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WE ALL NEED A GOOD LAUGH!

Many of us stayed up New Year's Eve not so much to ring in 2021 but to make sure 2020 got the hell out. Yes, this is our semi-annual joke/story issue and I wish I could make the cover funny but we still have to report on some serious topics so here goes. But I promise we have some good ones inside and for our email subscribers, an AMAZING VIDEO attached.

BEWARE OF SCAMMERS

Covid-19 has been a scammers dream come true and incidents are skyrocketing. And not just on your computer; scammer can hack your PHONE. They will have access to ALL your information, just like when they hack your computer. **DO NOT answer** if you do not recognize the number. If it is someone you know, they will leave a message. And even then, if it is a business call, DO NOT CALL BACK THE NUMBER YOU ARE GIVEN. Instead look up the correct number (of the bank, credit card company, etc.) and call the company directly.

Their scams are simple and have a common denominator: Human behavior.

- When you get a pop-up at a website (not your antivirus) about a virus.
- When you receive an e-mail indicating someone's been watching you through the computer and now wants money.
- When you get a call from the bank, asking you for personal information (Hang up, lookup the correct number and call the bank directly).
- When you get an e-mail from the bank, or any vendor, with something you don't recognize (lookup the correct number and call the vendor directly).
- Don't just Google the phone number, go on the vendor website and look it up.
- Ultimately, have your guard up, reconsider every e-mail, website, and phone call, and most importantly, apply extra logic.

This information is courtesy of David Moadab, a fellow Chamber member and the founder of Solution Squad, a local IT company specializing in helping small businesses by becoming their partner in security, success, and growth. You can find out more online at http://solutionssquad.com or at 305-677-2389.

If you want to be sure you stay updated on the scams, follow Solutions Squad on social media @/solutionssquad.

GOLF AND SEX

The only two pastimes that you don't have to be good at to enjoy. Now that I have your attention, see page 9 for an important article by Dick Blattner, former Hollywood City Commissioner who has been great about continuing to keep us informed of what is going on in our City. I had heard a lot of confusing information about the Orangebrook city owned Golf Course. Dick's article should help clarify a lot of the rumors going around.

DO NOT FEED THE BIRDS OR DUCKS

See inside for the City of Hollywood ordinance that prohibits feeding the wildlife around our lakes; you may want to post it in your buildings. Parkview's rules and regulations state no fishing or feeding the wildlife is allowed within the community or the park areas and there are posted signs.

More alarming is that there was an incident after a couple residents (no idea if they were Parkview or Hillcrest residents) walked away after feeding the birds, and a child standing nearby was chased and overwhelmed, when the birds continued to swarm her looking for food. Her father was with her and tried to defend her, and when he confronted the offenders, a heated exchange occurred. C'mon people, you know you are doing the wrong thing so cut it out.

"When the power of love overcomes the love of power the world will know peace."

- Jimi Hendrix

HILLCREST BOARD ELECTIONS – IT'S THAT TIME

We need board members who are strong, but not rude; kind, but not weak; bold, but not bullies; humble, but not timid; and proud, but not arrogant.

I was wrong when I said that for the first time all the Hillcrest buildings had leadership that was reasonable and put the welfare of the unit owners above their own egos. Inside Hillcrest has received numerous complaints from unit owners who live in a building where their lives were made even more isolated and stressful



Building A Better Community

by the bullying behavior and excessive restrictions placed on basic freedoms that the rest of us enjoyed during the toughest months of 2020. One resident sent IH a copy of board meeting notes they distributed designed to humiliate the one brave board member who refused to go along with their oppressive agenda. But again, "people get the government they deserve". Instead of calling Inside Hillcrest with the horror stories, either step up and run for the board yourself or at least make the effort to know what type of people you are voting for.

HILLCREST CLUBHOUSE UPDATE

We get a lot of emails asking if Hillcrest condo owners can use the large clubhouse amenities: the fitness room pool, etc. To clarify which amenities are available to CONDO OWNERS, we asked Michelle Deverson, the Parkview property manager from Castle Group. Here is her answer, "The fitness center and large clubhouse at Parkview is for Parkview homeowners only, no exceptions. The pool is also for Parkview residents only. Hillcrest condominium owners may use the small clubhouse on the west side once the repairs have been finalized and the board authorizes it to be reopened. They can also use the tennis building and the tennis courts."

GREAT CLIPS

I know many of us couldn't get a haircut for a few months at the beginning of the pandemic, and as a result put on 5 pounds...ok, it's as good of an excuse as anything. In desperation I asked my neighbor to trim my hair she actually did a great job! I found out my usual stylist opened her own place and went in. It was a terrible haircut! Then Great Clips started advertising in IH so I decided to give them a shot. Zarit gave me one of the best haircuts I have had in a long time! My only concern was "what if she leaves"? She has been there over 2 years and once I find a stylist that I like, I don't want to have to switch to someone new. Jeff Tolley, the owner explained, "Great Clips business model is designed so that any stylist on duty can cut your hair the same way as the last. We take detailed 'Clip Notes' so that we know how your hair was cut last....So in reality and contrary to popular belief... you don't have to use the same stylist each time at Great Clips." Love the term "clip notes" and I also love Zarit! Check out page 7 for this month's special offer for Hillcresters. Jeff would also like to hire one more stylist if you know a great stylist looking for a job.

May we all have a Happy HEALTHY 2021. Whatever you are doing today, do it with the confidence of a 4 year-old in a Batman t-shirt.

CATCHING UP WITH 441 - By Vice Mayor Linda Sherwood



Many times, in the past few months I have received emails asking questions about 441. So today I'll take the time to catch you up on what projects that are in the works to improve 441 (AKA State Road 7).

Now that the road is completed and the sewers installed developers are coming in to improve 441 by knocking down and rebuilding state of the

art buildings. On the corner of 441 and Hollywood Blvd. the Adult Sensations Video will be torn down so that an upscale WAWA can be built. WAWA has committed to beautiful landscaping around the sides and back so it will be something of beauty for people to see when exiting the Turnpike. This project has passed the Planning and Development Board and is currently in front of the Permit Board.

The old Walgreens on the corner of Johnson St. And 441 will be torn down . The developers are planning to build an visually pleasing 110-unit affordable housing project. They are still at step one and must submit a formal development review to begin their process.

On the corner of Washington Street and 441, in place of the Bank of America building a restaurant and retail development is being planned. This is one that I got involved in and sent them "back to the drawing board" because I didn't want another gas station on that corner. We shall soon see a new revised site plan. Then the entire process will begin by going through the Technical Advisory Committee, the Planning and Development Board with Permitting being the final hoop they must jump through before final approval.

On the corner of Taft and 441 Al's Florist has moved to 57th and Hollywood Blvd. In its place will be a 4,000 sq ft commercial building with 2 tenants. It is now in Permitting.

On the SW corner of Hollywood Blvd and 441 next door to GFS,, a 23,500 SF mixed use building will be created. Don't worry if you do a lot of bulk shopping at GFS, they are staying, but there is a plan in place to change the building façade to a more modern look. Their Permitting is also pending.

Not directly on 441 but a block over at 5904 Pierce Street, the Planning and Development Board approved an 18 unit, residential building including 2,000 SF of commercial use. Again, the next step for them is Permitting.

These are some of the proposed projects to beautify 441 and to bring not only more tax dollars but lovely work-force housing and job opportunities to our City.

That's all for now but as more come forward I will keep you updated. Remember I'm available 24 hours a day for any problems or concerns at my email Lsherwood@hollywoodfl.org.

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- (B) Definition. A public nuisance shall include but not be limited to the accumulation of droppings and/or feathers, the attraction of vermin, the blockage of streets or public rights-of-way, or the causing of damage to real property.
- (C) Enforcement. The provisions of this section shall be enforced by the Office of Code Enforcement and the City of Hollywood's Police Department.

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A man in Ireland calls his son in London the day before Christmas Eve and says, "I hate to ruin your day but I have to tell you that your mother and I are divorcing; forty-five years of misery is enough".

"Dad, what are you talking about? " the son screams.

"We can't stand the sight of each other any longer", the father says. "We're sick of each other and I'm sick of talking about this, so you call your sister in Leeds and tell her".

Frantically, the son calls his sister, who explodes on the phone. "Like hell, they're getting divorced", she shouts, "I'll take care of this".

She calls Ireland immediately and screams at her father, "You are NOT getting divorced Don't do a single thing until I get there. I'm calling my brother back and we'll both be there tomorrow. Until then, don't do a thing, DO YOU HEAR ME?" and hangs up.

The old man hangs up his phone and turns to his wife. "Done! They're coming for Christmas - and they're paying their own way."



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HUMOR







MY PERSONAL FAVORITE:

Dating:

Step 1 - Meet someone

Step 2 - Wonder why they are still single

Step 3 - Realize why they are still single

Step 4 - Repeat until you die.

RESTAURANT HUMOR

NO SENIOR DISCOUNTS! You have had twice as long to get the money.

No, we do not have Wi-Fi. Talk to each other.

Sign on restaurant door: Push. If that doesn't work, Pull. If that doesn't work, we're closed.

Todays Special: Buy any two drinks and pay for them both.

Alcohol may not solve your problems but neither will water or milk.

MARRIAGE

I tried to remarry my ex-wife but she figured out I was only after my money.

Never laugh at your wife's choices - you were one of them.

My wife always says I only have two faults; I don't listen and something else.

When I see lover's names carved on trees I think it is strange how many people bring knives on a date.

Today was a bad day. First my ex got hit by a bus and then I lost my job as a bus driver.

My wife is singing in the house. I'm sitting outside so the neighbors don't think I am hitting her.

Yesterday my wife ran off with my best friend Mike. Friend: "Since when is Mike your best friend?" Since yesterday.

Therapist: "Your wife says that you never buy her flowers. Is that true?" Me: "I didn't even know she sold flowers."

I told my wife I wanted to be cremated. She made me an appointment for Tuesday.

AGE JOKES

Remember when you could refer to your knees as right and left instead of good and bad? Good times.

Kids today don't know how good they have it. When I was a kid, I had to walk through 9 feet of shag carpet to change the channel.

Respect your parents. They passed school without Google.

Did some financial planning and it looks like I can retire at 62 and live comfortably for about 11 minutes.

MUSINGS

What happens if you get scared half to death twice?

This is my step ladder. I never knew my real ladder.

A perfectionist walked into a bar. Apparently, it wasn't set high enough. Sometimes I meet people and feel bad for their dog.

Does anyone know the page in the bible where it tells you how to turn water into wine? Asking for a friend.

People who wonder whether the glass is half full or half empty miss the point. The glass is refillable.

No matter how stupid you feel, remember Little Red Riding Hood. She couldn't figure out that a wolf in drag wasn't her grandmother.

WORDS OF WISDOM

Never be afraid to try something new. Remember, amateurs built the Ark, professionals built the Titanic.

If you eat well, get lots of sleep, do exercise and drink lots of water, you will die anyway. Open the wine.

Benjamin Franklin said, "Trouble knocked at the door, but, hearing laughter, hurried away."

The surest sign that intelligent life exists elsewhere in the universe is the fact that they have never tried to contact us.

Don't try to win over the haters. You're not the jackass whisperer.

WORDS

Pronouncing words that end in "ough": cough, bough, rough, dough, through, though...

The word queue is just a Q followed by four silent letters.

Is the s or the c silent in scent?

FAIR WARNINGS:

Sign on a fence: You would be better off sand papering a lions ass in a pork chop pair of panties than be caught on the other side of this fence.

A new study found that people who take their coffee black are more likely to exhibit psychopathic traits. And people who order a quad shot, non-fat, vanilla, soy, extra foam, light whip with caramel drizzle are more likely to become their victims.

If you are paying \$3.00 for a bottle of Smart Water, it isn't working.

GROANERS:

My high school was so small we had sex education and driver's ed in the same car.

If you boil a funny bone it becomes a laughing stock. That's humerus.

I told my suitcases there would be no vacation this year. Now I am dealing with emotional baggage.

There is a new brand of pants out for old men. They combine the comfort of Dockers with the protection of Depends. They are called Dry Dockers.

ETERNITY HAS IT'S PRIVELEGES

An Engineer dies and goes to Hell. Dissatisfied with the level of comfort, he starts designing and building improvements. After a while, Hell has air conditioning, flush toilets, and escalators. The engineer is a pretty popular quy.

One day God calls and asks Satan, "So, how's it going down there?" Satan says, "Hey things are going great. We've got air conditioning and flush toilets and escalators, and there's no telling what this engineer is going to come up with next."

God is horrified. "What? You've got an engineer? That's a mistake - he should never have gone down there! You know all engineers go to Heaven. Send him up here!"

Satan says, "No way. I like having an engineer on the staff. I'm keeping him." god says, "Send him back up here or I'll sue."

"Yeah, right," Satan laughs, "and where are you going to get a lawyer?"

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WE ONLY REGRET THE RIDES WE DIDN'T TAKE

The inventor of the Harley-Davidson motorcycle, Arthur Davidson died and went to heaven and was met at the gates by St. Peter.

"Since you've been such a good man," St. Peter said, " your motorcycles have changed the world, your reward is you can hang out with God."

St. Peter introduced God to Arthur in the Throne Room and God recognized Arthur and commented, "Okay, so you were the one who invented the Harley-Davidson motorcycle?"

Arthur said, "Yeah, that's me."

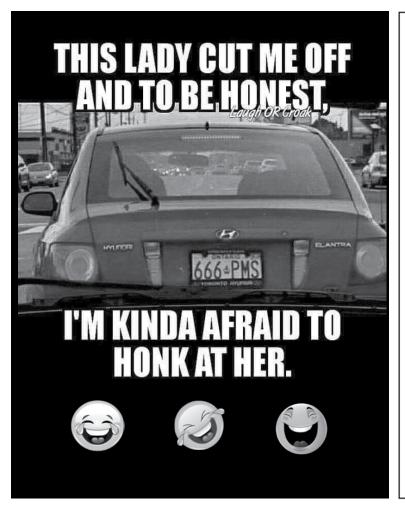
God commented, "Well, what's the big deal in inventing something that's pretty unstable makes a loud noise and pollution and can't run without a road?"

Arthur was a bit embarrassed, but finally spoke, "Excuse me, aren't you the inventor of the woman?" God said, "Ah, yes!"

"Well," said Arthur, "professional to professional, you have some major design flaws in your invention:

- 1. There's too much inconsistency in the front-end suspension
- 2. It chatters constantly at high speeds
- 3. Most rear ends are too soft and wobble about too much
- 4. The intake is placed way too close to the exhaust
- 5. The maintenance costs are outrageous."

"Hmmmmmm, you may some have some good points there Arthur," God replied and he went to his Celestial Computer, typed in a few words and waited for the results. The computer printed out a slip of paper and God read it. "Well, it may be true that my invention is flawed," God said, "But according to these numbers, more men are riding my invention than yours."





KID'S KORNER

GOD BLESS

A Kindergarten teacher was observing her classroom of children while they were drawing. She would occasionally walk around to see each child's work. As she got to one little girl who was working diligently, she asked what the drawing was.

The girl replied, 'I'm drawing God.' The teacher paused and said, 'But no one knows what God looks like.' Without missing a beat, or looking up from her drawing, the girl replied, 'They will in a minute.'

THE SIXTH COMMANDMENT

A Sunday school teacher was discussing the Ten Commandments with her five and six-year-olds.

After explaining the commandment to 'honor' thy Father and thy Mother, she asked, 'Is there a commandment that teaches us how to treat our brothers and sisters?' From the back, one little boy (the oldest of a family) answered, 'Thou shall not kill.'

MOMMA

One day a little girl was sitting and watching her mother do the dishes at the kitchen sink. She suddenly noticed that her mother had several strands of white hair sticking out in contrast on her brunette head.

She looked at her mother and inquisitively asked, 'Why are some of your hairs white, Mommy?' Her mother replied, 'Well, every time that you do something wrong and make me cry or unhappy, one of my hairs turns white.'

The little girl thought about this revelation for a while and then said, 'Mommy, how come ALL of grandma's hairs are white?'

PRETTY IS AS PRETTY DOES

The children had all been photographed, and the teacher was trying to persuade them



each to buy a copy of the group picture. 'Just think how nice it will be to look at it when you are all grown up and say, 'There's Jennifer, she's a lawyer,' or 'That's Michael, He's a doctor.' A small voice at the back of the room rang out, 'And there's the teacher, she's dead.'

LUNCH TIME

The children were lined up in the cafeteria of a St. Mary's elementary school for lunch. At the head of the table was a large pile of apples. The nun made a note and posted on the apple tray: 'Take only ONE. God is watching.'

Moving further along the lunch line, at the other end of the table was a large pile of chocolate chip cookies. A child had written a note, 'Take all you want. God is watching the apples.'



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BLATTNER: PERIODICALLY



CAN HOLLYWOOD BECOME THE GOLF CAPITAL OF SOUTH FLORIDA?

Well, the bones are there. Let's take a look.

Hollywood Beach Golf Club. A public, 18-hole course designed by Donald Ross in 1924. Those clubs are few and far between today, and so, this is historic. The good news is that after fits

and starts, work will begin soon on course improvements and a new clubhouse on the southeast corner of the property. This has been made with enthusiasm by golfers and neighbors.

Eco. A public 9-hole course on the perimeter of the Water and Sewer plant on Taft. This could be the site of the important public safety communication tower. Wait and see.

The Club at Emerald Hills. 18-hole course. Private membership. The new owner proposes to remodel this to a Jack Nicklaus-designed course and five additional sites for residential rental units. The process involves a change in land use, which must be approved by the City Commission, then the County, the State and back again. The Commission will hear this application, called LUPA, sometime soon.

Orangebrook (OB). The city-owned 36-hole course has seen better days. It has probably been 20 years since any significant capital improvements have been made there. The facility is worn out. Recognizing that, the General Obligation Bonds approved in 2019 identified that the project could cost up to \$25 million. Those funds have not been drawn at this point.

Here is the Intriguing part. The State Legislature, in a rare progressive action, allowed for creative financing called Public Private Partnerships. This was done because they recognized that local governments with significant needs had limited resources, plus debt and taxes to deal with.

Allowing alternative methods, such as PPPs, enable projects to be accomplished without debt or taxes by allowing investors to contract with local governments to construct projects on public land at their expense. This has now become a popular alternative and is one that may well be available to Hollywood very soon. Here is how that may apply to Orangebrook.

- 1. The City can undertake the improvements up to the \$25 million approved by the voters. Or...
 - 2. An investor can undertake the improvements, at their expense.

Here is the simple illustration which assumes the ultimate product is the same in either scenario.

City does the work and borrows the money, up to \$25 million. Remember, that includes planning, architecture, engineering as well as construction and...

...Assumes responsibility for debt service. Based on the blended interest rate of 2.76% which the City calculates, the debt service on \$25 million over 25 years would be \$9 million. That figure would be added to "debt service" on property owner tax bills."

Investor does all the work and assumes all financial costs and risks.

Clearly there are legal issues to be resolved, such as revenue sharing, contingency for failure to complete or meet contractual obligations, length of contract between City and investor, etc.

Using the PPP for Orangebrook has these potential benefits:

- 1. City does not bond the \$25 million, or have the debt service, which is passed on to property owners.
- 2. City has no further operational or maintenance responsibilities, which means that the \$500,000 or more being spent annually disappears.

The City can possibly re-allocate the \$25 million to other Parks and Rec responsibilities that are under-funded, such as the Sunset property, or the Marina. No matter what, with the completion of Hollywood Beach, the resolution of The Club, and the awarding of the contact for Orangebrook, residents and guests will have unique choices for golf. At a time when many courses are closing or being residentially developed, Hollywood may very well become the Golf Capital of South Florida.

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When our friends in the restaurant business could not open their bars, we listed them for sale and put them on the market. We had daily showings between 11AM and 11 PM. No appointments were necessary but everyone had to buy a beer while viewing. Hey, anything for our clients...

SHORT STORIES

AVOCADOS

A wife asks her husband, "Could you please go shopping for me and buy one carton of milk and if they have avocados, get 6. A short time later the husband comes back with 6 cartons of milk. The wife asks him, "Why did you buy 6 cartons of milk?" He replied, "They had avocados." If you're a woman, I'm sure you're going back to read it again! Men will get it the first time. My work is done here.

WATER IN THE CARBURETOR

WIFE: "There is trouble with the car. It has water in the carburetor." HUSBAND: "Water in the carburetor? That's ridiculous."

WIFE: "I tell you the car has water in the carburetor."

HUSBAND: "You don't even know what a carburetor is. I'll check it out. Where's the car?

WIFE: "In the pool."

WHEN PAYBACK IS A BITCH

Husband and wife had a tiff. Wife called up her mom and said, "He fought with me again, I am coming to live with you." Mom said, "No darling, he must pay for his mistake. I am coming to live with you."

TODAY'S BIBLE READING

From Genesis: "And God promised men that good and obedient wives would be found in all corners of the earth". Then He made the earth round and He laughed and laughed and laughed!

ITALIAN MAMA WISDOM

Mrs. Ravioli comes to visit her son Anthony for dinner. He lives with a female roommate, Maria. During the course of the meal, his mother couldn't help but notice how pretty Anthony's roommate is.

Over the course of the evening, while watching the two interact, she started to wonder if there was more between Anthony and his roommate than met the eye.

Reading his mom's thoughts, Anthony volunteered, "I know what you must be thinking, but I assure you, Maria and I are just roommates."

About a week later, Maria came to Anthony saying, "Ever since your mother came to dinner, I've been unable to find the silver sugar bowl. You don't suppose she took it, do you?" "Well, I doubt it, but I'll email her, just to be sure." So, he sat down and wrote an email:

Dear MaMa,

I am not saying that you "did" take the sugar bowl from my house and I'm not saying that you "did not" take it. But the fact remains that it has been missing ever since you were here for dinner.

Your Loving Son Anthony

Several days later, Anthony received a response email from his MaMa which read:

Dear son,

I am not saying that you "do" sleep with Maria, and I'm not saying that you "do not" sleep with her. But the fact remains that if she were sleeping in her OWN bed, she would have found the sugar bowl by now.

Your Loving MaMa

HILLCREST 2020 STATE OF THE MARKET

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



There are currently 47 active Hillcrest condo listings: one 3/3/1, thirty-five 2/2s and 11 one-bedrooms. SEVENTEEN condos went under contract during December including one 3-bedroom. Fifteen closed during December. Corner units are designated with a "C" and units in a building that allows rentals have an "R" in front of the unit number.

As I suspected, the one bedrooms outsold the 2 bedroom units this year with a total of 61 one-bedroom sales vs. 57 two-bedrooms sales. No 3 bedrooms closed this year through the MLS although one just went under contract.

Only 125 Hillcrest units sold during 2020 compared to 168 in 2019. But keep in mind that not only has inventory been historically low, our usual busiest months of April, May and June were hit hard by the health crisis. In 2020, 69 of the 125 closed sales sold in under 90 days while the rest kept lowering the price until they hit market value.

| Hillcrest Condo Sales | 2019 | 2020 |
|-----------------------|------|------|
| Jan/Feb/Mar: | 34 | 32 |
| Apr/May/Jun: | 45 | 23 |
| Jul/Aug/Sept: | 54 | 28 |
| Oct/Nov/Dec: | 35 | 45 |

However, in any market, properties priced right, staged attractively, effectively marketed and presented personally to buyers and smartly negotiated SELL! Once in a while, even we get a seller who wants to try a higher price. See the bolded closed sales to your right. Our one listing that was on the market the longest was the only one we had to finally lower. If you want your condo to sell for the most money in the shortest amount of time, call us at 8-HILLCREST or email us: info@ATeamFlorida.com.



PENDING SALES

| Building | Unit # | В/В | SF | Orig. List | Final List | Sold/DOM |
|----------|--------|-------|------|------------|------------|----------|
| 25 | C-915 | 3/2/0 | 1714 | 259,000 | | 15 |
| 25 | C-201 | 2/2/0 | 1634 | 222,000 | | 28 |
| 25 | 821 | 2/2/0 | 1132 | 175,000 | | 21 |
| 24 | 215 | 2/2/0 | 1132 | 174.900 | | 47 |
| 26 | C-501 | 2/2/0 | 1634 | 165,000 | | 61 |
| 24 | C-1020 | 2/2/0 | 1284 | 160,000 | | 68 |
| 21 | 614 | 2/2/0 | 1132 | 160,000 | | 62 |
| 23 | C-900 | 2/2/0 | 1312 | 159,000 | | 50 |
| 25 | 221 | 2/2/0 | 1132 | 135,000 | | 13 |
| 24 | C-900 | 2/2/0 | 1312 | 117,000 | | 6 |
| 23 | 914 | 2/2/0 | 1216 | 115,900 | | 19 |
| 22 | 418 | 2/2 | 1132 | 115,500 | | 104 |
| 26 | 208 | 2/2/0 | 1296 | 114,900 | | 155 |
| 20 | R-307 | 1/1/1 | 830 | 135,000 | | 27 |
| 18 | 308 | 1/1/1 | 775 | 109,900 | | 157 |
| 11 | 209 | 1/1/1 | 775 | 97,400 | | 18 |
| 27 | 907 | 1/1/1 | 844 | 95,000 | | 310 |

CLOSED SALES

| Building | Unit # | В/В | SF | Orig. List | Final List | Sold | DOM |
|----------|--------|-------|------|------------|------------|---------|-----|
| 27 | 1001 | C-2/2 | 1344 | 225,000 | | 210,500 | 72 |
| 25 | 712 | C-2/2 | 1344 | 197,000 | | 190,000 | 54 |
| 24 | 201 | C-2/2 | 1284 | 180,000 | | 171,000 | 36 |
| 25 | 322 | C-2/2 | 1344 | 175,000 | | 170,000 | 63 |
| 3 | 304 | 2/2 | 980 | 159,000 | | 160,000 | 22 |
| 21 | 618 | 2/2 | 1216 | 165,000 | 155,000 | 155,000 | 96 |
| 18 | 302 | 2/2 | 990 | 159,000 | 149,900 | 145,000 | 76 |
| 16 | 404 | 1/1/1 | 775 | 129,000 | | 120,000 | 67 |
| 22 | 109 | 1/1/1 | 896 | 129,000 | | 125,000 | 53 |
| 27 | 814 | 1/1/1 | 844 | 132,900 | 125,900 | 116,550 | 62 |
| 16 | 504 | 1/1/1 | 775 | 120,000 | | 122,000 | 12 |
| 16 | 506 | 1/1/0 | 695 | 115,000 | | 117,000 | 8 |
| 16 | 306 | 1/1/0 | 695 | 111,000 | | 110,000 | 34 |
| 24 | 107 | 1/1/1 | 896 | 109,900 | | 92,000 | 21 |
| 27 | 909 | 1/1/1 | 844 | 104,000 | | 102,000 | 128 |

PARKVIEW AT HILLCREST LISTED IN THE MLS

Currently in Parkview at Hillcrest, there are six single family homes and 2 townhomes listed in the MLS, ranging from 399K for a 1597SF 3/2/1 townhome to a 2795 SF 5/3 home listed at 675K.

A lot of people want to close before the end of the year so they can file Homestead Exemption. The MLS recorded eleven closed sales in December, four were single family homes ranging from 377K for a 1421 SF 3/2/1 to 759K for a 2795 SF 4/2/1 CORNER POOL HOME on the water.

Seven were 3/2/1 townhomes ranging from 1499SF to 1920 SF and the closed sale prices ranged from 345K to 372K.

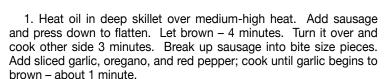
If you would like to be put on AUTO-NOTIFICATION when a Parkview property goes on the market or you want to track the closed sale prices, email INFO@ATeamFlorida. com. Curious as to how much equity you have built up in your Parkview home? Call us at 8-HILLCREST or email INFO@ATeamFlorida.com.

January Kitchen Korner - by Cindy Abraham

You can make this one healthier by using turkey sausage OR leaving it out altogether but if you are a vegetarian, see if you can find a meatless substitute because the sausage does add flavor.

BEANS ON TOAST

- 1 TBS EVOO
- 2 Italian sausages, casings removed
- 3 garlic cloves 2 thinly sliced, 1 finely grated
- 1/4 tsp. dried oregano
- Dash red pepper flakes 14 oz can crushed tomatoes
- Kosher salt
- 1 oz. baby spinach coarsely chopped
- 1 15.5 oz. can white beans, rinsed
- 2 TBSP unsalted butter
- 2 ciabatta rolls or small Italian Sub roll
- 1 oz. grated Parmesan
- Chopped parsley for garnish



- 2. Add tomatoes, 1 tsp salt and 1/4 Simmer and cook until slightly reduced 10-12 minutes. Mix in spinach until wilted. Add beans and cook until warmed through, about 3 minutes. Taste to see if it needs more salt.
- 3. Heat broiler. Melt butter and mix in grated garlic and ½ tsp salt; cook until fragrant and sizzling but not brown, 30 seconds.
- 4. Arrange bread, cut side down, on a foil-lined baking sheet and broil until golden brown, 1 minute. Remove, turn over and brush with garlic butter. Broil until evenly golden brown not more than 1 minute.
- 5. Divide toast among plates and ladle bean mixture over top, dust with Parmesan and a sprinkle of parsley.

As we all know, sometimes the side dishes we serve are better than the entrée. This is one of my favorites.

DELICIOUS BAKED POTATOES

This was from a baked chicken thigh recipe that was kind of meh but the potato part of it was DELICIOUS so I will just give you that part. You can prepare chicken thighs any way you like and bake along with the potatoes. Just move them to a platter when you take the pan out of the oven to finish off the potatoes.

A pound fingerling potatoes halved 4 cups fresh spinach chopped

- 1 lemon
- 2 TBS olive oil divided
- 1/4 cup toasted walnuts (or chopped olives)

1/4 cup crumbled feta cheese Preheat oven to 450.

Zest lemon into a small bowl and set aside. Cut the lemon in half and toss with the potatoes, 1 TBS oil, salt and pepper in another bowl and spread evenly onto a rimmed, baking sheet lined with foil and sprayed with non-stick butter

Bake for 30 minutes, re-tossing them half-way through.

Meanwhile, add the other TBS oil, chopped walnuts and crumbled cheese to the bowl with the lemon zest and combine to make a dressing.



Remove from potatoes from oven, set the roasted lemon halves aside and sprinkle spinach on top of potatoes. Toss until spinach is wilted. Transfer potato/spinach mixture to a serving bowl.

Carefully juice the hot lemons into the small bowl with the dressing and stir well. Drizzle dressing over vegetables and serve.

KITCHEN WISDOM

Stuff a miniature marshmallow in the bottom of an ice cream cone to prevent ice cream drips. Just suck the ice cream out of the bottom of the cone, for Pete's sake! You are probably lying on the couch with your feet up eating it anyway!

To keep potatoes from budding, place an apple in the bag with the potatoes. Buy boxed mashed potato mix. *Keeps in the pantry for up to a year.*

When a cake recipe calls for flouring the baking pan, use a bit of the dry cake mix instead and there won't be any white mess on the outside of the cake. Go to the bakery! They'll even decorate it for you!

If you accidentally over-salt a dish while it's still cooking, drop in a peeled potato and it will absorb the excess salt for an instant 'fix-me-up.'

If you over-salt a dish while you are cooking, that's too bad. Please recite with me Mom motto: 'I made it, you will eat it!

Wrap celery in aluminum foil when putting in the refrigerator and it will keep for weeks. *Celery? Never heard of it!*

Brush some beaten egg white over pie crust before baking to yield a beautiful glossy finish. *Frozen pie directions do not include brushing egg whites over the crust, so I don't.*

Cure for headaches: take a lime, cut it in half and rub it on your forehead. The throbbing will go away. *Take a lime, mix it with tequila, chill, and drink! All your pains go away!*

If you have a problem opening jars, try using latex dish washing gloves. They give a non-slip grip that makes opening jars easy. Go ask your good-looking neighbor if he can open it for you.

Don't throw out all that leftover wine. Freeze into ice cubes for future use in casseroles and sauces. *Leftover Wine?????? HELLO!!!!!!!*

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Here are some cool cooking tips that I have learned over the years. Some save time, some make it easy to keep ingredients on hand, and some are just a less messy or easier way to do common kitchen prep.

You probably know most of them but if you don't, I hope they help you as much as they have helped me. I still freeze lemon and lime juice in cubes so I always have some on hand for cooking. I also freeze the zest. Keeping a store bought can of Orange juice and apple juice concentrate also comes in handy. I recently learned to freeze fresh ginger – it grates a lot easier. If you use ice baths for blanching/ shocking vegetables (or anything else), freeze pint size plastic bags of water. They are easier to manage and melt slower than cubes so the water stays colder longer without having to add more ice. And the big chunks are easier to remove before straining.

Believe it or not, my non-cooking sister is the one who taught me to smack a garlic clove to loosen the skin and make it easier to peel. And then I found out EVERYONE knew that trick but me.

I have always used wax paper to line the cutting board and to place on top of chicken breasts before I pound them. If you buy cereal, save the empty plastic bags the cereal comes in. It is much sturdier AND using a small pot or pan to do the pounding instead of a small-headed mallet, makes for faster and more uniform cutlets.

A great use for an empty parmesan shaker is to put flour in it for dusting when rolling out dough. You will use less flour and it will distribute more easily. Also good for thickening gravies.

Adding salt to some pots when boiling the water for pasta, can pit the pot. But it is easy to forget to do it once the pasta is boiling, so I add the salt to the dry pasta and pour it in at the same time. You should use no more than 1 TBS per pound of pasta.

If you are going to slice a banana, leave one side of the peel on and use it as the "cutting board".

Here's a weird one for you...for the best egg sandwiches, make egg squares. Beat three eggs with ½ cup of water. Pour into a greased small meatloaf pan and bake in a preheated oven for 30 minutes at 300 degrees. Rotate the pan after 15 minutes. Remove from the oven and let cool for 10 minutes. Run a knife around the edges of the pan

and invert it on to a cutting board. The water makes them light and fluffy. Cut into 2 squares for two sandwiches or you can put one or both in an airtight container for up to 3 days. Warm them through in the microwave at 50% power for about 40 seconds. You can even top with cheese while rewarming.

Smear a bun with mayo or soft avocado and add whatever you like – ham, bacon, smoked salmon, salami, tomato, and/or some fresh

herbs, and you have a delicious breakfast sandwich.









PANDAMMITS







Seeing how some people wear their masks, I now understand how contraceptives fail.

Walking back to your car because you forgot your mask is the new kind of pissed off.

Does anyone know if we can start taking showers yet or should we just keep washing our hands?

The world has turned upside down. Old folks are sneaking out of the house and their kids are yelling at them to stay inside.

2020 was a unique leap year. It had 29 days in February, 300 days in March, and 5 years in April.

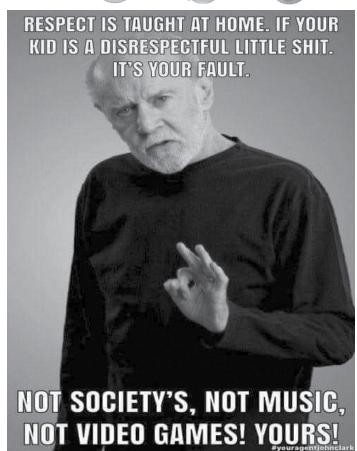
Everyone is posting memes and talking about coming out of quarantine with a new skill or side hustle. I'm just sitting here wondering how I never noticed there is a turd in Saturday.

Yesterday my husband thought he saw a cockroach in the kitchen. He sprayed everything down and cleaned thoroughly. Today I am putting the cockroach in the bathroom.



A drill sergeant chewed out one of the cadets then with an evil smile said, "I guess when I die you will dance on my grave."

The cadet shook his head and said, "Not me Sarge, I promised myself that when I got out of the army I'd never stand in another line!"

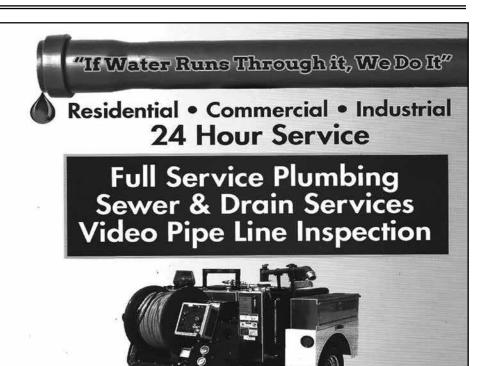




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STATE OF THE COUNTY - County Commissioner Beam Furr - District 6

Greetings Hillcrest Residents,

It is hard to believe we are already a month into 2021 – with a new presidential administration, major news regarding the COVID-19 pandemic, and much more happening throughout Broward County. Only a few weeks into 2021, this is already proving itself to be a year of major challenges and major opportunity.

As we move forward in the new year, our focus remains on the unprecedented health crisis we are facing. We continue to see high positivity rates and hospitalizations from this pandemic, with a rolling average of 10.67% positivity rate as of this writing. It is important that we work effectively and efficiently with the new administration to get this crisis under control and restore our public health, economy, and community.

Medical experts agree that in addition to masks and social distancing, the best way to defeat this pandemic is the efficient and effective distribution of the COVID-19 vaccine. There are currently two approved COVID-19 vaccines (Moderna and Pfizer) which have been made available to Broward County hospitals. Florida's vaccine plan is currently coordinated through the Florida Department of Health. Our Broward County Department of Emergency Management is working directly with the Florida Department of Health to assist in vaccine distribution within Broward County. We are making sure that we work closely with the state to ensure effective distribution to our residents. My office is always available for contact for any questions or assistance you may need when it comes to the vaccine.

The Florida Department of Health is currently vaccinating seniors 65 and over at three Broward County parks (Markham Park, Vista View Park, Tradewinds Park). Plans are in the works to add a site in southern Broward as soon as it is feasible. Reservations can be made through the browardcovidvaccine.com portal. This website has experienced some technical difficulties at launch, but it has now been used to book appointments for hundreds of Broward County seniors. If you have not already been vaccinated, we recommend doing so – the required two doses of the vaccine have been shown to be over 95% effective.

We are also working to ensure that homebound residents are vaccinated. We are working to ensure a visit to vaccinate homebound seniors in Hillcrest. More updates on vaccinations for residents within Hillcrest are coming soon.

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Beyond the vaccine, there are other elements of the COVID-19 crisis that we must face head-on. We have a new Presidential administration that is committed to working with local governments to improve response and provide the resources needed to recover. This includes distribution of the money allocated from the new stimulus to local governments. This money will be used for critical support in rent, mortgage, bills, food assistance, and more. You can find out more at broward.org/cares.

We are also looking forward to working with President Biden on critical issues like the environment, transportation and paratransit, and much more. These are trying times for our country, as illustrated by the shocking images out of the U.S. Capitol during the Electoral College vote. But at a time of difficulty, we need unity. I look forward toward us all moving forward together and making sure our community is safe and the best it can be.

Contact Us

I hope we can be together again soon. I miss visiting my friends in Hillcrest. Until then, you may always contact my office for anything in which you feel I may be of assistance. 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 the COVID-19 pandemic, it has been temporarily closed. However, my staff is working from our office in Fort Lauderdale, which is open Monday through Friday, from 9 AM to 5 PM, and from other locations within our District. 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 954-357-7006/786-559-2306 or send me an email at bfurr@broward.org.



IN OUR BACKYARD - by Meredith Shuster, Hillcrest 26

One subject not yet covered in "Our Backyard" is our waterways.



Like all of Florida, open land has been built upon to the point of almost nonexistence. The water retention ponds are a requirement to handle the stormwater runoff. The retention ponds are part of Hollywood's stormwater system. (The other systems are potable water and wastewater. Each has its own fees.) Hillcresters are

enjoying the lawns and walking paths surrounding our waterways and green space. However, my research has uncovered that maintaining water features and the green space can become one of largest expenses for HOA's. Besides the obvious mowing, fertilizing and irrigation, there will be a need for dredging as all the grass cuttings (not to mention the disturbing amount of garbage) begin raising the basin.

Remember how the rains in November saturated the ground and caused the water level to rise dramatically in just a couple of days. Even the first-floor units had "water views". When the rains stopped it receded just as fast. As the water drains through the ground carrying with it all the fertilizer, fecal matter and other substances



left on the ground, it recharges the Biscayne Aquifer our main source of fresh water. Through a series of pipes and pumps it gets transported to the water treatment plant and out our faucets. Unfortunately, the demand for potable water is outstripping the supply. Costs are going to continue to rise and conservation will continue to be instituted and enforced. Water cost is a major part of the maintenance fees we pay and will be one of the major causes behind maintenance increases.



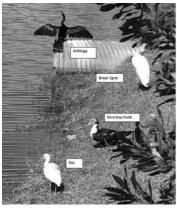
So now what?

The National Audubon Society has noted the loss of a third of our migratory birds with many species near extinction. It lists the loss of natural habitat and stopping points along the migratory routes. It is encouraging homeowners and municipalities to convert open space and gardens into native habitat. Native plants need less maintenance, fertilizers, and water. However, our open grass areas are beginning to attract some of these migrating birds. I have had sightings of Painted Buntings, Wood Storks and Tri-colored Heron in

addition to Anhinga, Cormorants, Ibis, Muscovy Ducks and Great Egret. Eventually converting our greenspace to include more native plants could create more of a "stopover" for migrating birds and enhance the natural attributes of our community. As pretty as it is, grass is limited in its nutritional value and does not provide coverage for breeding. Conversion of our green space into a more natural habitat would need coordination

and take place over several years. Although the cost savings are somewhat obvious, further study would need to be completed to uncover any disadvantages. At this writing, it is only a thought. . .

What is reality is the number of wrappers, plastic bottles, masks and other litter, not to mention the dog owners that are not cleaning up after their pets. Keep in mind; what lands on our green space can end up coming out of our faucets. Besides, seeing garbage disturbs our joy of



the outdoors. Side stepping poop keeps us looking down. The Hillcrest Backyard has given all the residents an opportunity to get out of our "lockdown" quarantine lifestyle. The walkways, birds, plants and green grass allow us the chance to enjoy nature and shouldn't be missed. Let's place the emphasis on "Our" Backyard and pull together to keep it looking beautiful. Find ways through this New Year to enjoy our backyard!

A LIFE LONG LEARNER IS A LIFE LONG WINNER - AN INSPIRATIONAL STORY

If there is anything the "traditionalist" generation has taught us, it is that good manners and civility are always appreciated. Here is a lovely example:

I was in the McDonald's drive-through the other morning and the young lady behind me honked at me; she was upset because I was taking too long to pay. "Wow. Take the high road," I thought to myself. So, I paid for her food too.

As I moved up, she leaned out the window looking all crazy at me, because the cashier told her I had paid for her food order. She felt embarrassed.

When I got to the second window to get my food, I showed them both receipts and took her food too. I paid for it - it was mine! Now she has to go back through the line again and wait even longer. Life lessons come at a price.



SOUL SUSTENANCE BY THE BRAHMA KUMARIS FOR A NEW YEAR OF HAPPINESS - SUBMITTED BY ETTA STEVENS



Spreading the Fragrance Of Happiness

A beautiful aspect of each one of our lives is living a life full of enthusiasm and joy. Also, we keep spreading the same to others through our entire personality and through our actions and attitudes. It is one thing being happy yourself and another to share that happiness with each one at every step. For some, it is a hobby to start the day by wishing everyone with greetings of happiness and give them a feeling of love-filled joy. By doing this, they spend the entire day ahead free from the tensions that they might face and full of lightness filled thoughts and feelings.

Also, give a new flavor to each day, of different experiences filled with different types of qualities. Qualities such as cheerfulness, contentment, and lightness, which are all different colors of happiness will make life a beauty-filled journey. It is a journey in which you are accompanied by others. Also, you along with others will share and receive these beautiful experiences. This giving and receiving will make this complete life journey full of something you look forward to and enjoy to the fullest. These experiences are like gifts that we share with each other and gifts always bring happiness. Physical gifts are limited to particular days and particular people. But these invisible gifts of different positive happiness emotions are unlimited and can be shared with each and every one. We can do this in our homes, at our workplace, with our close friends, or in society in general.

Whenever you begin your day, fill your mind with some happiness filled thoughts. Those thoughts could be – Today, in the entire day, I will gift a smile to each one I meet, or Today, throughout the day, I will keep each one's specialty in my mind and experience joy. They could also be - During the entire day, today, I will touch each one I meet with my positive good feelings for them. We could also think something like - All through the day, today, I will bring different virtues in action and experience lightness and give the same to others.

It's these types of thoughts that will make everyone around me happy and they will give me happiness in return. This in turn will make the atmosphere around me full of happiness. Happiness begins with the self and happiness given to others is happiness experienced by myself first. When you meet someone in the whole day, ask yourself and check yourself – Did I just meet the other person and interact with the person in a common manner? On the other hand, did I share happiness with the other person and make the person free from worries and burdens? After all, it's my duty towards each and everyone I meet – giving unlimited happiness to others. This is the common emotion that binds all of us together – happiness. Giving and sharing happiness will

make life beautiful and our existence meaningful. Very often, whether it's in our work or any other activity, we tend to become busy. We may not perform any negative actions during that time. But because we lose touch with our inner virtuous self, our happiness reduces.

To create positive habits, we need to first take the foremost step of determination. Determination means a strong promise to the self that I will change my thought patterns from negative to positive. That is the first realization. Then, we need to select one particular sanskara of weakness that disturbs us and does not let us be powerful. For example: if I have the habit of being impatient in difficult situations, then first I need to fill myself with that quality through self-effort. Until I do that, no matter how much I may try to be patient in any situation because I am lacking the quality at the level of the sanskara and since the weakness has not been erased completely, it will be difficult for me to be patient. Let's say on a particular day, I am faced with a traffic jam. If I say to myself that all these vehicles on my way should get cleared in the next five minutes. but they take half an hour, will I be able to remain calm in those extra twenty-five minutes, which I did not anticipate or expect? So, what I require is patience. If I say to myself, in those twenty-five minutes that I have to be patient, will I experience that virtue? I will not unless that virtue is in my habit or part of my personality. So, it is like filling myself with a lot of happiness and then I will experience that quality. I cannot say to myself - I am the happiest person who exists in this world and experience happiness alone. I need to first fill myself with that quality and then happiness will come naturally to me.

So it's about being natural and not theoretical alone i.e. I should be an embodiment of a practical form of every quality and power and not just repeat inside my mind that I have that quality or power. This applies to all the different qualities and powers which are required in crossing negative situations or circumstances. Meditation fills us with these qualities and powers very easily. This is because meditation is a beautiful relationship and connection with the Supreme Source of spiritual energy and power – God. God is full of those qualities and powers and never loses them ever, unlike us, who need to fill ourselves when we lose them.

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I AM CONDUCTING A FACEBOOK LIVE EVERY TUESDAY MORNING ON THE ETTA STEVENS FACEBOOK PAGE. I begin promptly at 10:30 EDT on the Etta Stevens Facebook page.

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THOU SHALT NOT LIE

Catholic school students are taught that lying is a sin. Instructors are also advised that a bit of imagination is OK to express the truth differently without lying. This is a perfect example of this teaching.

An attractive young woman on a flight from Ireland asked the priest beside her, "Father, may I ask a favor of you?" "Of course, child. What can I do for you?"

"I bought my mother an expensive hair dryer for her birthday. It is unopened, but well over the customs limits and I'm afraid they'll confiscate it. Is there any way you could carry it through customs for me? Could you possibly hide it under your robes for me?"

"I would love to help you my dear; but I must warn you, I will not lie!" "With your honest face, Father, I'm sure no one will question you!"

When they got to Customs, she let the priest go first. The official asked, "Father, do you have anything to declare?" "From the top of my head down to my waist, I have nothing to declare." The official thought this answer a little strange, so he asked, "And what do you have to declare from your waist down to the floor?" "I have a marvelous instrument that has been designed for use on women, but which, to date, remains unused."

Roaring with laughter, the official said, "Go ahead, Father. Next, please!"

If it is true that stress causes weight loss than why the hell am I not invisible?

I picked up a hitchhiker the other day – seemed like a nice guy. After a few miles he asked me if I wasn't afraid that he might be a serial killer. I told him the odds of two serial killers being in the same car were highly unlikely.

The three hardest things to say are: I was wrong. I need help. Worcestershire sauce.

I don't have all, not even some, of my ducks in a row...but they are all in the same pond, so I have that going for me, which is cool.

Is my problem ignorance or apathy? I don't know and don't care.

I went line dancing last night. Well...it was a roadside sobriety test...same thing.

I never called you stupid but when I asked you to spell OR-ANGE and you asked if I was talking about the fruit or the color, it kinda caught me off guard.

Maybe if I start telling people their brain is an app, they'll start using it.

Fun Fact: Women spend more time wondering what men are thinking than men actually spend thinking.

4 out of 3 people struggle with math.

I have SEXDAILY DYSLEXIA.

Pubs - the official sunblock of Ireland.

Scientists say the universe is made up of protons, neutrons, and electrons. They forgot to mention morons.

If you can't laugh at yourself, let me do it.

My heart says chocolate and wine but my jeans say, for the love of God woman, eat a salad!

Due to current economic conditions the light at the end of the tunnel has been turned off.

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?





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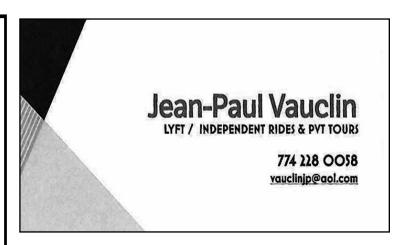
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