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WELCOME TO THE SEMI-ANNUAL WHIMSY ISSUE

This is the issue that has jokes, inspirational accounts, and life lessons. And in case you didn't notice, this is only the second time I can remember that IH had to go to 24 pages to fit everything. Our readers submitted more jokes than stories this time, so for those of you who like "inspirational", a video will be attached to this month's issue that will more than make up for it. It is a recording of one of the best graduation commencement speeches I have ever heard. It has a great message delivered in a funny, intelligent, strong, and kind way. I hung onto every word. A word of warning for you tender-hearts, grab a tissue before hitting "play".

The reason I think it is great is because my favorite people are smart, funny, strong, and kind. The first two qualities are a must. I have found that the last two do not work alone – one has to be accompanied by the other. If you are strong but not kind, you tend to hurt people. If you are kind but not strong, there is a chance that you may get hurt.

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VOTE! AUGUST 18

Our favorite candidate for our District 101 State Representative, **Marie Woodson** picked up the endorsement of the Sun Sentinel! We need Marie in Tallahassee!

As of this printing I don't know who the Sun Sentinel is recommending for Broward County Sheriff but I do know that we need **Al Pollack**. He is a **POLICEMAN with 40+ years-experience, not a politician**. He is endorsed by the Firefighters and Paramedics of Broward County (IAFF local 4321), the Deputy Sheriff's Union (IUPA 6020), the BSO Professional Supervisory Association (IUPA 6006/AFL-CIO) as well as the Fraternal Order of Police (District 5) and others. Read more about him on page nine.

Our own IH reporter Steve Schneider conducted a Q & A with **Jennifer Gottlieb** who is running for Supervisor of Elections starting on page 2.

A MASK IS NOT A POLITICAL STATEMENT; IT IS AN IQ TEST

Did you know the FDA, CDC and WHO just approved a medical device that reduces your change of getting COVID-19? If others use the device also, the risk of contracting the virus is reduced to 20%! Its trade name is **WearAMaskAsshole** (wair-uh-mahsk-as-hohl). Side effects include mild inconvenience, possible victim complex, being thanked by the medical community, fear of people thinking you are a sheeple, being ostracized by your anti-vax pandemic bros, saving thousands of lives, and the power to stop your own asymptomatic transmission as this country stubbornly dives into a second wave.

Check with your doctor, or really anyone with an IQ above a goldfish, to see if **WearAMaskAsshole** is right for you. (Disclaimer: The name **WearAMaskAsshole** was stolen from a friend. So was this article.)



REAL ESTATE RECAP

In a nutshell, completely remodeled one bedroom units are HOT! Especially in the low and mid rises, one bedrooms are selling within 30 days, probably because of the lower maintenance fees. Corner units are a tough sell right now which came as a big surprise



because corner unit sales were breaking records in the 6 months before February. We finally sold two of our corner unit listings in the past couple of weeks. Eight Parkview townhomes closed in June and 3 more went under contract. Details on page 13.

FINALLY, THE ANSWER TO THE AGE OLD QUESTION – WHY DO I HAVE TO WASH MY HANDS AFTER USING THE TOILET?

I am so happy that the lost art of hand washing has made a comeback. And loyal readers of IH know that one of my frequent rant topics is about closing the toilet lid before you flush. You would be surprised what travels through the air when you flush and you would be disgusted if you are one of those who keep your toothbrush on your bathroom countertop.

Now researchers are talking about the dangers of public toilets with no seat covers because of COVID-19. I will NOT use a public restroom if I can help it but you can best believe I have not used one since the pandemic started. I do not like the "no toilet seat" concept. If you come to my house and use my restroom, you know to close the lid because I have mentioned it as diplomatically as possible.

I am not going to print the whole article but here is the main point: "According to a study published Tuesday in the journal *Physics of Fluids*, flushing the toilet can send droplets almost three feet in the air, which could possibly spread coronavirus if you're the next person in the stall, or if those droplets land on bathroom surfaces."

The researchers suggest three procedures to reduce the risk:

- Put the toilet lid down before flushing
- Clean the toilet seat before using it, since floating virus particles could have settled on the surface
- Wash your hands carefully after flushing, as virus particles may be present on the flush button and door handle

We can all do that, right?

Hey Florida! Now that we have everyone washing their hands correctly; next week- turn signals!!!

JENNIFER LEONARD GOTTLIEB

CANDIDATE FOR SUPERVISOR OF ELECTIONS - 954.644.2387



1. You are a lifelong Broward County resident. Did elections work differently here when you were younger? If so, how? Was anything better at that time? Is anything better now?

As a child, I recall my parents voting in elections, but I do not have a memory of it being important to the community. When my mother was a teacher here in Broward County Public Schools, she was instrumental in starting the Kids Voting Initiative. She won teacher-of-the-year in her school for her trailblazing work on that program. Today, we have voter registration in every high school in Broward County. We have made

progress publicizing elections compared to how it was years ago. It is a big improvement from the past, but the partnership between Broward Schools and The Supervisor of Elections office is one that works well and should be expanded to educate more of our future voters.

2. In your press release to announce your run, you say you want to restore confidence in Broward elections. Tell me some specific things that indicate people lack confidence. And what do you want to do to fix the problem?

I have been talking to many people in the community about elections for years. I did not have confidence in the last election that my vote by mail (VBM) ballot was counted. It was reported that ballot boxes were found days after the election. The 2018 ballot design confused people which caused undercounts and voters missing the US Senate race entirely. There are questions about the accuracy of the voting machines. Hacking is of concern since we know that two Florida counties were hacked by outside forces. However, The Virtual Private Network (VPN) that is used to transmit data from polling locations to the tabulation center, is the most secure process since the data is encrypted and unreadable in transit. If tampering occurred, it would be easily noticed. I would ensure a separate server was used for emails and on a different terminal, only allow intranet access, and use programs that do not re-write data so no voter information would ever be deleted or purged. The public is uncertain when it takes days to count the ballots. Recounts take a very long time and it has been said the SOE has too few machines for that, so I will work for a timely count. However, accuracy and trust in the result is paramount to speed. I will make sure that we have the best security and IT available. I will also look into the allegations that the voting machines may not be giving accurate results. We need a paper trail we can rely on, and I will provide that. I will work with the legislature to request permission for audits and utilize the technology that we have to be used for tabulations on election night.

3. You also said in your announcement statement that you want to make voting easily accessible. Why is this important? How will you do it?

I would work to eliminate the election day voting location restriction to just the precinct closest to your home, and expand the model used during the early voting period. A registered voter should be able to vote in any precinct within their county of residence. Now that Florida has enrolled in the Electronic Registration Information Center (ERIC), we should permit transfer registrations from ERIC member states through election day. With access to ERIC data we should easily be able to verify whether a person has voted in another jurisdiction within ERIC in real time.

I will ensure that polling places are easy to access and are available equitably. Voter suppression is a real problem throughout our country,

often by where polling places are located or how much equipment is provided. There is little confidence by the public to go out and vote during the COVID-19 pandemic. I believe the Supervisor should preemptively mail out vote by mail ballots to every registered voter in each of the upcoming elections in order to ensure every registered voter is aware of their option to cast a ballot safely from home, and well before the deadline to return the ballot.



**Democrat for Broward County
Supervisor of Elections**

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School Board Member Robin Bartleman (Countywide)

School Board Member Ann Murray

School Board Member Nora Rupert

Former FEA President and School Board Member Maureen Dinnen

Andrea Knowles, Executive Director of Broward Legislative Delegation

*As of 7/3/2020

Paid by Jennifer Gottlieb, Democrat, for Supervisor of Elections

4. You are telling voters that we must ensure every vote is counted fairly and accurately. Isn't this already the case? If not, give me specific information so readers can understand the issue. And how will you address it if you are elected Supervisor of Elections.

I was present at the Canvassing Board in 2018 when poor ballot design and curious ballot handling led to many votes being undercounted or disqualified entirely. In Broward County, we have a long history of ballot problems. One of my solutions is to publish what every variation of the ballot will look like, including fold lines of the vote by mail ballots. In a 2007 report, the U.S. Election Assistance Commission (EAC) published Effective Designs for the Administration of Federal Elections, several hundred pages of guidelines intended to assist election officials in designing more usable election materials. In there, it is suggested to never place a race in an area of the ballot significantly separated from the rest, and certainly never directly under the directions where a voter might miss it. This needs to be followed more rigorously to avoid disasters that happened in the US Senate Race of 2018. For too long, there has been a focus on the technical compliance with rules and not enough analysis of the human dynamics when voting.

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I fully support paper ballots for all elections for auditing and accuracy purposes. As I stated above, I have seen the disasters play out with unverified and paperless ballots that has led to inaccuracies and a lack of faith in the voting system. I believe in the process outlined in Florida statutes for ballot review by campaign and party representatives. We ensure a fair system only when we can verify the results. The Supervisor of Elections needs to make the office work for the public and its employees and ensure adequate training and resources are available for the election workers.

5. Broward County is the second-most populous county in Florida. Sometimes the state sees razor thin election results. So, every vote does count. Is this why you want to increase voter participation? How can the Supervisor of Elections get more people to register and vote?

I have a proven record of community outreach. Using that community outreach experience, I intend to address voter suppression and disenfranchisement through reaching out to the faith based communities, schools, young people, senior centers, the underperforming voting populations, homeless shelters, those who have not been adjudicated as felons but who are in the jail system, and, as a mom of two college age sons, I want to make it easier for our college students to vote. I plan to meet people where they are to educate them about their voting options and get them engaged in the process. Elections matter, and every vote counts. I want to improve the ease of access and convenience of voting by expanding early voting locations and hours, and increasing vote-by-mail engagement by advertising its benefits. Increasing voter participation includes reaching out to voters where they are, and providing vote-by-mail drop-off locations thought-out the county. During my career, I have developed partnerships in Broward that will help me improve voter registration and outreach. I want to guarantee every voter who is entitled to vote is able to and that their vote matters.

6. If elected, will you use your office to speak out against voter suppression? If yes, please give me some specific examples of voter suppression in Florida.

Sadly, many examples of voter suppression have occurred in Florida. I would absolutely be an outspoken Supervisor and fight against voter suppression. First, Amendment 4 overwhelmingly passed in 2018. Florida voters made their intention perfectly clear with language that was self-enacting. One of the most egregious examples of voter suppression in Florida happened in 2019 when the legislature passed SB 7066. By doing this the legislature created a modern-day poll tax by requiring justice-involved citizens or ex-offenders to pay all fines and fees before being able to restore their voting rights. In 1966, the Supreme Court ruled that a poll tax even as small as \$1.50 was unconstitutional. This is a blatant attempt by the legislature to keep citizens from participating in the democratic process. I will do everything possible to carry out the will of the voters on Amendment 4.

I will ensure Amendment 4 is fully implemented, as the voters overwhelmingly demanded, to restore fundamental voting rights and guarantee every voter who is entitled to vote is able to and that their vote matters. Next, in 2018, it was reported that election officials discarded many absentee and provisional ballots for signature mismatches. This disproportionately impacted Americans with disabilities, the elderly, and young voters. Voter intimidation was present in Andrew Gillum's gubernatorial race, where voters received a robo call with racist undertones. The call was traced back to a white supremacist group out of state. In another situation, there was a polling location in Broward that was in a gated community, voters who were assigned to this location that lived outside of the gated community were denied entry since they did not have proper resident ID. Therefore, the guard at the gate did not let them in to vote. Finally, for this upcoming election in Broward, we have fewer polling locations than prior elections, which could possibly lead to longer lines and wait times. All of these examples show obvious efforts to suppress our voters and it is one of my top priorities that these actions cannot continue.

7. You entered the race the day before the filing deadline. Five other Democratic candidates have been campaigning for months for the August primary election. The Sun Sentinel article covering your decision said you are shaking up the race. Are you?

I have been asked and encouraged by many people to run for office for a long time. Many believe that I have the right qualifications and the right experience needed to be the Supervisor of Elections. I have a proven record of improving complex organizations and governmental bodies. As Supervisor, we will not have jobs in the office, we will have professions including many of the exceptional employees already there. I have the skill set to improve the quality, efficiency, and professionalism of the office.

8. You have served countywide as an at-large member of the Broward County School Board. You stress you are the only candidate with countywide experience. Why is this important?

I have over two decades of strong government experience. I was elected, re-elected, and served as a county wide, nonpartisan Broward County School Member. As Chair of the School Board, I managed a multi-billion-dollar budget, led a complex organization, developed positive relationships with thousands of teachers, students, parents, employees, faith based associations, and community organizations across our diverse county. I overcame the challenges of competing interests and budget constraints. I managed the Government Relations Division of the Broward Teachers Union, developing experience in labor relations, union contracts, and negotiations. Most recently, I served as a Legislative Aide in the Florida Senate for Senator Gary Farmer. I was responsible for all constituent services, working with state, county, and local government agencies and representing the Senator in the community. I organized the anti-gun rally on the courthouse steps after the Parkland Shooting, giving the platform where Emma Gonzales, David Hogg, Cameron Kasky, and many of the March For Our Lives students spoke for the first time. I coordinated meetings, appearances and many remote virtual town halls and community gatherings on many issues important to our community so I have a network with whom I have worked.

9. Mitch Caesar, one of the Democrats in the race, served for two decades as chairman of the Broward County Democratic Party. Isn't this also a countywide function? What does his experience say about his bid to become Supervisor of Elections?

I have no criticisms of any candidate in this race, I firmly believe I am the only one running with the right experience and skill set to be an effective and efficient Supervisor of Elections. One main distinction is that he was elected to represent only democratic precinct leaders. When I was elected, it was in a non-partisan race and every person in Broward County, Democrat, Republican, or Independent, had the opportunity to vote for or against me, that is not true of any of the others running. I am the only candidate who has been elected and reelected by the public of this county. Know that I will work tirelessly to ensure that every vote counts.

10. Is there anything else you want to say?

Now is the time for a strong leader who can bring trust, security, community outreach and a commitment to ensure that every vote counts. I want to guarantee that voting is accessible, easy, and equitable to every eligible voter, and once and for all end voter suppression. I am the person with the right experience and dedication to make this possible. I will work tirelessly to ensure that every vote counts and that voting is safe, fair, easily accessible, inviting for the young, the elderly, and the disenfranchised. I am Jennifer Gottlieb and I am asking for your vote to be the next Supervisor of Elections. Thank you!

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Hillcrest Leadership Council Questions

JACK ANTHONY IZZO FOR CITY OF HOLLYWOOD COMMISSIONER DISTRICT 6

November 3rd

***Elect
JACK ANTHONY IZZO**
For City of Hollywood Commissioner District 6

My opponent is quoted stating,
"My leadership experience far surpasses my opponent" Not true!
I've been a leader my whole life, as a business owner, a father, and community activist.
If She is speaking about being a city official than yes, she has more experience. But our city does not need career politicians in those seats. We need fresh blood, new ideas, progressive ideas. Let's face it the old ways are not working.


Her Accomplishments:

- Losing 22 million to Margaritaville
- Higher taxes
- More money for tourism less for residents.
- Less police presence
- Sold out to Developers.
- Accepted campaign contributions from lobbyists.

What we need:

- More police offices
- Focus money on needed infrastructure.
- Lower taxes.
- Tax help for the elderly.
- Accountability
- No more deals with Developers
- Stop the sale of city owned property
- Put residents first

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truly tell you I am well qualified to take the seat in the commission and make the right decisions that will only benefit our residents and our city. Being a mayor, commissioner, or council member is not a career as some might believe. It is meant to be changed up every few years. It's a way to bring in new fresh ideas, new thoughts, different vantage points from different residents to be placed on the table and incorporated into our city for the better. There is no place for career politicians anywhere in this country, state, or city. There are a few incumbents in our city up for re-election and we need to think about moving forward and planning for a better tomorrow.

If any associations would like to know more on my ideas and maybe have me for one of your meetings via in-person or via zoom please don't hesitate to call me.

Warmest regards,

Jack Anthony Izzo
For COH commissioner

It's July my neighbors and starting off to be a hot one, so take all necessary precautions to stay safe out there.

As of the 1st we are half way through 2020.

I know dealing with this COVID-19 pandemic had put us in a fog were I didn't know which day it was and constantly had to look at a calendar. I must say 2020 is definitely not going the way I thought it was on December 31, 2019. Hope some of you had a better year than me so far. Lol

This week I put a survey in the Nextdoor site and asked residents what needs to be change or fixed. There really wasn't a ton of request but there was a few duplicate concerns.

Theses concerns were;

Number one on the list was: More police presence throughout Hollywood and specifically the Hillcrest community. A agree and should be a full time officer patrolling the area and bring back the citizen patrols.

Number two was: Storm water. There is a huge lack of infrastructure to contain or divert storm water in our city. This should be a top 3 priority in the city's line up of projects.

With rising ocean waters brings are water table up also, so more rain and no where for it to go equals severe flooding though out the city. This should have been addressed years ago and needs to be revisited again and again till the city sees the importance of the drains.

There are a few things also on the survey that I as a resident have been trying to push in the city for years and you will see them come up in my campaign for your new commissioner of Hollywood.

I saw an advertisement talking about experience in leadership. I can assure you I am the most qualified candidate with years of leadership skills. I was a business owner in high school. Yes at 18 I had a business dealing in electronics. I was blessed to have my first successful business so young and I sold that business to finance my schooling and the start of new ventures. I can honestly say I had a spectacular career that spanned 30 years. I sold the businesses and now I'm semi retired tinkering with building custom motorcycles and focusing more on family, my city, and my neighbors. So here I can

HANKY-WORTHY LESSONS FOR TODAY

Today, as my father, three brothers, and two sisters stood around my mother's hospital bed, my mother uttered her last coherent words before she died. She simply said, "I feel so loved right now. We should have gotten together like this more often."

Today, I kissed my dad on the forehead as he passed away in a small hospital bed. About 5 seconds after he passed, I realized it was the first time I had given him a kiss since I was a little boy.

Today, in the cutest voice, my 8-year-old daughter asked me to start recycling. I chuckled and asked, "Why?" She replied, "So you can help me save the planet." I chuckled again and asked, "And why do you want to save the planet?"

Because that's where I keep all my stuff," she said.

Today, when I witnessed a 27-year-old breast cancer patient laughing hysterically at her 2-year-old daughter's antics, I suddenly realized that I need to stop complaining about my life and start celebrating it again.

Like i was saying, the circus is just one of my careers. The real money comes from frosted flakes



Today, after I watched my dog get run over by a car, I sat on the side of the road holding him and crying. And just before he died, he licked the tears off my face.

NOV. 3RD RE-ELECT
LINDA SHERWOOD
HOLLYWOOD COMMISSION DIST. 6

☆☆☆☆ **EXPERIENCE MATTERS** ☆☆☆☆

IN THE LAST FOUR YEARS ALONE I HAVE:

FACILITATED THE REHAB OF BOB BUTTERWORTH PARK AND ZINKIL PARK AND PLAYGROUND

WORKED FOR AND VOTED FOR THE CONSTRUCTION AND ZONING OF 441

HELPED FACILITATE CONSTRUCTION OF WALMART ON 441

WORKED WITH LAWN ACRES TO PROTECT PRIVACY AND SAFETY WITH THE WALMART PROJECT

CONTINUED MY POLICY TO RESOLVE COMPLAINTS WITHIN 24HRS

WORKED WITH HOLLYWOOD GARDENS WEST TO OBTAIN NEW SIDEWALKS, LIGHTING, AND LINEAR PARK AND PLAYGROUND

STOOD STRONG TO GET THE PLAYGROUND MOVED FURTHER FROM BLDG. 16

FACILITATED THE ADDITION TO BEVERLY PARK KAYE GAITHER COMMUNITY CENTER



FACILITATED FUNDING TO THE WASHINGTON PARK COMMUNITY CENTER FOR CEC FOOD PANTRY TO CONTINUE 3X WEEK FOOD DISTRIBUTION AND VOLUNTEER YEARLY FOR THEIR HOLIDAY FOOD DISTRIBUTION TO THE COMMUNITY

FACILITATED THE PROJECT BY PULTE FOR PARKSIDE AT HILLCREST AND MET WITH PULTE AND HILLCREST TO FACILITATE SAFETY AND CONTRACT OBLIGATIONS

FACILITATED PERMITTING FOR BLDG. 21'S WATER TOWER

FACILITATED ROUND-ABOUT AND SIGNWAGE FOR SPEEDING ON HILLCREST DRIVE

FACILITATED NO PARKING IN FRONT OF BLDG. 19

WORKED WITH PARK EAST TO GET ORANGEBROOK GOLF COURSE ON THE GOB FOR FUNDING

FACILITATED ORANGEBROOK EL. SAFETY ZONE WITH POLICE PRESENCE

REQUESTED TREES AND ALLEY RESURFACING IN HOLLYWOOD HILLS SOUTH

MY LEADERSHIP EXPERIENCE FAR SURPASSES MY OPPONENT

Elected City of Hollywood Commission Dist. 6 2008-Present

Political advertisement paid for and approved by Linda Sherwood, Non-Partisan, for Hollywood Commission Dist. 6

HELEN VELLA BASILONE

(Editor's note: These are very trying times and if any Hillcrest resident feels they need Helen's services but cannot afford them, please contact Inside.Hillcrest@comcast.net and reference HELP FOR HILLCRESTERS FUND.)

All proceeds from Inside Hillcrest goes to helping Hillcresters in need and of course, everything is kept strictly confidential.)



HELEN VELLA BASILONE

Staying safe means staying in. I am sure this is taking a toll on your emotional state. Some of you are probably wondering when you are going to see your relatives in the flesh and when you are going to get your next physical contact. Those of you with children are wondering how you are going to keep them from going stir crazy.

If this is you then I have some help for you.

Over the last 30 years + I have been empowering individuals to overcome their emotions, depression, anxiety, fears and the feeling of isolation. I am offering small group sessions of 4 people at a time where you can share how you feel and I will teach you strategies and give you solutions you can use immediately to feel better. This will be totally confidential and safe place to share.

The two types of group sessions I am offering are as follows:

- Once a month for 1 hour \$25.00 per month
- Twice a month for 1 hour each \$40 per month.

If you are interested in either of these groups please let me know and I will send you more details. We will get through this together and you deserve to feel better.

Kind regards,

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The hiring of a lawyer is an important decision that should not be based solely upon advertisements. Before you decide, ask us to send you free written information about our qualifications and experience.

Endorsements Alert!

We have some exciting news today from our campaign...

Yesterday, Marie was awarded the Sun-Sentinel endorsement stating that she was, "*the only non-politician...*" and she "*...rises above the rest.*"



The Sun Sentinel stated, "*She won't use the job as a stepping-stone to higher office . And her age and expertise in human services will be assets in a Broward delegation that will be younger and less experienced in November...*"

As your next State Representative, Marie is ready to fight for District 101 and the People of Florida. This campaign is for YOU! She can't do this alone. We are in this together. We need YOUR vote August 18th to represent the people of District 101.

Will you stand with Marie so she can fight for District 101 in Tallahassee?

ELECT Marie Woodson for State House ☆ District 101

Marie Woodson is the best representative you could have in Tallahassee fighting for you. She worked as a high level government executive during her 35 years. She has won numerous awards for her community leadership and proudly serves as a Coordinator of Hollywood Crime Watch. She has a record of helping people and not special interests. **She will be your champion on issues including: public safety, education, healthcare, public transportation system, and more.**

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Make HD101 the People's Voice by electing Marie Woodson. EXPERIENCED, EFFECTIVE, AND CARING LEADERSHIP!

Meet Marie Woodson, a Democrat - House District 101

“I am running for office to bring solutions to the many challenges facing our community and the State of Florida as a whole.”



Written By Jason Delgado

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In 25 words or less, why are you running for office?

As a former Public Administrator who has helped to impact so many lives, the

Immediate Past Chair of a Commission for Women, a longtime advocate for residents in South Florida, and a 26 year resident of District 101, I am running for office to bring solutions to the many challenges facing our community and the State of Florida as a whole. Serving is my passion and I made a bold decision to run for this seat.

Education background?

St. Thomas University, Master of Science, Public Administration/Management.

Florida International University, Bachelor of Science, Criminal Justice. Miami-Dade Community College, Associate in Arts, Public Administration.

What was your first job?

My first job coming to the United States was a textile factory employee.

Significant other? Kids?

I have been married to Robert Woodson for 33 years. We have one son, Bradley Woodson who graduated from University of Central Florida (UCF) and one daughter, Kelly Woodson who is a rising Junior at Catholic University in D.C.

Who, if anyone, inspires you in state government?

Former Florida Gov. Bob Graham, who later went on to become a United States Senator has inspired me by his leadership style, his ability to work well with both parties to benefit the Florida residents, his charisma and his work ethics.

Why do people mistrust elected officials and what are you going to do about it?

People mistrust elected officials because of a lack of transparency. It is difficult to know why officials act without information. Past experiences, past associations, campaign contributions, actual votes, and the officials' roles in the legislative process give us an idea of what motivates our representatives. I will communicate with the voters of District 101 about my actions and the reasoning behind my decisions. I will oppose the degradation of the Florida Sunshine Laws.

What are 3 primary issues that are important to you?

Economic recovery — I will work with my colleagues:

- To create an unemployment system in Florida that actually works.
- To ensure that all Floridians who need financial assistance the most receive it.

- To obtain federal funding to assist Floridians as we recover from the COVID 19 pandemic.
- With local chambers of commerce to bridge the gap between local businesses and unemployed.
- With businesses and universities, trade schools, and high schools to match programs with students to create a school to work pipeline, including assisting college graduates with housing and other services. I will work to expand valuable affiliations with businesses and large corporations to create incentives for hiring and mentoring graduates as well as individuals in underprivileged sections of our district.

Healthcare — I will:

- Support legislation to provide affordable health care to all Floridians, including expanding Medicaid and protecting and supporting Obamacare.
- Work to ensure coverage for mental health issues and substance abuse.
- Increase coverage for children.
- Address high prices of drugs and procedures.

Education — I will:

- Support legislation that increases funding for public schools to ensure physical security upgrades, adequate materials and buildings, salaries for teachers that reflect education as a priority, while providing teachers with the appropriate training and resources.
- Support efforts to make sure every child has access to computers and Wi-Fi to enable them to participate in distance learning.
- Support legislation to fully-fund our university system, including adequately compensating full-time and adjunct instructors.
- Advocate for no-interest student loans for eligible Florida students.

What is a “disruptive” issue you are interested in?

Universal Background Checks — My experience as a former county government executive, a community volunteer, and a mother of two has convinced me that we must take meaningful action to reduce the almost 38,000 yearly gun deaths in our country. As a candidate for state representative and MOMS member, I wholeheartedly support MOMS's platform, and when elected will work diligently to introduce or support gun safety legislation, including laws that establish universal background checks for every gun purchase, strengthen safe storage provisions, disarm domestic abusers, and repeal the stand your ground law. I will also advocate for increased funding for community-based programs designed to reduce gun violence in our communities.

What does your legislative district need from Tallahassee?

My legislative priorities (as asked above) are a result of my knowledge of the needs of my district.

If you could amend the Florida Constitution, what would you change?

I support the passage of Amendment 2 to raise the minimum wage to \$15.00 per hour. I would like to propose an amendment to guarantee affordable health care for all Floridians.

Hobbies?

I love to walk, read, and spend time with my family.

Favorite sport and sports team?

Basketball — Miami Heat

June Kitchen Korner - by Cindy Abraham

My sister in Wisconsin helps edit the joke issues and thought the Kitchen Korner I had written was boring so I will save the healthy stuff for August and make this one fun. What is more fun than dessert? What is less healthy than dessert? Is there a happy medium? Yes. Here goes

YER NUTS!

I make a nut mixture to satisfy our sweet tooth that includes lots of almonds & walnuts, dried blueberries, and dark chocolate covered almonds. It covers 4 of the ingredients we are trying to add to our diet. No fair picking out the chocolate almonds! WE have to pour the mixture into a bowl and eat the healthy nuts too so that Brian gets his chocolate "fix" while filling up on the healthy stuff. I make YER NUTS stickers when I give the bottles as gifts. Well, lately, I noticed that as the nut bin got lower the chocolate covered nuts would disappear. So, I made a new label – how's this for funny, sis?



EASY PEASY LOW-FAT, LOW CARBS, LOW CHOLESTEROL LOW SODIUM HOME MADE ICE CREAM

Pineapples are tropical fruits that are rich in vitamins, enzymes and antioxidants. They may help boost the immune system, build strong bones and aid indigestion. And, despite their sweetness, pineapples are low in calories; 74 calories and 14 grams of sugar in 1 cup. You can use any of the following in these recipes. Unsweetened coconut cream has 12 g fat and 8 g carbs vs. unsweetened almond milk which has 2.5 g fat and 1 g carb. Sweetened almond milk has 4 g fat and 7 g carbs. YOU NEED A POWERFUL BLENDER.

6 cups small fresh pineapple chunks, FROZEN (or mangoes!)
 1 1/4 cups unsweetened coconut cream
 1/4 cup light agave nectar
 Pinch of kosher salt
 Toasted unsweetened flaked coconut or garnish
 (For an adult version swap out 1/4 cup of the coconut cream with rum)

Place frozen pineapple. Coconut cream, agave, and salt in a food processor. Pulse until finely chopped about 40 times. Process until smooth and airy about 3-4 minutes. Serve soft or transfer to an airtight container and freeze for about an hour. Garnish with flaked coconut.

Of course, we tried all kinds of things – frozen sour cherries and used the syrup instead of the agave and added some dark chocolate chips. Pick your favorite fruit and have at it!

MORE NICE CREAM

Homemade ice cream must be all the rage now because one of my other magazines had a whole page of them and called them Nice Cream. I put the calorie/fat/carb count under each one.

We liked the Mint Chocolate Chip the best. And in lieu of frozen bananas I always have Diana's frozen dark chocolate covered bananas in the freezer (either BOGO from Publix or cheap at Aldi's) – but you need two because they are half bananas. Below are the recipes. The method is the same – put all the ingredients in the blender and blend thoroughly. Then freeze for about 30 minutes. By the time you have tried them all (each recipe allegedly serves two), you will come up with your own ideas – like bananas, dark chocolate and peanut butter with the milk/cream. The common denominator is the chilled almond milk or the chilled coconut milk/cream. Your choice.

Strawberry-Banana Nice Cream

1 peeled frozen banana
 1/4 cup unsweetened almond milk chilled
 1/3 cup unsweetened frozen strawberries
 66 calories/1g fat/16 g carbs



Almond-Chocolate Nice Cream

1 peeled frozen banana
 1/4 cup unsweetened almond milk chilled
 4 tsp. unsalted creamy almond butter
 1 tsp dark baking cocoa

Topping: toasted slivered almonds and dark chocolate chips if desired
 231 calories/13 g fat/28 g carbs

Mango-Coconut Nice Cream

1 peeled frozen banana
 1/4 cup unsweetened coconut milk or cream chilled
 1/3 cup frozen mango chunks
 1 TBS unsweetened shredded coconut plus more for garnish
 174 calories/5 g fat/35 g carbs



Mint Chocolate Chip Nice Cream

1 peeled frozen banana
 1/4 cup unsweetened almond milk chilled
 1/4 cup chopped fresh mint
 1 TBS dark chocolate chips plus more for garnish
 172 calories/6 g fat/33 g carbs



MESSAGE TO HILLCRESTERS FROM AL POLLOCK – CANDIDATE FOR BROWARD COUNTY SHERIFF



After serving in the U.S. Marines, I was very proud to serve my country and knew that I wanted to continue serving in a way that had influence and meaning. Guided by my father, a Postal Service Police Officer, and my mother, I joined the Broward Sheriff's Office as a Deputy Sheriff in 1977.

In order to lead, I knew that I needed to perform at the highest possible level and do my best work to stand out. After the academy, I was sent to my first assignment in Carver

Ranches. I memorized the cross section of streets and learned about the particulars of the community. Over time, I developed relationships with families by getting out of my patrol car and talking, more importantly, listening to people. With patience and consistency, I gained their trust by understanding their circumstances and needs.

I eventually was assigned other responsibilities and moved into command staff positions. In each position, I applied these basic principles: Perform at the highest level of excellence, listen to people, let people do their jobs- assisting them when needed; and never to ask someone to do a job that I wouldn't do myself.

These principles garnered me success and as a colonel administering the \$299 million budget of BSO's 16 contract cities, I remain connected with the organization's roots. I visited deputies and supervisors, always asking if they needed support to do their jobs, taking the time to listen to their needs, and help to solve problems.

Becoming disappointed with the direction BSO was going, I retired in 2017. It just became too political and divisive and, for the then-sheriff, self-serving. 24 hours after I retired, a shooter killed five people at Fort Lauderdale-Hollywood International Airport. Thirteen months later, Marjorie Stoneman Douglas students were attacked by a lone gunman. The essential wording that I helped write into BSO's policy stating that

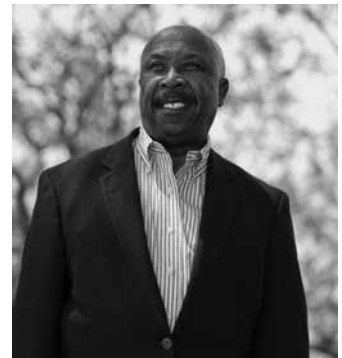
BSO deputies will engage an active shooter had been changed under the then-sheriff to the word: "may" engage. I was terribly saddened by the loss of 17 lives – all of whom deserved a far better outcome. And as the father of four children, I can assure you, our children's lives do matter.

The 40 years I worked for BSO enabled me to be of influence to so many people including my family – my wife, Angie, also a 35-year law enforcement veteran, our two daughters, who serve in nursing, along with our two sons, who currently work in law enforcement.



I will repair BSO's operations, strengthen its people, improve the morale, and provide the high-quality law enforcement, fire-rescue, and detention services that Broward County deserves. Drawing on my 40 years of experience – leading teams of dedicated, smart, and resourceful people, I am confident I can bring positive change to BSO. I will ensure a safer Broward with leading Fire-Rescue services and professional Law Enforcement.

I have the plan, I have the knowledge and what it takes to move BSO forward to ensure stability and safety in Broward county. Early on, people gave me the opportunity to be of service to my community. It is my turn to give back by serving as the sheriff of Broward County. For more information visit **www.Pollock2020.com** and connect with me on all social media platforms @ **sheriffpollock**.



STATE OF THE COUNTY - County Commissioner Beam Furr - District 6



Greetings Hillcrest Residents,

With so much going on in the world, it can almost be easy to forget that we have elections coming up! 2020 is shaping up to be a very interesting election year – and perhaps the most important of any of our lifetimes. This election will serve as our opportunity to decide what kind of leadership and vision we want for our country, from the office of President down to the local level. While many are anxious to vote November 3rd in the Presidential

Election, voters should also be paying close attention to the primary election coming up on August 18th.

The COVID-19 health crisis, the resulting economic challenges, and ongoing protests in America should all serve as a reminder of the fundamental importance of local politics. The local elected officials help determine how resources are distributed and policies are enacted that may affect your day to day life on the community level. In this year's August primary, we have a major group of important local offices that command your attention and vote!

It would not be an exaggeration to say that this is the most consequential primary election in Broward's history. This year is our first open race for State Attorney in four decades. It also contains competitive county-wide races for Public Defender, Supervisor of Elections, Sheriff, Clerk of the Courts, and School Board! We have never seen this many competitive races for critical county-wide seats in Broward County's history. These elections are unprecedented, so be sure to vote and get your ballot in!

The Broward Supervisor of Elections Office has announced that they are expecting a record-breaking turnout of 75% for the November 3rd general election. Which includes a record-shattering 66% of all ballots to be turned in by mail! These are just projections. However, the County and the Supervisor of Elections will be using them to build the budget for the election in November and ensure we have more than enough resources to handle the expected huge turnout. Over the coming months, we will be working to make certain that we are as prepared as possible for all contingencies. One of the keys will be to make sure all our residents are afforded the opportunity to vote in the safest way possible.

I encourage residents to consider signing up for a vote by mail ballot. Voting by mail allows you to vote from the comfort of your home without having to be concerned about proper distancing or wearing a mask. In addition to the feeling of safety this provides to one's health, it also gives more time to look over the lengthy ballot, which includes down ballot races and various amendments. You can sign-up for a vote by mail ballot at browardsoe.org.

For those who want to vote in-person, every resource needed to sanitize and keep the voting sites safe will be provided. Early voting sites will be open for both the August primary and the November general election. You may find out more about where to vote by going to <https://www.browardsoe.org/Voter-Information/Voter-Lookup-Free-Access-System>. I am looking forward to a record-turnout in August and November!

COVID-19 Update

The State of Florida has seen a recent spike in the number of COVID-19 cases. That means we must be diligent in how our re-openings are planned, in order to keep our residents safe. Broward County has

released a series of new Emergency Orders in the spirit of ensuring safer protocol. You can view all Emergency Orders at <https://www.broward.org/CoronaVirus/Pages/EmergencyOrders.aspx>. Residents are encouraged to get tested for their own protective knowledge and their families. We have multiple testing sites as well as at-home testing available. To learn more, you can go to <https://www.broward.org/CoronaVirus/Pages/Collection-Sites.aspx>. Finally, all residents are strongly encouraged to wear masks when not at home. Strong data and scientific research indicate that masks can reduce the risk of transmitting COVID-19 by 70% or more. It's not only for your protection – it keeps others around you safe from possible transmission. Be considerate of your fellow residents, wear a mask wherever and whenever necessary.

Contact Us

Our District office is conveniently located in the lobby of the Hollywood Branch of the Broward County Public Library at 2600 Hollywood Blvd, next to Hollywood City Hall. However, during COVID-19, it has been temporarily closed. My staff is working from my office in Fort Lauderdale. This office is open for your convenience Monday through Friday from 9AM to 5PM. If you would like to schedule an appointment, or you have a great idea, suggestion or an issue that needs my attention, feel free to call me at 954-357-7006 or 786-559-2306, you may also send me an email at bfurr@broward.org.



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MARTY KIAR - BROWARD COUNTY PROPERTY APPRAISER



Property Appraiser's Office Update

Even though our office remains closed to the public, we are continuing to assist residents and property owners quickly and efficiently as all communication with our office can be handled via email, fax, phone or by USPS mail. Property owners can apply for any 2020 exemption online at <https://web.bcpa.net>. Residents may also email any supporting documentation directly to our Customer Service Department at CSEmgmt@bcpa.net or fax to (954)357-6188. If you prefer to mail your exemption documents, our mailing address is **Broward County Property Appraiser, Attn: Customer Service, 115 S Andrews Avenue, Room # 111, Fort Lauderdale, FL 33301.**

You may also call our office at (954) 357-5579 and we can help fill out your exemption application with you on the phone and then mail the application to you with a self-addressed return envelope for you to complete and sign the application and mail it back to us for processing.

Once it is safe to do so, our office will return to our regular schedule of visiting communities to assist with filing for exemptions and answering any questions residents may have. In the meantime, we are always here to help. Please do not hesitate to contact our office directly at (954) 357-6830 or email me at martykiar@bcpa.net

Coronavirus Advice for Consumers

During these times, it is important to be aware of false COVID-19 offers and solicitations requesting personal information. The federal agency

responsible for protecting consumers, Federal Trade Commission, has provided some helpful reminders on their website at <https://www.ftc.gov/coronavirus/scams-consumer-advice>

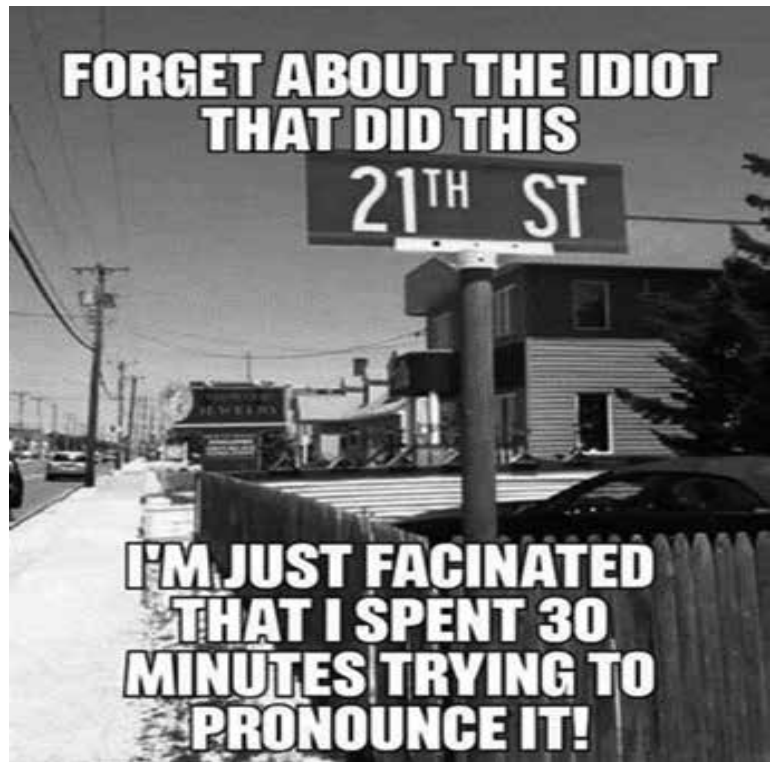
Please be aware of emails claiming to be from the CDC or WHO. For the latest information, visit [coronavirus.gov](https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus) or [usa.gov/coronavirus](https://www.usa.gov/coronavirus) and do not click on links from sources you do not know.

Broward County Updates

Please visit their website at <https://www.broward.org/CoronaVirus/> Please do not hesitate to contact our office directly at (954)357-6830 or email me at martykiar@bcpa.net

Take care,

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Broward County Property Appraiser





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JULY 2020 STATE OF THE MARKET

– by Cindy Abraham, Keller Williams Realty Professionals A Team Florida

Currently there are 35 two-bedroom units and 23 one-bedroom units on the market here in Hillcrest. Fourteen are in the low and mid-rise buildings.

June was another decent month for our condo sales. As I mentioned on the cover, the one bedrooms are hot lately. Of the eighteen pending and closed sales, 12 (2/3) were one bedroom units. The corner 2/2s are having it tough for some reason. They did have quite a run up until February with many selling for over 200K. And yes, you are seeing correctly; two units raised their price before they sold. If you hire a Realtor who knows Hillcrest, you will price right in the first place. As you can see, overpriced units sit on the market and have to keep lowering until they get close enough to market value to sell.

As for Parkview at Hillcrest, the 3 pending sales and 8 closed sales in June were all townhomes and sold for between 330K (1498 SF) and 420K (1896 SF)..



PENDING SALES

Building	Unit #	B/B	SF	Orig. List	Final List	Sold/DOM
21	920C	2/2	1312	150,000	159,000	29
4	114	2/2	899	158,000		23
6	314	2/2	910	124,500		16
9	101	1/1/1	770	130,000	122,500	40
11	310	1/1/1	768	79,900	89,900	98
21	909A	1/1/1	844	89,000		12
25	810	1/1/1	900	139,000	115,000	178
27	805	2/2	1164	140,000	110,000	597
25	707	1/1/1	844	107,000		42

There were nine closed sales during the month of June. I am guessing the one that seemingly closed at \$12,000 (such a deal) really sold for \$120,000. Data entry error.

CLOSED SALES

Building	Unit #	B/B	SF	Orig. List	Final List	Sold	DOM
21	510B	2/2	1132	175,000	150,000	140,000	270
20	211	1/1/1	830	125,900		115,000	86
17	407	1/1/1	770	124,900		12,000	25
10	301	1/1/1	744	119,000		119,000	7
27	315	1/1/1	844	115,000	117,900	112,000	210
23	603	2/2	1132	114,000		100,000	77
1	306	1/1/0	700	105,000	95,000	95,000	70
9	110	1/1/0	672	89,900	85,000	85,000	36
26	215	1/1/1	844	89,900	63,500	63,500	217

Commisioner Blattner's July 2020 Report

by Commissioner Dick Blattner



While working in the office (one of those rare times the past three months) I was sanitizing all surfaces. When I got to the computer, there was a piece of paper that had been there for years, stuck to the frame which I had seen literally every day, but hadn't seen – you know what I mean. This is what was printed on it:

“Ethics is knowing the difference between what you have the right to do and doing the right thing.” (Supreme Court Justice Potter Stewart)

This seems incredibly appropriate during these times. For example: we have the right to go to church or synagogue; but is it the right thing to do? Your choice, but in making that, you would consider the possibility of becoming infected, or infecting others.

“Choice” is the key here. Our decisions ought to be made after we have considered all the options. And whether or not we are constrained by law, the solution should be based on what is best, or what does the least harm.

A restaurant owner now has the right to open but weighs whether it is the right thing to do, for his customers and his bottom line. Or, we have the right to go to Hollywood Beach, but – well, by now you know the second part of the equation.

As elected officials, we are guided by a menu of constraints: our Charter as well as State, and Federal law. Take the State, for instance. They continue to preempt local governments from doing what is our best interest. For example, we have virtually no authority over vacation rentals or the sale of guns or smoking on the beach.

Many of our most difficult decisions involve interpretation of contracts. We rely on the City Attorney to guide us so that we comply with law, where the law becomes the “right thing” even if isn't the right thing in our mind. There are other times when the law does not guide us and then we discuss and debate, each of us having a point of view. We compromise. Majority rules, but some issues of great importance require a super majority (5 out of 7 members voting yes). In all cases, we are trying to do the right thing based on our own experience, and our study of the matter. The point is not to

accept what the law says, but to find a way to do what is best for the community.

Thanks Justice Stewart for reminding us.

IT SECURITY TIP: WHY YOU SHOULD SET UP “GOOGLE ALERTS” IN YOUR NAME

While this Security Tip is not directly related to your safety, it has the ability to offer extremely valuable information and keep you safer. If you want to know about or keep tabs on anything someone might be saying about you on the Internet, then this is your best bet. Setting this up is easy and it is free. All you have to do is tell Google what to look for (and in this case, you would be looking for yourself, in other words your name). While this is a very neat Google trick, its main purpose is to notify/alert you on whatever subject or topic you tell it to. If you tell Google to notify you whenever your name is published on the Internet, then it will send you an email alert every time it finds your name published online. You can tell Google what kinds of web pages to search, how often to search and what email address you would like it to send those alerts to.

If you are as curious as I was when I first learned about this, then go ahead and set up a Google alert in your name! The same can be done for your business. I hope you found value in this IT Security Tip. Please let me know if there is anything that I can do for you.

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GOLF FACTS

Golf can best be defined as an endless series of tragedies obscured by the occasional miracle, followed by a good bottle of beer.

Golf: You hit down to make the ball go up. You swing left and the ball goes right. The lowest score wins. And on top of that, the winner buys the drinks.

Golf is harder than baseball. In golf, you have to play your foul balls.

If you find you do not mind playing golf in the rain, the snow, even during a hurricane, here's a valuable tip: your life is in trouble.

Golfers who try to make everything perfect before taking the shot rarely make a perfect shot.

The term 'mulligan' is really a contraction of the phrase 'maul it again.'

A 'gimme' can best be defined as an agreement between two golfers ...neither of whom can putt very well.

An interesting thing about golf is that no matter how badly you play; it is always possible to get worse.

Golf's a hard game to figure. One day you'll go out and slice it and shank it, hit into all the traps and miss every green. The next day you go out and for no reason at all, you really stink.

If your best shots are the practice swing and the 'gimme putt', you might wish to reconsider this game.

Golf is the only sport where the most feared opponent is you.

Golf is like marriage: If you take yourself too seriously it won't work, and both are expensive.

The best wood in most amateurs' bags is the pencil.



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ITALIAN WEDDING TEST



I was a very happy man.
My wonderful Italian girlfriend and I had been dating for over a year, and so we decided to get married.
There was only one little thing bothering me...It was her beautiful younger sister.

My prospective sister-in-law was twenty-two, wore very tight mini-skirts, and generally was braless.
She would regularly bend down when she was near me, and I always got more than a nice view.
It had to be deliberate because she never did it when she was near anyone else.
One day her 'little' sister called and asked me to come over to check the wedding invitations.
She was alone when I arrived, and she whispered to me that she had feelings and desires for me that she couldn't overcome.
She told me that she wanted me just once before I got married and committed my life to her sister.
Well, I was in total shock, and couldn't say a word.
She said, 'I'm going upstairs to my bedroom, and if you want one last wild fling, just come up and get me.'

I was stunned and frozen in shock as I watched her go up the stairs
I stood there for a moment, then turned and made a beeline straight to the front door.
I opened the door and headed straight towards my car.
Lo and behold, my entire future family was standing outside, all clapping!
With tears in his eyes, my father-in-law put down his shotgun and hugged me and said, 'We are very happy that you have passed our little test. We couldn't ask for a better man for our daughter. Welcome to the family.'
And the moral of this story is: Always keep your condoms in your car!

FOR THOSE WHO LOVE THE PHILOSOPHY OF AMBIGUITY, AS WELL AS THE IDIOSYNCRASIES OF ENGLISH:

1. One tequila, two tequila, three tequila... Floor.
2. Atheism is a non-prophet organization.
3. If man evolved from monkeys and apes, why do we still have monkeys and apes?
4. The main reason that santa is so jolly is because he knows where all the bad girls live.
5. I went to a bookstore and asked the saleswoman, "where's the self- help section?" She said if she told me, it would defeat the purpose.
6. Is there another word for synonym?
7. Why do they lock gas station toilets? Are they afraid someone will break-in and clean them?
8. If a turtle doesn't have a shell, is he homeless or naked?
9. Why do they put braille on the drive-through bank machines?
10. How do they get deer to cross the road only at those yellow road signs?
11. What was the best thing before sliced bread?
12. One nice thing about egotists: they don't talk about other people.
13. Does the little mermaid wear an algebra?

14. How is it possible to have a civil war?
15. If you try to fail, and succeed, which have you done?
16. Whose cruel idea was it for the word 'lisp' to have 's' in it?

PHONE HUMOR:

I still have a land line or as I like to call it, "a cell phone finder."
Remember when you could call someone 57 times and hang up and they never knew it was you? Good times!
I finally realized it. People are prisoners of their phones. That's why they are called cell phones.
Waiter: "Everything OK? You haven't photographed your food yet."
People are excited about the new iPhone but haven't caught up with the awesome technology of using your blinker when you drive.

IN OUR BACKYARD – by Meredith Shuster, Hillcrest 26



Prior to Parkview, those of us living near the old nine hole golf course saw it revert to nature. Everglade and migratory birds, several mammals and reptiles made it their home. We got delight from watching the burrowing owls along Hillcrest Dr. Over the next couple of years, the construction,

noise, dust and dirty waterways were not conducive to bringing back our wildlife friends. And then the building ceased. . .

This year has brought back several species; some not seen for a few years. Making appearances are **Egyptian Geese, Great Egret, Yellow Crown Night Heron, Blue Heron, Ibis, Cormorant, Anhinga, Muscovy and Mottle Ducks** and a flurry of **American and Black crows, Northern Mockingbirds, Blue Jays, Doves, Pigeons and assorted Sparrows**. The waterways are teaming with fish and Snapper turtles.



In addition, we have seen an increase in squirrels, lizards and iguanas. On rare occasions, the elusive, tree climbing black racer snakes known for their diet of lizards, cockroaches and other insects can be seen scurrying back into hiding. (non poisonous) The diet of ibis, ducks and herons include small fish, frogs, lizards, snakes and iguana. Most of all,

the birds eat cockroaches, mosquitos and other insects; pounds of them every day!

Did you know that there are laws prohibiting feeding wild birds and other animals? It is against most condo association rules to feed animals on the condo common area. We forget they are wild animals. Do not attempt to hand feed them for fear of losing a finger or getting “mobbed” as they all approach all at once. Peanuts (raw, unsalted, not roasted) are often fed to squirrels. Those fluffy tailed rodents carry an assortment of diseases, including rabies. Even a tiny scratch can be dangerous. Do not attempt to “domesticate” our wild friends. They do not make good pets. Additionally, their increase will naturally attract hawks and owls to help maintain nature’s balance. (I only saw a Red-shoulder hawk once so far this year.)



Human interference can affect the ability of the birds to migrate. Human food can cause disease especially in the young. Amazingly, those things bad for us are bad for them. Worst are white flour, sugar,



salt, processed foods such as bread, popcorn, chips or anything fried such as donuts or pastries. Bird and other animal droppings carry infectious germs to both humans and other animals. We really don’t want to encourage more “poop” in our backyards.

Ok, there are a few that still want to feed the birds and other animals. If you must, recommended is: birdseed, small vegetables like baby corn or peas. (Fresh or frozen only with no salt, sauce or any other additive) These cost more but one only needs a small handful or two. Less is better. Where to feed is another good question. For those around the waterways, feed between the water and the walkway. It not only keeps the “poop” out of our yards but when the birds come into our backyard, we want them to eat the mosquitos, cockroaches, other insects, iguanas and frogs.



A small exception might be the fish in the waterway. They love bits of bread. If that is all you have, feed the fish a slice or two (not loaves). The entire “backyard” food chain will benefit if we can keep the fish alive. (fish food is better, if you can afford it - forego the bread)



The best way to enjoy our backyard wild life is to simply observe them. Listen to their songs and learn about who they are and what they like. Some are here only for a few months - we want them to feel “at home in our backyard”.

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**TODAY'S LESSON:
Don't try to win over the haters; you are
not the jackass whisperer." – Scott Stratten**

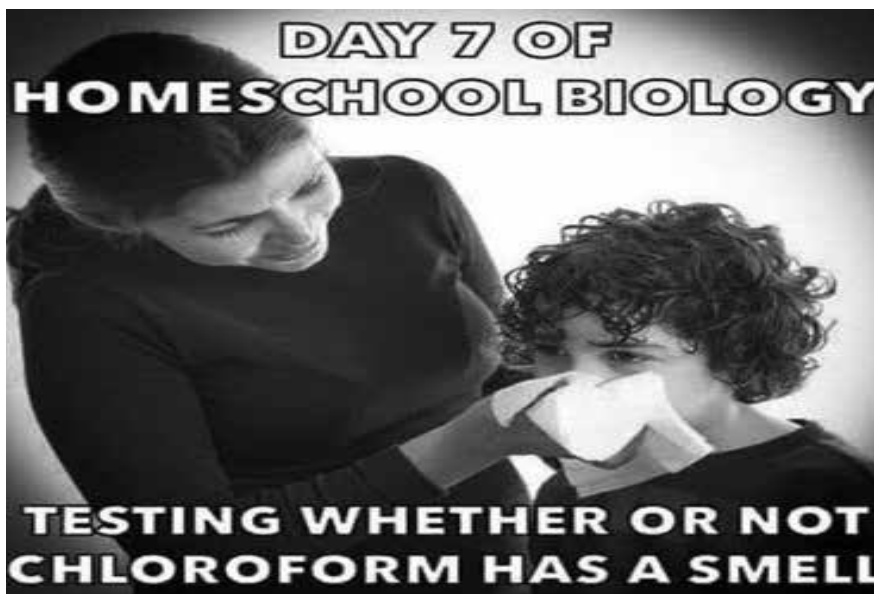
Because we are living in a very divisive time where lying, name-calling and hateful behavior is no longer unacceptable, I became curious as to why anyone would want to be a member of a hate group. Not just at the national level – every condo seems to have its own little hate group; it is just a matter of size. Personally, I can almost always find something I like about everyone I meet and if the negatives should outweigh the positives, I just keep my distance. So, I did a little research to find out why some people are attracted to negative people in the first place.

According to the internet (what did we ever do without it?!), many people like join hate groups because it is easy to be accepted; they don't need to do or be anything special. All they have to do is be negative towards other people. They find it easier to make connections by putting others down and seeing who agrees with them than to be successful at anything in their own right. This makes them instantly "interesting". A friend of mine who has her Doctorate in Psychology explained to me that jealousy is also a powerful motive. Apparently, hatred also surfaces when people are highly insecure. If, when comparing themselves to others, they come up short in their own mind, it causes them to project their anxiety about their own looks, talent, success, etc. in the form of hateful remarks or nasty rumors about those that make them feel insecure. That makes sense too.

Expressing dislike for other people is controversial. We are taught from a young age that you should only say nice things about other people, so when someone says something negative, it catches other people's attention and draws them in. If people share the negative opinions, it can form connections. Though there are some bonding benefits to spewing negativity about other people, don't try to use this tactic to make friends because its risks far outweigh any good that comes from it. To know if someone else dislikes the same person as you, one of you has to say something negative. This can come at a serious cost to your reputation of people around you if they do not agree with your negative opinions.

That is why it alarms me when brand new residents are recruited by hate group members; although I must say it is a reflection of their own character if it works. The haters play on their fears – that they made a bad decision by moving into the building. They are told that the building is poorly run by a bad board, they are almost always told that "money is missing" which is a lie 99% of the time. If they are lucky, a neighbor will take the time to set them straight. Otherwise it may take months to find out they were lied to. Some are able to step back and start over because they are so new to the building, few people knew they were part of the group for a short time. Others participate so vigorously and openly they cannot reverse their opinions and behavior without losing face, and many times end up moving out.

If you are a new resident, find the most positive, happy people in the building for your first acquaintances. And if you are a new resident, send us your email to Inside.Hillcrest@comcast.net so you never miss an issue of Inside Hillcrest!



**SUBJECT: SHOULD
AMERICA REOPEN?**

The American Medical Association debated whether the country should be re-opened. Here are the results by medical specialty. The Allergists were in favor of scratching it, but the Dermatologists advised not to make any rash moves. The Gastroenterologists had sort of a gut feeling about it, but the Neurologists thought the Administration had a lot of nerve. Meanwhile, Obstetricians felt certain everyone was laboring under a misconception, while the Ophthalmologists considered the idea shortsighted.

Many Pathologists yelled, "Over my dead body!" While the Pediatricians said, "Oh, grow up!"

Psychiatrists thought the whole idea was madness, while the Radiologists could see right through it.

Surgeons decided to wash their hands of the whole thing and the Internists claimed it would indeed be a bitter pill to swallow. The Plastic Surgeons opined that this proposal would "put a whole new face on the matter."

The Podiatrists thought it was a step forward, but the Urologists were pissed off at the whole idea. Anesthesiologists thought the whole idea was a gas, and those lofty Cardiologists didn't have the heart to say no. In the end, the Proctologists won out, leaving the entire decision up to the assholes in Washington.

MEDICALLY SPEAKING

There is a medical distinction between "Guts" and "Balls". We've heard colleagues referring to people with "Guts", or with "Balls". Do they, however, know the difference between them?

Here is the official distinction; straight from the British Medical Journal: Volume 323, page 295.

GUTS - Is arriving home late, after a night out with the lads, being met by your wife with a broom, and having the "Guts" to ask: "Are you still cleaning, or are you flying off somewhere?"

BALLS - Is coming home late after a night out with the lads, smelling of perfume and beer, lipstick on your collar, slapping your wife on the bum and having the "Balls" to say: 'You're next, Chubby.'

I trust this clears up any confusion.

Medically speaking, there is no difference in outcome; both are fatal.

CONTRADICTION IN TERMS

As you know when someone is weak and ineffective, they are often referred to as a "pussy". But when someone is strong and courageous, it is said they have "balls". This makes no sense; in fact the opposite is true. The female vagina is the strongest muscle in the human body. It can expel a living being weighing between 5 and 11 pounds and can do so not just once but many, many times. But balls? All you need to incapacitate them is a six year old with pointy shoes...



Got up this morning and ran around the block five times. Then I got tired, so I picked up the block and put it back in the toy box.

If things get worse and you resort to cannibalism, remember—vegans first; they are grass fed.

You never realize how anti-social you are until there's a pandemic and your life doesn't really change that much.

A friend told his wife how thankful he was to have someone he enjoyed being quarantined with. She said, "It must be nice!"

Day 42—Got so bored I checked out all of your profiles. Two of you have the same boyfriend.

It has been such a joy being home with my wife the past 5 weeks. We've caught up on all the things I've done wrong the past 52 years.

Not much on the supermarket shelves yesterday so I decided to improvise. Dinner last night was a risotto I made with some mushrooms I foraged for locally. Not only was it delicious, but soon after a Welsh male voice choir of purple elephants showed up and sang the whole of Meatloaf's Bat Out of Hell album, accompanied by a light show.

So, let me get this straight, there is no cure for a virus that can be KILLED by sanitizer and hand soap?

I see a big baby boom coming our way in 9 months. They will be called C-19 babies and the number one names will be Charmin and Scott.

If is too early to put up the Christmas tree? I have run out of things to do.

When this virus thing is over, I still want some of you to stay away from me.

If these last few weeks have taught us anything, it is that stupidity travels faster than any virus on the planet.

Just wait a sec! So, what you are telling me is that my chance of survival is directly related to the common sense of others?!

People are scared of getting fined for congregating in crowds - the threat of catching a deadly disease and dying a horrible death aren't enough?

The spread of COVID-19 based on two factors:

1. How dense the population is.
2. How dense the population is.

PERFECT STORY FOR THIS ISSUE OF IH

submitted by Eric Glazer, our favorite Condo

Attorney: HOAs - Florida Statute 720.306 states:

(10) RECORDING.

Any parcel owner may tape record or videotape meetings of the board of directors and meetings of the members. The board of directors of the association may adopt reasonable rules governing the taping of meetings of the board and the membership.

But what about those board members and other unit owners who simply do not want to be video-taped and strenuously object to being video-taped? In 1997, a co-op called Lake Como Co-op asked the Division if they can kindly be granted a waiver from the rule allowing board meetings to be video-taped. In all fairness to them, they seemed to have a great excuse...they were a nudist colony. Everyone at the meetings were in their birthday suits!

Even though the attendees had concerns about being video-taped in the buff, the Division held that the statute clearly allows video-taping of meetings. There is no exception.

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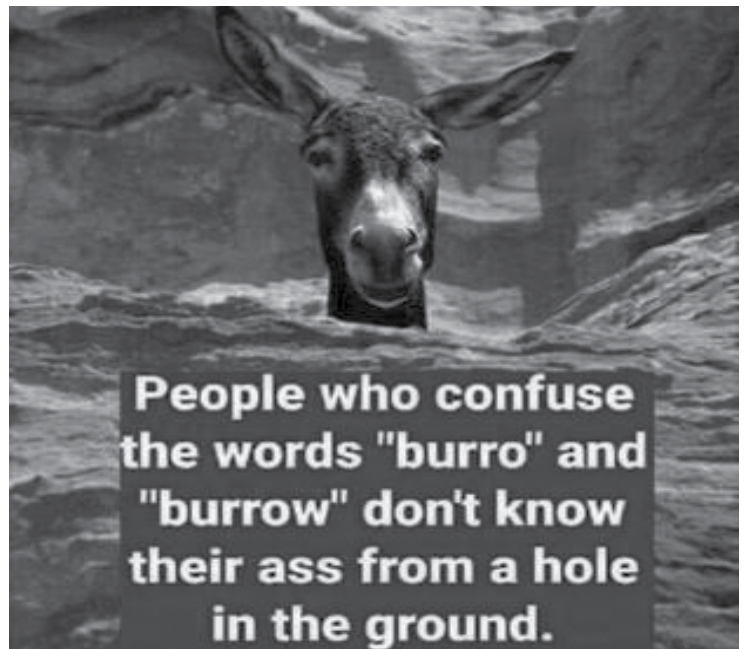
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FOCUS - HOW TO REMAIN FOCUSED ON THE SITUATION AT HAND AND NOT GET CAUGHT UP IN THE POLITICS OF THE WORLD AT THE TIME.

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mentally somewhere else, working on some problem or issue, or scheming or daydreaming.

We may brush the event off as an accident, implying that it was unexpected and in some way unavoidable. But if we think again, we will often discover that most accidents are in fact logical consequences of how we have been thinking, feeling, and behaving. Usually, it's the case we were thinking about something else at that time. We were not paying attention... meaning that we were not focused on what we were doing. Imagine you are carefully driving your new car off the showroom ramp. You are excited about your wonderful new car... the smell and the feel of it. You are careful because you don't want to scratch the sides! But as you drive out into the road you cause an accident. You were focusing, but on what? Obviously not the thing that really mattered most!

As people today 'focus' on their mobile devices, they are losing focus on real-life relationships. Real friendships and relationships can only develop and be successful when we give real-time to them. And yet, as in so many areas of our lives, we tend to give our focus to what is in front of us, rather than what is truly important to us.

Focus is important in all areas of our life, moment by moment. It is not enough to just give a little bit of attention and leave the rest to chance. At the same time, it should also not be a tedious or labor-intensive activity. If we have certain guiding principles in place, our focus will be automatic.

For example, if we are determined to do a good and tidy job, we will be directed automatically to focus on those elements that are important to getting the task completed in a satisfactory way. If, however, we are not interested in the task and we just want to get it over and finished with, then it will get done but the result will be poor, and possibly incomplete. In this case, the focus is related to intention. If we are careful to create the right intention before we start a job, then it will automatically create the focus to get the job done well.

It's also known that our minds can be selectively focused. A negative command such as "Don't miss the ball!" may result in the dreaded event happening, simply because the mind can't process the negative and the message it gets is "miss the ball". So the lesson here is to always focus on the positive!

One thing is for sure: that what we focus on we will get more of. Focus too much on what could go wrong in a situation, and it quite possibly will. Focus on the negative attributes of other people and we will only

The next time you cut your finger slicing a tomato, or strike your thumb with the hammer, then ask yourself, what you were thinking the instant before it all happened? Where was your focus of attention? Chances are you were

experience more of them coming our way! Have the expectation of a good result and it will likely come to fruition. Usually what we expect is what we get.

Focus brings clarity to a situation and makes things happen. It makes tasks easier and helps them to be accomplished better and more quickly. Used in the right way it brings good things into our lives and makes life's path smoother and more peaceful.

Choose to focus on the good and positive and that is what you will attract into your life. Focus on positive things because that is what you want to experience. Move your attention away from the negative, and do not give your problems the sunshine of your attention, unless you want them to grow!

MEDITATION is a powerful thought. Sit in silence every morning and before bedtime. Even if you never meditated before, the silence will put balance in your life, and soon you will be able to handle anything that comes your way.

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MUSINGS – (I saved the best for last. I truly believe that “Patience is a Virtue...for somebody else.

So perhaps RSVPing back to a wedding invite “Maybe next time” is not the correct response.

I do not respond back to video calls after 9PM because my face has been restored to factory settings.

If my kids knew there was a light in the oven, they’d leave that one on too.

I asked the librarian if they had any books about paranoia. She whispered, “Right behind you.”

You will hit every cone on the highway before I let you merge in front of me. You saw the sign two miles back just like I did.

Do you think that when aliens pass by earth, they lock their doors?

As I watch this generation rewrite history, one thing I can be sure of; it will be misspelled and have no punctuation.

I believe that youth is spent well on the young because wisdom in your teens would be a lot less fun.

My husband and I decided we don’t want to have children. We will be telling them tonight at dinner.

When one door closes and another door opens, you are probably in prison.

One minute you are young and fun. And the next, you are turning down the stereo in your car to see better.

When I say, “The other day,” I could be referring to any time between yesterday and 15 years ago.

I’ve found that luck is a dividend of sweat. The more you sweat, the luckier you get.

I know too many people who enjoy the comfort of having an opinion without the discomfort of facts.

As you get older, you’ve got to stay positive. For example, the other day I fell down the steps. Instead of getting upset, I just thought, “Wow, that’s the fastest you’ve moved in years!”

Grandma stopped by the other day and mentioned that her joints were too stiff. My teenaged daughter told her she was rolling them too tight.

Once minute you’re young and cool; the next minute you are getting excited about getting a new vacuum.

If you’re sitting in public and a stranger takes the seat next to you, just stare straight ahead and say, “Did you bring the money?” Age 60 might be the new 40, but 9:00 is new midnight.

If my body is ever found on a jogging trail, just know that I was murdered somewhere else and dumped there.

If age is just a number then I am 45 plus shipping and handling.

Behind every angry woman stands a man who has absolutely no idea what he did wrong.

Some things are just better left unsaid. I usually realize that right after I say them.

For those of you who don’t want Alexa listening in on your conversations, they are making a male version...it doesn’t listen to anything.

Remember when you lose a sock in the dryer it comes back as a Tupperware lid that doesn’t fit any of your containers.

The leading cause of injury in old men is them thinking they are still young men.

Don’t worry about getting older. You’re still gonna do dumb stuff, only slower.

The older I get the earlier it gets late.

I finally got eight hours of sleep. It took me three days, but whatever. I run like the winded.

Exercise can add years to your life. For example, I ran 4 miles today and now I feel like I’m 73.

Sometimes, someone unexpected comes into your life outta nowhere, makes your heart race, and changes you forever. We call those people cops.

When I ask for directions, please don’t use words like east.

It’s the start of a brand-new day and I’m off like a herd of turtles.

I hate when a couple argues in public, and I missed the beginning and don’t know whose side I’m on.

When someone asks what I did over the weekend, I squint and ask, “Why, what did you hear?”

I don’t remember much from last night, but the fact that I needed sunglasses to open the fridge this morning tells me it was awesome.

I don’t mean to interrupt people. I just randomly remember things and get really excited.

I tried donating blood today. Never again! Too many questions! Whose blood is it? Where did you get it? Why is it in a bucket?

Don’t bother walking a mile in my shoes. That would be boring. Spend 30 seconds in my head. That’ll freak you right out.

I had my patience tested. I’m negative.

