

# THE HOUSE SPECIAL

NEWSLETTER OF THE SKYLINE HOUSE UNIT OWNERS ASSOCIATION

## PRESIDENT’S REPORT

BY RICHARD PORTER, PRESIDENT



*Recent events have posed important challenges to Skyline House as part of our state and nation. As a large, diverse community, I know we have residents with opinions across the political spectrum.*

*As far as I am concerned, Skyline House offers quality housing for quality people.*

***Our commitment is without qualification as to race, religion, political orientation, gender, sexual preference, age, nationality, or other markers. We do insist on certain values: we are American in our expectations, and we are civil in our behavior.***

***Beyond that, we emulate a church I passed the other day in Alexandria with the sign: EVERYONE WELCOME, NO EXCEPTIONS.***

The month of May found us still enmeshed in the consequences of the Coronavirus. We are keeping our guard up with social distancing, masks, gloves, and disinfectants.

From what I see, most of our people are following our rules about these things, although there is a disheartening minority who think themselves immune. So, let me repeat that **wearing masks both protects the wearer and those around the wearer.** It is a worthy social goal we ought to all cooperate in achieving.

We are also keeping an eye on both our expenses and our receipts as the crisis continues. As you know, as part of our Coronavirus response, we have cut employee hours to 80%, while maintaining wages and benefits at 100%. We have experienced some fluctuation in our revenue, though not enough to be of particular concern at this point. Where we believe there are legitimate underlying problems, we are working with our lawyer to make arrangements that will allow us to make some temporary adjustments on the road to full payment.

Stay well until we meet again!

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## GENERAL MANAGER'S CORNER

BY DEPUTY GM, TYCIA HAIGHT



### East Garage Elevator #6 Hydraulic Jack Replacement:

- Just after an inspection of the elevators in late March, the hydraulic jack in elevator #6 East garage elevator failed and had to be taken out of service. Last month, the repairs were approved in an amount not to exceed \$110,000.00. Avery Elevator is still waiting to obtain permit approval from Fairfax County.



### 2020 Pool Plaza Repairs – Phase II:

- **Ev-Airtight** – is continuing with the installation of the through-wall flashing system along the north and south sides where the new guard rails will be installed. The contractor is averaging around ten workers each day.
- **Raintree Services'** – is working on the main pool drains and the liner, the same for the baby pool.
- **Millennium Pool** – has completed the core drilling for the new plumbing in the kiddie pool. There were no problems encountered. The core drilling on the main pool is still to be completed.



### 2020 Façade & Balcony Repair Project – Phase 2:

- The project is scheduled to address the West building front and back starting at the west end of the building. Additional repairs to both buildings are scheduled to be phased in this year and the next three years to complete the repairs. The Construction Committee made its recommendation to the FMC, PPOC, and the Board for approvals.



### Universal Machine Replacement Exercise Room - S Level:

- Management and the Chief Engineer have obtained two proposals. Due to COVID-19, we were not able to get the third one. American Fitness quoted \$6499.00, but the equipment was out of stock. Heartline Fitness, which is our company that services our equipment, is \$5470.19 and is comparable to what we have and includes delivery and installation and removal of the old machine. We anticipate the machine will be delivered and installed sometime in late June.



### Delinquency:

- **Total past due as of 4/30/20: \$30,345.00 – 19 units.**
  - **Two owners are on a payment plan.**
  - **One unit owner has recently submitted a payment plan for Board approval. It was approved at the May 20<sup>th</sup> Board Call-in Meeting.**
  - **The other units are in collection action with the attorney.**

### Message from the Deputy GM:

Management hopes that everyone is staying safe during these difficult times this Nation is facing. We appreciate all the residents who have followed the policies and procedures we have put in place for the safety of our residents and staff. We also appreciate your patience as staff are working on a staggered schedule, and our in-unit services have been for emergency services only. We ask that to keep the community safe; please let us know if you or anyone in your unit tests positive for the Corona Virus. We owe it to you, our residents, to be informed.

Please know that your personal information will not be shared

## NEW GENERAL MANAGER ANNOUNCEMENT!

After months of searching for the right individual to replace retired General Manager, Michelle Brown Slaughter, the Skyline House Board of Directors is pleased to announce Mr. Barry Bauman as the new GM!

We look forward to meeting the **new SHUOA General Manager, Mr. Barry Bauman**, on August 1, 2020. Mr. Bauman comes to us as an experienced General Manager with a demonstrated history of working in the real estate industry, specializing in condominium and HOA management. He is highly skilled in Negotiation, Budgeting, Operations Management, and Project Management.

## MASK UP VIRGINIA

Help reduce the risk of transmission

- Starting Friday, May 29, any person age 10 or older must wear a face covering at all times while entering, exiting, traveling through, and spending time in indoor public settings.
- A face covering includes anything that covers your nose and mouth, such as a mask, scarf, or bandana.
- Wearing a face covering does not take the place of other public health precautions like maintaining six feet of physical distance between yourself and others, and proper sanitation and personal hygiene.



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OF HEALTH



## TREASURER'S REPORT - MAY

BY KAREN JOHNSON, TREASURER



Preliminary data for the month of April and the first third of the year are now available. In this report, I will review our financial situation through the end of April with a focus on elements that reflect the consequences of the virus crisis.

For the In-Unit Management Program, income in April and for the year through end-April is down significantly as a result of the Association limiting services at this time. Expenditure of items for the program was down in April but was about on budget for the first four months. Over the next few months, both items will likely be reduced below the budget.

Among other income items, receipts were below budget in April and under budget through end-April for rental of facilities and move-in and refinance fees.

Concerning expenses, payroll, associated taxes, and benefits were below budget through the first third of the year primarily as a result of the departure of the General Manager and the lack as yet of a new hire. Spending on water and sewer were less than budgeted for April but were significantly over budget for the year through end-April. Trash removal was over budget in April but below budget for the year to date. Spending for the security contract was under budget, and that for pest control was above budget. Other expenses varied, were smaller, and offsetting. On balance, expenses were significantly under budget in April and for the first third of the year. Income was also below budget, but the shortfall was not enough to offset the reduced expenses. Net income after expenses, reserve contributions, and taxes for the first third of the year were significantly positive and greater than expected.

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## PPOC - MAY

BY BRYANT STUKES, COMMITTEE CHAIR



The chair welcomed everyone to the second virtual meeting of the PPOC, held in this manner due to COVID-19 protective measures. The chair hoped that at some point, these meetings could resume in the West Party Room with proper social distancing, of course.

### Actions:

PPOC decided the following items:

### Approved:

- **Original Rooftop Equipment Ladders replacement:**
  - Chesapeake Iron Works, Inc. \$16,000.00
- **S-Level Gym Universal Machine replacement:**
  - Heartline Fitness - \$5,470.19
- **Cox Communications Cable Package renewal:**
  - Cost of \$16.39/per unit/per month for the 1<sup>st</sup> year with an increase of %4 after the first year plus taxes and fees.
- **Lobby Original HVAC Unit replacement:**
  - Vernon Heating and Air Conditioning - \$66,083.00
- **2020 Façade/Balcony Repair Project Phase 2 – 4 Yr. Project:**
  - The Atlantic Company of America – at a cost not to exceed \$4,880, 080.00

### Other Topics:

- **Pool/Plaza Work** – the chair relayed that the Construction Committee (PPOC Chair: Bryant Stukes, Directors: Charley Roberts, Wali Shairzay, and Greg Grim) along with DGM Tycia Haight, did a project inspection of the pool/plaza progress with representatives from Raintree and ETC. The committee pointed out areas of concern (e.g., more space between the pool fence and the perimeter wall) and gave the reps definitive answers to questions that were asked of SHUOA during our weekly progress meetings. In short, we were satisfied with the work thus far and will continue to see this project to completion.

- **Façade/Balcony Work** – Charley Roberts, Board Director, and Construction Committee (CC) member, gave a brief overview of the 2020 Façade/Balcony 4-Year Project and why the Construction Committee chose The Atlantic Company of America, Inc. for this project. It was the view of the Construction Committee, that as Atlantic has already completed work on the endcaps of the west/east facades, that it made sense to continue with this vendor. It did not make sense to select a vendor who would not have the firsthand knowledge that Atlantic has of the project. While not necessarily the cheapest bidder, the quality of their work and the excellent prior working relationship that Management and the Construction Committee had with Atlantic factored into their favor. Due to the Covid-19 crisis, Atlantic will be asked to postpone the work until as such time we can accommodate residents whose units will need to be intruded and provide for the safety of the unit owners and workers. It will be a period of extreme noise from 8am-5pm, Mon-Fri. and it is a must that the Party rooms be available for resident use.
- **Managed IT Proposals** – the committee was informed that PPOC and GM Haight had sent out an RFP with responses from four (4) potential vendors. The DGM and PPOC Chair will review the proposals and discuss them with the committee in June.
- **Cox Cable Alternatives** – the committee after much discussion, felt that the Cable Alternative subcommittee’s recommendation to continue with Cox Cable for 5 years is the most prudent choice for the Association. After reviewing the Fios alternative, it was found to be cost-prohibitive, given the state of the economy during FY 20/21. It was also noted that the Association’s attorney stated that in our bylaws, we “...must carry the cost of operating and maintaining any television and radio distribution systems...”. It was a matter of Cox at \$124k/yr. or Verizon FIOS at \$174k/yr. In Fairfax County, there are no other cable options.
- **2020 Pool Opening – Covid-19 Considerations** – the chair informed the committee that SHUOA should be proactive in dealing with the crisis as it relates to the opening of the pool.

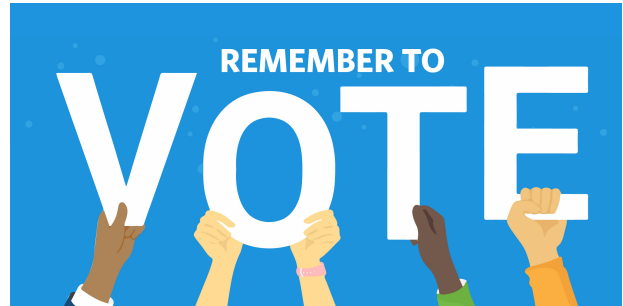
We need to take into consideration the health and safety of our residents. As pool companies are having difficulty finding lifeguards, the Virginia Phase I Reopening rules state that: outdoor swimming pools may be open for lap swimming only and must be limited to one person per lane (usually about 10 ft in width). Given that the pool will most likely not be completed until July at the latest, we must temper resident expectations of the pool being open. On a bright note, the plaza will be open for resident use, with proper social distancing rules in place.

At 7:00pm, the meeting adjourned.

**The next scheduled meeting of the PPOC will take place Thursday, June 11, 2020, at 6:30 pm via conference call. The SHUOA community is welcome to call in!**



**Plaza & Pool Deck Replacement Work**



**Deadline to order an absentee ballot for the June 23rd VA primary is Tuesday, June 16th, no need to wait in line!**

**Order an absentee ballot at:**

**<https://vote.elections.virginia.gov/VoterInformation>**



**FMC - MAY**

BY JUNE BAKER, COMMITTEE CHAIR



The Financial Management Committee (FMC) met via a conference call on Monday, May 18, 2020. Most Committee members called in, and connections were better than last month. Maybe we are getting used to this. Financial figures for April 2020 are:

Total Income	<b>\$ 395,174</b>
Total Expense	<b>\$ 270,915</b>
Reserves Contributions*	<b>\$ 132,192</b>
Federal & State income tax	<b>\$ 6,600</b>
Net Income	<b>\$ - 14,533</b>

In addition, Reserve Budget payments came to **\$62,257** for April. They included payments for maintenance items (down payment for east garage elevator repair), pool deck and pool on-going work, HR, and engineering consultants.

I briefed the Committee on our expenses related to the COVID-19 outbreak. We have been tracking expenses since February and will continue to do so, as necessary. Our spreadsheet includes broad categories, such as cleaning supplies, periodic deep cleaning, legal fees, PPE, sanitizer, and an Other category. The Other category includes our monthly subscription to Zoom. As of May 18, we have spent at least **\$6,868** on COVID-19 related items, and we have scheduled another deep clean for May 21.

Treasurer Karen Johnson and I have been talking about the 2021 budget process that normally starts around June with the General Manager forecasting income and expenses for the rest of the year and estimating changes in expenses, such as contracts and employee insurance. We have begun updating the Operating budget spreadsheet by adding actual audited numbers from 2019 and will be working on 2020 forecasts and 2021 figures in the next several months. We will be working closely with Acting General Manager Tycia Haight, Chief Engineer Greg Grimm, and Bookkeeper Lucy Bei. We plan to create two draft budgets – one for a normal 2021 and one if the Coronavirus affects us into 2021. Our plan is to provide the new General Manager with drafts of both Operating and Reserve budgets since the budget will be an early and important task for him/her.

Treasurer Johnson briefed the Committee on the status of condo fee payments and expressed her belief that our financial situation remains in good standing.

There were no questions about the financial statement from the Committee.

The FMC is recommending to the Board of Directors that

- We accept Cox Communications proposal for a 5-year cable contract at \$16.39 per unit plus tax and fees for Cox Essential Video Services and two mini boxes. PPOC Chair Bryant Stukes briefed the Committee on the results of the IT Sub-Committee’s work on this topic. The motion passed unanimously.
- We accept The Atlantic Company’s proposal related to balcony and façade repair for an amount not to exceed \$4,880,080, over a four-year period. Board Secretary Charley Roberts discussed the Construction Committee’s reasoning for recommending this proposal. The motion passed unanimously.
- SHUOA accept Chief Engineer Greg Grimm’s recommendation to award a contract to Vernon Heating and Air Conditioning for \$66,083 to replace the lobby HVAC system. The motion passed unanimously.
- We accept the Heartline Fitness proposal to replace the Universal Machine in the S-Level Exercise Room in the amount of \$5,470.19. The motion passed unanimously.
- We accept Chesapeake Iron Works revised proposal to fabricate and install 4 staircases for the building roofs for a cost of \$16,000. The motion passed unanimously.

**The next regular FMC meeting is scheduled for Monday, June 22, 2020. As always, we welcome all residents to call in or attend the meeting, depending upon circumstances.**

## CHIEF ENGINEER'S CORNER

BY GREG GRIMM, CHIEF ENGINEER

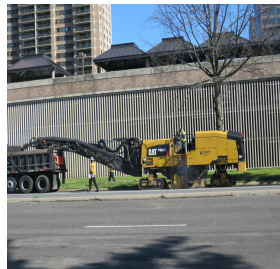
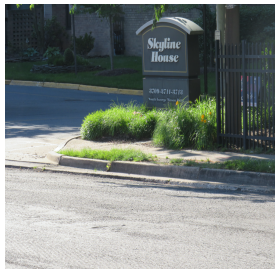


The In-Unit Maintenance program will resume when Governor Northam releases Northern Virginia from Phase I. Until then; we will continue to do emergencies only. That being said, we look forward to again doing services, including HVAC preventative maintenance.

### DID YOU KNOW?

The new water line installation on Route 7 is almost complete. This process was made much easier on traffic due to the lack of cars on the road due to stay-at-home orders.

South George Mason Drive had the pavement stripped on 6/4/2020, and the paving will be complete in a couple of days.



## CREATIVE CORNER

### Unity – Daesha Smith

Five letters that mean so much,  
 It's something you can feel but just can touch.  
 It's a word that was meant to unite us,  
 Because often times we let subtle differences divide us.  
 Now is that the world that we were brought up in?  
 Or is that just the ignorance that we get caught up in?  
 I know how the world is right now, not a pretty place.  
 When girls don't need intelligence, just a pretty face  
 To succeed.  
 And girls overseas can't even learn to read,  
 Or can't show their face,  
 Because it's seen as a disgrace  
 And women get smacked down and told to know their place.  
 People are victims of hatred so unwarranted.  
 Kids aren't being bullied anymore, their being tormented.  
 It's past teasing now, it's at torture.  
 Either adults don't believe you or they try to extort you.  
 There's just so much bravery behind the computer monitor,  
 And things are said that probably could have haunted you.  
 But it's all fun and games right?  
 Sometimes anonymous, we aren't saying names right?  
 Let's try spreading love instead of spreading hate.  
 Maybe then some of this violence could disintegrate.  
 It's a shame kids get toe tags before they get to turn their tassel.  
 All this violence, I'm wondering is it worth the hassle.  
 Is it ever serious enough to need a gun?  
 My heart goes out to all the mothers losing sons.  
 I cry for you and I pray for you.  
 I hope the lord will bring a better day for you.  
 Can we all come together and agree  
 In this community, unity is something that we need.

Please submit your poetry or prose to:  
[donte@shuoa.org](mailto:donte@shuoa.org)



## COVENANT'S COMMITTEE

BY BERT BARROIS, COMMITTEE CHAIR



### Notice to Owners:

The Covenants Committee met in March 2020 to discuss the abuse by Unit Owners of the In-Unit Maintenance program, a unique convenience to the residents of Skyline House.

We are lucky to have highly competent, tenured, and versatile: engineers, painters, and housekeeping staff.

### **Verbal abuse and unsafe working conditions while conducting requested maintenance services will not be tolerated.**

The membership application for In-Unit Maintenance Program has been updated by the Covenants Committee and reviewed by the Association's Attorney.

**As of June 5, 2020, all owners will be required to sign a new agreement in order to receive the use of the service.**

## MUSICAL CHAIRS IN BAILEY'S X-ROADS

BY BERT BARRIOS, COMMITTEE CHAIR



Bailey's Crossroads has a surfeit of retail and office space, with a frightening number of vacancies. We never know what will pull out or go bankrupt next. To date, there has been no serious attempt to right the balance of residential and commercial space, or to put oversized parking lots to better use.

Crystal City has been forlorn ever since the Navy pulled out, but the Amazonian invasion promises to revive it. Skyline Center has been a ghost town ever since the DOD offices moved to the BRAC behemoth at Mark Center and the IRS closed its local office. Only the shiny blue building across from us is fully occupied.

The company that bought the Skyline complex from Vornado has proposed to convert the three black office buildings behind the health club to 764 small live/work units, subject to approval by Fairfax County, but it would be a costly conversion.

Just think of the plumbing. (Highland Square has done two such conversions very nearby.) Check out the pix at [e-lofts.com](http://e-lofts.com). The units are pricey: a 632-sq. ft. studio rents for \$2000 per month; a 995-sq. ft. one-bedroom rents for \$2350.

Eateries that could serve office workers, were there any, come and go. Most puzzling is Beard Papa's Fresh & Natural Cream Puff place, which hardly ever has customers. Why is it still open? The only success is Wild Wings.

The H.H. Gregg, Safeway, A.C. Moore, and Pier One stores just past Columbia Pike are now vacant. Other sites turn over in a frenetic game of musical chairs. Applebee's is now Denny's. Kids & Babies Я Us went bust, but their stores are now occupied by Aldi and Food Star. The Shopper's Food Warehouse store at Seven Corners is now occupied by Giant. They will be joined in 2021 by an upscale Harris Teeter in the West Alex development at King & Beauregard, so there may soon be a surplus of supermarkets.

West Alex is gradually leasing the new Array apartments, 246 units, at outrageously high rents: a .570-sq. ft. studio for \$1900 per month, a 780-sq. ft. one-bedroom for \$2200. There will also be a Silver Diner, but the other commercial spaces are still looking for takers. - Stay tuned.



## HOUSE SPECIAL – RECIPE SPOTLIGHT

### Chicken Pasta Salad

#### INGREDIENTS

##### FOR SALAD

- 1 lb. fusilli pasta
- 2 boneless skinless chicken breasts (about 1 pound)
- 1 tsp. garlic powder
- Kosher salt
- Freshly ground black pepper
- 1 tbsp. extra-virgin olive oil
- 4 slices bacon, cooked and crumbled
- 2 c. halved grape tomatoes
- 2 c. spinach, packed
- 1/2 c. crumbled feta
- 1/4 red onion, thinly sliced
- 2 tbsp. freshly chopped dill

##### FOR DRESSING

- 1/4 c. extra-virgin olive oil
- 3 tbsp. red wine vinegar
- 1/2 tsp. Italian seasoning
- 1 clove garlic, minced
- 1 tbsp. Dijon mustard
- Kosher salt
- Freshly ground black pepper

#### DIRECTIONS

1. In a large pot of salted boiling water, cook fusilli according to package directions until al dente. Drain and transfer to large bowl.
2. Season chicken breasts with garlic powder, salt, and pepper. In a large skillet over medium heat, heat oil. Cook chicken until golden and cooked through, 8 minutes per side. Let rest 10 minutes, then cut into 1" pieces.
3. Meanwhile, make dressing: In a medium bowl, whisk together oil, vinegar, Italian seasoning, garlic, and mustard. Season with salt and pepper.
4. In the large bowl with the pasta, toss together all remaining ingredients. Pour dressing over salad, toss until coated, and serve.

### Sparkling Summer Lemonade

#### Ingredients

- 1 cup sugar
- 3 sprigs fresh mint, plus more for serving
- 1/2 cup lemon juice plus 1 lemon, sliced into wheels
- 1/2 cup blackberries
- 1/2 cup raspberries
- 1/2 cup strawberries, halved
- 2 liters seltzer or soda water

#### Directions

1. Pour the sugar and 1 cup water into a small pot and place over medium heat. Bring to a simmer, stirring until the sugar is dissolved. Remove from the heat and add the mint sprigs. Let the mint steep for 10 minutes, then discard the mint.
2. Add the mint simple syrup to a large pitcher, punch bowl or serving canister. Add the lemon juice, blackberries, raspberries, strawberries and lemon wheels and give a good stir. When ready to serve, fill the pitcher halfway with ice. Top the mixture with seltzer and give a good stir. Serve over ice with sprigs of fresh mint.

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**I WOULD LIKE TO SAY...**

**LETTER TO THE EDITOR:**

Dear SHUOA President,

My name is Lena Bruck and I am a resident here at Skyline. During this stressful time, I have found myself home alone as an only child with no companion. That is why I believe Skyline should allow pets.

I have done a lot of research and pets are shown to boost immune systems which can be found helpful during the Coronavirus. Also, studies show that especially families with only children can benefit from getting a pet because they tend to feel less lonely. Also, studies show that pets can decrease the chances of people getting depression. I think that is very important as we are all stressed out and scared for the future which may cause people to get anxiety and even depression.

Many condo buildings in the area like the Rotunda, Watergate, and Lakeside are all pet friendly and the properties are well maintained with the help of the residents who abide by the rules to clean up after their pets.

I know you have concerns about pets leaving messes in the building, but I have faith in the Skyline residents that they would clean up after their mess. And that is why I believe we should be allowed pets in the Skyline building.

I look forward to hearing back from you with a favorable response. Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,  
Lena

**Response from President Porter:**

Management tells me that the no pet rule is part of our bylaws. Bylaws can only be changed by a vote of the owners. My understanding is that no change in the bylaws has been successful since the opening of this property. No doubt there could be a lively debate about the pros and cons of the rule as it exists. Perhaps your letter will spark same.

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one of the committees  
above!**

**SHUOA committees  
make an impact on the  
quality of life here!**

# SKYLINE HOUSE CALENDAR



# JUNE 2020

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
8	9	10	11 <b>PPOC</b> 7:00 PM Meeting Room	12	13
15	16	17 <b>COVENANTS</b> 7:00 PM Meeting Room	18	19	20
22 <b>FIN MGT</b> 7:00 PM Meeting Room	23	24 <b>BOARD</b> 7:00 PM Meeting Room	25	26	27
29	30				

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# WELCOME SUMMER

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 G R P H U L A H O O P S I J I J J A W K P H O L  
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 SPRINKLER  
 SNOWCONES  
 SUNGLASSES  
 SUNSCREEN  
 SWIMMING  
 THEME PARK  
 VACATION

### Nice Try

**ACROSS**

- 1. Popular chutney ingredient
- 6. It may be rowed
- 10. Stats. that supplement your SATs
- 14. Voter reg. grp. in the news
- 15. Gothic cathedral feature
- 16. Small songbird
- 17. It's bound for harvest
- 18. Lug
- 19. Ancient theaters
- 20. "I" minded
- 22. Total
- 24. Contractor's offering
- 27. Famous balcony occupant
- 30. Fryer's fat
- 31. Gray subj.
- 32. Jamaican fruits
- 33. It has salt within it and salts above
- 36. Nintendo booklet
- 40. PST part
- 41. Shoot up like \_\_\_\_\_
- 42. Smew, e.g.
- 43. Bronze age arm band
- 44. They may be rowed
- 46. Past the breaking point
- 51. Passes on
- 52. It may help you regain your focus?
- 56. Burn a bit
- 57. Fog
- 60. Target, on the diamond
- 61. Seed covering
- 62. Infernal quality
- 63. Following
- 64. Totals
- 65. Drains
- 66. Lawman Earp

**DOWN**

- 1. Photon's lack
- 2. Pine
- 3. Yuletide
- 4. Tagger's art

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- 5. Playing at peak
- 6. Use the tub
- 7. Guillermo's gold
- 8. Tread the boards
- 9. Flamboyant
- 10. Murkiness
- 11. "The Taming of the Shrew" locale
- 12. Fail to be
- 13. Travel round the rink
- 21. Word with chess or opening
- 23. Thick
- 25. "View of Toledo" painter
- 26. Health to Hernando
- 27. 1975 move about Amity horror
- 28. Tesla, for one
- 29. Word before up, down, back, or low
- 32. In \_\_\_\_ (unborn)
- 33. Heart's partner
- 34. SASE, typically
- 35. Pops the question
- 37. Bumppo the Deerslayer
- 38. Designs on Nike shoes
- 39. Distinguish
- 44. Place for rooting
- 45. Kornfield Kounty comedy hour
- 46. Keiko's kin
- 47. India's first P.M.
- 48. Miner's filing
- 49. Sandwich and Salisbury, e.g.
- 50. Is sensitive
- 53. Singer James
- 54. Correction for a correction
- 55. Injury that brings you before the bench
- 58. Hollywood Gardner
- 59. Kind of code or car