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JUST FOR LAUGHS

Yes, this is the semi-annual joke and inspirational stories issue. And as always, you only have yourselves to blame if you don't like it. This issue is composed of jokes and stories that YOU send to **inside.hillcrest@comcast.net**. I can't tell you how many times I get jokes and stories that were in previous issues. But, that is fine with me. That means you liked them. On this page I am repeating my absolute favorite inspirational quote that I keep on my fridge and one day hope to live up to.

FOUR DAYS IN KEWAUNEE WISCONSIN

For those of you who commented on my nice tan, I just got back from Kewaunee, Wisconsin. The temperature was 90 when I got there and dropped to the 70's the next day but 2 days on Lake Michigan on a boat in the sun did give me some color. We caught 2 rainbow trout which I brought back. My sister Kathy and her husband Dave (who live in Las Vegas) have a summer home up there. My daughter Jennifer and her husband Aaron drove from Texas with my soon to be 10 years-old granddaughter Zowey. She wants to be a chef when she grows up, so we got along famously. One of her creations will be in the August Kitchen Korner.

I am not a fan of listening to people talk about – or look at pictures of - their kids or grandkids. And that goes for pets too; which may explain my aversion to Facebook. So, I won't go into detail about how beautiful, smart, funny and perfect Zowey is; suffice it to say I could definitely hang out with her. She is a hoot. She watched the movie ET for the first time with me and I gave her Jennifer's ET clock from the early eighties. When the alarm goes off, ET's neck extends and the finger glows. I am sure the technology amazed her. We also watched Princess Bride, one of my all-time favorites; and of course spent the next few days saying, "Hello, my name is Inigo Montoya; you killed my father, prepare to die."

The most memorable day was when I rode to the lake with my brother-in-law Dave and my son-in-law Aaron. I sat quietly in the back seat while Dave (Viet Nam vet) and Aaron (Afghanistan vet) swapped war stories.

It was a real eye opener. Although the stories were mostly humorous or amazingly similar for wars that were almost 40 years apart, the humor was very dark, and the horror was very apparent to me.

My son-in-law suffers from PTSD and a multitude of physical issues from knees to back problems and Dave recognizes that. It helps to have someone to talk to who "gets it". Dave and my ex, Jennifer's dad Bob (Viet Nam) have had to help Aaron fight the VA tooth and nail to get the care and benefits he has coming to him. We need to treat our Veterans a lot better than we do. "Thank you for your service" needs to be more than just words.

Promise yourself to be so strong that nothing can disturb your **peace** of mind. Look at the sunny side of everything and make your **optimism** come true.

Think only of the best, work only for the best, and expect only the **best**. Forget the mistakes of the past and press on to the greater achievements of the **future**. Give so much time to the improvement of yourself that you have no time to criticize others.

Live in the **faith** that the whole world is on your side so long as you are true to the best that is in **you!**

– Christian D Larson

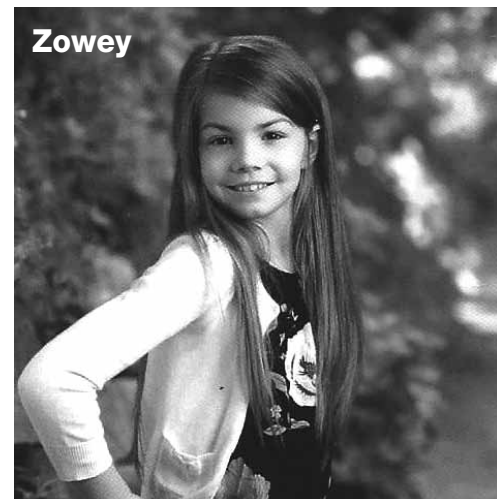
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NO JOKE

Longtime readers will remember when we printed the monthly Hillcrest Crime Report. Turned out that there were so many months that Hillcrest had NO crime to report, we ran out of ways to say "None" – we used nada, nyet, nici unul, nenhum, nito edin, aucun and lots more. The worst crime wave was one building that had a car stolen every month. I called the president and asked what the heck was going on. He replied that the boyfriend of one of the unit owners kept stealing her car...! In subsequent conversations with the Hollywood police, Hillcrest's "crime" problems are usually car related (mainly car break-ins) and most get caught because someone is usually looking out the window!

However, a few months ago, two motorcycles were stolen, and Sandy Goldstein, PM of Hillcrest 19 shared this with us: "One of our tenants was instrumental in catching 2 people who were checking car doors in our parking lot and in Bldg. 20 parking lot early Thursday morning. He called the police and they were caught. SEE SOMETHING-SAY SOMETHING. THANK YOU!"



OK, OK - I know what I said but we it's Saturday the 13th, the paper is due out Monday and there is this big space on the front page. What was I supposed to do?!



Building A Better Community

PONDERINGS

If you rob a bank you won't have any trouble with rent/food bills for the next 10 years, whether or not you are successful.

Do twins ever realize that one of them is unplanned?

If poison expires, is it more poisonous or is it no longer poisonous?

Every time you clean something, you make something else dirty.

The word "swims" upside-down is still "swims".

100 years ago, everyone owned a horse and only the rich had cars. Today everyone has cars and only the rich own horses.

If you replace "W" with "T" in "What, Where and When," you get the answer to each of them.

If 2/2/22 falls on a Tuesday, we'll just call it "2's Day".
(It does fall on a Tuesday)

SEX and the FAMOUS

"There are a number of mechanical devices which increase sexual arousal, particularly in women. Chief among these is the Mercedes-Benz SL500." – Lynn Lavner

"It isn't premarital sex if you have no intention of getting married." -George Burns

"Bigamy is having one wife too many. Monogamy is the same." – Oscar Wilde



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**INTRODUCING MY FRIEND AND NEIGHBOR,
SHARON KING – by Cindy Abraham**

Sometimes true stories are funnier than jokes. I am lucky that I can remember almost every funny thing that I ever saw or that happened to me. This is the best definition of insurance I have ever heard and a great way to introduce my friend and Parkview at Hillcrest neighbor, Sharon King. "Like a good neighbor" really hits home when we are lucky enough to have a neighbor that we can trust for our insurance needs. What I like about Sharon is that she doesn't play the game – give people a lower quote to get their business only to have them find out later on that they don't have the coverage they think they have.

So here goes: In the 70's (and 80's and 90's) I worked for Tony Roma's. We had a customer who was a bookie, Billy the Book was his name. He plied his trade daily at the bar. Of course, a lot of the talk at any bar was about sports and one day, some guy started spouting off about how the Dolphins couldn't lose (yes I was there in '72 for the perfect season). Billy said, "Wanna place a bet?" "Oh no", the guy replied, "I don't gamble."

"You don't gamble?! Let me ask you something", said Billy. "Do you have life insurance, health insurance, car insurance? Do you know what insurance is? You are betting you are going to die; they are betting you're not. You are betting you are going to get sick; they are betting you're not. You are betting you are going to get into an accident; they are betting you're not. And you know something buddy? When you win...you lose!"

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This is a story of marksmanship by a cool-headed woman with a small pistol. What's the smallest caliber that you would trust to protect yourself?

Her story in her own words: "While out walking along the edge of a pond just outside my house in The Villages with my soon-to-be ex-husband, discussing property settlement and other divorce issues, we were surprised by a 12-ft. alligator which suddenly emerged from the murky water and began charging us with its large jaws wide open.

She must have been protecting her nest because she was extremely aggressive. If I had not had my little Beretta Jetfire .25 caliber pistol with me, I would not be here today!"

"Just one shot to my estranged husband's knee cap was all it took. The 'gator got him easily, and I was able to escape by just walking away at a brisk pace...

It's one of the best pistols in my collection; plus, the amount I saved in lawyer's fees was incredible. His life insurance was a big bonus."



SPINE

When I took the entrance exam for medical school, I was perplexed by this question:

Rearrange the letters P-N-E-S-I to spell out the part of the human body that is most useful when erect.

Those who spelled SPINE became doctors. The rest are in Congress.



SAYINGS

I don't have gray hair; I have "wisdom highlights." I'm just very wise.

Teach your daughter how to shoot, because a restraining order is just a piece of paper.

Last year I joined a support group for procrastinators. We haven't met yet.

Why press one for English when you're going to transfer me to someone I can't understand anyway?

CONCEALED WEAPON

Yesterday I got my permit to carry a concealed weapon. So, today I went over to the local Gun shop to get a Colt 9mm handgun for home/personal protection.

When I was ready to pay for the pistol and ammo, the cashier said, "Strip down, facing me."

Making a mental note to complain to the government about gun control wackos running amok, I did just as she had instructed.

When the hysterical shrieking and alarms finally subsided, I found out she was referring to how I should place my credit card in the card reader!

As a senior citizen, I do not get flustered often, but this time it took me a while to get my pants back on. I've been asked to shop elsewhere in the future. They need to make their instructions to seniors a little more clear. I still don't think I looked that bad! I just need to wear underwear more often.



I sat quietly with my own thoughts today.

Remind me never to do that again.

SMART ASS ANSWER OF THE YEAR

A college teacher reminds her class of tomorrow's final exam. 'Now class, I won't tolerate any excuses for you not being here tomorrow. I might consider a nuclear attack or a serious personal injury, illness, or a death in your immediate family, but that's it, no other excuses whatsoever!'

A smart-ass student in the back of the room raised his hand and asked, 'What would you say if tomorrow I said I was suffering from complete and utter sexual exhaustion?'

The entire class is reduced to laughter and snickering. When silence was restored, the teacher smiled knowingly at the student, shook her head and sweetly said, 'Well, I guess you'd have to write the exam with your other hand.'



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CALLER: Is this Gordon's Pizza?

GOOGLE: No sir, it's Google Pizza.

CALLER: I must have dialled a wrong number. Sorry.

GOOGLE: No sir, Google bought Gordon's Pizza last month.

CALLER: OK. I would like to order a pizza.

GOOGLE: Do you want your usual, sir?

CALLER: My usual? You know me?

GOOGLE: According to our caller ID data sheet, the last 12 times you called you ordered an extra-large pizza with three cheeses, sausage, pepperoni, mushrooms and meatballs on a thick crust.

CALLER: OK! That's what I want ...

GOOGLE: May I suggest that this time you order a pizza with ricotta, arugula, sun-dried tomatoes and olives on a whole wheat gluten-free thin crust?

CALLER: What? I detest vegetables!

GOOGLE: Your cholesterol is not good, sir.

CALLER: How the hell do you know!

GOOGLE: Well, we cross-referenced your home phone number with your medical records. We have the results of your blood tests for the last seven years.

CALLER: Okay, but I do not want your rotten vegetable pizza! I already take medication for my cholesterol.

GOOGLE: Excuse me sir, but you have not taken your medication regularly. According to our database, you only purchased a box of 30 cholesterol tablets once, at Drug RX Network, four months ago.

CALLER: I bought more from another drugstore.

GOOGLE: That doesn't show on your credit card statement.

CALLER: I paid in cash.

GOOGLE: But you did not withdraw enough cash according to your bank statement.

CALLER: I have other sources of cash.

GOOGLE: That doesn't show on your last tax return unless you bought them using an undeclared income source, which is against the law.

CALLER: WHAT THE HELL!!!

GOOGLE: I'm sorry, sir, we use such information only with the sole intention of helping you.

CALLER: Enough already! I'm sick to death of Google, Facebook, Twitter, WhatsApp and all the others. I'm going to an island without internet, cable TV, where there is no cell phone service and no one to watch me or spy on me.

GOOGLE: I understand sir, but you need to renew your passport first. It expired six weeks ago...

Best responses award NUMBER 1:

If you ever testify in court, you might wish you could have been as sharp as this policeman. He was being cross-examined by a defense attorney during a felony trial. The lawyer was trying to undermine the police officer's credibility...



Q: 'Now, why is it, officer, if you trust your fellow officers with your life, you find it necessary to lock your locker in a room you share with these same officers?'

A: 'You see, sir, we share the building with the court complex, and sometimes lawyers have been known to walk through that room.'

The courtroom EXPLODED with laughter, and a prompt recess was called.

NUMBER 2 - Now We Know Why He Was a General

In an interview, General Norman Schwarzkopf was asked if he thought there was room for forgiveness toward the people who have harbored and abetted the terrorists who perpetrated the 9/11 attacks on America. His answer was classic Schwarzkopf. The General said, "I believe that forgiving them is God's function... OUR job is to arrange the meeting."



Q: 'Officer --- did you see my client fleeing the scene?'

A: 'No, sir. But I subsequently observed a person matching the description of the offender, running several blocks away.'

Q: 'Officer, who provided this description?'

A: 'The officer who responded to the scene.'

Q: 'A fellow officer provided the description of this so-called offender. Do you trust your fellow officers?'

A: 'Yes, sir. With my life.'

Q: 'With your life? Let me ask you this then officer. Do you have a room where you change your clothes in preparation for your daily duties?'

A: 'Yes sir, we do!'

Q: 'And do you have a locker in the room?'

A: 'Yes, sir, I do.'

Q: 'And do you have a lock on your locker?'

A: 'Yes, sir.'

NUMBER 3 :



Dana Perino (FOX News) describing an interview she recently had with a Navy SEAL. After discussing all the countries that he had been sent to, she asked if they had to learn several languages?

"Oh, no ma'am. We don't go there to talk."

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July Kitchen Korner - by Cindy Abraham

My friend and neighbor Sue Goldberg advised me that she loves to read my recipes but takes exception when I say something is going to be easy and then I list a zillion ingredients. Point taken.

Now that we know we have a cholesterol problem in the family, we are trying to eat less meat and definitely we have to eliminate shellfish. Let me rephrase. Brian has to eliminate shellfish; I cannot do that even out of love... Apparently, cheese is also not good for cholesterol. Tough! That isn't happening. So, we are upping his oat bran, and it seems that the other foods that are good for low cholesterol that are high in fiber – almonds, walnuts, berries as well as "good fats" in olive & canola oil, and fish - are already a major part of our diet. We just need to add more avocado. Guacamole doesn't count because crackers and chips are also no-nos...(sigh).

Oleg, my other neighbor who became a Vegan (that is DEFINITELY not happening in this house), turned us on to Berberine which I googled and so far, the current wisdom says it really helps lower blood sugar, cholesterol and blood pressure.

I also bought pure oat bran which is the best thing for lowering cholesterol, but it is hard to gag down. It turns smoothies into cement, so I need to figure out a different way to sneak it into Brian's diet. THIS JUST IN! I am adding it to any recipe that calls for flour!

The first recipe made with chicken tenders is an homage to Sue followed by three easy (I think) recipes with few (I think) ingredients or at least ingredients most of us have at home. Just be sure to buy the boneless, skinless thin-sliced chicken breasts so you don't have to do any pounding. The last three recipes can be served over whole grain pasta or with a side of crusty whole grain bread – more fiber.

CHICKEN ALA SUE GOLDBERG

We make 12 at a time so we have lots of leftovers. These can be used to top a salad or to eat dipped in ranch dressing. They can be eaten hot or cold or in a sandwich.

12 chicken tenders
 ½ tsp garlic salt
 ½ tsp black pepper
 5 TBS olive oil or canola oil divided
 ½ cup Panko mixed
 with ½ cup grated parmesan
 (sneak in some oat flour)



Place the chicken in a plastic bag with 2 TBS oil, salt and pepper and shake well until coated. Mix the panko and parmesan on a large plate and dip each chicken on both sides to coat. Put them on another plate while you eat the other 2 TBS oil in a large skillet on medium high until hot but not smoking. Arrange the chicken in the pan and cook for 5-7 minutes until nicely browned. Sprinkle the tops with the other 1TBS oil and turn them over for another 3-5 minutes until nicely browned.

CHICKEN DIANE (no idea who Diane is)

4 boneless, skinless, thin-sliced chicken breasts
 ½ tsp salt
 ½ tsp black pepper
 2 TBS olive oil
 2 TBS butter
 3 TBSP chopped fresh chives or green onions
 Juice of ½ lime or lemon
 2 TBS brandy (optional)

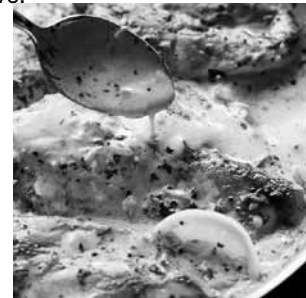


3 TBS chopped parsley
 2 tsp Dijon mustard
 ½ cup chicken broth

Sprinkle chicken breasts with salt and pepper. Heat 1 TBS each of oil and butter in large skillet. Cook chicken over medium high heat for 2 minutes on each side. Transfer to warm platter. Add chives, juice, brandy, parsley and mustard to pan. Cook 15 seconds, whisking constantly. Whisk in broth and stir until sauce is smooth. Whisk in remaining butter and oil. Pour sauce over chicken and serve.

CHICKEN SCALOPPINI

4 boneless, skinless,
 thin-sliced chicken breasts
 3 TBS all-purpose flour, divided
 ¼ tsp black pepper
 ¼ tsp chili powder
 ½ cup chicken broth
 1 TBS lemon juice
 1 TBS drained capers
 ½ tsp olive oil



- Combine 2 TBS flour with the pepper and chili powder on a shallow plate. Dip the chicken in the flour mixture to coat both sides.
- Combine the broth, lemon juice, 1TBS flour and capers in a small bowl.
- Spray a large skillet with nonstick cooking spray and heat over medium-high. Place chicken in pan. Cook 1 ½ minutes. Turn over and cook another 1 ½ minutes adding the olive oil so they don't stick.
- Stir broth mixture and add to skillet. Boil one to two minutes until thick. Plate chicken and pour sauce on top.

CHICKEN MARSALA (note to Sue – I have Marsala wine if you need it)

4 skinless, boneless, thin sliced
 chicken breasts
 3 TBS flour
 ¼ tsp each salt and pepper
 ¼ cup extra-virgin olive oil
 4 oz. thin-sliced prosciutto
 8 oz. mushrooms, stemmed
 and halved
 ½ cup sweet Marsala wine
 ½ cup chicken broth
 2 TBS unsalted butter
 ¼ cup chopped parsley



Heat the oil over medium-high in a large skillet. Mix flour, salt and pepper and dredge both sides of chicken and place into hot oil for 2 minutes each side or until golden brown. Transfer chicken to warm platter. Lower the heat to medium and add the prosciutto to the pan. Sauté for 1 minute to render some of the fat (about 5 minutes). Pour the Marsala in the pan and boil down for about 30 seconds to cook out the alcohol. Add chicken broth and simmer for a minute to reduce the sauce slightly. Stir in the butter and return the chicken to the pan. Simmer gently for 1 minute to heat the chicken through. Season with salt and pepper and garnish with parsley before serving.

LETTUCE, WHORES AND HOCKEY PLAYERS

A man in a Florida supermarket tried to buy half a head of lettuce.

The very young produce assistant told him that they sell only whole heads of lettuce.

The man persisted and asked to see the manager.? The boy said he'd ask his manager about it.? Walking into the back room, the boy said to his manager, 'Some asshole wants to buy half a head of lettuce.'

As he finished his sentence, he turned to find the man standing right behind him, so he added, 'And this gentleman has kindly

offered to buy the other half.'? The manager approved the deal, and the man went on his way.

Later the manager said to the boy, 'I was impressed with the way you got yourself out of that situation earlier.? We like people who think on their feet here.? Where are you from, son?.' Canada, sir,' the boy replied.

'Well, why did you leave Canada ?' the manager asked.? The boy said, 'Sir, there's nothing but whores and hockey players up there.' Really?.' said the manager.?

'My wife is from Canada .'

No shit?' replied the boy.? 'Who'd she play for?'





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A cowboy, who just moved to Wyoming from Texas, walks into a bar and orders three mugs of Bud. He sits in the back of the room, drinking a sip out of each one in turn. When he finishes them, he comes back to the bar and orders three more. The bartender approaches and tells the cowboy, "You know, a mug goes flat after I draw it. It would taste better if you bought one at a time..."

The cowboy replies, "Well, you see, I have two brothers. One is an Airborne Ranger, the other is a Navy Seal, both serving overseas somewhere. When we all left our home in Texas, we promised that we'd drink this way to remember the days when we drank together. So, I'm drinking one beer for each of my brothers and one for myself."

The bartender admits that this is a nice custom and leaves it there. The cowboy becomes a regular in the bar, and always drinks the same way. He orders three mugs and drinks them in turn.

One day, he comes in and only orders two mugs. All the regulars take notice and fall silent. When he comes back to the bar for the second round, the bartender says, "I don't want to intrude on your grief, but I wanted to offer my condolences on your loss."

The cowboy looks quite puzzled for a moment, then a light dawns in his eyes and he laughs. "Oh, no, everybody's just fine," he explains, "It's just that my wife and I joined the Baptist Church and I had to quit drinking." "Hasn't affected my brothers though...."

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An old cowboy was riding his trusty horse followed by his faithful dog along an unfamiliar road. The cowboy was enjoying the new scenery, when he suddenly remembered dying, and realized the dog beside him had been dead for years, as had his horse. Confused, he wondered what was happening, and where the trail was leading them. After a while, they came to a high, white stone wall that looked like fine marble. At the top of a long

hill, it was broken by a tall arch topped by a golden letter "H" that glowed in the sunlight.

Standing before it, he saw a magnificent gate in the arch that looked like mother-of-pearl, and the street that led to the gate looked like gold.

He rode toward the gate, and as he got closer, he saw a man at a desk to one side. Parched and tired out by his journey, he called out, "Excuse me, where are we?"

"This is Heaven, sir," the man answered.

"Wow! Would you happen to have some water?" the man asked. "Of course, sir. Come right in, and I'll have some ice water brought right up."

As the gate began to open, the cowboy asked, "Can I bring my partners, too?" "I'm sorry, sir, but we don't accept pets."

The cowboy thought for a moment, then turned back to the road and continued riding, his dog trotting by his side.

After another long ride, at the top of another hill, he came to a dirt road leading through a ranch gate that looked as if it had never been closed. As he approached the gate, he saw a man inside, leaning against a tree and reading a book.

"Excuse me," he called to the man, "Do you have any water?"
"Sure, there's a pump right over there. Help yourself."

"How about my friends here?" the traveler gestured to the dog and his horse. "Of course! They look thirsty, too," said the man.

The trio went through the gate, and sure enough, there was an old-fashioned hand pump with buckets beside it. The traveler filled a cup and the buckets with wonderfully cool water and took a long drink, as did his horse and dog. When they were full, he walked back to the man who was still standing by the tree. "What do you call this place?" the traveler asked.

"This is Heaven," he answered.

"That's confusing," the traveler said, "The man down the road said that was Heaven, too."

"Oh, you mean the place with the glitzy, gold street and fake pearly gates? That's hell."

"Doesn't it make you angry when they use your name like that?"

"Not at all. Actually, we're happy they screen out the folks who would leave their best friends behind."

THINGS THAT MAKE YOU GO "HMMMMMM"



I used to eat a lot of natural foods until I learned that most people die of natural causes.

How important does a person have to be before they are considered assassinated instead of just murdered?

Why do you have to "put your two cents in"... but it's only a "penny for your thoughts"? Where's that extra penny going?

Why are you IN a movie, but you're ON TV?

Why do people pay to go up tall buildings and then spend money on binoculars to look at things on the ground?
Why is "bra" singular and "panties" plural?

Why do toasters always have a setting that burns the toast to a horrible crisp, which no decent human being would eat?

Why do the Alphabet song and Twinkle, Twinkle Little Star have the same tune?

Why did you just try singing the two songs above?

HILLCREST STATE OF THE MARKET – JULY 2019

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

Currently we have 66 units on the market in Hillcrest and for the first time we have a double unit listed that is 4 bedrooms and 3 baths in an all age high-rise.

Four are 3 bedroom units (three in Building 26 which is over 55 and one in Building 9, an all-age low-rise). There are 39 two-bedroom units on the market of which four are in the low/mid-rises and 11 are all ages. Of the 22 listed 1 bedrooms, 6 are in the low/mid-rises and 17 are all ages.

Below are the sales for the month of June as well as how long they took to sell (DOM = Days on Market.)

In June there were 13 closed sales (down from 18 in May). Eight closed sales were in the over-55 buildings. The four TOP sales were in Building 26 and two were the 2,444 corner units. There was only one low/mid-rise sale but again, there are not as many listings in the low and mid-rises. Two units sold in the rental buildings (19 & 20). Only one 1-bedroom closed last month. Hillcrest's own Keller Williams A Team Florida had 3 sales in the top four. Of the 10 units that went under contract in June, the A Team sold 3.

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Building	Unit #	B/B	SF	Orig. List	Final List	Sold	DOM
Hillcrest 26	114-16	2/2/1	2,200	275,000	250,000	200,000	182
Hillcrest 26	702	3/2/1	2,200	245,000		242,000	13
Hillcrest 26	1001	2/2	1284	174,900		172,000	35
Hillcrest 26	501	2/2	1634	175,000	169,000	160,000	54
Hillcrest 23	300	2/2	1499	172,500	165,000	162,000	225
Hillcrest 2	302	2/2	992	160,000		159,000	265
Hillcrest 20	404	2/2	1100	159,500		152,500	32
Hillcrest 22	416	2/2	1132	145,000		142,000	17
Hillcrest 19	605	2/2	1087	149,900	144,900	141,000	574
Hillcrest 23	512	2/2	1130	145,000	139,900	130,000	86
Hillcrest 22	1015	2/2	1132	169,000	129,000	125,000	265
Hillcrest 25	703	2/2	1200	125,000		124,000	63
Hillcrest 24	707	1/1/1	994	108,900		105,000	74

JULY 2019 PARKVIEW STATE OF THE MARKET



PARKVIEW AT HILLCREST – MLS ACTIVITY

Below are the current MLS listings and sales of the Parkview at Hillcrest Homes during the month of June. Our Parkview at Hillcrest neighbors are always welcome to call us at **8-HILLCREST** or email us at **info@ATeamFlorida.com** for automatic-notifications when homes are listed or sold.

Instead of Days on Market (DOM) I am using the list date as noted in the MLS. If you know anyone interested in buying a Parkview at Hillcrest home or townhome, you are wise to hire Keller William's A Team Florida to represent you as a buyer.

Address	#B/B	Sq. Ft	List Price	Sale Price	List Date
4486 Greenway Drive	4/2/1	2670	\$608,860.00		04/11/2019
4624 Greenway Drive	3/2/1	2523	593,915.00		01/31/2019
1403 Myrtle Oak Terr	4/2/1	2220	525,000.00		10/27/2018
4232 Large Leaf Ln	3/2/0	2257	499,900.00		02/04/2019
4768 Greenway Drive	3/2/0	2168	494,525.00		05/02/2019
4308 Ficus Street	3/2/0	2220	491,975.00		04/03/2019
945 Banyan Drive	3/2/1	2033	474,900.00		01/15/2019
4141 Large Leaf Ln	3/2/1	1905	450,000.00		05/30/2019
4137 large Leaf Ln	3/2/1	1904	419,999.00		02/15/2019
1422 Silk Oak Dr	4/2/1	2802	419,900.00		01/31/2019
PENDING SALE:					
4612 Greenway Drive	4/2/1	2802	\$599,990.00		04/11/2019
<i>(This one is still pending and was wrongly price at \$399,900 in the last issue of Inside Hillcrest.)</i>					
CLOSED SALES IN JUNE 2019					
5025 Eucalyptus Drive	3/2/1	1920	402,780.00	\$368,555.00	46 DOM

July 2019 IT Security Tips

IT Security Tip: Welcome to hacker school

Not all hackers are bad guys. In fact, quite a few are working on the good side. We call them “white hat” or ethical hackers, and frankly, the world needs more of them.

The Bureau of Labor Statistics says “Employment of information security analysts is projected to **grow 28 percent from 2016 to 2026**, much faster than the average for all occupations. Demand for information security analysts is expected to be very high, as these analysts will be needed to create innovative solutions to prevent hackers from stealing critical information or causing problems for computer networks.”

If you or someone you know (kids, nephews and nieces...) who would like to get into this fast growing field, check out this cool article discussing some of the available “hacker schools” to get started.

Hacker High School

Want to be the hero who saves the day?

If you want to be a “white hat” hacker, also called an ethical hacker, several schools and universities are rolling out cyber security programs to help fill the demand in this burgeoning field.

High school kids can get a head start. There are numerous programs to help high schoolers learn about cyber security, gain experience for potential summer internships, and enhance college applications.

Hacker Highschool provides a set of free hands-on, e-book lessons designed specifically for teens to learn cyber security and critical Internet skills. These are lessons that challenge teens to be as resourceful and creative as hackers with topics like safe Internet use, web privacy, online research techniques, network security, and even dealing with cyber-bullies. The full program contains teaching materials in multiple languages, physical books with additional lessons, and back-end support for high school teachers and home schooling parents.

The non-profit ISECOM researches and produces the Hacker Highschool Project as a series of lesson workbooks written and translated by the combined efforts of volunteers world-wide. The result of this research are books based on how teens learn best and what they need to know to be better hackers, better students, and better people.

National Initiative for Cybersecurity Education

The National Initiative for Cybersecurity Education (NICE), led by the National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST) in the U.S. Department of Commerce, is a partnership between government, academia, and the private sector focused on cyber security education, training, and workforce development. They publish a number of resources worth checking out.

Introduction to Computer Viruses and “Threatsaurus”

A good starting point for students who may not be ready for a structured program (yet) is Sophos’ introduction to computer viruses and online threatsaurus -- a primer on cyber threat terms.

A complete read through the A to Z threatsaurus concludes with safety tips on how to avoid hoaxes, viruses, trojans, worms, and spyware -- how to avoid phishing schemes -- how to choose secure

passwords -- and then some topics for actual cyber pros. Some of this is advanced reading material for high school students, but they can stop at any point.

Glimpse into The Cyber Security Job Market

For high schoolers and parents wondering about career opportunities – the Bureau of Labor Statistics states “**Employment of information security analysts is projected to grow 28 percent from 2016 to 2026**, much faster than the average for all occupations. Demand for information security analysts is expected to be very high, as these analysts will be needed to create innovative solutions to prevent hackers from stealing critical information or causing problems for computer networks.”

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THE ITALIAN FUNERAL

A Jewish man was leaving a convenience store with his espresso when he noticed a most unusual Italian funeral procession approaching the nearby cemetery. A black hearse was followed by a second black hearse about 50 feet behind the first one. Behind the second hearse was a solitary Italian man walking a dog on a leash. Behind him, a short distance back, were about 200 men walking in single file.

The Jewish man couldn’t stand the curiosity. He respectfully approached the Italian man walking the dog and said... “I am so sorry for your loss, and this may be a bad time to disturb you, but I’ve never seen an Italian funeral like this. Whose funeral is it?” “My wife’s.”

“What happened to her?”

“She yelled at me and my dog attacked and killed her.” He inquired further, “But who is in the second hearse?” “My mother-in-law. She came to help my wife and the dog turned on her and killed her also.”

It was a very poignant and touching moment of Jewish and Italian brotherhood. Silence passed between the two men. The Jewish man then asked... “Can I borrow the dog?” The Italian man replied, “Get in line.”

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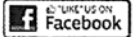
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SIGNS OF THE TIMES

A sign in a shoe repair store in vancouver reads:
We will heel you, We will save your sole, We will even dye for you

A sign on a blinds and curtain truck: Blind man driving.

Sign over a Gynecologist's Office: Dr. Jones, at your cervix.

In a Podiatrist's office: Time wounds all heels.

On a Septic Tank Truck: Yesterday's Meals on Wheels

At an Optometrist's Office: If you don't see what you're looking for, You've come to the right place.

At a Chiropractor's Office Don't worry; I've got your back.

On a Plumber's truck: We repair what your husband fixed.

On another Plumber's truck: Don't sleep with a drip.
Call your plumber.

At a Tire Shop in Milwaukee: Invite us to your next blowout.

On an Electrician's truck: Let us remove your shorts.

In a Non-smoking Area: If we see smoke, we will assume you are on fire and will take appropriate action.

On a Maternity Room door: Push. Push. Push.

At a Car Dealership: The best way to get back on your feet - miss a car payment.

Outside a Muffler Shop: No appointment necessary. We hear you coming.

In a Veterinarian's waiting room: Be back in 5 minutes.
Sit! Stay!

At the Electric Company: We would be delighted if you send in your payment on time. However, if you don't, YOU will be de-lighted.

In a Restaurant window:

Don't stand there and be hungry; come on in and get fed up.

In the front yard of a Funeral Home: Drive carefully. We'll wait.

At a Propane Filling Station: Thank Heaven for little grills.

In a Chicago Radiator Shop: Best place in town to take a leak.

And the best one for last...;

Sign on the back of another Septic Tank Truck:
Caution - This Truck is full of Political Promises.

SHORT STORIES

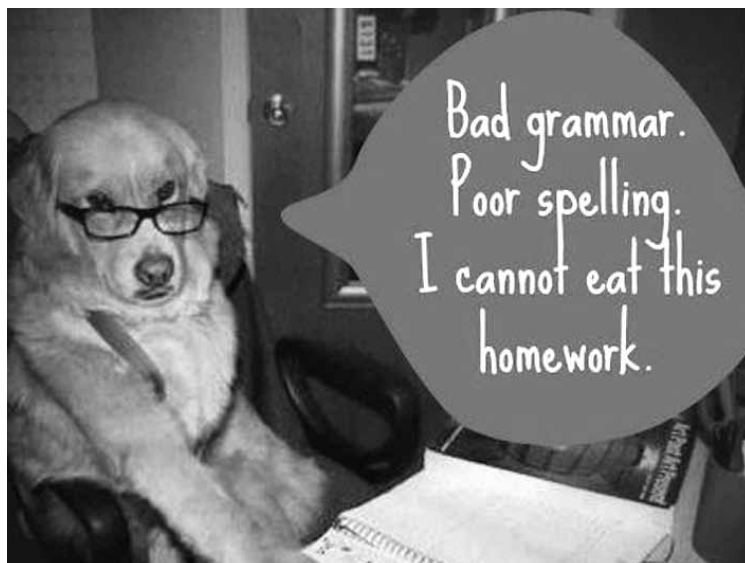
A woman and her 12-year-old son were riding in a taxi in Detroit. It was raining, and all the prostitutes were standing under awnings "Mom," said the boy, "what are all those women doing?" "They're waiting for their husbands to get off work," she replied.

The taxi driver turned around and said, "Geez, lady, why don't you tell the kid the truth? They're hookers, boy! They have sex with men for money." The little boy's eyes got wide and he asked, "Is that true, Mom?" His mother, glaring hard at the driver, answered, "Yes." After a few minutes the kid asked, "Mom, if those women have babies, what happens to them?" She replied,

"Most of them become taxi drivers."

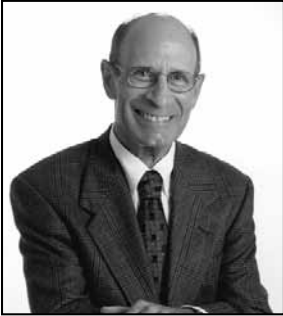


Fifty-one years ago, Herman James, a North Carolina mountain man, was drafted by the Army. On his first day in basic training, the Army issued him a comb. That afternoon the Army barber sheared off all his hair. On his second day, the Army issued Herman a toothbrush. That afternoon the Army dentist yanked seven of his teeth. On the third day, the Army issued him a jock strap The Army has been looking for Herman for 51 years.



JULY 2019 COMMISSIONER'S REPORT

by Commissioner Dick Blattner



Yes! The Year is Half Over!

NEWS OF THE MONTH

Trash Talk!

In a special Commission meeting June 19, we were presented with options for various sanitation services, including bulk waste pick up, recycling, lawn waste and garbage. Our existing contracts, which are ten years old, have been extended for several months while negotiations with potential vendors continue.

New contracts approved

WastePro, the only vendor who responded to our request for picking up household waste, was awarded the contract. Clearly there were many problems with this vendor, but performance has improved significantly over the past six months. AND (yes, I meant to use caps!) we have built in penalties to the new agreement.

WastePro has committed \$260,000 for a Code Officer to exclusively monitor their performance and to acquire some additional equipment.

This comes at a price

The new monthly residential rate is an increase of \$11.00 a month, to \$42.00. That made us cringe. The increase is especially frustrating because it represents ten years of no increases instead of an annual CPI increase that most of us would not have noticed. Had we gone in that direction, we would still be at \$42.00 a month, but it would have been more appropriate and easier to accept.

The new contract calls for an annual CPI increase in the range of 2-3% a year. Details will follow, showing some changes, but for most of us, the main concerns are about the garbage.

Tower Controversy

The tug-of-war over locating a necessary communication tower continues, but the end appears to be in sight. Here is how this will be resolved.

- An expert from the County and one from the City will choose an independent third-party engineer to evaluate each side's proposals.
- If the CIRC meets or exceeds the County requirements for reliability and performance, the County has agreed to the CIRC. Should that not be the case, the City will agree to use the West Lake Park site.
- This process will take roughly 45 days. You will probably find out the results from the news media before I get it to you. By the way, I am very optimistic about the CIRC.

Remember the former Holocaust Documentation Center on Harrison?

It used to be a furniture store before that and who knows what else. Well, it has been repurposed and is now the Hollywood home of BURO, which provides space for startups and small businesses that need flexible workspace.

I did a walk through two weeks ago and no one would recognize the place. The terrazzo floors have been scraped and polished and the office space is wonderful. Take a look and tell your friends who are just starting out, or who want to down-size: this is the place they can call home.

NOTES FROM JUNE COMMISSION MEETINGS

- **\$120,000 for engineering** services to replace sod at Boggs West field.
- **Approved** use of facial recognition applications, for lineups only.
- **\$22 million** for sewer and water line expansion. (This is not septic to sewer).
- **\$4 million** for other water and sewer repairs.
- **Approved adding 5 positions for 2020 fiscal year.** This is related to the General Obligation Bond. I need to get additional information on how staffing is going to work. Next report Learned that the median price of a house in Broward is \$350,000, but only 12% of the population could afford it.
- **Appropriated \$190,000** for architectural drawings to build out second floor of the library. I am concerned about what our plans are for the City Hall Campus and got the City to agree to develop a conceptual plan by end of year. (Don't want to borrow any more money.)
- **Directed** the Metropolitan Planning Organization to move forward with design and funding from the DOT for Dixie Hwy and 21st Avenue.
- **Approved** \$230,000 for fixtures and improvement at Bicentennial Park. This is a General Obligation project.
- **Accepted** staff recommendation to issue bonds for \$70 million; draw for draw for the General Obligation Bond.
- **Accepted** staff recommendation for architect for the GOB approved Police Headquarters building.

I'm a Travelin' Man

As Hollywood's representative to the Metropolitan Planning Organization-- and its past chair--I have been invited to join a joint MiamiDade/Broward Mission to Tokyo, Hong Kong, China and Hawaii to study the latest transportation systems and evaluate their appropriateness for our two counties. Looking forward to this.

Hope you enjoy being with your family this summer; especially if you are taking a vacation.

(invite your friends to log onto dickblattner.com and sign up for these and other reports.)

RESIST AND IT PERSISTS

Brahma Kumaris Publications London, UK Aruna Ladva submitted by Etta Stevens



We may plan our life, but life often doesn't co-operate as we hope it will! Our lives do not always go the way we envision them, usually much to our disappointment or dismay.

We are often so fixated on our desired outcome, that, even when life tries to point us at something else, something better, we may still brush the other option aside. We are going against the tide and just can't seem to make it work the way we want it to. We may even get angry and frustrated. We lose power and hope. Restlessness and despair sets in. Then we wonder what just happened! Well, it's called resistance!

When we resist what life is trying to show or teach us, then it will persist until we learn the lesson. Have you ever changed your department or your job because there was a person in your last one that you just couldn't get along with, only to find that the same thing happened in the next job? It means we didn't learn the lesson that the universe was trying to teach us! Because life is greater and it knows what it is that we need to learn and discover, and what is ultimately the best thing for us. Life is doing us a favor by standing by us, helping us to grow and expand, yet we can see it as a disloyal opponent waiting to knock us down.

We do not have enough faith to trust life and follow the signals, instead, we oppose and reject its efforts.

To resist life's lessons means to go against the current. When we try to paddle upstream, it is always harder than going with the flow. As much as we make progress, the river pushes us back down just as much. So how do we know when to push for something, or when to give in to it and go with the flow? When achieving our desired target becomes a big struggle and all energies appear to be against us, then we need to think twice. When things are smooth and flowing and everyone is on board and offering their blessings to our project, when it 'feels' right and easy, then we can say that the energies are flowing, and we are heading in the right direction.

The way to find out if we are resisting the natural flow, and therefore making life harder for ourselves than we need to, is to look at ourselves deeply, at the level of the soul, on a daily basis. Be real and honest with the self and do not hide things under the carpet! Address the fears or limiting beliefs around the issues. As we become more aware, we are more able to deal with our reactions, fears, and irritations on a daily basis. We understand ourselves better and are able to stay a step ahead and conquer the weaknesses before they conquer us.

A life without self-reflection is only half a life. How can I possibly give all my time and resources to things 'out there', and yet not even a moment to myself, in here? If I can befriend myself, I will be a better human being and a better friend to those around me. I can guide myself by myself, without needing anyone else to show me.

So next time you suspect that life is trying to show you something, stop, look and listen carefully. 'Life' only has our best interests at heart, and it may serve us well to listen. But, like a good friend, if we resist the first time, it will persist until we learn our lesson!

It's Time... to listen to life and learn from her kind-hearted signals. Remember if you resist, it persists. **This is practical positive thinking and also new thinking., which leads to a contented life.**

For the past, almost 13 years, the Brahma Kumaris have offered free classes at the Hollywood Library and will continue to do so along with many other venues we are proud to give as a service for the communities. Please join us every Tuesday morning, from 10:15 am to 11:30 am throughout the year as well as Tuesday evening from 6:30 pm-7:30 pm. We will continue throughout the summer and into the next year. Join us and any other venue where we do have classes.

Meditation at ArtsPark in July will be July 21, 2019, at 6 pm . It's free, are you?

Baby Boomers will get this 🤪 😊
Too Funny!!



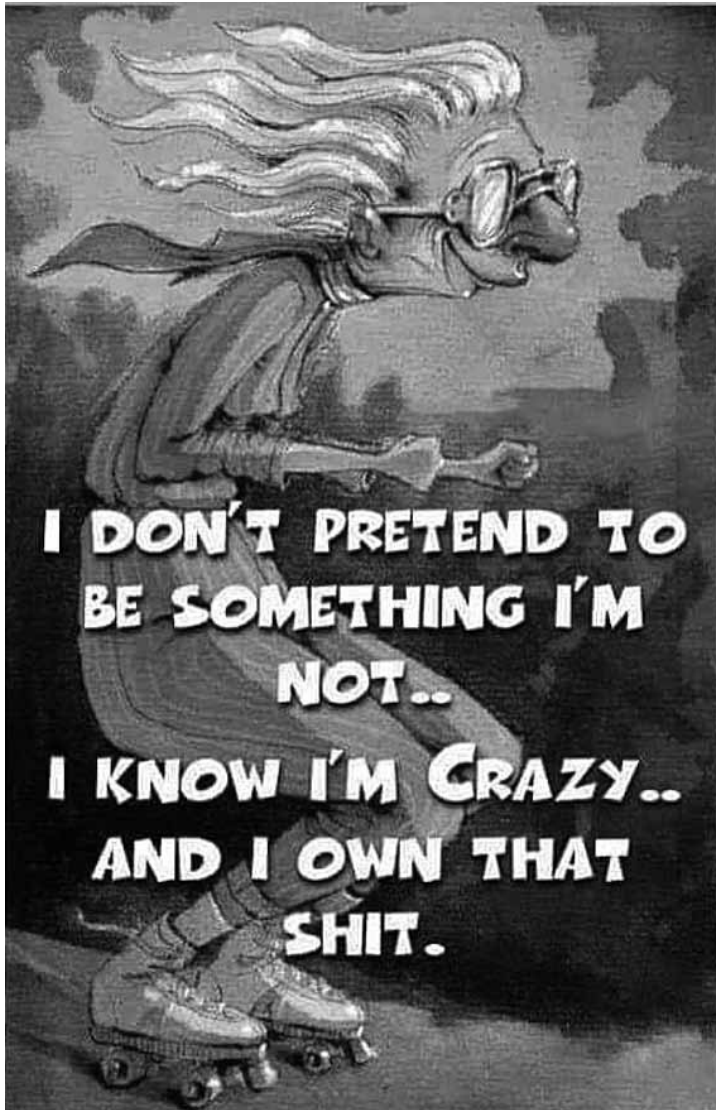
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***** DEAD FRED ***** 

A Woman goes to the local newspaper office to see that the Obituary for her recently deceased husband is published.

The Editor informs her that there is a charge of 50 cents per word. She pauses for a moment and thinks about it. Finally she says, "Well then, let it read: "Fred Brown died."

Amused at the Woman's thrift, the Editor tells her that there is a seven-word minimum for all Obituaries. She thinks it over again and in a few second says, "In that case, let it read: 'Fred Brown Died ... Golf Clubs for Sale'."

 ***** HIGH HOPES ***** 

She's single... She lives right across the street and I can see her place from my kitchen window! I watched as she got home from work this evening. I was surprised when she walked across the street, up my driveway and knocked on the door!

I opened the door, she looked at me and said: "I just got home, and I have this strong urge to go dancing and drinking, and maybe fool around a little... you know, have some fun. Are you doing anything tonight?"

I quickly replied: "Nope, I'm free!" "Great!" she said. "Can you look after my dog?"

 ***** THE SENILITY PRAYER *****

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