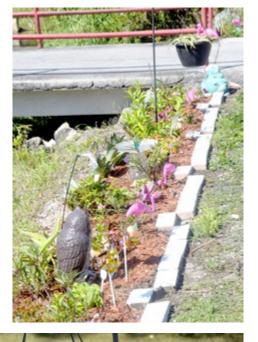






















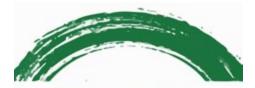


LUNCH WITH LENORE

BY LENORE VELCOFF

Though I have had both of my Covid-19 vaccine shots, when my grandson and his wife came to visit me, I still would only take them to an outdoor restaurant. This restaurant's outdoor patio offers impressive views of City Place (Rosemary Square), overlooking the fountains and City Place entertainment. Located at the base of the historic Harriet Himmel Theater. Il Bellagio captures the experience of dining in an authentic Italian "piazza." Directly facing the spectacular Water Pavilion West Palm and The Wishing Tree, the restaurant serves delicious Italian cuisine in a casual and vibrant atmosphere.

It was a beautiful afternoon, so we did not need an umbrella table. There was live music and singing right behind our table, but we were still able to hear each other. The three of us did not start with an appetizer, soup, salad or pizza, though they had an abundance of each. Everything from CALAMARI FRITTI E ZUCCHINI (calamari & zucchini fried golden brown served with marinara sauce) to TUNA TARTARE (sushi grade tuna chopped & topped with ripe avocado and crème fraiche) -PASTA E FAGILOLI (Tuscan style white bean soup with spinach, pasta, parmigiano cheese and a touch of tomato) to CARPACCIO





DI MANZO (thin slices of cured beef, artichoke served with tri colore salad and parmigiano cheese drizzled with truffle oil) or PIZZA PESTO (sliced chicken and mozzarella cheese, tomato with a delicate pesto sauce).

I ordered RISOTTO ALLA CHAMPAGNE (risotto tossed with shrimp and peas in a delicate champagne sauce with a touch of cream and dollop of goat cheese) - delicious. Zachary opted for AGNOLOTTI LUNA CAFÉ (house made round agnolotti, stuffed with lobster and ricotta cheese in pink cream sauce and Elena had LINGUINE FRUTTI DI MARE (linguine tossed with an array of fresh seafood, including clams and mussels, with tomato sauce). Of course, warm, crusty bread was served.

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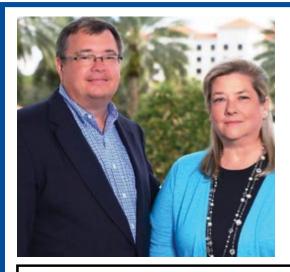
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Nutrition and Health Incredible, Edible...

BY JEANIE W. FRIEDMAN, MS RD LD/N



Eggs have been in the spotlight for decades. As a result of studies completed over the years, nutritional guidelines have changed, based on the findings. It can be confusing to have what appears to be contradictory recommendations.

Cholesterol is the main issue with eggs, particularly the yolk. One large yolk can contain around 200 mg of cholesterol. However, eggs also contain other nutrients that may help you keep your heart healthy.

BENEFITS

Eggs are considered to be little nutritional powerhouses. They are loaded with nutrients including vitamins A, D, and E, as well as antioxidants. They also provide folate and a little iron. Eggs contain choline, which is needed for a healthy metabolism. Two large eggs can give you about 13 grams of protein.

Eggs can be a part of a healthy diet, however, due to the amount of dietary cholesterol, it would be a good idea to check with your doctor on how many you can eat safely and how often.

EGG ALTERNATIVES/SUBSTITUTES

For those who do not eat eggs, there is a variety of egg replacers or substitutes, some of which are suited for baking and a few can be used in a scramble. The label will be able to provide nutrition information and a list of ingredients as well

Egg whites can be used instead of yolks if you're watching your dietary cholesterol.

SHOPPING FOR EGGS

There are many breeds of hens, and depending

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on which breed did the laying, the eggs you buy will vary in color and size. There isn't any advantage nutritionally from one type of egg over another.

EGG LABELING

The Food and Drug Administration (FDA) monitors the labelling on egg packages. One glance down the egg aisle can be overwhelming with all the terms printed on the carton. Here are some common terms:

ALL-NATURAL

The USDA defines all-natural eggs as eggs that do not have added color or artificial ingredients and are minimally processed.

ORGANIC

Organic eggs come from hens who consume an organic (free from synthetic pesticides, animal by-products) diet and are not raised in cages.

CAGE-FREE

These hens have a little more freedom to move about, since they are not confined in the usual standard cages.

FREE-RANGE

Free-range hens are also free from cages, but outdoor time is provided to them.

VEGETARIAN-FED

These hens were fed a vegetarian diet, usually corn-based. Hens generally are omnivores, feeding on the insects they pull up from the ground.

HORMONE-FREE

In the U.S. the use of hormones in egg-laying hens is prohibited and has been for decades. Though hens naturally produce hormones, but none are given to them.

ANTIBIOTIC-FREE

Most hens in the U.S. do not receive antibiotics. Farmers follow a regimen for disease prevention. If antibiotics (FDA-approved) are used, it is only for a short time and FDA guidelines that are followed would help ensure that no residues are found in eggs.

WAYS TO ENJOY EGGS

Remember, to cook eggs thoroughly. There may be bacteria that can be harmful when eating raw or undercooked eggs.

- Scrambled, omelets
- · Eggs Benedict
- Breakfast burrito
- Egg drop soup
- Egg pasta?
- Egg salad
- French toast
- Fried egg on sandwich or burger
- Quiche or frittata
- Fried rice
- Eggs ranchero

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Tales from the Cold War

Operation IVY BELLS

BY DAVE ISRAEL

Some years ago, in the late 1960s, I had the opportunity to go boating on a friend's yacht. This cruise was on the Potomac River – Washington DC. I observed a sign on the shore which stated, "cable crossing do not anchor."



From this mundane observation, a mighty signals intelligence (SIGINT) project was born.

Discussing this observation with my management chain at the National Security Agency, it was determined that this sort of warning sign is common on inland waterways globally.

Research discovered such a warning sign in a far more interesting location, namely, the sea of Okhotsk – why on earth is that you might ask:



If you do not recognize what this map depicts, it is the far Eastern littoral of the former Soviet Union. Herein lies the tale of lvy Bells.

Operation Ivy Bells was a joint United States Navy, Central Intelligence Agency (CIA), and National Security Agency (NSA) mission whose objective was to place wire taps on Soviet underwater cable lines during the Cold War..

During the Cold War, the United States wanted to learn more about Soviet submarine and missile technology, specifically ICBM test and nuclear first strike capability.

In the early 1970s, the U.S. government learned of the existence of an undersea communications cable in the Sea of Okhotsk, which connected the major Soviet Pacific Fleet naval base at Petropavlovsk on the Kamchatka Peninsula to the Soviet Pacific Fleet's mainland headquarters at Vladivostok. At the time, the Sea of Okhotsk was claimed by the Soviet Union as territorial waters, and was strictly off limits to foreign vessels, and the Soviet Navy had installed

a network of sound detection devices along the seabed to detect intruders. The area also saw numerous surface and subsurface Soviet naval exercises.

Despite these obstacles, the potential for an intelligence coup was considered too great to ignore, and in October 1971, the United States sent the specially modified submarine USS Halibut deep into the Sea of Okhotsk.



USS Halibut

Funds for the project were diverted secretly from the deep-submergence rescue vehicle (DSRV) program, and the modified submarines were shown with fake DSRV simulators attached to them. These were early diver lockouts. Divers working from Halibut found the cable in 400 feet (120 m) of water and installed a 20-foot (6.1 m) long device, which wrapped around the cable without piercing its casing and recorded all communications made over it. The large recording device was designed to detach if the cable was raised for repair.

The tapping of the Soviet naval cable was so secret that most sailors involved did not have the security clearance needed to know about it.

Each month, divers retrieved the recordings and installed a new set of tapes. The recordings were then delivered to the NSA for processing and dissemination to other U.S. intelligence agencies. The first tapes recorded revealed that the Soviets were so sure of the cable's security that the majority of the conversations made over it were unencrypted. The eavesdropping on the traffic between senior Soviet officers provided invaluable information on naval operations at Petropavlovsk, the Pacific Fleet's primary nuclear submarine base, home to Yankee and Delta class nuclear-powered ballistic missile submarines.



Soviet Delta IV submarine.

Eventually, more taps were installed on Soviet lines in other parts of the world, with more advanced instruments built by AT&T's Bell Laboratories that were radioisotope thermoelectric generator-powered and could store a year's worth of data. Other submarines were used for this role, including USS Parche (SSN-683), USS Richard B. Russell (SSN-687), and USS Seawolf (SSN-575). Seawolf was almost lost during one of these missions—she was stranded on the bottom after a storm and almost had to use her self-destruct charges to scuttle the ship with her crew.

This operation was compromised by Ronald Pelton, a 44-year-old disgruntled veteran of the NSA, who was fluent in Russian. At the time, Pelton was \$65,000 (\$202,000 today) in debt, and had filed for personal bankruptcy just three months before he resigned. With only a few hundred dollars in the bank, Pelton walked into the Soviet Embassy in Washington, D.C. in January 1980, and offered to sell what he knew to the KGB for money.

The USS Parche (SSN-683) was dispatched to recover the recording device, but the American divers were unable to find it and it was concluded that the Soviets had taken it. In July 1985, Vitaly Yurchenko, a KGB colonel who was Pelton's initial contact in Washington, D.C., defected to the United States and provided the information that eventually led to Pelton's arrest.

As of 1999, the recording device captured by the Soviets was on public display at the Great Patriotic War Museum in Moscow



Ivy Bells cable tap recording system

Finally, what about the spy Ronald Pelton who revealed project Ivy Bells to the Soviets?

Pelton was tried and convicted of espionage in 1986 and sentenced to three concurrent life sentences and a \$100 fine.

Pelton was federal inmate number 22914-037, and was incarcerated at the Federal Correctional Institution, Allenwood, a medium-security facility in Pennsylvania, but spent the last six months of his sentence in a halfway house. He was released on November 24, 2015.

So much for making the punishment fit the crime; he gave up a billion-dollar project and got fined \$100.00. He received three life sentences and served 20 years.

I am sad to say that he and I worked in the same NSA office and he was considered "the life of the party".

Cable Crossing Do Not Anchor.



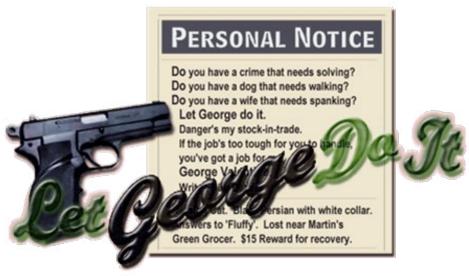


The Great Detectives of Old Time Radio

BY STEW RICHLAND

"Personal notice: Danger's my stock in trade. If the job's too tough for you to handle, you've got a job for me. -- George Valentine."

This was the opening line for the long running nationally syndicated radio show titled "Let George Do it."



I must admit that I never heard of the show "Let George Do It" when I was a kid addicted to old time radio shows as my go to night time entertainment choice. The first broadcast aired on September 20, 1946 and ran until September 27, 1954.

The huge West Coast Don Lee-Mutual Network began airing Let George Do It on September 20, 1946 over its KFRC affiliate in San Francisco. Sponsored from its inception by Standard Oil of Southern California and its Chevron Supreme Gasoline, the program ran for 414 unique scripts of 30-minute installments.

Radio historians note that there are more episodes of Let George Do it in existence than there are of Sam Spade or Phillip Marlowe, or even Sherlock Holmes. Why is this show so enduring and how did it stay on the air for eight seasons?

George Valentine was an ex-G.I., who was absolutely sure what to do with himself once he returned to civilian life--to a point. He'd apparently put a good deal of thought to it while overseas. Much of the back-story of George Valentine's character--and aspirations--was revealed in the course of the first 100 episodes of Let Geaorge Do It. He knew he wanted to make money, since he was as broke as most other recently liberated G.I.'s. Portrayed as a somewhat fanciful, adventurous young man, his inherent good humor and uncharacteristically shy and unassuming--yet somewhat cynical--nature made for a very charming, albeit un-stereotypical gumshoe. George didn't really see himself as a detective in any case--not initially, anyway. He saw himself more as a problem solver. He hoped to create a niche market to make money doing things other people either couldn't do for themselves, or didn't have the nerve to do

on their own.

That's the notion that

That's the notion that became his inspiration for his 'Let George Do It' Agency--not so much as a detective agency as a concierge service on steroids. George posted a personal ad in the local papers, announcing his services in an equally catchy, ambitious and disarming manner:



Do you have a crime that needs solving? Do you have a dog that needs walking? Do you have a wife that needs spanking? (authors note: this seemed to be one of the acceptable norms of the 1940s. Boy how times have changed!)

Let George do it.

Danger's my stock-in-trade.

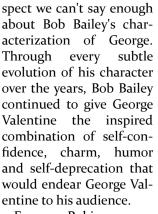
If the job's too tough for you to handle, you've got a job for me, George Valentine. Write FULL Details

George took his last bit of mustering-out pay--after posting his personal notices--to rent some office space and furniture in town. He was initially aided by the building's elevator-operator-cum-custodian, Caleb, who gently apprised George of his opinion of George's prospects. But it was that initial contact that led him to at least level-set his expectations and aspirations. He soon met 'Sonny' Brooks, a teenager apparently of much the same relative maturity as George himself, who introduced George to his sister, Claire. Sonny selflessly volunteered Claire as George's assistant. Needless to say, Claire was far less enthusiastic than Sonny regarding George's prospects.

Thus began the premise and initial cast of characters supporting this highly popular West Coast gem that, once it went national, captured the hearts and imaginations of America. The series evolved through several gentle restructurings over its 12-year run. Begun as a situation comedy, the series slowly evolved to a detective comedy, then detective mystery comedy, then detective mystery. The distinctions were quite deliberately obscured over the program's run, due in part to the absolutely top-

notch writing, direction and production values of the series from its inception.

Radio actor Robert 'Bob'
Bailey portrayed George
Valentine brilliantly.
Bailey gave George the
perfect combination of
wholesomeness, wideeyed naivete, selflessness,
and G.I. cynicism that the
part demanded. In this re-



Frances Robinson was an equally inspired selection for Claire 'Brooksie' Brooks, George Valentine's even more cynical, yet hopelessly admiring, assistant. Known as much for her Stage and Screen talents as for her Radio resume, Frances Robinson sold the Brooksie character as precisely as her writers intended her to. Equal parts sexy, charm-



Francis Robinson



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ing, loving, and world-wisened, Frances Robinson's Brooksie remains one of Radio's most endearing and versatile sidekicks

WALLY MAHER: THE VOICE OF EVERYMAN

Radio needs performers with everyday, man-on-the-street voices. Plenty of scripts called for a truck driver, a security guard, a garage mechanic, a patrol cop, or just plain Joseph H. Blow, Everyman USA. And one of the busiest of these actors was an unassuming fellow named Walter Maher, who packed an awful lot of acting into just forty-three years of life.

Almost all of the radio segments are available for download to your computer on Old Time Radio sites and can also be purchased in CD formats on Amazon.





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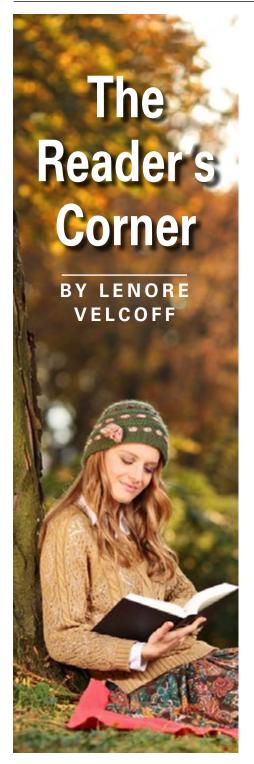
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The Last Flight by Julie Clark

would you be willing to sacrifice to save your own life? When all is lost, how great of a chance would you take

to protect yourself?

It's rarely that I give a thriller 5 stars, but this one was exceptionally good. I thought the dual plot lines flowed well and I didn't have any trouble shifting from one woman's story to the other. There is a lot of back and forth, but it's easy to follow. The backstory is told in past tense and the forward motion story is told in present tense.

Claire is trapped in an abusive relationship. And it won't be easy for her to just skip away. Her husband is well known, powerful and influential in political circles. Eva was raised in the foster care system, but she was one of the ones who made it out but then met the wrong guy. Two vulnerable women. Two impossible situations. Until, they meet in an airport bar, and make a decision to switch tickets.

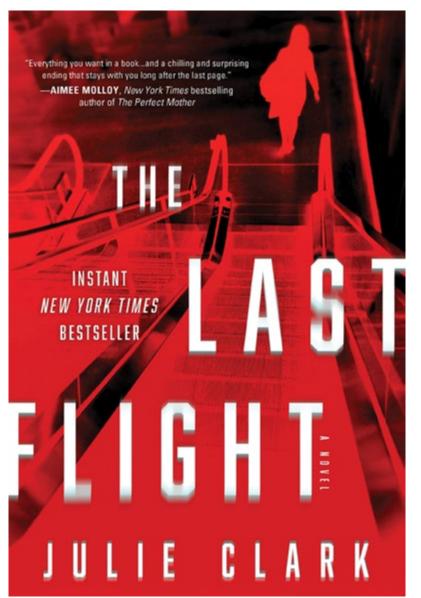
Claire takes Eva's ticket to Oakland. Eva takes Claire's. Neither woman really knows what the other is running from and what they might be running toward.

This book is dangerous, thrilling and fast paced...everything I love in a thriller. But please don't give me a book with the underlying theme of women empowerment and include a character like Eva. She was a prodigal student at Berkeley who threw her future away for a guy but played the victim.

I was heavily invested in these two women--their trials, tribulations, and their ultimate fates. This was delightfully delicious and fast paced. A few unlikely coincidences, but if you

First Name:

How far would you go to escape a bad situation? What can put that aside, I thought it a welcome light one in these crazy times. It was thrilling and addictive and I cannot recommend it more.





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Word Play

SUBMITTED BY ELAINE BROWN

John Travolta tested negative for coronavirus last night. Turns out it was just Saturday night fever.

The World Health Organization has announced that dogs cannot contract Covid-19. Dogs previously held in quarantine can now be released. To be clear, WHO let the dogs out.

I saw an ad for burial plots, and thought to myself that's the last thing I need.

Intelligence is like underwear. It is important that you have it, but not necessary that you show it off.

Relationships are a lot like algebra. Have you ever looked at your X and wondered Y?

A courtroom artist was arrested today for an unknown reason... details are sketchy.

People are making end of the world jokes like there's no tomorrow.

Whatever you do, always give 100% unless you're donating blood.

What do you call a sleepwalking nun? Roamin' Catholic.

What did Snow White say when she came out of the photo booth? Someday my prints will come.

A girl said she recognized me from her vegetarian club but I'd never met herbivore.

Dad, are we pyromaniacs? Yes, we arson.

I've always had an irrational fear of speed bumps, but I'm slowly getting over it.

What word becomes shorter when you add two letters to it? Short.

I've finally told my suitcases there will be no holiday this year. Now I'm dealing with the emotional baggage. If you're not supposed to eat at night, why is there a light bulb in the refrigerator?

My dad died when we couldn't remember his blood type. As he died, he kept insisting "be positive," but it's hard without him.

Don't let your worries get the best of you; remember, Moses started out as a basket case.

There was the person who sent ten puns to friends, with the hope that at least one of the puns would make them laugh. No pun in ten did.





UCO Recording Secretary Bob Rivera with his assistant, Sadie going to and from work



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