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MONTHLY EMPLOYEE NEWS



July is UV Safety Month

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July is UV Safety Month, and as the summer heats up, understanding the sun's ultraviolet radiation becomes even more important. Here are some things to keep in mind while you are outside enjoying the warmer weather:

People need the sun. Just 15 minutes of sunlight to the arms, hands and face two to three times a week is enough to boost Vitamin D production in the body, an important nutrient for our bones, blood cells and immune system. It also aids in the absorption of certain minerals like calcium and phosphorus.

But while moderate exposure to the sun is beneficial, overexposure to the sun's harmful UV rays can lead to a variety of health risks. Longer than 15 minutes spent unprotected in the sun can allow too much of its radiation to penetrate the skin and damage cell DNA. This damage can present as a mild sunburn, or something as dangerous as skin cancer. Often overlooked, the eyes are also susceptible to these detrimental rays. Damage to the cornea, retina and lens are common when eyes are left unprotected.

If you are planning to be outside for longer than 15 minutes, it is recommended you apply sunscreen with a sun protection factor (SPF) of at least 15, at least 15 minutes prior to swimming. Wearing a protective hat and shirt can also help, and be sure to wear sunglasses to protect your eyes.

Staying Active with Lofton

Lofton is dedicated to finding you the perfect assignment. To stay active in our system, be sure to log into your file online to mark yourself "Available" for the week. Simply log into your file and click the Availability calendar icon.

You can also sign up for email and text alerts. After six months of in-activity (no call-ins), your file will be deactivated with Lofton, so it's important to keep up with your availability. If you have found permanent employment elsewhere, please let us know! If at any time you need us again...give us a call! We will be happy to assist you in finding your next career.



Officer Kudos

Special shout-out to **Officer Larry Hinderberger**, Houma. Officer Hinderberger notified the lead Security Sergeant at a local medical client in Houma that the ambulance service was en-route with three patients reportedly suffering from gunshot wounds and the suspect was believed to still be at large. As a result, the facility would be placed on lockdown for the safety of staff, patients, and visitors. Hinderberger reduced the point of entry/exit to one door, at which he stood guard. After the patients had been treated and discharged, Hinderberger lifted the lockdown order without incident.

Thank you, Officer Hinderberger for your quick response and selfless care for the safety of others. Well done, Larry!

Another special shout-out to **Officer Dwight Johnson**, Lafayette. The client was so impressed with Officer Johnson, he sent a personal message.

"I just wanted to take the time to compliment Officer Dwight Johnson. He is so thorough, polite and courteous and is never condescending. He never seems to be bothered when I need my door unlocked."

Anyway, just wanted to give him a compliment and let you all know that he is doing a good job."

Way to go Dwight! Keep up the excellent service!

10 Years of Service Lofton Security New Orleans

Congratulations to the following officers for 10 Years of Service with Lofton Security Service:

- * Beulah VanNorman
- * Larry Green
- * Latoya LaGarde
- * Lorriane Hartford
- * Louis Lucas
- * Tamara Welsh



Thank you for Making a Difference! Be sure to send them "Congratulations" on Facebook!

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Independence Day



Lofton offices will be closed on Friday, July 3rd in observance of Independence Day.



MOST DANGEROUS FIREWORKS

12% 23% 8%
SPARKLERS FIRECRACKERS BOTTLE ROCKETS

20,000
Fires caused by fireworks each year

SAFETY TIPS

- ✓ Check if fireworks are legal in your county or state.
- ✗ Never allow children to hold or play with fireworks.
- ✗ Do not buy fireworks packaged in brown paper.
- ✗ Do not relight malfunctioning fireworks.
- ✗ Use fireworks outside and far from wooden objects.



“Looking Back...Dealing with the Present... and Looking Forward” (Part 2)

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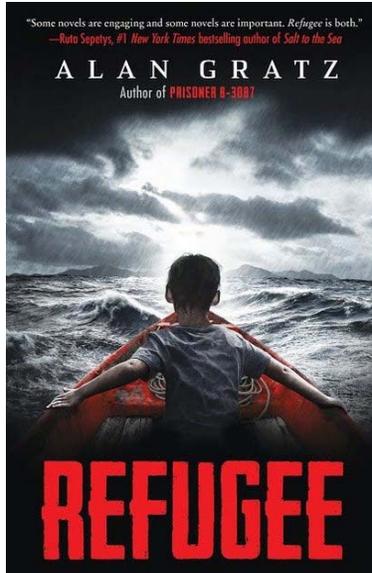
Last month I partially reviewed one of the most emotional and inspiring books I have ever read—Refugee by Alan Gratz, written for grades 4-7. The book, a blend between truth and fiction, focused on three critical time periods in history that I have lived through: World War II, the Cuban Missile Crisis, and the current war in the Middle East. Last month I relived my own past as I briefly summarized the story of Josef, 12, his sister Ruthie, 6, and his mom and dad—a Jewish family suffering persecution in Berlin in 1938, and the story of Isabel, 11, and her family living in Cuba in 1994 under Castro’s communist regime. This month I will tell the story of Mahmoud, 12, and his family—refugees from Syria—and the current, ongoing war in the Middle East. I’ll also share the “rest of the story of the Jewish girl Ruthie, Josef’s sister, who fled Germany at the age of 6.”

As I began to read the third story of Mahmoud, 12, his brother, Waleed, 10, his baby sister, Hana, and their family living in Aleppo, Syria in 2015 during the war between the Syrian Army and the rebels, I felt like saying, “Stop! I don’t think I’m quite ready yet!” The Civil War in Syria, like other wars in the Middle East, are still taking a heavy toll on human lives today, including the lives of American soldiers there after so many years! Coupled with the worldwide Covid-19 virus it seemed to be too much...but I read it

anyway. In 2015, Syria’s ruler, Assad, had been elected twice as president, BUT no one was allowed to run against him, and the beautiful 800 year old city of Aleppo had become devastated by civil war. Mahmoud’s mom, Fatima, a nurse before baby Hana was born, told horror stories of regular people becoming war victims. In the midst of all this, Mahmoud’s family, who were Muslims,

elderly Jewish couple who spoke a different language, but had erected an Arabic sign saying “Welcome Home!”

In that home, to my surprise, I learned the “rest of the story” of Josef, our World War II refugee, and his Jewish family who had fled Hitler’s Germany in an ocean liner to Cuba, only to be refused entry and forced to return to Europe where Hitler had begun to take over. The elderly lady that welcomed Mahmoud and his Muslim family to her home was Josef’s younger Jewish sister, Ruthie (now 76). After their forced return from Cuba, Josef, his mother, and Ruthie were confronted by Nazi guards. Only one child could be released, and Josef unselfishly volunteered to go with his mom. Ruthie was left alone, and a kind French lady took her in. After the war, Ruthie sadly learned that both her mom and brother died in the concentration camp, but on the wall, now yellowed with age, were pictures of her whole family that a cousin had kept hidden and gave her after the war.



prayed and sought to remain invisible until a missile hit the wall of their house, and they were forced to leave their home. So began one of the longest and most treacherous journeys for a family that I have ever read about, which sadly included leaving baby Hana with others along the way. Eventually they landed in Berlin, Germany where they were warmly welcomed into the home of an

As I reflected on the lives of the three refugees and their families and today’s continuing worldwide Covid-19 virus, I was reminded of some of the “System of Beliefs” that have guided our Lofton Staffing family over the past 40 years and give us hope for the future: Remember...life is a temporary assignment. When we help others, we help ourselves. We are all called to serve...God and others! And as we celebrate our country’s birthday on this 4th of July, may God bless you, and may God bless America!

Independence Day Facts

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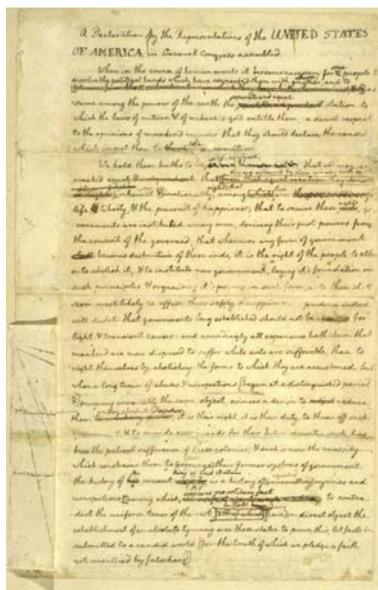
As many of you may know, I am an avid fan of history. When the opportunity comes available to enlighten my readers with a little history, I am quick to oblige.

The 2nd Continental Congress formed a committee on June 11, 1776 to draft a formal statement justifying the break with Great Britain.

The committee members consisted of Thomas Jefferson of Virginia, John Adams of Massachusetts, Roger Sherman of Connecticut, Benjamin Franklin of Pennsylvania and Robert R. Livingston of New York.

Thomas Jefferson alone penned the Declaration in under three weeks, but requested corrections specifically from Dr. Franklin and Mr. Adams before submitting to the committee. The revisions by congress deleted and revised one-fifth of the original text.

The Fourth of July commemorates the adoption of the Declaration of Independence. It was initially approved by Congress on July 2, 1776, but revised and the final version was adopted two days later.



Thomas Jefferson’s rough draft of the Declaration of Independence.

John Hancock and Charles Thomson signed early copies of the Declaration to be given to military officers and various political committees, but the bulk of the 54 congressmen signed an official copy on August 2, 1776 with others following at a later date. Hancock (boldly) signed his name again on the updated version.

John Dunlap printed twenty-four copies of the Declaration of Independence, known as "Dunlap Broad-sides." Two are stored in the Library of Congress, one was George Washington's personal copy.

The original signed copy of the Declaration of Independence is on display at the National Archives in Washington D.C.

John Adams has insisted that the true celebration date should be July 2nd.

Massachusetts was the first state to recognize the Fourth of July as an official holiday on July 3, 1781.

Three U.S. presidents have died on July 4th: John Adams, Thomas Jefferson and James Monroe.