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## HOA President's UPDATES

*Jerry Zielinski, HOA President, 727-225-3657*

**\*\*\*Facebook page: Serendipity Homeowners Association**

### Residents Message:

There have been a couple issues that have been addressed before but seem to need to be clarified.

- Every Coach has a copy of the "Prospectuses" and Rules and Regulations of Serendipity. These should have been left with the Coach when it changed ownership. If You don't have a copy of them, contact the office for a copy.
- Inside of the Rules on page #30, section 10.1.1, line #8 there is a portion pertaining to Golf Carts.
- On page #34 ,section 14.5 pertaining to Alcohol and section 14.7 pertaining to Drugs.
- These were brought up at the last Informational Meeting. However, some residents don't know these are in the Rules & Regulations.
- These are not rules of the HOA. Reading your Prospectuses will let you know what ELS expects from Us as tenants of Serendipity.
- To the New Residents of Serendipity, we (HOA) have been informed that some "New Residents" don't want to join the HOA and therefore don't want to fill out the information sheet for the HOA. This sheet is to know who is moving in and a way for the "Welcome Committee" to get information to said Residents. (Barber Shops, Beauty Salons, Bakeries, Theaters, Post Offices, shopping centers.) The list goes on. Not everyone is familiar with the area before they move in. Contact the "Welcome Committee" for a packet of information.

Summer is here. Don't forget to use your sun block when at the beach. Stay Safe! Let's have a wonderful summer! Stay Healthy and Happy! - Jerry Z.

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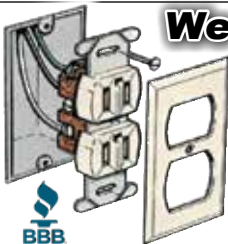
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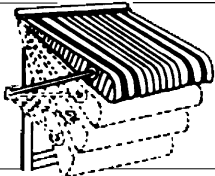


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## ELS Manager Contact Information

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## Neighborhood Watch

*Marty Ott, 727-787-3272*

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**H**i Serendipity Residents!

My name is Marty Ott and I live at #340 on India. I have been appointed the “Neighborhood Watch Liaison” for Serendipity MHP by the HOA and Pinellas County Sheriff’s Department. My responsibility in this position is to take calls from the residents of Serendipity and give weekly feedback to the park manager and the PCSO Neighborhood Watch Commander, Deputy Chuck Skipper.

### July 2022 Notes from the Neighborhood Watch Coordinator:

No calls this month concerning the Neighborhood Watch. I don't know if this is due to no suspicious activity or fewer residents in the park during the summer. I can only respond to people who call me. If you have any questions regarding the volunteer position I hold, please call me personally. I would be happy to discuss my role in the safety of this park.

Just a reminder if you see something dangerous or feel threatened, call 911. If it is just to report something suspicious, call the Sheriff’s non-emergency number at (727) 582-6200. Then call me the next morning at (727) 787-3272 and I will note it in the daily log so that we can categorize the types of problems we are having, and the Sheriff can assign manpower to our park at times and places necessary.

Serendipity residents should **ONLY CALL** me during regular business hours which are 8:00AM - 5:00PM.

**REMEMBER...IF YOU SEE SOMETHING, SAY SOMETHING**

-Marty



## WELLNESS ACTIVITIES PAGE

### CHAIR FITNESS (Stronger Senior Videos)

Beth Ott (727-787-3272)

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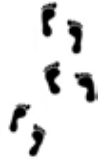
These classes are interesting, and lots of fun. A chance to get out of the house and meet new friends.

-Beth Ott (727-787-3272)

### Walking Club

Margaret Ishler, 617-519-4130

Join your neighbors as they walk the streets of Serendipity! We meet at the East Clubhouse at 8:00 AM every Monday, Wednesday, and Friday. Walk at your own pace, make new friends, and take the first steps towards a healthy lifestyle! If you have any questions, please call me at 617-519-4130.



-Margi

### Line Dancing

Leslie Bellinger, 727-729-5039

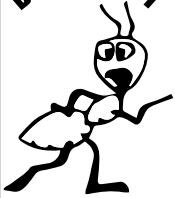
Line dancing is over for this summer. We had a nice group of Line Dancers this season. We will start up again in the fall. Watch the Media book and the bulletin boards in October for the startup date. Keep dancing!

Hope to "see you on the dance floor"- Leslie



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## Editor Notes

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From the Editor

- PLEASE DO NOT SEND ME PICS OR INFORMATION THROUGH FACEBOOK. I SOMETIMES MISS THAT INFO. EITHER EMAIL ME OR DROP OFF IN GREEN BOX ON MY PATIO. THANK YOU. NANCI
- Remember to get your submissions in to me before the 10th of each month. Any errors or late submissions will be noted in the next month's Monthly Media.
- I am still looking for a volunteer to oversee the "Meet Your Neighbor" column. Not a lot of work. Call me at 321-201-2479. -Nanci

Remember these articles...

1. **Meet Your Neighbor!** With your permission, we will highlight a member of our community. Whether a new move-in or a seasoned veteran, we would like to know your name and a little about you.
2. **Marilyn's Recipe Corner!** Drop off your favorite recipe with your name at my home (#378) or email it to my address above and I will enter one each month in the newsletter.
3. **Community Articles!** If you wish to submit an article that may be interesting to our residents, feel free to email or drop it to me at #378 for editing and submission for publication. Be sure to add your name and phone number.
4. There is a **GREEN wooden box** on my driveway patio that says "NEWSLETTER" to leave any articles, recipes, or notices. You can also email me at [nanci.j.dorau@gmail.com](mailto:nanci.j.dorau@gmail.com)

## Just-A-Note

Nanci Dorau, 321-201-2479

[nanci.j.dorau@gmail.com](mailto:nanci.j.dorau@gmail.com)

### From: Cindy Sharpe

\*\*\* Phyllis Messina has now moved to her new home. We all wish Phyllis luck in this new adventure in her life. For those who know her and wish to correspond, here is her new address!

Phyllis Messina  
 2808 Lithia Pinecrest Rd  
 Apt 250  
 Valrico FL 33596





**From: Nanci Dorau, Editor**

\*\*\* We wish to thank Janet Seager and Mary Durina for their many years delivering the Monthly Media to our residents! Michele Dutchess will be delivering on Island! Thank you, Michele!

\*\*\* Please thank these and all our volunteers for their service to our park! Michele Dutchess will deliver for Marilyn Farnworth on Palm until she returns next fall. She also subbed for Vicki Haydt for Imperial in July. We apologize for late deliveries. If you do not receive your copy, you can always call me...nanci 321-201-2479.

**From: Pat Lucksinger**

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## **Things That Make You Go...HmMMMMM?**

*submitted by Neil Thomas, resident*

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### **SHRINKFLATION**

**W**ith the advent of rising inflation, another term shrinkflation has arrived on the scene. Shrinkflation is the practice of reducing the size or quantity of a product while the price of the product remains the same or slightly increases. Increased manufacturing costs due to inflation could be the reason. Shrinkflation is nothing new. As a child, I remember going to the movie theater and buying a box of Tootsie Rolls and finding the size of the roll was getting smaller.



Some recent examples of shrinkflation are:

1. The product All detergent, bottles went from 40 fluid ounces to 32 fluid ounces.
2. Kleenex box went from 65 sheets to 60 sheets.
3. Quart size Gatorade went from 32 fluid ounces to 28 fluid ounces.
4. Old El Paso taco seasoning mix is about 14% less.
5. Folger Coffee Classic Roast went from 51 ounces to 43.5 ounces. Folger claims a new bean is lighter but makes more coffee than the old bean.
6. General Mills shrunk family size cereal boxes from 19.3 ounces to 18.1 ounces.
7. Wheat Thins went from 16 ounces to 14 ounces or 20 fewer crackers per box.

One of the most interesting examples of a form of shrinkflation was in the service industry. A survey taken shows that 8 out of 10 people that deliver meals, sample some of the food of the customer. Have you been missing some pepperoni slices from your pizza?

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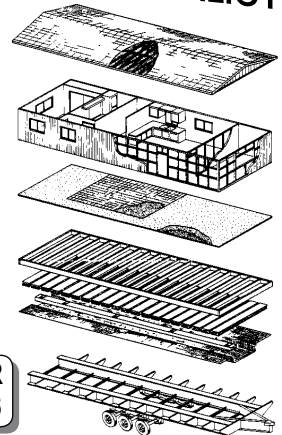
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Birthstone: Peridot

Birth Flower: Gladiolus or Poppy

Birth Flower Meaning: Strength of Character and Imagination

## AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

- 1 Sandra Defosses
- 2 Karen Kleinman
- 5 Pamela Mailloux
- 6 Dave Genovese
- 11 Carol Naberezny
- 14 Rick Ishler
- 25 Birthe Sorenson – McEwan
- 26 Doris Pullar
- 28 Gail Larsen
- 28 Anne Farson

Happy 100th Birthday to Tony Waranius



## AUGUST ANNIVERSARIES

- 6 William & Karen Price
- 20 James & Doris Pullar



## Celebrities with AUGUST Birthdays

If you do not know who these people are, here is something for you to do in your spare time...Google their names!

- August 1, 1942 - Jerry Garcia
- August 2, 1754 - Pierre Charles L'Enfant
- August 3, 1977 - Tom Brady
- August 4, 1971 - Jeff Gordon
- August 5, 1962 - Patrick Ewing
- August 9, 1944 - Sam Elliott
- August 13, 1951 - Dan Fogelberg
- August 14, 1959 - Ervin Johnson

- August 20, 1942 - Isaac Hayes
- August 23, 1912 - Gene Kelly
- August 23, 1978 - Kobe Bryant
- August 25, 1961 - Billy Ray Cyrus
- August 28, 1965 - Shania Twain
- August 29, 1958 - Michael Jackson
- August 31, 1949 - Richard Gere

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## Bingo

Cindy Sharpe, 336-366-6304, Sue Shumyhora, 203-615-1043



**B**INGO! Please bring a friend with you to enjoy a night out it and visit with friends and neighbors! BINGO is played in the East clubhouse every THURSDAY at 7:00 P. M. sharp. We play 8 games and 1 speedy. Cards for speedy are \$.50 each. Six card sheets are \$3.00 and 9 card sheets are \$5.00.

We have added new games! We have added a “Speedy” at the beginning and now have a “50/50 Cash Drawing” at the end of the night.

If there is anyone wishing to play a second night, Riviera Mobile Home Park (right next door to the north of us on US 19) will now be open year-round on Mondays at 6:30 PM. They were normally closed for Bingo from May to November.

You must be 18 years old to play. It's a fun night out, all residents are welcome, and you can get a chance to meet new people. We have a great group of people, and we always welcome more to attend - the more the merrier! This also means the bigger the pots to win.

## Bocce Ball

Gloria Mitchell, 727-421-0018

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## Bridge

Steve Sisson, 727-772-5882

**B**RIDGE GAMES WILL RESUME IN THE FALL! Games are played on Thursdays at 7:00 P. M. at the East Clubhouse. New players are welcome, and instruction is available. Call for information and to let us know you will be attending.

-Steve



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**C**ornhole is played near the East Clubhouse at 7:00 PM every Saturday evening. Come and enjoy this fun game with your friends and neighbors!



## Cribbage

Steve Gebbett, 727-784-0439

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**S**ee you all next fall! Have a great summer! Cribbage is played on Tuesdays at 7:00 P. M. in the card room in the East Hall.  
*That's it for this season! Many thanks, Steve*



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**E**uchre will resume in November. Watch the media and Facebook for more information. We wish everyone an enjoyable summer and safe travels to our snowbird neighbors as they head north

*Beth & Marty*



## Coffee Klatch

Sue Shumyhora, 203-615-1043

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**S**aturday, August 6, 2022, at 7:30 AM on the porch at the East Clubhouse.





## 'Monday' Golf at Tarpon Springs Golf Course

Linda Taylor, 727-418-4087

**M**onday Golf is played at Tarpon Springs Golf Course. Tee times begin at 8:30 a.m. Anyone interested in playing with the group can contact me at [lindataylor661@hotmail.com](mailto:lindataylor661@hotmail.com) or 727-418-4087 for information. Everyone is welcome and you do not have to be a resident of Serendipity.

- Linda



## 'Tuesday' Golf League

Jean-Louis Lamontagne, 727-787-1213, or Jim Beatty, 727-216-3715



**A**fter a great golf season, we want to announce that the "Tuesday Golf League" will start up again in October 2022. Please look for updates in the Monthly Media in the fall.

Please contact J.L. at [jeanlouis.lamontagne@gmail.com](mailto:jeanlouis.lamontagne@gmail.com) or Jim at [j.beats@hotmail.com](mailto:j.beats@hotmail.com) if you wish to join us and have fun. We are open to all skill levels, and you do not have to be a resident of Serendipity MHP.

*Have a wonderful summer! - Jim and JL*

## Ladies Luncheon

Dawn Roberts, 518-312-8713, Betty Sager, 518-308-9329



**H**i everyone! We would all like to thank Dawn Roberts & Betty Sager for taking over the Ladies' Luncheon. We also want to thank Phyllis Messina and Marge DeMarco for hosting this for Serendipity in the past. The luncheons will resume in September of 2022. Please watch the Monthly Media and the Bulletin Boards for information.

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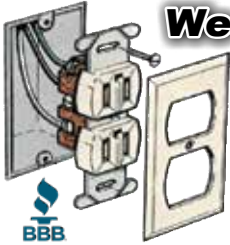
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- 1 cup heavy whipping cream
- 1 pkg (12 oz) shredded cheese

#### Directions:

Preheat oven to 350 degrees

- In skillet, cook beef with garlic and onion until browned and drain grease
- Spread the beef onto bottom of 9x13” dish and stir in bacon
- Whisk eggs, cream, salt, pepper and stir in 8 oz of cheese
- Pour egg mixture over beef and top with the remaining 4 oz of cheese
- Bake for 30-35 minutes until browned on top



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*Nanci Dorau, 321-201-2479*

### TONY WARARUIS IS TURNING 100 YEARS OLD!

Longtime resident, Tony Waranius is celebrating his 100th birthday! He and his wife Pat have lived in the park for over 40 years! Please join us on Saturday, August 27, 2022, at 12:00 noon at the East Clubhouse to honor this milestone in his life! Everyone in Serendipity’s community is invited to come and have a light lunch with cake! Any questions call Sue Shumyhora at 203-615-1043.

**HAPPY 100TH BIRTHDAY, TONY!**





# Pinochle

Jan Barrett, 727-786-8638



## PINOCHLE WILL RESUME WHEN WE HAVE MORE PLAYERS!

Pinochle will be played every Friday at 6:30 in the East clubhouse in the Card room. It is \$1.00 to play. Everyone is Welcome. Come watch and learn this old - time game. Watch the bulletin boards for future updates. Hope to see you soon!

*-Come and join us, Jan*

## Shuffleboard/Fun League

Chuck Bellinger (727-729-5039), George Wagner (716-604-6370)

### WATCH THE BULLETIN BOARDS AND THE MONTHLY MEDIA FOR MORE INFO

A note to all that may be interested in Shuffleboard. The last official shuffle gathering in Serendipity was Mar. 2019. Covid ended shuffling for two years. At that time, we had a president, vice president, secretary, treasurer and four team captains. We played on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 1 to 3 pm. We had about 40 to 50 people playing 10 to a team. Over these Covid years we have lost many of the past participants, but we can get a shuffle group going if there is enough interest. The only people left as officers are Jan Barrett, Vice President, Jim Lewendowski, treasurer, and me.

To get back to what we were before we would need officers and captains. Serendipity has a long history of shuffling. As late as 2017 we had two traveling teams and a fun league. There were 16 people each on the A and B traveling teams and normally 50 to 60 people in the fun league. I am not suggesting we get back to traveling teams but a fun league within the park is possible if there is interest. But we would need people to pitch in and help get this going again. We will put a signup sheet at both club houses that will be there all summer. If interested, please sign up and mention if you are interested in being a captain or if you're interested in being an officer. None of the present officers are here in the summer. We really should elect new officers also if we get something going. Normally the fun league does not start until January.

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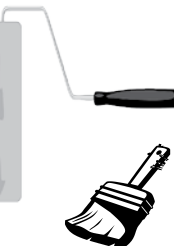


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# HOA and Social Committee Update

Jerry Zielinski, President, 727-225-3657, Sue Shumyhora, Social Director, 203-615-1043

Our HOA Informational meetings are the third Tuesday of the month at 7:00 pm at the East Clubhouse, throughout the summer months.

## Notes from the Social Director:

Our Social Director is again: Sue Shumyhora. Her phone number is 203-615-1043. Please reach out to Sue with any ideas or concerns you may have concerning events at Serendipity. Most Social Events will be held inside for the summer months. (In the cool Air Conditioning).

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## Calendar of Events (See below for specifics on these events)

Friday, August 5	Game Night	7-9:00 PM	FREE	E
Saturday, August 6	Coffee Klatch	7:30 AM		E
Friday, August 12	MyCareMedical Ice Cream	3:30 PM	FREE	E
Tuesday, August 16	Dedicated Senior Med Lunch	12:00 PM	FREE	E
Sunday, August 21	Inside Concert w/Carolyn Street	5-8 PM	\$8	E
Saturday, August 27	Tony Wararuis 100th BD Pty	12:00 PM	FREE	E
Every Wednesday	Big Band Practice	7:00-9:00 PM	FREE	E

\*\*\*Please check out our flyers regularly for further information. Sign-up sheets are posted only in the East Clubhouse. Checkout the Facebook Serendipity Homeowners Association Page as information may change.

## AUGUST EVENTS INFORMATION

**10 O'clock Big Band:** This 18-piece big band is practicing in the East clubhouse every Wednesday night. You may also make yourself comfortable on the porch. Please clean up your area when done. We hope you will come to listen to the music and have a fun night with friends and your neighbors!

**Tony Wararuis** is turning 100 years old! Join us to celebrate his birthday at the East Clubhouse on Saturday, August 27, 2022, at 12:00 noon. The community is invited to have a light lunch with cake to celebrate his day. Hosted by Sue Shumyhora. Call her at 203-615-1043 for more info.

**My Care Medical Services** will be hosting an informational FREE Ice Cream Social and seminar. All are welcome! Call Sue Shumyhora for more info at 203-615-1043.

**Dedicated Senior Medical Center** will be hosting an informational seminar at the East Clubhouse on Tuesday, August 16, 2022, at 12:00 noon. A FREE lunch will be served. You must sign up for this luncheon. All are welcome. Hosted by Sue Shumyhora. For info call her at 203-615-1043.

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**Game Night:** Come have some indoor fun on Tuesday, August 5, 2022, from 7-9:00 PM at the East Clubhouse! Bring a game to play with your friends and neighbors!

**Dinner and Music with Carolyn Street:** Sunday, August 21, 2022, from 5-9:00 PM at the East Clubhouse. Dinner will be served at 4:45 PM and will include Sloppy Joe’s, Butter Corn, Macaroni Salad, and a Pickle for \$8.00 per person.

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**FUTURE EVENTS AT SERENDIPITY**  
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**SEPTEMBER**

Saturday, September 3, 2022	Cook – Out	Info: TBA
Friday, September 16, 2022	Italian Night at the Races	6-10:00 PM
Thursday, September 25, 2022	Crafting Night	Info: TBA

**NOVEMBER**

Saturday, November 19, 2022	Community Yard Sale	8-2:00 PM
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**DECEMBER**

Saturday, December 10, 2022	Christmas Party/Dinner w/Stan Johnson	7-10 PM	\$8	E
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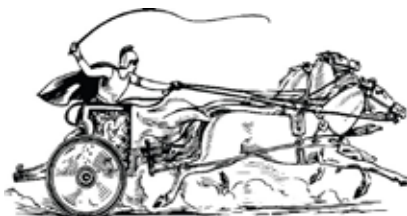
by Dennis Buehrle

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***EDITORS NOTE:** Sadly, this is the last entry from Dennis Buehrle for the Curiosity Corner. His mobile in Serendipity has sold and he must move on. He truly enjoyed writing these articles and wants to thank the residents for the kind remarks. I, being a history buff, will truly miss the articles. I have learned so much and have been surprised that I actually knew so little! Best of luck to you Dennis! -Nanci Dorau, editor*

## Sport Riots

Listening to the sports segment of the evening news a person will often hear about an outstanding effort made by a player to catch a pass, hit a homerun, or make a goal. The outstanding athlete eventually acquires a considerable fan base whose devotion and pride, by some fans, border on the religious. The abilities of one or several such athletes may propel themselves and a team to the playoffs or even stardom like status. However, the intense devotion displayed by these fans can sometimes lead to violence. Banter between fans may turn to insults, a fistfight, and before anyone knows what's happening, it escalates into thousands of angry fans running through the streets destroying property, burning cars, and injuring or in some cases killing people.



We have seen the benches empty in baseball games for a disputed call, bad pitch, or perceived slight towards a player. We have seen spectators rush the field after a football game to destroy goal posts and hear about the night's riotous celebration on the following morning news. While we have read or heard of these near riotous celebrations. Deaths are usually not part of the story.

Referencing a list of the 15 Deadliest Sports Riots of All Time, Detroit finds itself listed 3 times. In 1984 Detroit's celebration of winning the world-series turned into a riot with 1 death and 30 injured. Winning the NBA championship in 1990 saw Detroit's revelry become a destructive riot killing 8 people. Then the riot in 1993 due to Detroit's loss to the Chicago bulls resulted in two deaths.

Soccer fans were responsible for 11 riots on the list. It seems that many soccer clubs have

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cultivated a devout fan base whose passions often seem to get the better of them. These 11 riots were scattered around the world and started over a lost game, a bad call, a scuffle between fans or just an intense dislike for those on the other side. In some cases, rioters did not limit themselves to using their fists or feet. Groups of rioting fans have used rocks, knives, bottles, and fireworks as weapons. Some people were beaten to death, others killed under the weight of collapsed walls or stands, and others trampled to death under the melee while trying to flee. The number of deaths per riot ranges from 2 to 320 deaths with many more injured in each instance. However, they pale in comparison to the riot that held the number one position.

By 532 AD the capitol of the western half of the Roman Empire, Rome, had ceased functioning as a seat of government for the western empire for 56 years. In 476 AD Emperor Romulus Augustus of Rome was deposed by a revolt of Germanic people that lived in many parts of the western empire. The leader of this successful revolt, named Odoacer, conquered all of Italy. He then sent the emperor's imperial crown, scepter, and all his robes to the emperor of the eastern empire with a message saying: 'We no longer have need of these, or an emperor here in Rome'. Rome was never again a seat of government for the Roman Empire.

The emperors of Rome had used various games to help appease the population for centuries. The largest facilities ever built for these games were the Colosseum and Circus Maximus in Rome. Gladiatorial games drew many spectators with a few gladiators developing a considerable fan base. However, their fame seems to have paled in comparison to the race car drivers of the day, the charioteers. The Circus Maximus of Rome was no longer the pinnacle of chariot racing after the collapse of the western empire. Now the Hippodrome in Constantinople (Istanbul), the seat of government for the Eastern Roman Empire, became the largest and most important location for a charioteer. Considered a very dangerous sport, charioteers, could achieve fame and fortune, and possibly retire wealthy if not killed or maimed.

The usual number of chariot races per event were 8 – 12 with up to 24 on special occasions. There were three driver categories: under 17, 17-23, and over 23 years old. Usually 12 participants, representing 4 teams, would race at a time, each team represented by the color blue, green, white or red. These factions gained some political clout over the years but the green and blue factions, supported by politicians and aristocrats, had greater influence with the emperor.

Seven laps around the approx. 1000 ft. track, about half the size of the Circus Maximus of Rome, completed a race. The prized seats to watch "shipwrecks", slang used to describe crashes, were at the curved ends of the track. Betting was rampant and there were very few rules, just about anything was permitted. Spectators even threw objects (nail-studded curse boards) at drivers to impede their progress around the track, and altercations between gangs of fans often spilled into the streets.

The emperor lived in the Great Palace, which was connected to the Hippodrome, so the emperor could safely walk to his loge when attending circus events. The emperor frequently attended the games. It gave public an opportunity to see and communicate with the emperor, and the emperor an opportunity to gage the mood of the populace and to solidify his position. On January 13, 532 AD, the crowd's displeasure was not pacified resulting in a massacre known as the Nika riot.

Public tension was running high. Justinian was in negotiations with the Persians trying to end an unpopular war. He had increased taxes and instituted many new laws, to pay for the war, that

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made it impossible for aristocrats to bend legal judgements in their favor. People lost jobs and money due to these changes. The crowd in the stadium that day was also highly agitated because Justinian had refused to pardon two individuals, from different colored teams, of committing murder during a riot several weeks earlier.



Sometime during the day, the crowd's pleas for mercy for these individuals changed to chants of Nika, Nika, which has been variously translated as "Conquer!", "Win!" and "Victory!" The chanting normally used to cheer on a charioteer, was now directed against the emperor. The crowd became unruly with some storming the palace and others spilling into the streets. Fires that started during the riot consumed much of the city, and for approximately a week chaos ruled the streets.

Several senators and members of the blue and green factions, dissatisfied with the recent governmental changes, thought the chaos presented an ideal time to depose the emperor. Justinian was seriously thinking of abdicating his throne and leaving the city. However, his much younger wife, Theodora, was not willing to flee and berated him. She is credited to have said; "Those who have worn the crown should never survive its loss. Never will I see the day when I am not saluted as empress." She is also credited with adding, "Who is born into the light of day must sooner or later die; and how could an Emperor ever allow himself to be a fugitive."

Justinian regained his composure and devised a plan that involved a popular eunuch and two generals. The eunuch went into the Hippodrome with a bag of gold. He saw as many as a couple hundred dead bodies scattered about the stadium while approaching the leaders of the Blue Faction. He reminded them that Justinian favored them and then distributed the gold amongst them. While the Green faction was crowning their new chosen emperor, many of the Blues stormed out of the stadium. The two generals with Imperial troops, then came into the stadium and indiscriminately killed anyone that remained inside, Blue, or Green. It is estimated that about 30,000 people (about 10% of the city's population) were killed that day, and many of the supporters and senators that supported the riot were eventually executed or exiled.

The Nika riot crushed the power of the factions. The Hippodrome was closed, and the races suspended for five years, decades later the sport's popularity declined. The emperors found it increasingly difficult to finance the Hippodrome games while constantly fighting the Persians, and later Arab invaders.

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