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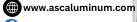


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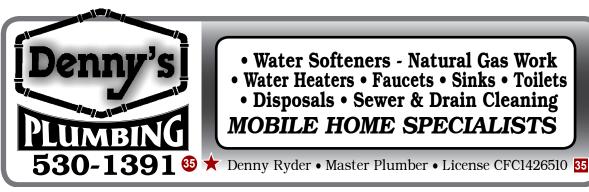
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Message From The Office







Hurricane Milton Update

Residents started to return several days after the hurricane and tornado warnings ceased. They had water and sewer but no electric! We are so fortunate to have minimal damage; prayers answered. 10-15-24 Editor

Day 5 notice from the office

Power has now been restored to the park (on Oct 13). Reminder to check any food you have in your fridge or freezer.

The pool will be closed until further notice. The pump house continues to flood, and the chemicals have to be replaced due to flooding. This is hoped to be resolved in the next few days.

Tree removal is continuing. Several trees are leaning, and will need to be removed. We have notified our contractor and are awaiting his availability.

Remember if you have sustained damage, contact your insurance agent as soon as possible, or if eligible, the FEMA Hotline at 1-800-621-3362.

Thank you. 10/14/2024

Day 2 notice from the office

In the aftermath of the storm, Steve, Billy, and James have been working to clean up the park, helped by other park residents. Thank you to all who have assisted. The immediate focus has been the removal of downed trees. If anyone in the area of the park has access to a chainsaw that can be made available to the maintenance department, it would be appreciated.

Water and sewer are back functioning, but the latest word from Duke Energy is that power will not be restored until Tuesday. Those of you with perishables in your fridges or freezers, take note. Further updates will be provided as conditions change.



Remember if you have sustained damage, contact your insurance agent as soon as possible, or if eligible, the FEMA Hotline at 1-800-621-3362.

Thank you. 10/11/2024

Day 1 notice from the office.

Two homes have significant damage, one has lost its roof and another with the lanai being destroyed and affecting the integrity of the home. Other homes have some damage due to Helene, from 2 weeks ago, and potentially minor damage from Milton. The affected home owners will be contacted and park staff will do what it can to minimize further damage when they are able, and it is safe to do so, until the owner can deal with it. If you are not contacted about damage to your home, you can be reasonably assured that it is because your home has not suffered critical damage. Thank you. 10/10/2024

All Residents - For those of you who participated in the Tie Down program this summer, your Certificate is available in the office for pick up.

Update on the Colonial Village Directory

and Secretary, Susan Collins, Unit # 5 is working on the final proofing. If you missed submitting your information, you can still complete the form at the office and return it to the office. Thank you, Susan.

Update on the January 26th Cruise

If still interested in the Celebrity Constellation Ship cruise departing from Tampa, call or email Agent Karen at 727-290-4998, or ksaltarelli@cruiseplanners.com. Although you missed the group discount price, rooms are still available at slightly increased prices from the first notice.

Park Rules – to All Residents and Your Guests

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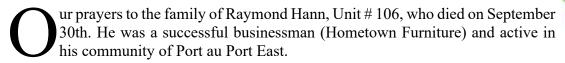
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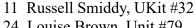




Residents' November Birthdays

- Richard Peterson, Unit #71
- Lois Jensen, Unit #64
- Marguerite Ann Moore, Unit #140
- 8 Colleen Ford, Unit #59
- 11 Don Collins, Unit #85

- 11 Russell Smiddy, UKit #32
- 24 Louise Brown, Unit #79
- 28 Constance St Pierre Unit #101
- 30 Sharon Barbour, Unit #74



3 James and Robin Garrison, Unit #49, 1984 James and Judy Evans, Unit #1, 1967

Residents' November Anniversaries



Residents' Input Requested

Residents are encouraged to fill out the Birthday and Anniversary Survey available in the club house. Residents are encouraged to provide their favorite eateries, recipes and authors for publication. Please email them to barbcroos@gmail.com. Let's make this bulletin more informative, personal and inclusive of our residents.

Why Do Salty Foods Cause Swelling?

ven the most disciplined among us occasionally give in to the temptation to down a bag ◀ of salty snacks, for which we may be punished with noticeably swollen fingers, toes, or ✓ lips. Officially known as edema, this puffiness stems from the uptick of sodium and our body's response of pumping more water into the bloodstream, which results in fluid-bloated tissue. Edema can also be a sign of more serious health problems, but those who simply enjoy a few too many fries during a weekend lunch with friends can beat back the swelling by drinking lots of water, ingesting high-potassium foods, and sweating it out in the gym.

Residents' Favorite Recipes

Old Fashion Cream of Tomato Soup

Submitted for Frances and Earl Clinton, former residents #58

32 oz. canned diced tomatoes

9 oz. chicken broth (undiluted)

1 oz. butter

2 TB sugar

1 TB chopped onion

A pinch of baking soda

2 C cream (whipping, heavy or half & half)

Makes ½ gallon

Mix tomatoes, chicken broth, butter, sugar, onions and soda in a large sauce pan.

Simmer 1 hour. Heat cream in a double boiler (or in the microwave)

Add cream to hot tomato mixture. Ready to serve. Enjoy.

(Counting calories? Delete the cream.)

Date Squares

Submitted for John and Arvill Gray, former residents #58

3 eggs, beat and blend in the following:

1 C packaged biscuit mix 1 ½ C chopped pitted dates

1 C sugar 1 C chopped nuts, prefer walnuts

½ tsp salt

Cook in oven at 350 degrees for 35 minutes. Cool before cutting into 2" squares.

(Counting calories? Delete the cream.)

Easy Potluck Meatballs

Submitted by Barbara Roos, Unit #58

1 Package of Frozen meatballs - Italian Style

1 C Raspberry preserve or Grape Preserve

12 oz. Chili Sauce (optional BBQ Sauce)

In a crockpot or slow cooker, mix Preserve and Chili Sauce. Drop in frozen meatballs.

Stir. Slow cook for 5-6 hours. Stirring occasionally. Optional: Chili Sauce or Barbecue Sauce. (I usually slightly thaw the meatballs first if I'm short of time – 3 hrs cooking time.)





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Meet Long Time Residents

harles 'Chuck' Pinkston, Unit # 56, moved into the park in September of 2012, relocating alone from Dallas, Texas. His mother, sister and brother lived in the Largo vicinity. Chuck was at a car show at our neighboring shopping center and drove by and wandered into CV park. He is originally from Michigan where he was a mechanic pipe fitter at Detroit Edison Power Company for 28 years. After retirement he and his former wife Janice moved to Florida and built two houses. Then they moved to Texas because their daughter Deb and family (with 3 boys) were there. He was married for 50 years and has one son Ed, one daughter Deb, 5 grandchildren and 7 great grandchildren. Chuck's hobbies were fishing, bowling and lots of boating. Now his favorite pastime is sunbathing at the CV pool; his every day at the pool reflects his rich body tan and his raccoon eyes! He is the official coach for the water aerobics participants often cheering them on with "more white water, ladies"! Over the years, his pool buddies continued to encourage Chuck to get in the pool. Finally in 2023 on two sunny and hot days he got in! Being from Michigan, I guess he's not much of a fan of swimming although Michigan has approximately 56,539 sq miles of total area of land and the remaining 40,175 sq. miles are water-based mileage (about 71 percent of Michigan is water!! That explains his fishing and boating hobbies. Chuck enjoys crosswords puzzles, Sudoku (medium challenge) and watching the History and Smithsonian Museums Channels, and Wheel of Fortune (He is in love with Vanna White!). Chuck's favorite restaurants are Logan's Steakhouse, Outback Steakhouse and Acropol Family Restaurant and Burger King for their 50cent coffee and free refills with his six breakfast buddies at 6:30 AM every morning!! Chuck is an avid supporter of the Wolverines, University of Michigan teams!

Looking for Long Time Residents for profiles. In the last two years' of the Colonial Village Chronicle monthly issues we have published a "Long Time Residents" Profile. We stated with the residents who lived here for 20+ years, and then 15+ years. Now we are seeking those residents who have been here for at least 10 years. Please contact the editor to make arrangements for an 'appointment' in person or via email or on the phone. barbcroos@gmail.com, 908-229-8799.

The original name for the fall season was 'Harvest'.

Source: Interestingfacts.com by Darren Orf

towe, Vermont is considered the U. S. Fall Foliage Capital. While New England attracts legions of leaf-peepers every autumn, it's the northern city of Stow that's widely regarded as the best place to view fall foliage. Some 80,000 people visit the small town every year in the summer and fall.

The sky looks bluer in the fall.

Source: Interestingfacts.com by Darren Orf

Ithough the sky is blue throughout the year, it's often a richer blue in the fall and winter, especially at latitudes farther from the equator because both electromagnetism and the biology of the human eye. All visible colors are tied to some wavelength along the electromagnetic spectrum. When sunlight enters earth's atmosphere gas and dust particles reflect the shorter wavelengths of visible light (such as blue) more than longer wavelengths (such as red). That, and the sensitivity of the human eye to the color blue, is why the sky appears as cool sapphire.

However, as the seasons progress, one part of this equation changes: the sun's position. As the sun gets lower and lower in the sky during its annual journey back toward the equator (and eventually the Tropic of Capricorn), the angle of the sun's light hitting the atmosphere causes even more blue light to scatter, while red and green light decreases. That causes the shy to turn an even richer blue. These blue skies are especially easy to see in North America as cooler temperature means less moisture (and therefore fewer clouds), giving you an uninterrupted view of that deep azure atmosphere.

Facts:

- 1. In 1926 Irving Berlin wrote the song "Blue Skies".
- 2. According to one survey, thirty-one percent of U. S. citizens prefer the color blue of any color.

Bobbing for Apples

It may not be as popular now as it was a century ago, but bobbing for apples persists as an autumnal activity, especially on Halloween. Long before kiddos dressed up on October 31, however, British singles played the game as a sort of courting ritual. Each apple represented a different eligible bachelor and, if the young woman bobbing for said apple bit into it on her first try, the two would live happily ever after; succeeding on the second attempt meant that the two would be together for a time but the romance would fade; and not getting it right until the third try foretold doom.

Candy Corn Candy Was Originally Called "Chicken Feed."

Source: Interesetingfacts.com

andy corn may be the most maligned confectionery – it's rare that the tricolored treat ever tops the list of beloved Halloween candies. Yet somehow it returns with flair each fall, an unyielding symbol of the season. While the waxy, triangular kernels have



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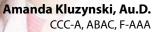


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essentially remained the same since their creation in the 190s, one thing has changed about candy corn: its name. In its earliest years, candy corn was called "Chicken Feed." A catchy name appealing to rural Americans during the time when nearly half the country's population worked on farms.

Not much is known about candy corn's origin, though credit for its creation often goes to the Wunderie Candy Company, a Philadelphia venture that first produced the candy during the 1880s. However, another manufacturer – the Goelitz Confectionary Company, which would grow into the modern Jelly Belly Candy Company – further popularized the treat around 1898, designing packaging featuring a rooster and the tagline "Something worth crowing for." By then the treat was called 'candy corn". At a time when most real corn was planted for animal feed, candy corn was a novelty play on the idea that corn could actually be enjoyable for humans.

Making the miniature kernels was a time-and labor-intensive process done entirely by hand. Workers called "runners" walked backward along a conveyor belt packed with cornstarch molds, lugging buckets filled with a hot, sugary slurry that slowly dripped out through a hole. Each pass contributed one of the candy's iconic yellow, orange, and white layers, which cooled into shape. Today, the process is nearly entirely mechanized and much faster, allowing candy corn factories to produce about 9 billion of the kernels each fall, just in time for seasonal snacking.

Facts:

Shoppers in California buy more candy corn than shoppers in any other state.

.25 pounds of feed an egg-laying hen eats per day.

29 percentage of Americans who say they eat candy corn tip first.

8 pounds of candy the average American adult eats in one year.

800 typical number of kernels on an ear of corn.

Most corn grown in the U.S. isn't meant to be eaten as a vegetable. Farmers in the U.S. plant around 90 million acres of corn each year, though most isn't for human consumption. Just 1% of corn grown in the country is meant for table fare, with 99% used for livestock feed, ethanol production, plastics and more.





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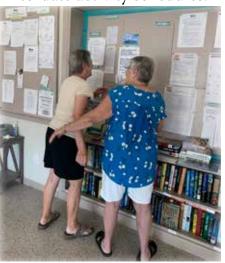
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Scotch Tape

Source: History facts.com/science-industry

Richard Drew, the inventor of Scotch tape, cut his teeth as an inventor by creating masking tape in his spare time. In his first job as a lab tech at 3M (known then as Minnesota Mining and Manufacturing), he delivered sandpaper samples to auto manufacturers, and after hearing many an auto painter curse over their DIY masking solutions, he decided to design the perfect tape. He worked on it at 3M at first, but after he was scolded and told to get back to work, he continued the project at home. Drew eventually made his masking tape from crepe paper, cabinetmaker's glue, and glycerin in 1925, and got a big promotion.

Another industrial problem came to his attention soon after: Bakeries had started using newly invented cellophane for packaging, but had nothing attractive to seal it with. So Drew started experimenting with a clear tape. The adhesives he used on the masking tape looked brown, so he had to invent a new type of adhesive to make sure the tape stayed clear. The result was a cellophane tape with adhesive made from oil, resins, and rubber. As the story goes, the name "Scotch tape" was inspired by an early version of Drew's masking tape, which had adhesive only on the edges, causing one auto painter to ask why Drew was so "Scotch" — a slang term for "cheap" at the expense of Scottish people. Scotch tape debuted in 1930, right at the start of the Great Depression, and as more and more households had to be thrifty and resourceful to survive, the product came along right in the nick of time. People used Scotch tape for everything from mending clothing to capping milk bottles — and even repairing cracked eggs.

Scientists can figure out how old whales are by looking at their earwax

by Darren Orf Original photo by Anne Powell/ Shutterstock



Thales are some of the most majestic creatures on the planet. The blue whale is the largest animal to ever exists, the bowhead whale can live for more than 200 years, and a few humpback whales saved the future of humanity in Star Trek IV The Voyage Home. In fact, these creatures are so amazing that even their earwax is a vital tool — at least for helping scientists understand the mysterious mammals themselves. Take, for instance, the 10-inch-long earplug of an adult blue whale (Balaenoptera musculus). Cetologists — scientists who study whales — can cut into a plug of earwax and learn the whales's age, much as dendrochronologists do with tree rings. Earwax from blue whales (and other large whales such as humpbacks) forms rings, known as "laminae," every six months, which give scientists a snapshot of the creature's entire life through cycles of summer feeding and winter migration.

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And these waxy earplugs can tell scientists more than just a whale's age. Earplugs also capture a chronological "chemical biography" that shows what chemicals and pollutants were found in the animal's body throughout its life, including levels of the stress hormone cortisol. Scientists have compared whale cortisol levels with whaling data, using records from 1870 to 2016, and found an unmistakable positive correlation. The only discrepancy was during World War II, when whale stress levels increased despite a decrease in whaling overall (scientists assume increased military activity was the likely culprit). Despite a new international moratorium on whaling in the 1980s, whales still exhibit high cortisol levels thanks to increased ship noise, climate change, and other factors. But with the help of whale earwax, scientists can at least continue to examine the health of these majestic beasts and the oceans they inhabit.

Fact: All whales used to walk on land. Fifty million years ago, the early ancestor of all cetaceans walked on four legs. This goat-like mammal, dubbed Pakicetus, lived on riverbanks in India and Pakistan. Slowly, its descendants became more comfortable in water until they eventually evolved into today's whales.





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Champagne corks can fly at 50 MPH.Source Interesting facts. By Tim Ott

Tt's impossible to pinpoint just how much that tension-bursting "pop!" adds to the enjoyment of a bottle of Champagne, but human ingenuity has found ways to measure the Lspeed at which a cork shoots from its mooring. In 2008, a German scientist calculated that the average speed of a Champagne cork is just under 25 mph, though they also noted that 62 mph could be reached under the right conditions. Other sources, including the American Academy of Ophthalmology, have noted that champagne corks can easily go flying at around 50 mph.

This high-speed bedazzlement is the result of the way Champagne (and all sparkling wine) is created. Since that magical late 17th-century day when Dom Perignon discovered the recipe — and likely even before that— the beverage has been made by adding yeast and sugar to an existing base of wine. Sealed tight in a bottle, this mixture undergoes a second fermentation that produces its signature carbon dioxide bubbles. That second fermentation swells internal pressure to 90 pounds per square inch — approximately three times the level of an inflated car tire. Upon finally achieving release when the bottle's wire is unwrapped and its stopper nudged, the pent-up carbon dioxide not only ejects the cork at parkway-level speeds, but also generates supersonic chock waves that resemble those unleashed by rockets and jets.

Of course, such a violently ejected projectile needs to be handled carefully; while it's used to comic effect in movies, a poorly aimed cork can shatter glass and result in ghastly injuries like a split eyeball or a detached retina. Drinkers will want to follow safe-opening guidelines that include chilling the sparkling wine to reduce pressure, aiming away from the body, and gripping the cork while twisting the bottle.

Champagne is not a type of grape but rather a type of sparkling wine. It is a blend of grapes: Chardonnay, Pinot Noir, Pinot Meunier and sometimes with Arbane, Petit Meslier and Pinot Gris.

It's unclear when overflowing bottles of Champagne became a regular sight in the locker rooms of pro athletes celebrating a championship, but for motorsports at least, the tradition of the winner spraying the crowd with a bottle of bubbly has a clear origin. At the 1966 24 Hours of Le Mans race, Swiss Formula 1 driver Jo Siffert was handed a bottle that allegedly had been sitting out in the sum for too long, resulting in a surprise pop and unexpected shower for those in proximity. The following year, American driver Dan Gurney decided to up the ante by shaking his winning bottle of Champagne and directing the outburst onto the crowd by the podium. Although the spray may have landed a little too much on team boss Henry Ford II and his new bride, even the sport's bigwigs soon realized that there was no getting that particular mode of celebration back in the bottle.

Facts:

- 1. The average Champagne alcohol by volume (ABV0 percentage is 12.2%.
- 2. There are 2.6 pounds of grapes in a 750 Ml bottle of Champagne.
- 3. There are 132 square miles of vineyards in Champagne, France.

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- 4. There are 34.1 million bottles of Champagne (750ml) imported by the U.S. in 2021.
- 5. The opening in wine cask is called a bunt hole.
- 6. A sommelier is a person with proficiency in wine tasting.

Know Your Stores

- 1. What type of building was the original Costco housed in? Airplane hanger, Warehouse, School, Church
- 2. Home Depot almost had a logo featuring what type of character? Dog, Prisoner, Hammer, Apple
- 3. What department store got New York City's first retail liquor license? Sak's Fifth Avenue, Macy's, Gimbels, Bloomingdale's
- 4. What was Best Buy's original name? Tech Plus, Electronics World, Sound of Music, Video Games Superstore
- 5. What state was home to the very first Walmart? Arkansas, Ohio, Florida, California
- 6. Which is these is NOT a perk at the first Target?
 Free parking, Air Conditioning, Cheap Internet, Discount prices
- 7. Where were the first Amazon meeting held? Gym, garage, library, bookstore
- 8. What was the first item sold eBay?

 Antique lamp, old pair of shoes, used clothing, broken Laser Pointer
- 9. Which drink was invented at Walgreens?
 Root beer float, ginger ale, malted milkshake, chocolate phosphate

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Humans Glow

Source Interesting Facts.com

Bioluminescence, the strange biology that causes certain creatures to flow, is usually found at the darkest depths of the ocean where the sun's light doesn't reach. While these lightemitting animals seen otherworldly, the trait is actually pretty common – in fact you're probably glowing right now! According to researchers at Tohoku Institute of Technology in Japan, humans have their own bioluminescence, but at levels 1,000 times less than our eyes can detect. This subtle human light show, viewable thanks to ultra-sensitive cameras, is tied to our metabolism. Free radicals produced as part of our cell respiration interact with lipids and proteins in our bodies, and if they come in contact with a fluorescent chemical compound known a fluorophores, they can produce photons of light. This glow is mostly concentrated around our cheeks, forehead, neck, and most common during the early afternoon hours when our metabolism is at its busiest.

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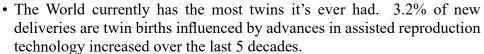






Fascinating Facts About Human Twins

Source Nicole Garner Meeker, Interesting Facts.com



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- Identical twins have different fingerprints.
- Only 1 in 3 sets of twins are identical. 2/3 area considered fraternal.
- Ohio hosts an Annual Twin Festival in the City of Twinsburg every summer.
- Where you are born increases your odd of being a twin. Scientist believe the west coast of Africa, which includes Benin ad Nigeria, beat the odds 27 to 40 sets of twins per every 1000 births. Believed to be influenced by cultural factors: diet (okra leaves and yams) play a role in maternal fertility.
- Time Make Twins Less Alike; contrasting life choices and different environments exposures. Differences in behavior and appearance.
- The younger twins had more identical gene than older twins, especially those who lived apart.
- The longest time between two twins being born is 90 days. The average twins are delivered just a few minutes apart. But in January 1996 a Maryland woman delivered a premature baby, then doctors were able to stop her contractions so she could carry baby #2 to full term three months later.
- According to the American Red Cross, in December 1969 four Rolling Stones concertgoers gave birth during the six-hour spectacle which was attended by roughly 300,000 people.

Which state's coastline is longer than other states combined? California, Florida, Hawaii, Alaska

Source: Interesting facts.com/facts/Alaska

By Darren Orf

laska. It is the largest U.S. state. It's also home to the 10 highest mountain peaks, in the US, far more volcanoes than any other state and more coastline than all other states' combined. Of the US 'estimated' 12,479 miles off coastline, Alaska accounts for some 6,640 miles on its own. Alaska's coastline borders three seas – the Beaufort, Bering and Chukchi - along with the Pacific and Arctic oceans. The coastlines themselves have been formed over millions of years by fault tectonics, volcanism, glaciation, fluvial processes and sea levels changes.

Facts:

- 1. Miles of coastline in NH has the least of any coastline state-thirteen miles.
- 2. Number of people in the US who live in counties located along the coast 127 million.

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November 1 Events

EVENTS & PROGRAMS

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 - 3. Alaska is home to 227 federally recognized Indigenous tribes, more than any other state in the US.
 - 4. Alaska's state flag was designed by a 13 year old. 1926 Polaris star and Ursa Major (Big Dipper) constellation on a blue field. The 13 year old lived in an orphanage.
 - 5. Alaska became a state in 1959.
 - 6. Canada has the most coastline of any country -125,567 miles

Quiz Questions

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- 1. What was the highest rated TV show of 1990s? Golden Girls, Cheers, Game of Thrones, Family Guy
- 2. Which song opens with 'Whop bop b-luma b-lop bam bam? Tutti Frutti, La Bamba, Heartbreak Hotel, Bye Bye Love
- 3. Which song opens with Frank Sinatra Lyric: Fly me to the Moon/-Let Me Play Among the Stars, Please Be True, Let's Set Sail for Mars, You Are All I Long For
- 4. Buddy Holly sang 'That'll Be The Day When You Say ___ what? I Love You, Hello Again, Goodbye, Mary Me
- 5. Elton John sang "And you can tell everybody this is your___" World, Song, Man, Love
- 6. Cher and Peter Cetera. Complete the lyric "You're My Wonderful—" You Catch Me When I Fall, And After All, But I don't know how
- 7. Fats Domino sang, "I found my Thrill on___" Strawberry Lane, Apricot Road, Blueberry Hill, Watermelon Drive
- 8. Temptations. Complete the lyric..."I've Got ____ on a cloudy day." Sunshine, A Smile, An Umbrella, A Full Heart
- 9. Which of these boybands released the hit "I Want It That Way" in 1999? NSYNC, Backstreet Boys, Boy Zone, 98 Degrees
- 10. The Statue of Liberty once served as a sea level lighthouse. T or F

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Did you know the Mall of America is owned by Canadians?



Source: Interestingfacts.com by Nicole Garner Meeker

Bloomington, Minnesota, was developed by the Canadian Ghermezian family whose roots go back to Iran and the Triple Five Group, a Canadian retail and entertainment conglomerate founded in 1972. Notably, while the Mall of America is truly humongous, it was once surpassed in sheer size by the West Edmonton Mall, a Canadian shopping center built by the same company in the 1980s, which reigned for decades as the largest mall in North America.

Managing a shopping center of such gargantuan size is no small feat. Initial construction of

the 4.2 million-square foot mall, located on the site of the former Minnesota Twins and Vikings stadium, took three years. When the doors opened in 1992, the space contained 330 stores and was staffed by an estimated 10,000 employees. In the decades since, the entertainment destination has grown, increasing to 5.6 million square feet and stuffed with 5520 stores and 60 restaurants. There is a food court, a 13—screen movie theater, an indoor theme park, a minigolf course, and the largest aquarium in the state of Minnesota.

Facts:

- 1. There are 30,000 live plants inside the mall along with 300 real trees used for air purification.
 - 2. 40 million visitors to the mall each year generate around \$2 billion in sales
 - 3. There were 150,000 shoppers who enter the all on its opening day in 1992.
 - 4. There are 12,750 parking spaces at the mall.
 - 5. The world's largest mall by total area, featuring more than 1,200 shops is in Dubai.
 - 6. You can shop at a mall in Turkey that's more than 500 years old.

Answers

- 1. Airplane hanger. Designed to look like a warehouse, Costco's first sore was actually an old airplane hanger in San Diego in 1976, caked Price Club and served small businesses only. It opened up to the general public in 1983 but retained its membership option for customers helping to create the warehouse club industry.
- 2. Before the first two Home Depo stores opened in Atlanta in 1979, the founders had planned on a very different name and logo. Initially it was going to be called bad Bernie's Buildall with a log showing a prisoner in a stereotypical striped uniform. One of the store investors came up with home Depot, a moniker that the founders liked for its down to earth quality.
- 3. Macy's. Macy's flagship store I Herald Square is a cultural fixture of NYV. In the late 19th century, it became the first retail establishment in NYC to get a liquor license. The liquor portion of the business was shut down in the 1970s so Macy's could expand the menswear department.
- 4. Sound of Music. When Best Buy was founded in 1966 the store's original name as Sound of Music because the first store in St Paul Minnesota, specialized in high-fidelity stereos. By the time the company was renamed in 1983, it was already a seven-store chain pulling in \$10 million annually.
- 5. Arkansas. Sam Walton opened the very first Walmart in Rogers, Arkansas in 1962. It is still owned by the Walton family and is one of the largest corporations in the world today.
- 6. Cheap Internet. The first Target opened in 1960, a full 23 years before the invention of internet.
- 7. Bookstore. Before Amazon founder, Jeff Bezos had an office for the company, he met

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with his then wife MacKenzie and their first employee Shel Kaplan, in a Barnes & Noble bookstore in Bellevue, Washington. This was fitting, as Amazon itself began as an e-book marketplace, eventually evolving into the online general store it is today.

- 8. Broken Laser Pointer. In 1995, Pierre Onidyar founded eBay when he sold a broken laser pointer to Mark Fraser. It was listed for \$1. The site was originally Auction Web. After a week without a bid, bidders raised the bid to \$14.83. Now nearly 30 years later, eBay is famous as a global marketplace for items both curious and ordinary.
- 9. Malted milkshake. In 1922, Ivar "Pop' Coulson was manning the soda fountain counter at a Chicago Walgreen when he had an idea. Instead of serving the standard malted milk, which was just milk, chocolate syrup and malt powder, he added an extra ingredient- ice cream. The result concoction was the world's first malted milkshake.

Did you know the U.S. Coast Guard once trained pigeons to spot people lost at sea?

Source: Interestingfacts.com by Nicole Garner Meeker

nlisting animals into military service isn't entirely unusual – dolphins have been used for → underwater surveillance and even camels have helped haul supplies. Those success could by why a Coast Guard program meant to train pigeons for search and rescue missions was able to get off the ground in the last 1990s. Project Sea Hunt's goal was to more easily (and quickly) find people lost at sea using trained pigeons to act as real-time spotters. Despite their reputation as nuisance fowl, pigeons are easily trainable creatures with outstanding eyesight; they (like many birds) may even have better vision than humans, thanks to their ability to see UV light. They underwent six months of training to spot yellow orange, and red objects in the ocean (the most common colors for flotation devices and rafts), and were then placed in special pigeon chambers underneath helicopters that had a view of the water below. When the trained birds spotted a bright color, they could signal to Coast Guard pilots above by pecking a special pedal that flashed a signal in the cockpit. Tests runs found that the pigeons were able to spot targets 90% of the time, compared to the human success rate of just 38%. The pigeons were also faster than their human counterparts, spotting potential victims before humans did 84% of the time. Despite these successes, Project Sea Hunt was shuttered due to federal budget cuts in the early 1980s. In the years since, the Coast Guard has combined flyovers, ocean-tracking software, and other methods to quickly and safely rescue those lost at sea.

Fasts:

- 1. There are 330+ known species of pigeons.
- 2. 1790 was the year the Revenue-Marine, the precursor to the U.S. Coast Guard was established.
- 3. The average number of search and rescue missions performed by the Coast Guard daily is 45.
- 4. Distance (in miles) racing pigeon can travel in one competition is 600+.

Answers

- 1. Cheers. Prime Time 1982-1993, running 11 seasons on NBC
- 2. Tutti Frutti
- 3. Let Me Play Among the Stars
- 4. Goodbye
- 5. Song
- 6. And After All
- 7. Blueberry Hill
- 8. Sunshine
- 9. Backstreet Boys
- 10. True. Since Nov. 1, 1886, at 305 feet above. Installed nine electric lamps within the torch, plus more along her feet and in the statue's interior.

Colonial Village Activities

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			Leona McNeil	
Bingo	Tuesday	1:30PM	Jan Tremblay	#26
Euchre	Tuesday	7:00PM	Carmel Foster	.#171
			Dave Denny	
"65"	Mon. and Thurs	6:30PM	Jan Tremblay	#26
			Ernie Ilah	
			Joanne Shumaker	#25
Flea Market	Each February		Social Activities Committee	tee
Memorials			Evelyn VanDuyne	#57
Monthly Media Magazine.	10th of Month		Barbara Roos	#58
Pickle Ball	Tues. and Fri	2:00PM	Scott Oke	.#148
Shuffleboard	Tues. and Thurs	10:00AM	Cliff Bugden	#78
			Hapi Frye	
			Marie Člement	
Wellness	Thursday	10:00AM	Diane Moores	#42
			Grace Hiscock	

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