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UCO conducts Welcome Meeting for new residents

By Max Hammerman

A meeting for the new residents of Century Village was held in the Party Room of the Clubhouse on Jan. 4. About 300 residents were there to hear speakers outline the activities and facilities available to all in CV.

The meeting was opened with remarks by Chairman George Shore who then turned the microphone over to UCO Pres Kurt Weiss

Kurt introduced the members of the panel and proceeded to describe the operation of UCO and its various committees and the services provided--Transportation, Bar Code, Beautification, Security and so many others. He took the group through the process taken by UCO through the Officers the Exec. Board and Delegate Assembly for approval of any action to be taken for programs in CV.

Vivian Walsh, VP of UCO

informed the audience of the advantages of filing for Homestead exemption, participation in the Ambulance Service program and the need for new residents to register to vote in Florida.

Phil Shapkin detailed the work of the Ombudsman Committee and the security measures in the village.

Peggy Jackson, Management representative prepared a packet of information for new residents and explained the importance of I.D. Cards and Guest IDs.

Max Hammerman, Co-editor of the UCO Reporter described the features of the Reporter open to all residents and encouraged the submission of articles.

All speakers were followed by question and answer periods. Everyone felt that something new was learned.

President's Annual Report

As in the past, it is my pleasant duty to submit my Annual Report covering this administration's achievements during the past twelve months and our plans for the next year and thereafter.

Our primary tasks in 1999 were of course the negotiations with WPRF for a new contract to go into effect January 1, 2000. These negotiations were concluded successfully and it is a cause of great personal satisfaction for me that all 309 associations signed on and ratified the "UCO Millennium Agreement". It clearly spells out WPRF's obligations as well as ours. For the first time, UCO has absolute veto rights on all expenditures; has direct input into WPRF's Annual Budget (which has to be agreed to by us to become effective) and, in general, becomes the arbiter of how we wish to conduct our life in Century Village.

There were "fringe benefits" a brand new Health Club, two beautiful fountains which are illuminated at night, hand ball courts and the heating of all but one WPRF pool!

This was not the only time when all 309 associations unanimously endorsed and decided to participate in a program offered by UCO. They joined in signing UCO's unified insurance program which enabled us to obtain a policy which reflected the true value of our buildings at what was then a reasonable cost. The year 2001 is another story during the current year we were

informed by four companies who are part of the program that, henceforth, they will not continue to participate in our insurance program. They and many others decided that it is too risky to write property insurance in South Florida. This--without having experienced, in 2000, any hurricane or named storm in our area. Companies which decided to remain and participate in our program raised the premium by 30%. Any attempt to go to another insurance wholesaler would have been fruitless as all of them use the same insurance companies to compile a program such as ours. This augers rather badly with regard to premiums in future years should we indeed be the target of a named storm.

Another UCO program which was endorsed unanimously by all, was UCO's plans to assume responsibility for paving all roads, walkways, and parking areas in the future. Henceforth, associations will not have to create and maintain reserves for this purpose. Paving will be done village-wide using the transportation budget without any further payments by unit owners or associations. This approach will also give the Village a uniform appearance, which is important in projecting a well-cared for image.

To date "Adelphia" has not started installing the fibre-optic cables needed to enhance our TV reception. I was advised, however, that this will take place mid 2001.

UCO entered into a new ambulance contract with American Medical Response and while fees went up to \$1.25 per unit, per month, we obtained unlimited ambulance service. During 2000 AMR adhered to the terms of our contract and very few complaints reached us.

As I am preparing this report, the Haverhill Gate House nears completion. Landscaping was completed at the Okeechobee Gate House which is already completely functional. The East Gate should be completed as I write this and landscaping will commence there shortly, too. Many improvements were implemented in the construction of these Gate Houses and the security arrangements governing entry and exit through them.

Your patience during this period of demolition and construction is very much appreciated and though we did our best to ease the inconvenience of restricted passage through these gates, I have no doubt that the restrictions we had to impose caused problems. All this is behind us and once the landscaping is in place you all will be as proud as we are as we view what has been accomplished. We now have two new Gate Houses built to our specifications in response to our security needs.

We have a security company, "Burns" which does an outstanding job, not only in maintaining security but also in going beyond what is required by contract - doing their utmost to help residents in many, many ways. What, apparently, we do not have is the complete absence of rudeness. There are many cases where residents or their guests verbally abuse security officers who are only doing what they are instructed to do. The language used on occasion, is something which is not fit to be heard in a

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Welcome Committee. L-R Max Hammerman, co-editor UCO Reporter; Comm. Chair George Shore; V.P. Vivian Walsh; Pres Kurt Weiss, WPRF Rep. Peggy Jackson, C.O.P. Capt. Phil Shapkin.

Photo by Herman Tauber

Delegate Meeting

Fri., February 2, 9:30a.m.

in Auditorium

All Welcome!!

Bar Codes
Will be issued
on Feb. 9

Main
Clubhouse
9 to 11 a. m.



ANNUAL
Arts & Craft Show

Friday March 9
10:00AM - 2:00PM

Applications Available
After Feb. 1

At the Delegates Meeting

Betty Lapidus



President's Report... Pres Weiss reported that the East Gate House is almost completed at this time. Phones will be connected on Monday. Landscaping will be started at the Haverhill entrance as soon as the gate house is completed. These plans have all gone through their proper channels.

Lighting... We met with FPL and they will not sell us the light poles but they will retrofit these 93 poles. Larry Kall then reported that FPL has agreed to increase all their lights from 100W to 200W. They will retrofit with new fixtures. They will also install 60 more light poles. Our responsibility will be to pay for the labor and FPL will supply the material for the retrofit. Retrofitting will be completed by February. An engineering report will come in February.

Health Club... WPRF expects to get the permit for this work within 10 days. Work should be finished April or May. Regarding lifts for the Hastings clubhouse—there will be two lifts installed to accommodate our people.

Irrigation... We negotiated a five year repayment plan to Seacrest—at no interest. The City of West Palm Beach is planning a Water Plant just north of CV and they are prepared to include us in their plan for supplying water to us. We have a temporary variance, valid till Jan. 31, 2001 and we can irrigate inside of CV 3 times a week from midnight to 8 a.m. Len Tompkins reported that it may be cut to twice a week. New Plantings are exempt from these restrictions.

South Canal... We have come to an agreement with the three commercial interests that have used the south canal. We received \$17,000.00, and we will deduct fees for our attorney, this money will go back into the WPRF budget.

Dover... has decided not to participate in the Ambulance program or the Pumps program.

DAM... The permit for this work has been received and work on the dam will now go

Movies... There was a question whether we can have movies on a Sunday afternoon. There was a WPRF report that we weren't showing a good attendance at the movie shows. There was a suggestion that we do away with the entrance fee to the movies, and instead, we will ask each unit owner to pay 50 cents per month and this will allow everyone in a unit to attend all movie shows free of charge. As per our contract with WPRF, they cannot ask for money without our permission. Vote was taken, motion was passed with six "nays".

Census... Betty Lapidus, chair of the Census Committee, explained in detail the importance of this census and how it will be conducted. There will be no invasion of privacy, names and address are not required. Beginning on Monday, Jan 8th condo associations will pick up these forms at the UCO office.

Committee reports... Dan Salvo, speaking in his capacity as Vice President, reported on the necessity of unity within C.V. He then reported on transportation—driver of the month is Ernest Burrs. The committee received three bids will go with Community Transit with certain changes in our new contract. Please be aware of changes in the bus schedule.

Security... Dave Bernstein reported that some people coming into CV are abusive to our guards at the gate houses. We have notified unit owners that this will not be tolerated and we will not allow abusive people to enter into CV.

Bar codes... Sid Schuman advised that presidents should be sure that bar codes are turned in when cars are sold or owners move out of CV.

Installation luncheon... Vivian Walsh reported that this will take place on March 18th at the Sheraton—cost \$30 per person.

Next meeting... Kurt reported that meeting will take place on Feb 2, at which time, there will be nominations for

Homestead Exemption — what is it?

Many questions have been asked by new residents of Century Village about the \$25,000 Real Estate Exemption on the assessed value of their home.

This exemption is offered to home owners who must present the following documents:

1. Deed to the property or the latest tax bill
2. Voter Registration Card
3. Automobile Registration
4. Florida Driver's License

Applicants may apply at any time during the year at the Property Appraiser's Office. For a day or two during the year, in January, the appraiser will be at CV for the convenience of residents so that they do not need to travel downtown. Announcement of dates is made in the local newspapers.

If you are a widow or widower, bring a copy of the death certificate. This will entitle you to an additional \$500 exemption.

If you have any further questions, you may call me at 683-9189 during UCO office hours.

Please make sure to attend this very important meeting.

C.O.P.... Phil Shapkin reported that they need volunteers.

Lifts... Phyllis Richland reported an increase in inquiries and she announced that she's available to come to your meetings.

Signs... Haskel Morin displayed a model of the new signs that are available for beautification of our premises. He also displayed light fixtures for same.

Cable... Kurt reported that Adelphia said they would start on fiber optics 4 or 5 months from now.

New Business... Emil Honig reported that although we do not have exposed power lines in CV, he moved that UCO send letters to the County, State and Federal legislatures that all power lines be installed underground instead of above ground.



Quadrant Report - Northeast Area



By Vivian Walsh
Coventry, Easthampton, Northampton, Norwich, Plymouth, Salisbury, Waltham

The meeting was opened by V.P. Vivian Walsh who introduced the members on the dais. They were Dan Gladstone, Chait Insurance Comm. Phil Shapkin, UCO Ombudsman, V.P., Vivien Walsh, Pres. Kurt Weiss, Irv Lazar, UCO Reporter, V.P. Bob Fogelman.

She explained the reason for calling this meeting and asked Pres. Weiss to open the meeting.

He explained the restrictions put on UCO, which is an organization designed to help the officers of associations to run their individual associations.

The microphone was then turned over to Phil Shapkin who explained the duties of the Ombudsman Committee of which he is chairman and also of the C.O.P. program which he heads. He explained about following simple safety rules in your home and on the roads in C.V.

Dan Gladstone, Chairman of the Insurance Committee of UCO, explained the reason for the increase in building insurance in the Village. He indicated that association presidents should make sure that maintenance workmen are covered by their employers. He also mentioned the problem of liability that may arise if welcome mats are left outside your doors.

V.P. Bob Fogelman then explained the reason for up-

dating your association documents which would include the new rules in Chapter 718 of the condominium laws. He mentioned new laws about association voting in your condominium. He also noted that anyone buying a unit at a foreclosure sale can move in without being investigated. The new by-laws which are available will protect associations from having this problem.

Kurt Weiss then mentioned how grateful he was to the associations at the East Gate for allowing traffic to enter the Haverhill Gate through their roads while the gate is being rebuilt. He also mentioned that the security guards are being verbally abused by non-residents. He mentioned that internal buses will be changed from diesel fuel to gasoline which will operate with less pollution in C.V.

V.P. Vivien Walsh spoke about our ambulance service and what to do if anyone has a problem filling out forms received after being transported by American Medical Response. She also reminded associations that the UCO Installation Luncheon will be held on March 18 and she is accepting payments now for attendees.

Questions were asked pertaining to insurance; dirt falling on cars, when Hastings Clubhouse will be completed.

V.P. Bob Fogelman then mentioned the advantages of signing the marketing agreement which has helped to bring values up in some associations in C.V..

TELL THEM YOU SAW IT IN THE U.C.O. REPORTER



At the Northeast Quadrant Meeting
L-R-Dan Gladstone, Insurance, Phil Shapkin, Cop, V.P. Vivian Walsh, Pres. Kurt Weiss, Irv Lazar, UCO Reporter, V.P. Bob Fogelman

Lighting

Larry Kall



After one year we finally got the response from FPL that we had hoped to get. FPL will upgrade all of our existing 93 poles from 100 or 150 watt lights to 200 watt. In addition they will replace the barn type fixtures to "Cobra" heads that spread light in a 360 degree circle. FPL promised to start the changes before the end of February 2001. They also agreed to install approximately 60 new light poles with the same Cobra fixtures. Because these are new poles it will take a little longer to get these up and working, as we have to install electrical lines to all the new poles. FPL will supply the cable and conduit, but we have to do the "trenching work". As soon as we receive the engineering report from FPL we will be able to get bids on the project.

When the new lighting is in place we expect that some people will complain that the new light is now shining into their apartments. This will be true in some cases since the lighting will be brighter and there will be more of it and there is no way to avoid this problem. It can only be suggested that they put in some kind of shades or blinds in their unit. As of this

writing new lighting has been installed at the West Gate to light up the Royal Palms that were planted. We call this lighting "Simple But Elegant". We expect to use this same "Simple But Elegant" when the East Gate is done. When the new entrance lighting went in, we found it necessary to rebuild and rewire the underground electrical systems at the gate, as they were a collection of wiring installed over the last 30 years. Electrical lines are being installed at this same time to light the new entrance signs that will go up as soon as they are approved and the necessary county permits are issued. (Yes a permit is required.) These new signs must meet new 140 mile per hour wind standards.

We are still trying to come up with some plan to improve lighting at various buildings. There is so much poor lighting in the Village that it will require some expenditure by many associations to improve the situation. Unfortunately, many associations do not want to spend any of their own funds to accomplish this. We are especially concerned about bus stops off the perimeter roads that are completely dark at night, as many of these are located on individual condo property.

Phil Shapkin



Again we meet on the printed page. I must say to all who read my column, that it becomes harder each month to put into words the thoughts that cross my mind about the safety of all of you who live in our "Garden of Eden" and the surrounding areas.

Let me say that after four plus years, I believe that my preaching the gospel of personal safety and awareness is paying off. We are beginning to see a new involvement by our C.V. residents. We are not having the accidents that have been the normal state of occurrence in the village. But we must not think that this is a problem that has been licked because the only way to keep this up is to remain alert to all the problems that arise when driving, especially in our village where we see so many people make up new "rules of the road." You may think this is funny or you may be embarrassed or you may not agree in total to this observation but this statement is made with thought and input of many years of watching my own trucks and truck drivers running the roads of New York and surrounding areas and trying to find a formula to decrease my equipment's involvement in accidents that did not have to happen. This is called **Exposure**. This is the magic word and it dictates the action that if adhered to will save you from harm both personal and monetary.

Now let us go on to the next subject. We have a problem that has all of us upset and that is when the early show breaks. We have found that the only way to avoid turn problems is to have all traffic turn right at the four corners of Century Blvd. We seem to have gotten this thought through to you, but some of you are trying to be cute and are turning in to Golf's Edge and swinging around and then going north. No good! You are breaking the rules, you are trespassing on private property and you are endangering people by your action and forgetting what I had just said. **Exposure**. There is no rush to get home.

there is no baby sitter to pay and you are not going to turn into a pumpkin! But you may, because of your imprudent actions, hurt or even kill someone, and that someone may be you. **Think That One Over**. To help you remember this, I am ordering the C.O.P. patrol car to park at this point in the road. I will also be asking the sheriff to have a motor or a green & white to come in and give out invitations to the policemen's ball - all tickets payable at the courthouse.

It seems that the work done by the C.O.P. night patrol in surveying the lighting in the village is about to pay off.

Not only will FPL upgrade and retrofit our existing lights, but we will be getting in the near future, many new lights to help light up the dark areas that could be cloaking a perp in darkness so that he or she could take from you what is yours. We will be going from 100 watts to 200 watts. Now if we can get that association next to you to light up the back and side, and trim the trees up from the ground, we will have done a good job in protecting ourselves.

By the time you read this column UCO will have hosted the annual luncheon for C.O.P. Let me be the first to say thank you to all the people who make this possible. It is a showing of acknowledgment and thanks for a job well done, and a well deserved accolade for the hours of riding the streets of C.V. in defense of all our neighbors and ourselves.

I want to thank all the new volunteers to the C.O.P. program. You are sorely needed to fill the gap left by attrition and ill health of our cadre. We can always use new blood and fresh ideas. And so I will say again, as I do in all my columns, we have room for you to join our elite group of volunteers. We meet every second Thursday at the Camden pool house (UCO Reporter building - Sheriff's field office). We serve fine coffee and the latest news of the goings on in the Sheriff's office. The time is always

Quadrant Report Southwest Area

By Bob Fogelman



Berkshire, Camden, Hastings, Somerset, Wellington, Windsor

Since there are 309 condominium associations here in Century Village, and UCO has four vice presidents, the village has been divided into four quadrants. The Southwest Quadrant is composed of the following areas: Berkshire, Camden, Somerset, Wellington, Windsor, and Hastings.

Each area should have an area association in order to coordinate the operation of respective condo associations within their area. The president of the area association should be contacted by the officers of the individual condo associations within the area for assistance in solving problems as they occur. There is a need for the area association because the officers are elected by the individual associations at an annual meeting. The vote can be one-for-one by unit owners or by association presidents.

All the associations in the Southwest Quadrant must have an area association. Whether the individual associations pay any dues to the area association which would be for the benefit of the entire area is strictly up to the formation of the area association.

I want every association to contact me at UCO as soon as your area organization is established for the year 2001. We will then meet together in order to clear up any problems and discuss how you can plan to enhance your respective areas so that new buyers will surely be attracted to your areas.

Attention Building Officers
No person should be permitted to occupy a unit without a "Certificate of Approval" per Florida Statute #718. Investigation Committee

2000 Tax Return

call

MARC LIPPMAN

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President's Annual Report

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civilized society. I wish to go on record stating that guests involved in incidents of that nature will be kept out of Century Village -- permanently. As to residents -- as a first step, they will not be able to use the visitors call in system. In recurring cases, the Sheriff's Office will be asked to intervene.

Beautifying the entrances to our Village is only the beginning. We intend to plant colorful flowers around the perimeter roads as well as additional trees. For this we need irrigation. We are negotiating with companies who offered to install the necessary equipment, an investment they are prepared to undertake as a loan which would be repaid over a number of years at no interest. This, of course, requires a permit to be issued by the South Florida Water District. If the dam, which is being reconstructed by WPRF, is an example of how long it takes to obtain a permit from them we are in for a long wait. The permit for the dam has finally been issued - five months since plans were submitted. Even if the plan to install irrigation along the perimeter roads does not come to fruition, we still intend to beautify some areas which look bare and we still intend to add trees.

I think I should stress, at this point, that none of the projects I mentioned required any increase in payments from our residents. All these costs will be covered out of revenue, current payments, and bank interest.

The question whether to sign or not to sign the **Bi-lateral Agreement** between UCO and the Associations became a sore subject and was rather hotly debated. Some associations decided not to sign due either to misleading propaganda or to misunderstanding the reason for such an agreement in the first place. Be that as it may most associations signed on and none dropped out at the end of the first year as they could have based on the terms of the contract which has now entered its second year. UCO will not undertake another concerted effort to persuade associations who are still out to sign on. However it is my firm belief that the agreement is needed. It does not reduce the authority and responsibilities of the associations, while it does

give UCO an efficient tool to take action in the areas detailed in the agreement without having to spend the time and energy-consuming method of contacting all associations as the necessity arises. This is more a question of trust in the people you elect to run this Village. If the way things go nowadays is any proof, they are doing quite well and earned your trust.

To date, ten lifts have been installed. I hoped that the response would be quite different. It is clear that a building with a lift would have no difficulty selling apartments on the second floor at a good price. This would increase the value of all units in that building. I do not know what other excuses are being used -- except "How long will I be around?" "Why should I invest money in something which I won't be able to enjoy in the long run?" These comments certainly do not hold up to scrutiny. Seems to me that so long as one is alive, one should do all to fully enjoy one's life. Walking up a steep flight of stairs is not one of life's enjoyments.

The Delegate Assembly has passed a number of **bylaw changes** which increase the number of delegates from associations with more than 26 units. This automatically increases the number of delegates needed to have a quorum at assembly meetings. We did not have a quorum in two of our last three meetings. I am appealing to you to make sure that your delegate(s) come to assembly meetings. Once a month on the first Friday is not such a burden. The golf course will still be there the next day and it should not be impossible to schedule doctor's appointments on other days. Remember if the Delegate Assembly does not function due to lack of a quorum, the decision-making burden and authority lies with the Executive Board.

A number of undertakings were started and as of this writing have not come to fruition. We thought that the problems we encountered with the **MacGray Laundry** company were laid to rest with the signing of new contracts. These specifically detailed the obligations of that company. Numerous complaints reached me recently indicating that Mac-

Gray ignores some of their obligations and that they are completely unresponsive when associations try to contact them, and informed them by certified letter that they are breaching their contract with our associations and that should they not live up to all its clauses, our associations will take legal steps to terminate the contracts.

We created the **Ombudsman committee** to give residents and associations the means to bring before this independent forum disputes involving residents, associations, UCO, and suppliers of services. While a good number of these disputes must have reached the committee, there are still many who come to me and our quadrant advisors requesting that we find solutions to problems. We do not, of course, refuse to help wherever and whenever we can but it would still be advisable to bring these disputes to the Ombudsman Committee.

Lighting has been and continues to be a problem. There are actually two problems: 1) UCO is responsible for adequate lighting along the perimeter roads and the gates and 2) each and every association has the responsibility of ascertaining that lighting around their buildings is adequate from the viewpoint of security and safety. As to UCO's part in solving this problem: we contacted FP&L and requested that they decide in one of two directions. They either should be ready to improve the lighting provided on their poles by changing the bulbs from 100 Watt yellow to 200 Watt and to stand ready to install additional poles as needed, or, transfer ownership of the existing poles to UCO. These poles must have been fully depreciated by now and all they could possibly ask for is a nominal payment. We finally succeeded in organizing a meeting with representatives of FP&L and arrived at an understanding of our needs and their resistance to take these into account. They are not prepared to sell us the poles which were installed by them some 30 years ago although they admit that those are fully depreciated by now.

They are ready, however, on a "time is of the essence" basis to retrofit all their existing light fixtures from 100 to 200 Watts.

Once this is done -- and it should not take any longer than 2-3 months -- we shall determine, in consultation with them, where additional light sources around the perimeter roads are necessary. These will still be FP&L poles and fixtures and it will be necessary to sign new contracts with them, both for the retrofitting and for the new poles and lamps.

As to the associations we requested numerous times to seriously face the problem of inadequate lighting. To ignore this possible source of future accidents or an incident in which security might be jeopardized, is foolhardy and might, in the long run, prove to be expensive.

During the past year, our **bus service** performed satisfactorily and in general on time. What is below our expectations is the ridership. It pains me to see buses running during the day almost empty. We, therefore, decided to change internal buses to smaller gasoline driven vehicles and off season to run them on an hourly basis. Buses going outside Century Village will stop running at 6:00 PM or thereabouts. This should also reduce the exhaust emanating from diesel driven buses.

This past year saw an increase in the number of **apartments sold and rented** amounting to close to 1,000 or 12% of the total of all our 7,854 units. We once again arranged for a welcoming session to which all residents who joined us in Century Village during the last twelve months were invited. We did our best to help our new neighbors get acclimated to condominium life, which is quite different from any other form of community living. While we are pleased to have an influx of new, younger residents, it should be noted that very few, if any, are prepared to take on responsibility in running their associations. This is regrettable in view of the urgency to have younger people take over from us.

As in previous years we organized **workshops** to which all office holders in the associations and indeed all who are interested were invited. The main topic this time was the **marketing agreement**. The prices of our units are still depressed and the agreement seems to be the best way to find some relief to this very important problem.

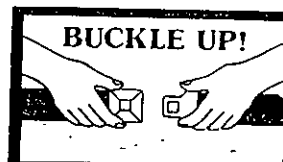
Our accountants, LKD, commenced working on the **audit for the year 2000** and a full report is expected to be issued during the month of May, 2001. It will, not doubt, show that our accounting department conforms fully with the instructions laid down by the auditing firm. Our reserves are invested solely in good interest bearing papers and our general financial situation is safe and sound.

Let me mention one more undertaking which, once it comes to fruition, will greatly enhance our Village and will do away with all our constant worries about having enough water to irrigate. I am referring, of course to the **new water reclamation plant** about to be built by the City of West Palm Beach. We are the first community which was accepted to participate and it is my hope that the administration of my successor will be able to see this plan become reality.

As of this writing we have 29 committees crewed by over 210 hard working volunteers. We have 8 officers and 28 Executive Board members. We have 345 delegates to the Delegate Assembly. There is no area, no task, no topic which is not covered by one or more of our office holders or committees. My sincere thanks are extended to them all. As I said at previous occasions, "Without you, there would be no UCO and without UCO there would be no Century Village."

I am looking forward to another year of fruitful cooperation with these dedicated volunteers so that once again we shall be able to say, "**Never has so much been done by so few for so many.**"

All Organization News and Classified ads which are published as a courtesy to residents, will be discarded if submitted on smaller than 8-1/2" x 11" sheets, as requested.
Small cards and papers are difficult to handle and tend to get lost among the full-size ads.
Your cooperation is appreciated.



Lifts Committee

Phyllis Richland



Hello again. Being chair of this committee has really been an "uplifting experience" I am meeting many new people, and being here only four years myself. I am learning how to travel around our village, and find buildings I never even knew about, in areas that are fun to find.

This weekend I was at an association meeting to discuss the installation of a lift. I was asked which company I represented. Please understand, I do not represent any company. I am a unit owner in Somerset K and I volunteered to be chairman of the lift committee for our community. I'm here to provide facts and figures and try to help with any questions that may arise. Sam Marshall of Somerset A, who is also a unit owner and a volunteer, goes to all the meetings with me and between us we can answer just about any question that comes up. His condo financed their lift with private money, our condo financed with a bank loan.

One questions that came up this weekend was, "If I don't pay my share, but I have a handicap of any kind, shouldn't I have the right to use the lift for free?" The answer is emphatically NO. I spoke with the Handicap Specialist at the Fair Housing Authority and she told me that the lift is a privately owned unit, and only those people who paid for it can use it. No one else by law can use it.

As I attend the various meetings, I am also learning different areas of law that pertain to the lift, and the more I learn, the better versed I am in assisting associations so that they may make intelligent decisions for their unit owners.

Again, I am available to help you with whatever question you may have, and if I don't know the answers, I will do my best to get the right answers for you.

You can reach me at the UCO Office or my phone number at home is 697-3601.

Pumps Committee

Leonard Tompkins



By now all areas of Century Village should be on the new schedule for landscape watering. We all hope that we won't have to go to phase two where we will cut to two days a week. Many buildings have changed to the pop-up type of sprinkler heads which use less water and give better coverage than the old type. We would like to see every building change.

The work has been completed on reconstructing the North Canal banks where they were washed out, and the pumps have been reinstalled. We have installed new motors on several pumps. The new motors are a better type called "rain tight". They are

much more waterproof than the old type. We will be using this new type whenever we replace a motor from now on.

Thank you for your cooperation in the schedule changes. It was difficult to get all the areas covered in the time allotted to us. We need rain and a lot of it. If we don't get any by the end of February we will be cut to watering only two days a week so do your rain dances. Although our lakes look pretty full, the water table in the surrounding areas is way down as is the level in Lake Okeechobee and that is what the South Florida Water Management goes by. They are the ones who regulate how much water we can use.

A Threat to Social Security and Medicare

By Samuel D. Duke

Many members of the National Association of Retired Federal Employees, Chapter 159, and residents of Century Village have asked me why we accuse big business of trying to scuttle Social Security, Medicare and Medicaid.

We must remember, by law, businesses are required to have their employees contribute to Social Security whose contributions are then matched by their employers. If the business is incorporated then this includes all employees, officers and officials of that corporation.

The total financial contribution to Social Security by employees and employers add up to approximately 15% per person of that business. If you would multiply that by the number of employees you can understand that even if a business had 50 or 100 employees, that the employees' contribution amounts to a goodly sum each year.

Now, if we were to talk about big businesses such as DuPont, the large banks, stock brokerages, etc. we are talking about tens of millions of dollars yearly. This is the reason why big businesses are trying to do away with Social Security. It all comes down to money, very large amounts of money.

The second method is far more insidious. It is to divide and conquer. It is separating the larger group from the smaller group. For example, have the wealthier make their own investment in stocks and bonds by withdrawing 2% of their 7 1/2% of contribution to Social Security. This withdrawal is almost 1/3 of the individual's contribution. If multiplied by the millions of eligible contributors it will give you an approximate amount of how much this would cause a diminution of funds into the Social Security Trust Fund. Thus we have an immediate weakening of the fund which still has an obligation of continuing Social Security payments to all eligible retirees. How long can the Social Security Fund exist under this unreasonable and undetermined future?

The strength of the Social Security Fund is its structure - pay as you go. Any weakening of this structure by large withdrawals into Wall Street will surely bring about its demise and ultimately thrust millions of families upon the General Funds of our Gov-

ernment, and throw it into a chaotic state. Besides this, how about those investors who may lose their 2% in the stock market?

Another devious method would be the formation of Medical Savings Accounts. This would ultimately take the more fiscally sound members out of Medicare, leaving the blind, and those in poor health, to be cared for in an impaired Medicare system and again thrust millions of poor families upon the General Funds of Government. This is a thought too horrible to envision.

What I have shown here is basically a simplified version of how to destroy Social Security, Medicare and Medicaid.

The running of the Federal Government is not easy. It requires money and depriving the Government of money is a sure way of dismantling it. A thought too horrible to contemplate. Then again freedom is not free. And fixing Social Security brings up the question -- Fix it from what?

Big business also suggests as I stated above, a stock market approach, by returning 2% of the Social Security to invest on their own. It also suggests that people work longer and wait until past 65 to qualify for benefits.

This government operation has been credited with reducing poverty among the nations elderly and should be watchful of the wealthy elite. Wall Street will be around longer than Social Security. Medicare and Medicaid they say.

It's that time again

I can hardly believe that it is a year since I reminded you that it is time to get your table reservation in for our UCO Installation Luncheon and Dance.

This year our menu will consist of Tangerine Chicken and Talapia Fish.

The price is \$30 per person. The date is **March 18, 2001** at 12 noon, at the Sheraton West Hotel.

Please get your buildings to cooperate.

Vivian Walsh, V.P., Chair

Helpful hints from Village Mutual

By Larry Kall, President
How to Stop a Running Toilet

This article appeared in the UCO Reporter last year. Due to the many calls we received about this problem, we are repeating the details at this time.

First step is to "jiggle" the handle and hope the flapper will go down into the proper place. If this does not work, it is necessary to shut off the water supply. Look on the bottom left side of the tank. There will be a chrome or plastic line leading to the water shut off valve near the wall. Turn the handle clockwise, to the right, slowly until the water shuts off. Some valves will not turn as they are "frozen" or "rusted in place." If that is your problem do the following: Close the toilet bowl lid. Remove the cover of the tank carefully. Look inside the tank for a black "flapper" attached to a chain in the center of the tank. If it is up, touch it with your hand to get it to come down into a small hole in the bottom of the tank. This is usually the problem. The tank will fill up and then stop running.


That did not work either? It is now necessary to get the water supply element or "Ballcock" to shut off. There are two types, the most common is a plastic valve located on the left side of the tank. There is a round plastic ring on top of a plastic shaft. Slowly lift up the ring until the water shuts off. You will have to prop up this ring with something like a ruler to hold it up in place.

The second type of "Ballcock" is usually metal and has an arm leading to a metal or plastic ball or "Float." Lift the arm of the float up slowly until the water shuts off. Again you may have to prop up the float with a ruler so the water will stop.

Call your Service Company or a Plumber for repairs including a new shut off valve if the old one does not work.

Gate Passes

Passes for friends and relatives who visit often may be obtained at the UCO office for \$3 per quarter or \$1 per month. These may be used at either gate.



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The Mail Bag



Thank You SHINE

After almost 3 months of receiving letters and phone calls from Intra-coastal about a bill for money due them from 1998, I called Shine for help, and Mr. Moe Baskin was nice enough to come to my home. He made one call to the hospital and my problem was solved. It was wonderful.

Thanking everyone in Shine,

Florence Walfish

Give us a break

Oh God I can't see! Move him to the end! I paid \$3 00 for this! I'm going to the office! I'm bringing back an usher! They get the best seats! He's too tall! What are they doing here? Next time I'm coming in a wheelchair!

These are some of the printable comments that are made at the theater about people in wheelchairs. Our tickets tell us where to place the wheelchairs. And by the way, there are no freebies.

We don't ask for special treatment nor do we deserve to be treated obnoxiously. Last but not least **Hands Off the Wheelchairs!**
 Mr. & Mrs. J.A. Woessner

Awareness

My wife, Millie, has Alzheimer's. From being an active woman, she has become totally dependent for all her life's activities. She is

still friendly and outgoing. When we take a walk, or are among people, she greets strangers and friends. Her speech is impaired and it is difficult to understand what she is saying. Thanks to those of you who smile back at her and converse with her. Thanks to those of you who take her arm or hand, and walk with her.

We do go to the clubhouse for some shows and some movies. Thanks to those of you who are understanding and tolerant of her disturbances. It is wonderful that there are so many of you who are so helpful.

Please excuse us if we do not stay for the whole show. Millie gets restless and we leave so that we try to keep any annoyances to a minimum.

When we go shopping, she sometimes wanders off. Thanks to those of you who keep an eye on her and either bring her back to me or inform me of her whereabouts.

For those of you who may be annoyed by her laughter at inappropriate times, please forgive us. Remember that her actions are not malicious. Please have patience with us. We are doing the best we can. We are sorry if we infringe on your enjoyment in any way.

Please be tolerant.
 Thank you,
 Jerry Shapiro

Be happy, Be healthy, have hope

Consider this... did YOU know there is a dedicated group, right here in Century Village, who makes Miracles happen.

You know the initials AAA when you have, or have had car trouble, now use the AAA logo to become aware of the "Area Agency on Aging," which sponsors the Senior Volunteer Program called the Experience Corps for Independent Living.


Our Senior Volunteers have gone through a Training Program and background check and can provide home visits to those frail and elderly persons who do not want to leave their homes and community.

We can co-ordinate with other Agencies, both in the Public and Private sector to provide at no or little cost, services to help these wonderful persons do simple chores. We are located in the UCO office on Wednesday, from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m., and on Fridays, from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. We are your neighbors, We are your friends, We are your advocates. The saying goes, "Try us, you'll like us" ...so when in need, when in doubt, or even when you need reassurance, call Nat Weitz, or Rita Rudow at 683-9189, between the hours listed.

To all organizations:

When your organization runs a Special Event, we would like our readers to know about it.

We encourage you to assign someone to write a short item for submission to the UCO Reporter.



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Insurance

Dan Gladstone



As our buildings age, we are faced more and more with the problems of water damage from broken pipes and hoses, as well as leaking drainage. These problems have existed since plumbing has become a part of the modern construction. The nightmare of the wet stains on our walls and ceilings is the result of many reasons, most of them are beyond of our control. Such reasons are, corrosion, rust, freezing water, breakage from constructions and repair works and more.

One of the unpleasant outcomes of a leak, is that telephone call, from the neighbor downstairs, that his ceiling is wet and his walls are stained. Endless quarrels broke out and many friendships were ended.

We are getting many calls concerning that matter and in order to pour some light on the subject, we collected some information that can help us all. That information was collected from The Plastridge Agency, Inc and CJW & Associates - Adjusters.

Here are some of the frequently asked questions.

Is an Association responsible or should an Association's insurance policy, under Covered Cause, be involved for damages to?

Q The walls inside a unit?

A Master policy for the Association is responsible for drywall. Cabinets are under unit owner's responsibility.

Q The walls between units?

A. Master policy for the Association is responsible."

Q The water pipes in the walls, from the meter to the faucet?

A Master policy for the Association is responsible.

Q Entrance doors to the unit (wood, aluminum or glass)?

A Master policy for the Association is responsible.

Q Patio windows and screens?

A. Depends who installed patio windows and screens.

If unit owner installed them, these would be included in the Associations policy,

limited to the stated amount.

in insurance for the building. The Association's deductible is \$2,500.00.

Frequently Asked Questions on Liability Matters.

Q Water damage to the ceiling and/or walls from the unit above?

A Depends on the cause of the water damage. If leak from pipe, the master policy for the Association will pay for the drywall after the deductible. If the unit owner above was negligent, then he will be responsible to pay.

Q Water damage to the ceiling or walls under the roof?

A Master policy of the Association will pay for drywall, ceiling, interior studs, etc., after deductible.

Q Bodily injury or property loss, as a result of mats on the catwalk?

A If mat is owned by unit owner, it is his responsibility. If Association or unit owner does not act if aware of potential problem, could be liability exposure.

Q Bodily injury or property loss as a result of water on the cat walk from air-conditioning or sprinkler?

A If someone from the Association is aware of a possible problem with a leak from an air conditioning unit or a sprinkler and does not correct the problem, then the Association policy be responsible. If no one was aware of a problem, no negligence on the part of the Association, (the insurance company may pay something)?

The deductible in each occurrence is \$2,500.00.

This article is for information only, not to be used for any purpose. In any dispute, claim or insurance coverage, the entire policy, including but not limited to its conditions, limitations and exclusions, will prevail.

All matters relating to insurance claims, are to be brought directly to our insurance agency, The Plastridge Agency, Inc Telephone (561)-630-4955 ask for Lori Deal or Chuck

Programs & Services

Marilyn Nissensohn



While many of you were enjoying the fruits of your retirement, I was enjoying the fruits of our democracy. I had the privilege of serving on a jury for four days. The case, although interesting, is secondary. The people with whom I served are primary. Contrary to much that I have read, (and a comment made by my son upon learning that I was chosen to serve on a panel, "I'm surprised you were chosen. They don't usually choose people as bright as you") those serving with me were interested in seeing that justice was done and that finishing as quickly as possible so that they did not have to come back after the weekend was not a priority. They were bright, articulate and quite knowledgeable. It was interesting to observe and be part of an institution as old as our republic. Everyone I encountered was helpful: from the man at the parking garage who directed me to the best area in which to park; to the people who helped us check in each morning; to those who got us through the security check point, and especially the bailiff who made sure that we did not do anything to cause a murmur and who corralled us each day to herd us into the courtroom. Last but not least the judge who was able to charge us in a manner so that we all understood what the law was under which we were to make a decision. It was a great experience and one which I would gladly repeat.

Have you ever sat in the auditorium in your assigned seat and several minutes after the show starts, people come wandering in looking for their seats causing everyone in the row to stand up? Annoying, isn't it? Believe it or not, WPRF has regulations addressing this. Trouble is, no one has tried to enforce them. But this is going to change. Ushers have been instructed not to allow anyone to enter the auditorium ten minutes after the posted starting time. If there is an intermission be-

main performance, ticket holders will be permitted to enter and take their seats. Reimbursements will not be permitted.

It seems that some people feel that just before a performance begins all empty seats are up for grabs. They move to seats other than those to which they have been assigned. Lo and Behold! The person to whom that seat has been assigned arrives and there is some discourse between them. The person in the wrong seat has to move, thus disturbing those around him. To put it mildly, this is disturbing if not downright rude. If you see yourself in this scenario, please stop.

Although I was not at the January 13th dance, the following occurrence was related to me. One of our residents collapsed on the dance floor. Fire rescue was called. They arrived and took all possible measures at the scene, then transported him to a hospital where he unfortunately died from a heart attack. Unfounded rumors (what other kind are there?) began while fire rescue was still working on him. **Rumor 1:** When the staff office was notified that someone had collapsed, they first sent someone to verify the information before calling 911. Not true. The phone call to 911 was made at once. And then a member of the night staff and a security officer were dispatched to see what could be done until fire rescue arrived. **Rumor 2:** Fire rescue took a long time before they arrived on the scene. Not true. They arrived less than five minutes after the call was made. **Rumor 3:** That some people asked for their money back in view of the fact that the band could not play until the sick resident was removed from the room. Not true. No such request was made by anyone to any of the night staff. **Rumor 4:** Some people complained that the band stopped playing. Someone was overheard saying this but the comment did not reach

Movies

by Kurt Weiss

The Delegate Assembly, in its meeting on January 5, 2001, passed the following motion presented by Irv Spevak and seconded by Phil Shapkin with a vote of 186 yeas and 6 nays.

"It is the task of UCO to enrich the quality of life of our residents to the extent possible. 202 shows, 60 different movies and weekly dances with a live band go a long way to satisfy almost anybody's entertainment needs.

There are among us, people with entertainment needs, such as movies, who cannot avail themselves of these valuable entertainment services.

"It is the decision of this Delegate Assembly to authorize WPRF to collect 50 cents per unit/per month and thus do away altogether with the purchase of movie tickets. Henceforth admittance to movies will be free."

The advantages of this new approach which provides practically free admittance to all movies projected in the auditorium are self-evident.

We show 60 to 65 different movies during a year. Each of these is scheduled three to four times. The \$6.00 it would cost a unit (a unit - not a person) a year is the equivalent of eight admissions for one person or four for a couple at the current ticket prices.

It will also do away with standing in line to purchase tickets. Security will still check at the entrance to the Club House and admit only those who are entitled to use the facility.

The appropriate communication to WPRF by the Operations Committee, has been formalized in accordance with the Millennium/UCO amendment, signed by all 309 Associations (Exhibit A, Section 12, Sub-paragraph d).

This new arrangement for ticketless admittance to the movies will go into effect late in 2001. Units will find the 50 cents per month additional charge in their 2002 payment coupons issued by WPRF.

The months after the current season ends (April) are still under discussion. I am referring to the period of April through October (WPRF's budget year starts on November 1). There is no practical means to collect the 50 cents per unit per month for those few months. I am currently investigating the possibility of instituting this new program in September even though the dues will not be paid until January, 2002.

This new system should also encourage residents who usually do not frequent our movies to come and spend an enjoyable evening watching what in most cases are movies worth watching.

Regarding Bar Codes

Sid Schuman, Chairman

As in all other facets of condominium living in Century Village, the distribution and use of our Bar Code has its rules and regulations. The advantages of having the bar code are obvious when we see the line of cars at our gates waiting to show the I Ds and gate passes to our Security Guards. It is certainly worth your time and effort to obtain the bar code on the designated days. To help you, the following rules must be observed:

1. Bring your car with you. This may seem strange to mention, but many people believe that the bar code is a hand-out.

2. Have your Century Village I D, your current valid driver's license, and your auto registration. No other form of ownership will be recognized.

3. If your driver's license and car registration are from Florida, they must indicate a Century Village address.

4. A fee of \$5.00 is charged for each new bar code. There are no refunds. If you purchased a new car, a new bar code must also be purchased for \$5.00, providing you return your old bar code even in shreds. If the old bar code is not shown, the replacement will cost \$25.00. If your car was stolen or destroyed, a copy of the police report will be accepted as proof, and will absolve the \$20.00 penalty.

5. A second bar code may be issued to the same unit if the second car driver meets the requirements in 2 and 3 above. No more than two bar codes will be issued

to one unit.

6. A yearly renter may obtain a bar code by presenting a copy of the lease with a minimum of 6 months remaining, plus rule 2 above.

7. No seasonal renter will be issued a bar code.

8. If you lease your car and you qualify under 2 and 3 above, you must show the lease indicating it is at least a 2 year lease with 6 months remaining.

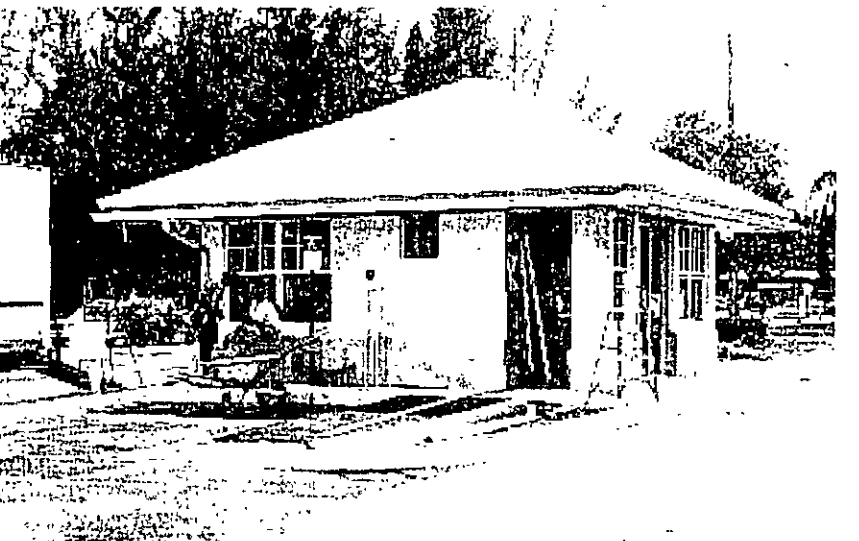
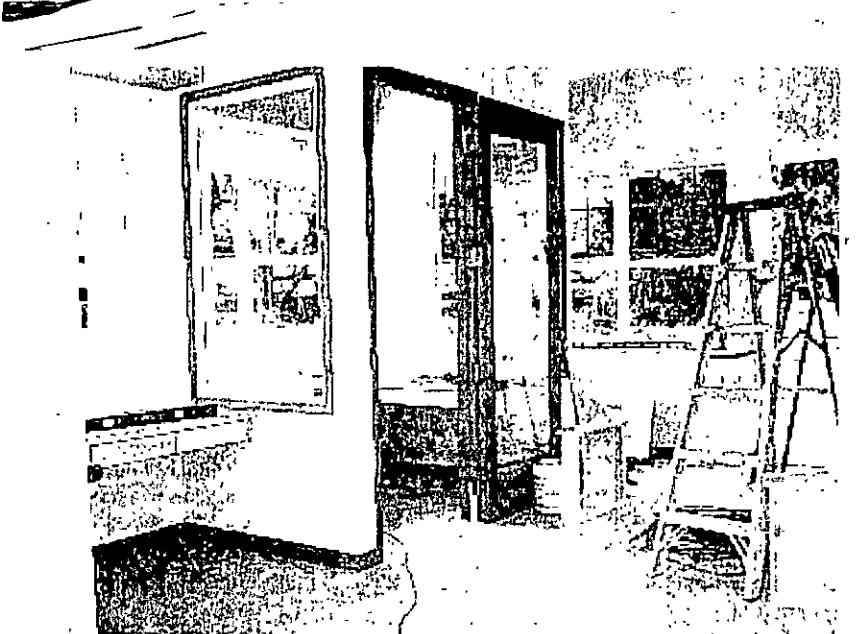
9. No commercial vehicle will be issued a bar code.

10. Bar codes are not transferable from one car to another. If you sell or give up your car, or if you move out of the Village, please notify the UCO office. If you move from one unit to another within the Village, a new bar code is not necessary. Please notify UCO so that our record so indicates.

Please Note. Bar codes are for the sole use of the unit owners. A bar code may be removed by our Security when the car is used without the registered owner in the car.

Each issue of the UCO Reporter indicates the next bar code date. Please bring all the necessary registration documents with you when you come for your bar code. Remember - bar codes are available only on the 2nd Friday of each month, currently at the Main Clubhouse, from 9:00 A.M. to 11:00 A.M. Our wonderful, diligent and hard working committee are waiting for you.

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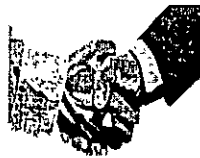


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02/02 Fri	2PM	"WHAT LIES BENEATH" Harrison Ford, Michele Pfeiffer PG-13 126 min
02/07 Wed	2PM	"LOVE'S LABOR LOST"
02/09 Fri	2PM	Kenneth Brantagh, Alicia Silverstone
02/09 Fri	8PM	PG 93 Min
02/14 Wed	2PM	"REMBER THE TITANS"
02/16 Fri	2PM	Denzel Washington, Will Patton
02/16 Fri	8PM	PG 113Min
02/21 Wed	2PM	"AUTUMN IN NEW YORK"
02/23 Fri	2PM	Richard Gere, Winona Ryder
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02/28 Wed	2PM	"THE CREW" Burt Reynolds, Richard Dreyfuss PG-13 87Min



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The girl, the teen-ager, the woman who carries that small piece of glass in her purse depends on it to help put her face in order What female can resist a glance in the mirror upon passing one on a wall without a look to see if her lipstick is straight or if her hair is in place?

Nor is this limited to the feminine gender. The young boy who stands shirtless before the mirror, flexing his biceps can't wait to see the shape of a muscle

The twelve year old girl stands before the full length mirror in the bath room, examines her figure and wonders how soon she will need a bra for her budding breasts

On the teenagers first date - is his hair combed? How can he get the cow-lick to stay down? How to cover that pimple on his forehead? How does this paisley tie go with his new blue suit? All wrong! Must change that stupid tie

for one with some blue in it. And the girl who is his date? What ugly hair! Wonder if mom will let me use hair rinse? And this dress, it's from the middle ages I simply cannot wear it. Must change! Mother!

Let us jump ahead a few years Married, with two children Horrors! A gray hair! Pull it out before anyone sees it I'll soon be ready for the hair dye - and I'm so young.

Her husband too looks in the same mirror and sees his graying temples. As an executive in his firm, he must retain his youthful image the answer - VO-5

The mirror over the vanity in the dressing room reflects the myriad bottles of cologne, perfume, jars of cold cream, cleansing cream and other all-purpose mixtures to which my lady is addicted.

But for sheer amusement, place a mirror in front of the kitten First it paws its image. Getting no response, it moves along the edge followed by its twin and finally moves around to the back of the glass. All so frustrating!

Have you noticed how as we grow older the glass mirrors become wrinkled? The colors they reflect are not as we knew them

They don't make mirrors the way they used to!



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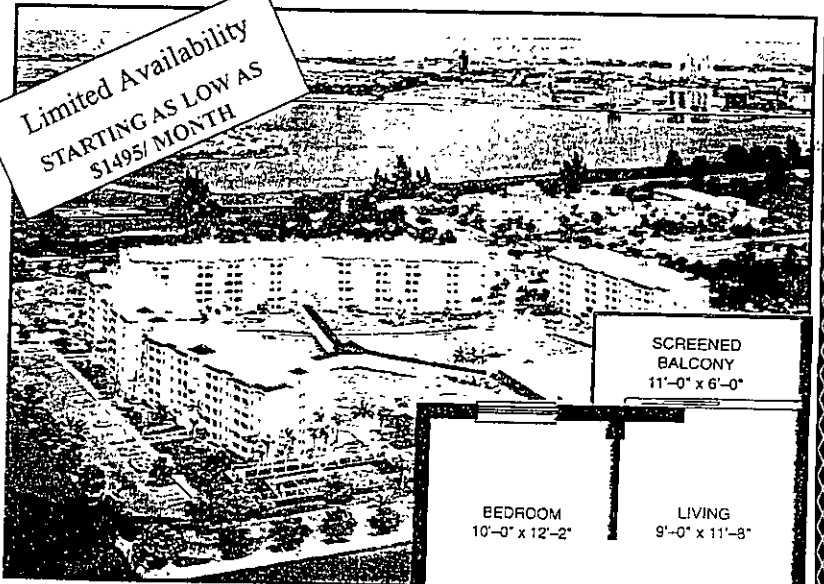
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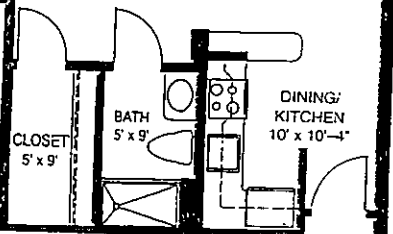
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An old adage says "Don't believe everything you read" Believe it!

This thought is triggered by theatrical reviews emanating from two newspaper critics.

The Post's reviewer, describing "Wonderful Town" at Jan McArt's Royal Palm Festival Dinner Theatre (Boca Raton) refers to its "antiquated script." Two girls from the Midwest move to New York City and find love: career, adventure. That's antiquated? The reviewer goes on to state, "As is often the case with the Royal Palm, the talent level drops off precipitously after the principal players."

Years ago, when I first began writing on the local A and E scene, I quickly came to realize that real Arts Lovers were often far more generous than I. Where I might fault this or that in a given production, season ticket-holders, especially, enjoyed being where they were just for the sake of being there. Those who drive to the Royal Palm come for the show, but also for the ambiance, good food, the intimate setting of a cozy theatre and to see what frequently is darned good talent, even in secondary roles. It doesn't require a Harvard economics professor to figure out that the Royal Palm's limited number of seats means the theatre could not turn a profit if it paid top dollar to each performer appearing in its well-staged musicals. Yet the pleasure level remains con-

sistently high for theatre-goers who, above all, want simply to be entertained. As regards "Wonderful Town," it's cheerful; tuneful (music by Leonard Bernstein) has fine performers with good voices and an old-fashioned innocence that only a misanthropic critic would fail to appreciate. It runs through February 24. "Some Like It Hot," a musical stage play adapted from the famed Billy Wilder movie, follows from February 28 - May 6. (1-800-841-6745).

A Palm Beach critic hailed "The Music Lesson" at the Florida Stage (Manalapan) as the best play ever to be presented locally. I felt that the subject: immigrants newly arrived in America from war-ravaged Europe, was familiar, with the play's ending both predictable and questionable. Anyone who thinks that different maladjusted people bond easily should re-visit Neil Simon's "The Odd Couple." The production was nicely staged with classical music serving, literally, as background setting. But why is it that in recent plays by new playwrights music serves somehow to elevate the refugee? A tone-deaf Yugoslavian pea-picker has as much right to happiness and security in a new land as does a pianist, -- and might be more deserving of sympathy, since former Yugoslavian pea-pickers are not known to congregate in New York City, and finding such a kindred spirit could be a daunting task. Neil Thorne's

"The Exact Center of the Universe" opens January 26 and runs through March 4 (585-3433).

The above cities panned "Fosse" but were not courteous enough to say that the opening night audience loved it or that the musical won a "Best Play" Tony from New York critics. So much for egos!

Truth to tell, every critic worth his or her salt knows, with hindsight, that he or she has made some bad calls, praised some things too much, not given some others their due. Timely dramas, in particular, can sometimes seem

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- Monday, January 29, 2001
- Monday, February 26, 2001
- Monday, March 26, 2001

These meetings will commence at 1:00 p.m. Should it be necessary to schedule special meetings of the Executive Board, members will be notified by phone

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How many times must I write in my monthly article that guards are **not** to be abused. They are there to protect us and watch over the village. They have rules to follow and at this time of the year try to keep traffic flowing smoothly into the village.

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As you may have read elsewhere (although many people look for my column first so they get rid of the bad news early) we are improving the lighting in the village. This is to make our roads safe and allow walkers to be seen. Please don't complain about the light shining in your window. The new lighting is for security's sake and to benefit all of us.

Let me close by saying, "Be kind to each other out there." We are neighbors and at a very vulnerable age in our lives. Even our kids think they know more than we do. (How wrong they are).

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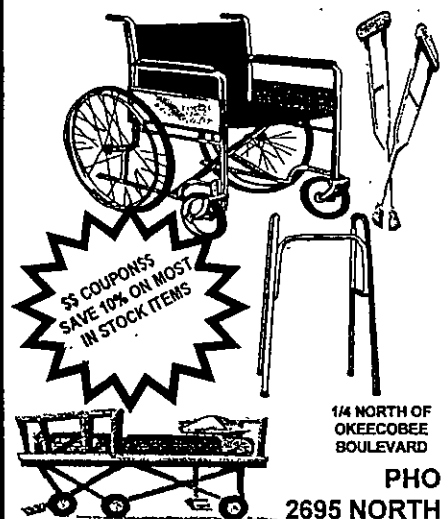
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Men's Golf Philip Dreiss

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Speaking of the President's Cup, the qualifying round will be held on January 12, and our Cup winners will probably be known before this edition of the paper is available for delivery. I am pleased that it was too cold on January 5 to hold the qualifying round while I was basking in the 85 degree weather on the way back from Saint Thomas on a cruise. This gives me a chance to get a good shot this year because I have been able to hang on to a favorable handicap position at the top of "A" flight.

With our snowbirds back and some new members, our Friday tournaments have 70 or more golfers vying for the money prizes. Competition is lively both in the individual, the two-man, and the four-man events. We are always looking for new members. Applications are available in the Turtle Bay pro shop.

Marilyn Savant featured a bunch of words this week in her Parade column. The words were some of those that read both backwards and forwards. I was not surprised to realize that the word **golf** turns to **flog** when spelled backwards, and that must be why I feel flogged after I have experienced a poorly golfed round!

Snorkeling Shirley Mindel

Welcome to Sunny Florida. As I write this column during our very cold snap, I think that any thoughts of day snorkeling trips will be on hold for a while.

In which case we hope that you all have your reservations in for the Gala Joint Sailing Club-Snorkel Club Installation Dinner

Dance on Feb 4 at the Crown Plaza Hotel, Belvedere Rd. We start with a 2 for 1 cocktail hour from 6 - 7 pm, followed by dinner & dancing to the lovely music of Bob Wetzel. The installations will take place during the orchestra breaks so as to leave plenty of time for dancing.

The Snorkel Club Officers, who were elected at the last meeting and who will be installed are President, Joan Ford; Vice-Pres Pat Izzo, Treasurer, Gigi Lachance; Secretary, Shirley Levni.

Please give Evelyn Mintz - 478-3198 - your table arrangements and send your checks (\$30.00 per person) to Sam Berest, 203 Wellington M., asap.

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We have had some interesting videos recently of excellent snorkeling areas. If you can't go personally to these beautiful reefs at least we can see them on film. I don't know how the underwater photography can manage to get such close-ups of the myriad species of fish and coral. It really makes you want to get in the water and see for yourself.

See you soon "swimming with the fishes."

Sailing Arlene Schwartz

Plans are in place to start our racing season on Jan 9th for the Tuesday Division and Jan 12th for the Friday Division. We had to postpone our starting date because of the cold and windy weather.

A committee has been selected to plan, monitor and judge the racing season. They


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Classes in CV

by Judy Roy

The New Year is certainly starting with a bang. Our classes are busy and residents are back in full force. Please remember that you must enroll in the Class office before the day the class begins. Also, keep in mind that the instructors cannot take money on a pay as you go basis during the season.

Wednesday, January 31 has Frank Handler beginning another series in **Jewish History**. His classes have been full this whole season. Check in the office for any possible openings.

Dancercise classes with Marilyn Bloom have a new series starting Wednesday, January 31 at 9:30. Marilyn puts you through your paces as you have fun exercising to music. Her Friday class will begin again February 9 at 9:30.

Ed Chelm's **Wire Wrap** classes only take six students. Ed teaches you to take gold-filled wire and turn it into rings, bracelets, and earrings. The next series begins Monday, February 1.

Claire Lukoff teaches **Canasta** on Thursday, February 1. Lessons for beginners is at 10:00 and for intermediates at 1:00. Card playing is a very popular way to pass time with friends.

If you want to exercise but are unable to take a strenuous class, you might want to consider our **Tai-Chi** classes. Lessons are on Thursday, February 1 and Monday, February 5.

Lapidary students are taught how to use several machines such as the tumbler and polisher. Learn how to create a nice stone for a piece of jewelry. Classes begin February 5 at 1:00.

Learning to **Write Your Memoirs** can be entertaining as well as educational. Everyone has stories about their childhood or growing up that would be of interest to family or friends. Let Lottie Robins show you how to save these important moments in your life. Lessons start Monday, February 5.

Gaston Roberge is our new **Painting Workshop** teacher. His class is going so well that we now have a class on Tuesday and a class on Thursday, beginning February 6 and February 15.

The **Portrait Sketching** class also was very well received. We had to form two classes for it too. Lessons are

starting again Monday, February 5 and Wednesday, February 7 at 9:30. The teacher is Violet Batkin.

Music Appreciation classes with Roni Stein have another series beginning Thursday, February 8 at 10:00. Roni uses tapes in this class to augment her lectures. Register now for this interesting class.

Irv Rikon's **News In Review** continues Friday, February 9 at 10:00. Discuss the many topics that have been in the headlines both locally and nationally.

The **Beginning Conversational Hebrew** lessons are underway. The next series begins Monday, February 12. This class has been in progress for four weeks, but if you have a slight recollection of Hebrew you may still be able to take advantage of this class.

Calligraphy classes with Harold Bernstein begin another series Monday, February 12 at 9:30. Many students use this class to improve their handwriting as well as learning to do the fancy handwriting.

Sylvia Friedland's **Line And Folk Dance** lessons have another series beginning Thursday, February 15. The beginners dance at 10:00 and the intermediates dance at 11:00.

International Folk Dance lessons with Gert Kole begin another six week series on Saturday, February 17. Students love learning the various folk dances from around the world.

Our **Safe Driving** classes for next month will be on February 14 and 16. This class saves you money on your insurance. Classes are for three hours each day and you must attend both days.

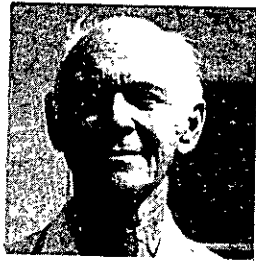
Mondays has **Line And Folk Dance** lessons with Sydelle Singer. Lessons begin at 10:00 for Line dancing and at 7:00 for Folk dancing. Begin a new six weeks of lessons on Monday, February 19.

Ceramics classes begin Tuesday, February 20 at 10:00 and also at 1:00. Make that great gift for someone before you leave for the North.

We want to welcome Dottie back from having surgery and even though we had a nice replacement, we missed her. Dottie teaches our **Continental Country Line** class that begins again Tuesday, February 20. Register now and join her.

As I See It

Don Amter



Save Our Hospitals

By now we all know about the problems facing our local hospitals - St. Mary's and Good Samaritan. It's a long sad tale.

Good Sam goes back a long way. It was started as a local clinic for the area back in 1918. With community support it gradually grew to become a major health provider - the institution it is today. St. Mary's began in the mid-thirties. Its mission was to provide health care for sick and needy. It too has grown to become a major health care provider, especially for the minority communities and those less fortunate financially.

Then circumstances changed drastically. The financial situation of the hospitals became tight. However St. Mary's remained solvent with a surplus while Good Sam was in the red. In 1994 a group came in promising to help with the finances and claimed they would provide better management. But instead of getting better the hospital's finances became worse.

A group called Floridians for Health Care (FFHC) sounded the alarm. Something drastic had to be done or we would lose our hospitals. They raised such a ruckus that Florida Attorney General Butterworth's office became involved. The Attorney General called a hearing to discuss the case. A group of us CVers went to the hearing, which was held in the Civic Center in Riviera. It was jam-

Mr. Guy leads the Advanced Intermediate Bridge classes on Wednesday, February 21. This class gives you some of the finer points of the game.

David Brunner's **Ballroom Dance** class meets Tuesday, February 20 at 5:30. He is going to be doing the **Cha-Cha**.

The annual **Arts And Crafts Show** is scheduled for Friday, March 9 from 10:00 to 2:00. Applications will be available after February 1,

packed with about 250 people who were disturbed with the possible loss of the hospitals.

The Attorney General's staff came prepared with voluminous materials - especially financial - to make their case. They angrily accused the management group of the hospitals with gross violations and mismanagement. And ended, amidst great applause, that St. Mary's could be saved, even though management had threatened to liquidate it. But the management would have to revert back to our community.

A county commissioner, Addie Green, got up to say she was outraged by the gross mismanagement and worse. She exclaimed angrily: "If I had done what they did - I would be sitting in jail!"

What had actually happened? It is now time to tell the whole shtimy story of the shell game played by the management group that took over the two hospitals. Catholic Health East and Intracoastal Health Systems came in promising to make funds available and to correct shortcomings. They took over management in 1994 and affairs went rapidly downhill from there. St. Mary's, which had funds to spare, began to be drained of money. Billings for services went down so that millions of dollars were lost. On the other hand, Good Sam, which had been struggling along, was suddenly infused with money and services were improved. How did this happen?

It was the local organization, Floridians for Health Care which dug into the situation and came up with some answers. I talked with the leaders of this organization, President Joe Irwin, Vice President, Dr. David Prensky and Legislative Director, Elna Laun (who was especially helpful), all of whom have been working hard to uncover the facts in the situation.

It is a long and tangled web that has been spun. Let's start at the top. Catholic Health East is not Catholic, nor is it a charitable organization or non-profit, as it tries to bill itself. It is a \$5.6 billion dollar

real estate outfit which has made hundreds of deals in Pennsylvania, where it comes from. It puts on a facade of the Catholic Church and funnels some money to them. Actually it has pulled similar stunts elsewhere, such as in upper New York State.

Up there they tried to take over three hospitals in the vicinity of Woodstock, NY, and it was only the tenacious and determined fight-back of the community that prevented it. CHE gave up in the face of such strong opposition.

Intracoastal Health Systems has a shady past. It was appointed by CHE to manage St. Mary's. Now it comes out that Intracoastal itself is under the management of a group called Cambio Health Solutions. The parent company of Cambio is Quorum which was convicted of a \$75 million dollar Medicare fraud.

And in the midst of this loss of money, Intracoastal's CEO, Philip Ducher was given a million dollar golden parachute when he left his position!

Had enough? It goes even further. It was found that some of the officers of CHE are on the boards of Intracoastal and Cambio. And finally, it seems that the "independent" financial consultant, Ken Kaufman, had been involved with Catholic Health East! Some of this information seems not to have yet reached the press.

How does this story end? First of all, CHE and Intracoastal **Do Not Own The Two Hospitals!** Second, this management has been beefing up Good Sam by siphoning off funds from St. Mary's, which had been solvent. They wanted to fold its activities into Good Sam. In the end it is believed that they wanted to demolish it and use the property - one hundred acres - to build housing to sell on the open market.

UCO president Kurt Weiss wrote a letter that was read at a meeting called to tell the community what was going on in all this. It was the hospital's management team that called the gathering in the attempt to forestall community protests. They must not get away with it!

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Recreation:

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are Marty Ephraim, Bjorn Gundersen, Ted Hecker, Estelle Stepler, Allan Honigman, Ed Cantor, Artie Teitelbaum and Charles Cote as chairman

The following will compete in this seasons races

Tuesday

(Rudder Division)

- Lou Augenblick
- Artie Teitelbaum
- Haim Riback
- Rhoda Weber
- Evelyn Forman
- Frank Maniaci
- Charlie Block
- Shelly Blaustein
- Stan Model
- Irv Cohen
- David Winter
- Denise Turcotte
- Patrina Maniaci
- Walter Tanzer
- Sey Kawaller
- Leonard Selman
- Peter T Scianablo

Friday

(Mainsheet Division)

- Theo Martzoukhous
- Phil Mintz
- Josie Wayner
- Bernie Katz
- Justin Stepler
- Bjorn Gundersen
- Marty Ephraim
- Charles Cote
- Hy Kroll
- John Ford
- Jonas Goldstein
- Ray Mullen
- Victor Kane
- Danny Salvo
- Marcel Ste.Marie
- Pierre Belee
- Bob Taub
- Pat Izzo
- Larry Plante
- Marty Zuckerman

Races start at 1 p m Please come to the dock, enjoy and show your support.

A tentative date for the Cup Race with Pembroke Pines will be held at our dock on Feb.28th Any change will be announced. All updates are listed on our bulletin board

We are looking forward to seeing you on Feb.4th at our Sailing Club/Snorkel Club Installation Dinner Dance

Condolences to Paul Merriman on the loss of his wife Mary

Tammy is officially back and with Scott adding his support on weekends, we are looking forward to a successful sailing season. See you at the dock!

Women's Golf
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With the year 2000 coming to a close and the new year

beginning, The Turtle Bay Ladies Golf Club had its annual inaugural luncheon, which was held at Emerald Dunes Golf Club, December 14.

At this time we would all like to thank the outgoing officers and chairpersons of the various committees for all the effort and input that has brought this club to the status it now holds. We have a fun group of ladies who thoroughly enjoy the camaraderie and challenge of playing golf with fellow members

At the luncheon, before surrendering the gavel, our esteemed President, Mac English gave a heart warming speech and then introduced our only charter member, Dorothy Danish (1972), who gave a brief history of our club. Mac English then presented roses to the ladies who have been active participants in our club during its first five years, and are still active today They are: **The Darling Dozen;**

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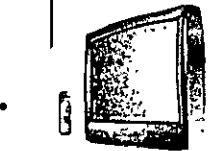
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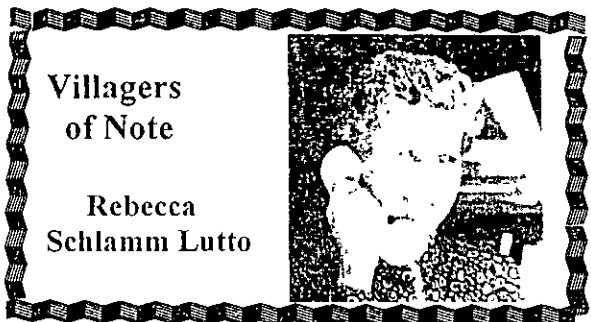
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**Villagers
of Note**

**Rebecca
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**Socrates Comes to the
Village**

No need to wait for the completion of the new Hastings spa. Allan Brooks's Mind Spa is now open at the clubhouse. There you can exercise your brain cells, flex your neurons, speed-walk your synapses and give both of your cerebral hemispheres a good workout.

This is not beanbag, although ideas bounce back and forth from one Villager to another. You might call it medicine ball, since Brooks believes that a mental workout also enhances physical health.

With one topic at a time -- a recent one was the Electoral College -- Allan Brooks becomes the Village's Socrates and asks the questions that set minds cogitating. Why was the Electoral College created? Is it outdated for the 21st Century?

Don't call it a class, although Brooks's clipped beard and his genius for keeping his spa brainstorming makes him seem quite professorial. Actually he thinks of his group more as a salon, but he didn't use that name because it connoted hairdressing to some.

"But the word 'spa' conjures up notions of health and well-being," he said. "And stretching the brain is part of good health. The spa energizes the untapped intelligence we don't usually make use of."

Mind Spa to its founder is part fun -- he enjoys playing devil's advocate and "picking people's brains" -- and part headhunting to bring together the vibrant, stimulating people in the Village. While most organizations have speakers or book reviewers and a passive audience, Brooks aims for a lively, interactive session.

Allan Brooks's own life was turned around by curiosity and education in 1970. He was driving past Queens College in New York when he suddenly realized that he wanted to know more about literature and

philosophy and anthropology -- the liberal arts. After a career as a metallurgical engineer dealing with metal failures and quality control of metal fasteners -- interrupted by a World War II stint in Naval Air Force maintenance -- this meant going back to college at night.

By 1980 Brooks had become a teacher at night, while keeping his day job. At the New York Institute of Technology in Westbury, L.I., he taught technical writing, freshman English, the art of prose and effective communication. Since

retiring from engineering in 1986, he has been able to concentrate on his desire to involve others in the kind of intellectual stimulation he has found in the liberal arts and social sciences.

"I believe in the mind/body connection," he said. "Half the people don't vote. Many put themselves down and say, 'I don't know if I'm qualified to speak on that subject.' I want Villagers to get involved at the Mind Spa. We are all citizens with a responsibility to think and vote and choose."

Although his mission is the fitness of the Village's intellect, Allan Brooks can also be a model of physical vigor. An agile 5-foot-7, he is a slim 135 pounds and keeps trim by swimming and sailing. He also practices on the piano and attends art shows with his wife of over 50 years, Eihel. They have two daughters and four grandchildren.

The Brookses have been winter residents of Century Village since 1995, after a severe winter storm that was just one New York blizzard too many for them.

Allan Brooks founded Mind Spa last spring and this year he is also volunteering a monthly session of "Issues and Questions" for the village chapter of Brandeis women. For information, call Pearl at 471-9379.

Among the topics that will be discussed in Mind Spa's second season this spring are professional jurors, euthanasia and affirmative action. Meetings are held on the first and third Wednesdays of the month at 3 P.M. in Classroom A in the clubhouse. For information, call Allan Brooks at 687-3602.

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Thinking

Here I sit in my chair
Thinking of things I could not
bear
Thinking of years gone by
My how they fly
Years of hope, years of joy
Years of tears and heartache
too
But why should I feel blue
It's hard to make your mind a
blank
You store the memories, full
like a tank
We must try with all our might
Only to think of things that
will
Help us to see the light
We must find peace within
ourselves
Think of the good and not the
bad
After all we don't like to feel
sad
God alone can hear our prayers
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He picked it up, now crumpled and dirty. "Now who still wants it?" Still the hands went into the air. "My friends, you have all learned a very valuable lesson. No matter what I did to the money, you still wanted it because it did not decrease in value. It was still worth \$20. Many times in our lives, we are dropped, crumpled, and

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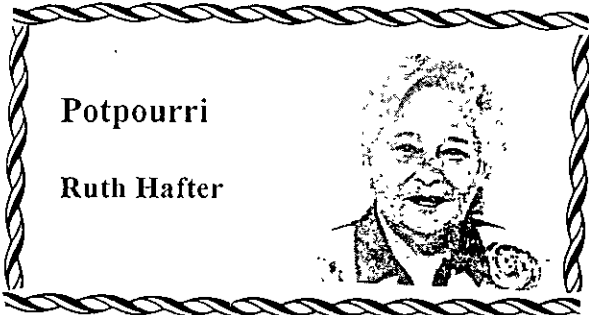
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I found myself wondering how it was when I enjoyed the snowy climate when a telephone call brought me up to date. "Grandma, it is snowing and I am going outside to build a snowman. Daddy is shoveling the walk." How well I recalled building a snowman, then a wall around it, and also challenging friends to a snowball fight It was great coming indoors for a glass of hot chocolate and cookies Of course we were dressed for the occasion by wearing mittens with plastic bags covering them so they wouldn't get wet from the snow. Galoshes were also part of the costume I wonder whom I gave them to when we moved to Florida. It is nice to recall the memories, but I would not like to trade our comfortable usually balmy weather for the unfriendly climate of the North

However, every now and then, Florida's weather gives us a jolt and brings our memories back to remind us of what it was like in days of yore Then it is time for Grandma to say, "Come on down and we'll go swimming" A few of the brave souls did come this winter and while the Floridians thought it was cold, the northerners did not and jumped into the pool and stretched out around the pool.

It was a good thing we did not give away some of the winter gear because they were put to use when necessity drove us out of our home. The weather also induced us to stay indoors and to catch up on thinning out the closets.

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Random Ramblings

Robert Fogelman



It has again come to my attention that some associations are having difficulty in getting unit owners to volunteer to help the president administer the association. In fact, some associations have reported that there are no unit owners who are willing to become officers of their association or even serve as board of directors

To go a step further, there are some unit owners who consider this area to be their final retirement and as such, they assume that the other unit owners should serve them in all duties in the management of "their" condominium association.

The operative word is "their" association. Once again I must reiterate that every owner is a member of "their" association and, as such, they are obligated to assist in administering the responsibilities of the board

of directors and officers of the association.

Many times, I have explained to the residents of Century Village that condominium living is totally different than living in an apartment in a private home or even in a cooperative. Without the unit owners absolute cooperation in all matters pertaining to the administration of the association, problems of large magnitudes will develop that could inundate the health and welfare of all the unit owners.

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It's hard to make a comeback when you haven't been anywhere

Only time the world beats a path to your door is when you're in the bathroom.

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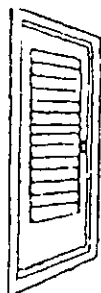
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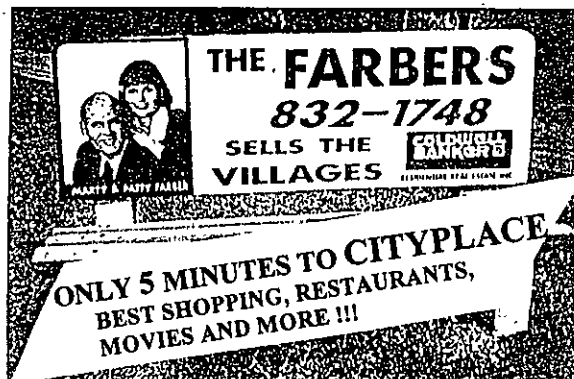
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Marilyn Bloom, Anne Davis, Renee Friedlander, Irene Governal, Alice Herschman, Sylvia Kaplan, Goldie Kempner, Sylvia Lustig, Ruth Poliner, Shirley Stroller, and Ida Waranoff We admire you all and wish you many more years of lively golfing

Helen Fisherman did an exemplary job of installing officers for the year 2001 giving background and insights of the ladies elected. We welcome and congratulate Perle Metnick, President, Rhoda Weber-Vice President, Shirley Seidman-Treasurer, Sandy Diamond-Secretary Perle Metnick then took over and voiced her goals and ambitions for the new regime.

The Victory Tournament March 2000 Awards were then presented by Liz Conser and went to: 18 Holes (Class A), B.A. Cardin; Runners Up-C.Cohn & G Weiss. (Class B) L.Silberman; Runner up E. Bennett. 9 Holes (Class A), M English; Runner up J. Cummings (Class B) F

22 Birdie Pins were presented to deserving players, and then our Chairperson Gerry Weiss announced Ringer Contest Winners first & second place 18 Holes - Class A: J. Sicillano, R, Weber, Class B B Sandomenico, Second place tied. A. Herschman and P Nichols; 9 Holes - Class A- A Lopiccolo, Tie for second, D. Schreiber and S Seidman. Class B First place tie E. McColgan and T. Schmitt, runner up tie. S. Lustig and P. Metnick Class C winner A Silverstein with M Church, second Entertainment was provided by talented Norma Brown, with back up accompaniment by Renee Kreisworth & Gerry Weiss. Then Adele Ruderman & Shirley Seidman, accompanied by Casiokeyboard piano played by Mac English, gave us their rendition of popular songs. As mentioned before, we truly have a fun group of ladies who live life to the fullest. We look forward to the year 2001 and welcome new members to our club: Gloria Avignon, Barbara Cornish, Jan Derian, Helen Fortman, Beverly Klein and I'm sure we will be seeing

their names in print again Toys for Tots, as always was a huge success, with Marine guard picking up the colorful toys generously donated by our ladies. We received a heartfelt "Thank You" message from the Marines for our contributions.

In Closing - Accolades to the officers of the year 2000, and spirited cheers and good health to the new officers and all members of The Turtle Bay Ladies Golf Club for the year 2001 and then some



Some of you shuffleboarders don't know how lucky we are having some really dedicated members. Take for instance Phil Friedman's and Wilbur Bolsters doings around the club storage area. The other day found Phil banging away with hammer and tools repairing the leaning shelves for discs. Then there's Wilbur always busy at the waxing of the discs for tournaments and Travel Team usage. We've got others - Don DiNapoli repairing the bulletin board, Sheila DiNapoli volunteering to chair the sale of breakfast tickets (Jan. 28th at 9:30 AM in the party room) and many other volunteers.

We had a good attendance at our last meeting on Jan. 2nd. Important matters were discussed like getting your dues paid, people who are no longer members but still have sticks or lockers under key (Please remove them or else they will be cut and

disposed of); signing up for team play activity, considering "T" shirts instead of trophies; morning or afternoon sessions and many other items too numerous to mention. Come to the meetings. You can get all beefs or complaints off your chest. Incidentally, thanks

are due to Harold Weiss' wife Ruth for reminding many of us about the meeting.

And now tournament results. 1st, 2nd and 3rd place winners Tuesday Draw Doubles - Sylvia Goldstein, Mike Ciaffa and Charlie Block Wednesday Singles - Jim Catok, Mort

Solomon and Sid Falik. The real cliff hanger was the pin ball session on Thursday - Mike Ciaffa was 1st, but the play off for second and third was a cliff hanger round robin between Wilbur Bolster, Jim Catok and Phil Friedman. Catok took 2nd, Bolster 3rd. Continued on page 28

ONE MORE REASON TO PURSUE DELINQUENT OWNERS' ACCOUNTS VIGOROUSLY

TAX DEEDS AND THEIR EFFECT ON AN ASSOCIATION'S LIEN FOR PAST-DUE ASSESSMENTS

Recently, a homeowners association litigated the issue of priority with respect to tax deeds and the association's claim of lien for unpaid assessments. The association argued that because the tax deed to the Lot was issued after the recordation of the association's lien, the issuance of the tax deed did not foreclose and extinguish the association's lien.

The Appellate Court ruled that the issuance of the tax deed did, in fact, extinguish the association's lien. The Court interpreted Florida Statutes to state that only liens held by governmental units shall survive the issuance of a tax deed. However, the Court did note that Section 197.573, Fla. Stat. does provide for the survival of the restrictions and covenants running with the land. Hence, even after the issuance of a tax deed, the property and its new owner are subject to the association's restrictions and covenants, and the association does maintain the ability to lien for past-due assessments which become due after the issuance of the tax deed. The Court stated that: "the obvious public policy involved in these statutes is to allow local governments to protect their taxing basis and facilitate recoupment of unpaid taxes through tax sales of property upon which taxes have not been paid."

This is just one more reason why it is so important for the association to keep up-to-date with past-due owners. From time to time we receive owner accounts for the collection of past-due assessments which are several months or even years past-due. However, although it is time consuming to pursue these accounts, an expeditious pursuit is necessary. If the accounts are left unattended, undoubtedly the owners debt will continue to escalate. It appears that once people fall behind in their bills, they often need someone to force them "back on the track". If no one bothers the delinquent owners, they often become more and more in debt to a point where recovery is often impossible. Sometimes the result is bankruptcy. Other times, the result may be the possibility of a tax certificate being issued for unpaid taxes or an owner's mortgagee stepping in to foreclose on the property. Either way, the longer the delinquent account is not pursued, the more likely it is that one of these "assessment extinguishing" scenarios might develop. Ultimately, the result is that the association is left with a hefty "bad debt" write-off.

The association should take steps to ensure that delinquent accounts are pursued vigorously. In our experience, the earlier the association pursues a delinquent account, the more likely it is that the association will successfully recover the past-due monies. After all, the ultimate burden rests with each owner who, in one way or another, will have to pay his or her fair share of the association's "bad debt".

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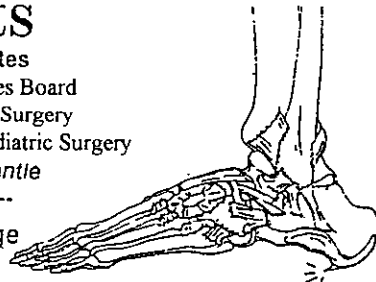
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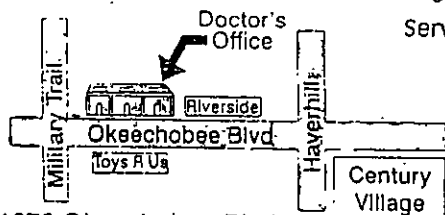
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Score 39, 38, 37.

The second session of the season will be underway by the time this goes to press. The third session of the season will be sponsored by Management. All residents of Century Village are invited to play. You do not have to be a member of the Shuffleboard Club (not a bad idea if you do join but it is not required). So come down. The first day Tuesday, Feb. 13th will be draw doubles, the next day singles, and the next day (Thursday) will be bowling pin day, a novelty shuffleboard game introduced by our own Rocky Pasquerelli. Games will run from Feb. 13th to March 8th, Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays. Be at the courts by 12:45 latest. All non-members, in fact even members, can get cues or sticks at the staff office free, no charge. The Club will provide the discs, chalk and erasers.

We wish those on our sick list, Pat Faughnan, Larry Pfister, Sig Fritz, Al LaPorta and whoever else is not well,



Be Alert

Recently on Inside Edition there was an article about several new scams to abduct women. In one, a man comes up to a woman in a Mall or Shopping Center and asks if she likes pizza. When she says she does he offers her \$1,000 to shoot a commercial for pizza, but they need to go outside for better light. The woman goes out with the man and is then abducted and assaulted.

Another ploy -- a very nicely dressed man asks a woman if she would like to appear in a Public Service announcement to discourage drug use. The man explains that they don't want professional people, they want average mothers to do it. Once she leaves the mall, she is a victim.

The third ploy, and most successful - A very frantic man comes running into the mall and asks a woman to please help him, his baby is not breathing right. She runs out of the mall following him and becomes a victim.

These have been happening in well-lit parking areas as well as in the nighttime all over the country. The man usually has a van of sorts to abduct the woman.

A Loving Tribute

On Thanksgiving morning, while many were busy doing their holiday cooking and others were preparing to visit friends and relatives, an angel came down from heaven and took back our dearly beloved friend and neighbor, Marie A. Pohlman.

We at WOW (Women of Wellington) who knew and worked with Marie see this as a fitting tribute to a lady who was never too busy to undertake a task, never too harried or hurried to listen to someone's joy or sorrow and who never said "No" to anything, even though she herself was ill.

By Sandy Schoenfeld

Marie was one of the original founders of WOW who served as a Personal Assistant to President Judy Ryan and who was later unanimously elected to the position of vice president.

She was also an active and involved member of Wellington A Condo Association, serving on the Board of Directors for several years. Indeed, the position of "Hospitality Hostess" was created specifically for Marie's warmth, interest and caring for all in the building.

To say that Marie was a tireless and dedicated worker would be putting it mildly.

Marie was also a true and devoted friend and all who shared her friendship were truly fortunate.

As the spokesperson at her funeral pointed out to all who attended the service - "There is a time to be born and a time to die."

We will all miss Marie's sunny smile and sweet disposition, but we were indeed blessed to have known and loved her as we did.

Marie now rests beside her beloved husband Harold Pohlman, and we can only hope that they will remain in peace forever more.

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Most of these have been floating around for years, but every item in this particular compilation is a gem.

See if you don't agree:

Experience is something you don't get until just after you need it

It's always darkest before dawn. So if you're going to steal your neighbor's newspaper, that's the time to do it.

Don't be irreplaceable; if you can't be replaced, you can't be promoted.

Always remember you're unique, just like everyone else.

Never test the depth of the water with both feet.

It may be that your sole purpose in life is simply to serve as a warning to others.

If you think nobody cares if you're alive, try missing a couple of car payments.

Before you criticize another, you should walk a mile in their shoes. That way, when you criticize them, you're a mile away and you have their shoes.

If at first you don't succeed, skydiving is not for you.

Don't squat with your spurs on.

If you tell the truth, you don't have to remember anything.

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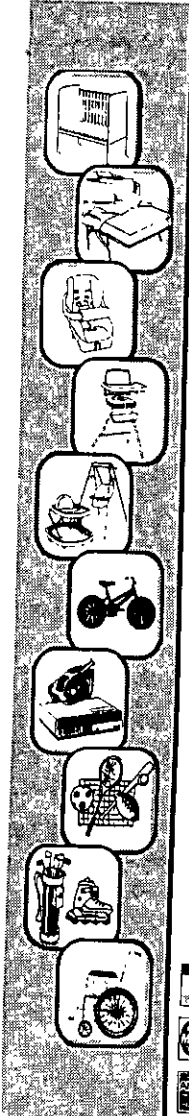
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By Martin Goffe



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Dear Friends:

When I was a teenager, I wrote an essay in a contest entitled, "What the American Flag Means to Me." In the months past, I have become associated with the statement, "what democracy means to me." I would like to tell you why I felt that I was once again in a contest, but this time, a contest of wills with individuals that I believe, had forgotten the true meaning of democracy.

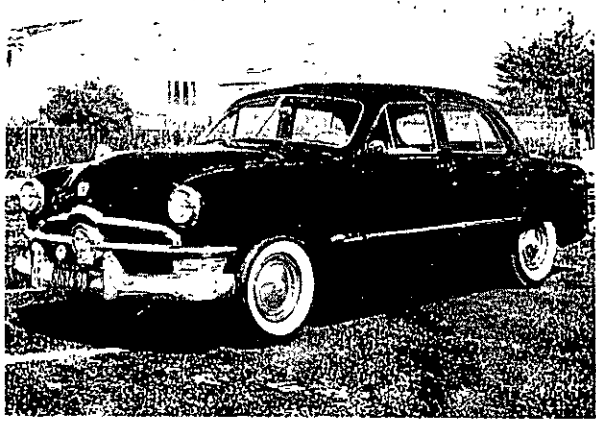
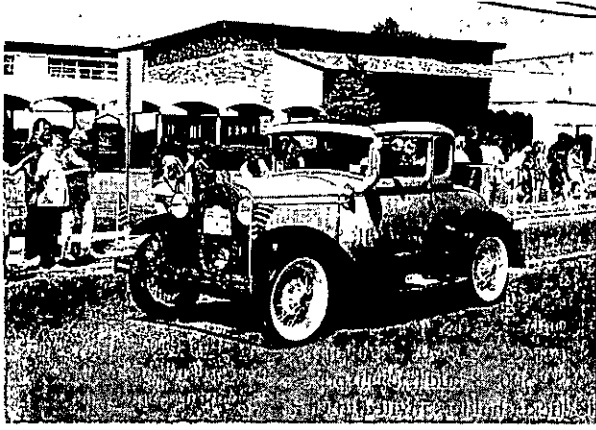
Contrary to the beliefs of many, a healthy democratic society is not simply an arena in which some can pursue their own personal goals. Democracies flourish when they are tended by citizens willing to use their freedom to participate in the life of their society - adding their voices to the public debate, electing men and women who are held accountable for their actions, and accepting the need for tolerance and compromise in public life. The citizens of democracy do enjoy the right of individual freedom, but they also must share in the responsibility of shaping a future that will continue to embrace these principles of freedom and self-government. The desire for freedom is innate but how to live in a democracy must be taught. History has shown us that most democracies have been few and short-lived. We live in a representative democracy which means that we elect others to speak on our behalf.

When I was first elected to represent the people of West Palm Beach in 1975, I was very much aware of my role and the heavy duty of responsibility I had accepted with that election. As the years have gone by, I feel that I remain even more accountable to the citizens, for my actions on their behalf. On November 11, 2000, I felt like I was fulfilling one of the fundamental precepts of democracy - ensuring that through the recognition of the VOTE, the voice of the people - the voice of democracy, would be allowed to be expressed through the ballot box. The ability to conduct free and fair elections, is at the core of a democratic society.

The mechanics of holding an election and being sure that every vote is counted is not a science that has been perfected. Mistakes can and will be made! I believe that each of us who have accepted the responsibility of elected office must accept the challenge of protecting democracy. One of the most crucial values we hold dear is the right to vote and have our voices heard through our vote. In each of our cities and counties in this great country of ours, we must take the responsibility for the fate of the society in which we have chosen to live, through speaking up for individual freedom, for human rights and the rule of law for those to follow in our footsteps. On November 11, 2000, I felt like I was doing just that - speaking out for the community! I wanted to ensure that each and every voting member of our community knew that their voice had truly been heard.

I have participated in other hand recounts over the past 14 years that I have been a county commissioner. I was aware that Palm Beach County's system of light sensors did miss those holes that were not totally punched through or had a hanging chad. I knew that it was possible to find more votes that the machines may have missed by having a hand count. For these reasons and for these reasons alone, I asked for a recount. Others may have thought I had more partisan motives but that is not true. My only motive was to ensure that every possible vote could and would be counted! It was Thomas Jefferson who said, "governments are created to protect those freedoms that every individual possesses by virtue of his or her existence."

I appreciate having this opportunity to share my views. I look forward to working with you this year as we continually strive to improve our quality of life in this great democracy in which we live.



In late November and early December, Regal theaters in Delray Beach played the film "Two Family House."

Century Villager Martin Goffe of Sheffield A had one of his antique cars used in three scenes which show within eight minutes of the start of the film. Martin's 1950 Ford is shown in the aerial view of the street (of the two family house) and in later scenes in which the character, Buddy smashes a pizza oven and later tries to run a car service. The filming took place on May 26, 1999 at Port Richmond, Staten Island.

Marty's car was used in the filming of "Analyze This" on July 7, 1996. He also had a part as an FBI agent in the scene showing the raid on the Mafia meeting house. This took place in Katonah, New York. The car was previously used, in the filming of the Bill Murray movie "Scrooged" and in TV movies "June Roses" and "Petakongo". The 1950 Ford was used in the 50th anniversary parade celebrating the opening of the Brooklyn-Battery Tunnel; this took place on May 23rd, 2000 and was shown on major NY TV stations that evening and in newspapers the next day.

Marty's 1967 Lincoln convertible was used in two scenes of "Down To You"

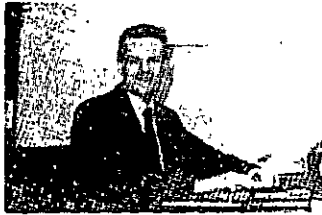
with leading actor Freddie Prinze, Jr. This took place in Pound Ridge, New York on May 5, 1999. The film was released during the summer of 2000. This car was previously used in the filming of "Bronx Tale" in Queens, New York and was driven carrying parade officials at the Puerto Rican Day Parade on June 8th 1997.

Marty drove his 1931 Ford rumble seat coupe in three scenes of Woody Allen's "Bullets Over Broadway". Filming took place in Greenwich Village, Broadway Brooklyn, and just east of Times Square in October and November, 1993. More recently, the same car was used in "Harmonists" which was filmed in Brooklyn on May 18, 1997. "Harmonists" was shown three times in the Century Village clubhouse in November 1999. He had two walking parts and one driving part in this film.

Marty's 1976 Dodge van was used in the filming of "Last Days of Disco" on August 23rd and October 27th, 1997 at Park Place and Church Street in Manhattan. It appears in a scene near the end of the film. This van is usually parked at Sheffield A.

Marty has had his cars in a total of ten films in addition to many special events, parades, ceremonies, and numerous antique car shows.

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The following suggestions/complaints were received at the UCO office. It seems that some of the heaters which were installed at the outlying pools were not keeping the water warm enough. WPRF is in the process of repairing/replacing them. The Clubhouse entrance floor has been slippery as of late. We were assured that every effort would be made to determine and then eliminate the cause. Not too long ago a suggestion was made that a copier (for money) be provided by WPRF. Because of the added burden placed on the employees this is not feasible at this time. By the way, neither suggestions nor complaints will be addressed unless signed.

One more comment and then you can go on to more pleasant reading. Recently, I had the pleasure of being asked to join a mah jong game in the card room. We are among the few groups which meet later in the evening. We found that although there were some tables available, chairs were scarce. The reason for this was that many players used an extra chair for their personal belongings. There might be four players at a table but they are using five or six chairs. Some players sat on two chairs.

When we asked players for the extra chairs, the responses we received bordered on rudeness. We had to resort to ask that a security guard secure chairs for us. We were embarrassed, they were annoyed. I hope this will not continue to plague us in the future.

So have you read enough moaning and groaning? I apologize. But it seems that everything happened this month and I thought it important enough to bring it to your attention. So that this column can be a little more cheerful and light, please send the date of your anniversary (60 years or more) and birthday (90 years or more).

Organization News

Please Note!!

Do Not Resubmit Dates for Events Already Appearing in Organization News Unless There is a Correction.

Amateur Radio Club/CV: Re-org. Ham Radio Club for all Hams and wanna-be's. For info: Shelly Blaustein 684-9987, Marv Kaskawits 683-2930.

Amit Rishona Chapter: meets 2nd Tues. of mo., First Union Bank, 12 noon; Call: Dottie Brodsky, 686-9015, Ethel Moskowitz, 689-8363.

B'nai B'rith Century Unit #5367: Gen'l membership breakfast mtgs., 4th Sun. ea. mo., Cong. Anshei Sholom, 9:30 a.m. Board Mtgs. every 2nd Tues. of mo., 3pm, CH, Rm B; Reg Mtgs. 4th Sun. of mo., Jan. 28, breakfast honoring new members, book review by Nettie Granitz, "Turbulent Souls," Feb. 25, A.D.L. Stanely Shatz, Nat'l Comm/ADL, B'nai B'rith; Mar. 12-15 Saxony trip/MB, speaker from Israeli Consulate, cocktail party, dinner; Mar. 25, Installation of Officers, Awards Avis Blank; Apr. 22, Student Leadership Award Luncheon, Judy Ballotti (from the Morse) Traditions & Memories, Preserving the Family History; May 20, speakers to be announced. For info: Avis Blank, Pres: 697-4554.

Brandeis University Nat'l Women's Comm./CV Chptr: New series: "Book Views & Reviews," 1st Mon., ea. mo., 1pm, Anshei Sholom, Feb. 5, 1 P.M., "100 Influential Women" -- Quiz; Feb. 12, "Issues and Answers" with Allan Brooks; Feb. 19, "American Painting and Sculpture," with Pearl Bregman; Feb. 26, "Music of George Gershwin," by Dr David Prenskey. For all info: Pearl, 471-9379

Bridge: Duplicate Bridge, Mon. eve., 7pm & Wed., 1pm; Party Bridge, Fri., 12 noon, if you need partner any game, come early; no classes for beginners or to improve play. To register & for info: Judy/Clubhouse, enough players needed for classes

Bronx Social Club: Mtg 3rd Tues. of mo., 12:30pm., Mar. 10, "Some Like It Hot," Royal Palm Dinner Thea.; May 13, Mother's Day, "They're Playing Our Song," Broadway

Door Thea., June 9, "Do I Hear A Waltz," Royal Palm Dinner Thea.; Sept 8, "One Hundred Ten in the Shade," Royal Palm Dinner Thea.; Nov. 22, show to be announced, Royal Palm Dinner Thea. Transp., meals, tax, grats, incl. in all, shows subj. to change. Call Lil 686-0585, Sylvia 686-3461.

Brooklyn, U.S.A.: meets 2nd Wed. of mo., 3pm, Party Room, CH, Oct. thru Apr., new members & spouses welcome to join for mtgs., trips, dinners, etc., transp. prov. for singles. For info: Justin, Pres. 478-0900, Feb. 5, Trip to Delray Swap Shop, Mar. 7, Sunset Cruise -- Water Taxi's, Call Rose, 683-1564.

Century Village Camera Club: meets on the 1st & 3rd Mon. of each mo. Dec - March at 7pm in Clsm. B of elbhs. Members have use of fully-equip. darkroom. Field trips scheduled. 2nd mtgs of mo. include 8mm or 16mm showings. For info, call Martin Goffe, 687-9075

Christian Club: Mtgs. every 4th Wed. of mo., First Union Bank, 1pm.

Computer Club: meets 1st & 3rd Thurs. of ea. mo., 2:30P.M., 2nd Fl., Main CH, Party Rm. After a successful second term as President, Tom Ford turns over the reins to Harry Genercer, who will become president of the club for 2001. Serving with him: Lee Gottlieb, 1st V.P., Flo Kaufman, 2nd V.P., Ken Davis, treasurer, and Roberta Bohem, secretary. Board of Directors: Shelley Schneiderman, John Ford, David Lane, Alex Kalikow, Joe Platznu and Sey Kawaller. Call: 687-0556, 688-9536, 712-0259.

Cong. Aitz Chaim: Daily Svees. Held Sun - Fri, 8am & 6pm; Sat., 8-4:5am. For Eve Svees., call synagogue, 686-5055; Weekly Wed. Ed Program beg. Nov. 15, 10am, Rabbi Oscar Werner lectures

on "Ethics of the Fathers." Free Sons of Israel/PB Lodge Cantor Sidney Rosenfeld on "Personal Reflections." Last Wed of mo., Rabbi Mark Cohen/Dir. Fl. Region, Orthodox Union lectures on "Jewish Perspectives of World Issues." lunch & learn session; all lectures free, open to public, nominal fee for lunch. Call: Sarah, 686-2564; Raffle tickets to benefit Aitz Chaim Bldg. Fund, only 225 tix @\$100 ea., 1st prize: \$5,000, 2nd prize: \$2,500, 8 add'l cash prizes, ticket holders invited to Gala Cocktail Party, 2pm, Feb. 4, when drawing is held.

Cong. Anshei Sholom: Start Late Svees: Feb. 7, Mar. 7, Apr. 4, May 1, Mens Board: Feb. 5, Mar. 5, Apr. 2, May 7, Feb. 2, Men's Club Shabbat: Feb. 4, Paul Zim Concert; Feb. 9, 8p m. Choir; Feb. 11, Israel Bonds (scheduled); Feb. 16, 8p m, Norman Freilich; Mar. 9, 8p m., Choir; Mar. 11, Men's Breakfast, Jewish Humor; Mar. 20, Melodears, Apr. 17, Melodears, 25th Anniversary; May 15, Merry Minstrels.

C.O.P. (Citizens on Patrol): meets at Camden pool, 2nd Thurs. ea. mo., 10a.m., new members welcome. For info: Capt. Phil Shapkin, 686-2086.

Debreak Hospital Foundation: Meets 2nd Mon. every other mo., 12:30, First Union Bank; Mar. 4, "Fiddler on the Roof," Hollywood Playhse., incl. dinner, transp.; May 13, 2001 Mother's Day - Russian Cabaret, Miami Beach - includes dinner, show & transportation. For info: Bea, 688-9478; Esther, 683-3718; Marion, 697-8789; Flo, 684-2715

Disabled American Veterans/WPB Chapter 42: meets 2nd Thurs. of mo., 7:30pm, 1897 PB Lakes Blvd, Suite 206.

Dixie Club: If you are from NC, SC, Va., Ga., Ala., or Miss., interested in bar-b-que, greens and cornbread, visiting southern landmarks, drinking mint juleps, southern music, camaraderie club is now forming. Call: Sid Frank, 471-0123.

#1199 Retirees: meet co-workers & friends, mtgs., 1st Wed. of ea. mo., 10am, First Union Bank, 2nd fl. For info: 686-1961.

Fellowship Club: meets 3rd Tues. of mo., 9:00 a.m., 1st Union Bank, new members

Free Sons of Israel/PB Lodge #221: meets 2nd Fri., each mo., First Union Bank, 12:30 p.m. collation and programs.

Friendly Habritolics Quilting & Sewing Club: mtg. every Tues., Sewing Rm., 9:30-11am. Get help w/sewing & quilting projects, all welcome.

The Good Timers Club: Meets 3rd Wed. of month, 8:30 a.m. First Union Bank, all welcome. Collation and entertainment. Mar. 7, Musicana, May 13, Mothers Day, Fountainbleu, Miami dinner, show, bus trans., and grat., Call. Henny 697-3697, Katie 683-9241, or Harry 689-5427.

Greater Philadelphia Club: Mtg 3rd Tues. of mo., 1 p.m., Piccadilly Cafeteria, programs incl. magic, music, book reviews.

Hadassah/Judith Epstein Chapter: meets 3rd Wed., ea. mo., Anshei Sholom, 12:30pm. refresh. served; Feb. 21, Mrs. Troim Handler willent in Yiddish. Her husband will translate. Feb. 27, Hadassah Medical Org Luncheon at P.B. Airport Hilton Hotel. Call Martha: 683-5367 or Nettie: 683-1449., Mar. 21, Fanny Ushkow, Dir. to present chorus. The Melodears, in hon. of their 25th anniversary.

Holocaust Survivors of the Palm Beaches: Gen'l. mtgs., 2nd Wed. of mo., 9:30 a.m., J.C.C., breakfast, guest speakers, entertain.

Humor Group: Laugh, laugh, laugh; Mtg. every 2nd and 4th Mon. of mo., 3 p.m., CH, Rm. A. Everyone is welcome, no chg. Laughter is the best medicine. Call: Edy, 687-4255

Italian-American Culture Club: meets 3rd Wed. of mo., CH Party Rm., 3:30 p.m. (members only); Feb. 24-25, Orlando, "Splended China," dinner/show; Mar. 2-3, St. Augustine, dinner/show; Mar. 16-26, viva Spain, 10 days/nites; May 5-7, Miami Beach, Holiday Inn; For info on trips, call: Mickie, 684-0089, Paul, 640-9855; AARI' Driving Courses, for next available classes, call: Jim 686-5839, Bowling/Verdes, 10am, every Sat. Call: Angelo, 687-1611.

Jewish War Veterans Auxilliary Post #520: meets the 2nd Mon. of every mo., First Union Bank, Breakfast, collation 9:00 a.m. Call Dorothy Greenwald 478-6521.

Arts and Entertainment

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very good, only to fade quickly away and lose their appeal. Reversely, some works can appear somewhat trivial at first encounter, yet have a way of ingratiating themselves over a period of time. The main thing all critics ought to have in common is love for the Art -- and for the human beings-- they write or speak about.

At the risk of praising too highly, I really enjoyed "George Gershwin Alone" at the Cuillo Centre for the Arts (West Palm Beach). Hershey Felder is the first person given permission by the Gershwin family to perform onstage as George, and he is wonderful. He looks like the young Gershwin. The script, which he wrote, is intelligent, informative, funny and sensitive. Above all, hearing Felder sing and play Gershwin is to experience to joy of music and, indeed, the joy of theatre. The show moves soon into Broadway's Helen Hayes Theater. See it; hear it here first. Closing date is January 28. "A Saint She Ain't" follows February 6 - March 18. This is the American premiere of a hit London show that spoofs Hollywood musicals of the 1940's. (835-9926)

The Royal Poinciana Playhouse (Palm Beach) has "Dame Edna: the Royal Tour" starting the week of January 3. If you've watched him/her on PBS television (or British TV) you get further exposure here. "Gumboots," a dance troupe, holds forth at the Royal Poinciana the week of February 20. The highly-praised Hal Prince revival of the immortal Ferber-Kern-Hammerstein musical "Showboat" sails into the Kravis Center (West Palm Beach) March 13. (659-3310)

The Caldwell Theatre Company (Boca Raton) houses "The Laramie Project" through February 11. The play is based upon the 1998 slaying of gay college student Matthew Shepard, whose murder was regarded by officials on the scene in Wyoming as a "hate crime." Next up is "The Beauty Queen of Leenane," a drama by Martin McDonagh.

Set in Ireland, this is a love story in which a mother disapproves of her daughter's suitor and makes known her objections. The play runs February 18 - April 1. It won four Tony Awards in 1998. On

many Monday nights, the theatre offers readings and interesting one-person shows. On January 29 and February 5 (matinee and evening performances) actor Dan Leonard repeats his acclaimed "Ernie Pyle: Here is Your War." (930-6400)

Others: Bruce Adler returns to the Royal Poinciana Playhouse March 6 - 11 in "A.B.C. - Adler, Berlin, Cohan." A solid performer, he's always fun to watch. (1-800-777-3660)

*A staged version of "The Jazz Singer" with additional songs made famous by Al Jolson, comes to the Jewish Community Center (West Palm Beach) February 6 - 11 (669-0818) The Lake Worth Playhouse presents "The Last Night of Ballyhoo" through January 28. The 1997 Tony Award winner just closed at the Caldwell (586-6410) *Delray Beach Playhouse (Delray Beach) welcomes "A Few Good Men" February 2 - 18. (272-1281)

Music And Dance

Ballet Florida dances "Carmina Burana" and "The River," music by Carl Orff and Duke Ellington, respectively, on February 2 and 3. "Anne Frank" is the subject of a ballet to be performed March 23 and 24. (9800-3262) (see below.) * Palm Beach Opera performs Verdi's "Rigoletto" January 26 - 30. (833-7888).

* The Florida Philharmonic pays Verdi homage with a performance of the composer's "Requiem" January 31. Berlioz's "Symphonie Fantastique" is featured February 28 (930-1812) *The Palm Beach Pops salutes Mel Torme February 12 and 13. (832-7677) *The Miami City Ballet dances February 16 - 18. * All the above are at the Kravis Center (West Palm Beach) *The Chamber Music Society of the Palm Beaches proffers excellent music at the Lakeside Presbyterian Church, 4601 S. Flagler Drive (West Palm Beach). February 9 is the next concert date. (684-1632)

Lectures

At the Jewish Community Center (West Palm Beach) is an exhibition on Anne Frank. In conjunction with that there are lectures Judy Shepard, mother of the boy slain in Wyoming (see Caldwell Theatre) speaks January 20 Coretta Scott King speaks February 28. (689-0818). * The Society of the Four Arts (Palm Beach) features the former President of South Africa, F.W. deKlerk, Febru-

ary 6; a performance group, "Pieces of Eight." February 13; financial reporter Lou Dobbs, February 20. Dr. Sergei Kruschev, son of the former Soviet leader, who speaks on "The Russian Road to Capitalism" February 27. (655-7726)

Museums

At the Society of the Four Arts is "A Personal Gathering: Paintings and Sculpture from the Collection of William I. Koch" on view through February 4 * At the Norton Museum of Art (West Palm Beach) is exhibited "The Triumph of French Painting," which is the season's big show. Cezanne, Corot, Courbet, Degas, Delacroix, Gauguin, van Gogh, Ingres, Manet, Matisse, Monet, Picasso, Pissaro, Renoir and Sisley are all represented. Not to be entirely outdone.

"American Hollow," a photographic exhibition, is on display through February 11. "An American in Europe: The Photography Collection of Baroness Jeane von Oppenheim from the Norton Museum of Art" will be shown February 24 - April 29 (832-5196)

Punctuation

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- Make sure living areas are well lit so that you can see things you might trip over. You should also use night-lights in your bedroom, bathroom, hallways, and stairways.
- Use non-skid throw rugs to reduce your chances of slipping. Tack down carpet edges as well.
- Install handrails in stairways and in your bathtub, shower and toilet area.
- Be aware that climbing and reaching high places will increase your chances of falling. Use a sturdy step stool with handrails when these tasks are necessary.
- Follow medication dosages closely. Using medication incorrectly may lead to dizziness, weakness and other side effects. These can all contribute to a dangerous fall

For more information, contact the National Safety Council 630-285-1121 or write them at 1121 Spring Lake Drive, Itasca, IL 60143-3201. More information may be obtained by contacting the Insurance Information Institute at 202-833-1580 or 1730 Rhode Island Ave., NW, Suite 710, Washington, DC 20036.

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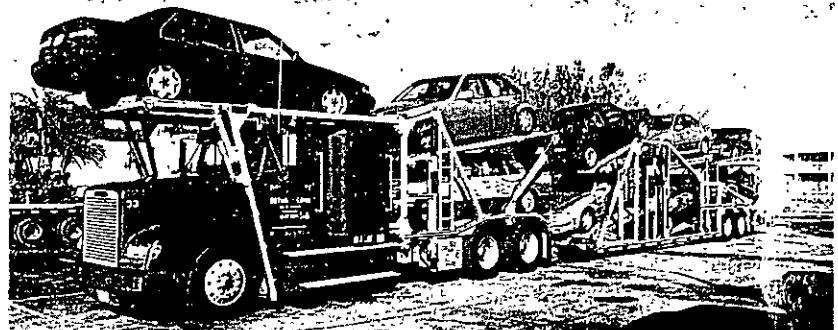
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Love, when it's born, is such a thing of joy
That certain something between a girl and boy
It makes no difference what time of the year
It pops up its head and says, "I am here"
And so begins **The cycle of love**

Love is a thing, to survive must be fed
From tip of the toe to top of the head
To take of its joy and sip of its wine
You must give of yourself all of the time
And so it goes, **The cycle of love.**

And when it comes your way, it brings a happy day
You go around with a smile, it makes living worthwhile
There isn't a thing that can be greater than
Love that's mature between woman and man
It makes no difference if you're young or old
So just have courage, you lovers be bold.
And so it grows, **The cycle of love.**

Love let you down, it's done the same to me
It broke our hearts, don't look for sympathy
Don't be afraid to try it once again
With all its joy, along with all its pain.
And so declines, **The cycle of love.**

Love, when it dies, is a thing forlorn
Nothing is worse than a love that's gone
Love's not a game to play at someone's whim
But a way of life between a her and him
So it can die, **The cycle of love.**

If love should ever die, you'll surely shed a tear
But you don't have to cry, cause it's not hopeless dear
For love can live again with somebody new
Somebody to tell all your troubles to
Someone to set you tingling and afire
Someone to fill your every hearts desire
And so revives, **The cycle of love**

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Flag Holidays

The flag should be displayed on all days, especially...

- NEW YEAR'S DAY, January 1
- INAUGURATION DAY, January 20
- LINCOLN'S BIRTHDAY, February 12
- WASHINGTON'S BIRTHDAY, third Monday in February
- EASTER SUNDAY, (variable)
- MOTHER'S DAY, second Sunday in May
- ARMED FORCES DAY, third Saturday in May
- MEMORIAL DAY (half-staff until noon), the last Monday in May
- FLAG DAY, June 14
- INDEPENDENCE DAY, July 4
- LABOR DAY, first Monday in September
- CONSTITUTION DAY, September 17
- COLUMBUS DAY, second Monday in October
- NAVY DAY, October 27
- VETERANS DAY, November 11
- THANKSGIVING DAY, fourth Thursday in November
- CHRISTMAS DAY, December 25

...such other days as may be proclaimed by the President the United States; the birthdays of States (date of admission); and on State holidays.

The rules and customs presented herein are in accordance with the 1976 amendment to the Flag Code (Public Law 94-344, Congress, S.J. Res. 49).

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General Display

It is the universal custom to display the flag only from sunrise to sunset on buildings and on stationary flagstaffs in the open. However, when a patriotic effect is desired, the flag may be displayed twenty-four hours a day if properly illuminated during the hours of darkness.

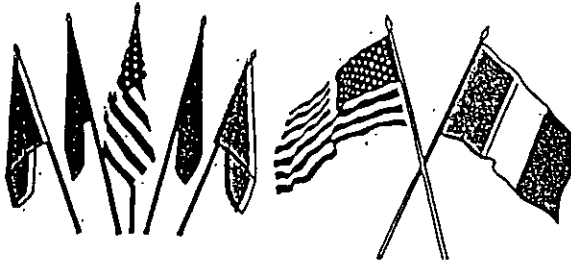
The flag should be hoisted briskly and lowered ceremoniously.

The flag should not be displayed on days when the weather is inclement, except when an all-weather flag is displayed.

The flag should be displayed daily, on or near the main administration building of every public institution . . . in or near every polling place on election days . . . during school days in or near every schoolhouse.

No other flag or pennant should be placed above or, if on the same level, to the right of the flag of the United States of America, except during church services conducted by naval chaplains at sea . . . for personnel of the Navy . . . when the church pennant may be flown above the flag.

No person shall display the flag of the United Nations or any other national or international flag equal, above, or in a position of superior prominence or honor to, or in place of, the flag of the United States at any place within the United States or any Territory or possession thereof: *Provided*, that nothing in this section shall make unlawful the continuance of the practice heretofore followed of displaying the flag of the United Nations in a position of superior prominence or honor, with that of the flag of the United States at the headquarters of the United Nations.



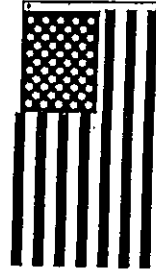
The flag of the United States of America, when it is displayed with another flag against a wall from crossed staffs, should be on the right, the flag's own right, and its staff should be in front of the staff of the other flag.

The flag of the United States of America should be at the center and at the highest point of the group when a number of flags of States or localities or pennants of societies are grouped and displayed from staffs.

When flags of States, cities, or localities, or pennants of societies are flown on the same halyard with the flag of the United States, the latter should always be at the peak. When the flags are flown from adjacent staffs, the flag of the United States should be hoisted first and lowered last. No such flag or pennant may be placed above the flag of the United States.

When flags of two or more nations are displayed, they are to be flown from separate staffs of the same height. The flags should be of approximately equal size. International usage forbids the display of the flag of one nation above that of another nation in time of peace.

When the flag of the United States is displayed from a staff projecting horizontally or at an angle from the window sill, balcony, or front of a building, the union of the flag should be placed at the peak of the staff unless the flag is at half-staff. When the flag is suspended over a sidewalk from a rope extending from a house to a pole at the edge of the sidewalk, the flag should be hoisted out, union first, from the building.



When displayed either horizontally or vertically against a wall, the union should be uppermost and to the flag's own right, that is, to the observer's left. When displayed in a window, the flag should be displayed in the same way, with the union or blue field to the left of the observer in the street.

When the flag is displayed over the middle of the street, it should be suspended vertically with the union to the North in an East and West street or to the East in a North and South street.

The flag should never be displayed with the union down, except as a signal of dire distress in instances of extreme danger to life or property.

The flag should never touch anything beneath it, such as the ground, the floor, water or merchandise.

The flag should never be fastened, displayed, used, or stored in such a manner as to permit it to be easily torn, soiled, or damaged in any way.

The flag should never be used as a covering for a ceiling.

The flag should never have placed upon it, nor on any part of it, nor attached to it any mark, insignia, letter, word, figure, design, picture, or drawing of any nature.

The flag should never be used as a receptacle for receiving, holding, carrying, or delivering anything.

The Quality Of Life

What is the quality of life?
 Is it to share your dream with your loved one?
 Your fears, your tears, your headache too?
 Some how when you unburden yourself
 You are not so blue
 To feel the breeze upon ones face
 In some beautiful romantic place
 To hear the laughter of children
 And see old people holding hands
 Come on lets make some plans
 I now feel the quality of life
 Only when your health is not that great
 You do expect much more from your mate
 Listen to the birds, they do not care
 If the sun is shining, they are still singing
 Feel the joy of contentment within yourself
 It isn't easy getting old,
 Before you know it life seems more precious
 You are told
 Take care of your health, it is far better than wealth
 Wealth is fine and good we know, but without our health
 We can't enjoy the quality of life

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ANDOVER L	1/1.5 completely gutted & redone/ceramic tile!	\$30,000
NORWICH H	2/1.5 cor/new AC/upgraded/newer appl/furn	\$26,000
GOLFSEGE F	1/1.5 lots of upgrades/new AC/very nice	\$21,500
CANTERBURY F	1/1.5 freshly painted/down/rentable	\$20,000
SHEFFIELD E	1/1.5 cor/easy access to gate/excel cond/unfurn	\$17,990
WINDSOR H	1/1.5 gr/new AC/turn/new sofa/anxious!	\$17,000
DORCHESTER K	1/1.5 waterview/upgrades/turn/rentable	\$16,000
SUSSEX B	1/1 gr/encl patio/turn/rentable/hurry!!	\$15,000
WALTHAM A	1/1.5 down/unfurn/freshly painted/come see!	\$14,500
KINGSWOOD A	1/1 down/encl patio/turn/taken great care of	\$14,000
WALTHAM A	1/1.5 upgrades/encl patio/turn/motivated	\$16,000
NORWICH O	1/1.5 gr/cor/new central/reduced	\$14,000
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OXFORD 100	1/1.5 furn/gr/new refrig & dishwasher	\$21,000
BEDFORD B	1/1 gr fl/new AC/rentable/part furn	\$16,000
CANTERBURY E	1/1.5 great condition/turn/motivated!	\$13,500
CHATHAM P	2/1.5 corner/excel condition! new appl	\$27,900
WALTHAM H	1/1.5 cor/very pretty and bright	\$22,000
SOUTHAMPTON C	1/1.5 down/beautiful view and condo!	\$26,400
WELLINGTON H	2/2 beautifully redone/must see	\$60,000
CAMDEN C	1/1.5 new AC/dishwasher/motivated	\$16,900
PLYMOUTH R	1/1.5 down/garden unit/spacious/enc. patio	\$20,000
SHEFFIELD N	1/1.5 beauty/upstairs corner/lots of light	\$20,900
WALTHAM I	1/1.5 low maint. fee/downstairs/great price	\$14,500
COVENTRY H	1/1.5 exc. cond./corner/new AC/tile	\$21,500
CAMDEN K	1/1.5 upper corner/beautiful/must see	\$23,900
SEASONAL RENTALS		
KENT I	1/1.5 decorator's delight/new, new, new!!!	\$1000
GOLFS EDGE	1/1.5 charming condo with golf view!!!	\$900
SUSSEX B	1/1 very private and quiet/great condo!	\$900
CHATHAM H	1/1.5 turn for an King & Queen/waterview	\$1000
SUSSEX H	1/1 light and bright/everything is here!!	\$900
SOUTHAMPTON C	1/1.5 gr fl/beautiful condo and golfview	\$900
CANTERBURY C	2/1.5 beauty/cor.	\$1000
ANNUAL RENTALS		
SALISBURY E	1/1 upgraded/very nice! gr floor/turn	\$408
CANTERBURY F	1/1.5 new carpet and freshly painted/turn/gr	\$550
DORCHESTER K	1/1.5 furn/great waterview/upgrades	\$450
SUSSEX H	1/1 turn/very pretty and bright	\$475

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Organization News

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Jewish War Veterans Golden Century Post 501: meets at J.C.C., first Sun of ea. mo., (except July and Aug., unless it falls on a Jewish Holiday, it is then moved to the following Sun.); Breakfast, collation, 9 am. Call Lou Augenblick 686-3631.

Jewish Women Internat'l Masada/Menorah Chapter #1560: Mtgs., 4th Thurs., Aitz Chaim, mini lunch, all welcome. Call: Emma for membership. 686-8858; Seminole Village Bingo, 1st Fri., Poker, 3rd Mon. Call Bea 683-0956; For shows & bingo, Ruth 684-3850

Knights of Pythias: welcomes retired Pythians, Duals, Reinstatements and new members. For a lodge in your area, please call PDGC Hy Weber, 683-6854

Kismet Temple #66: welcomes all Brother Knights of Pythias in good standing in any lodge to join our D.O.K.K. Temple. For more info: D.J.P. Hy Weber 683-6854.

Long Beach / Century Village Club will meet May 27, 10 a.m. in Long Beach, NY. For more information, call Florence at (516) 889-3722.

Metropolitan Life Insurance (MetLife) Retirees: Natalie Nadel is considering forming a Club composed of former MetLife employees now living in CV. Call: Natalie, 686-8187

Mind Spa: To do mental sparring w/your peers a Mind Spa does for your mind what a spa/ gym class does for your body. w/meet 1st and 3rd Wed. of mo. C.H. Classroom A. Call: Allan Brooks, 687-3602

Mix and Mingle Singles Group: newly formed group for singles, meet 1st and 3rd Wed. ea. mo. Main CH. Party Rm. 3p.m.; male membership encouraged. Call: Thelma, 688-1795.

National Council Senior Citizens/CV WPB Brch: meets 2nd Wed. of mo., Sept. thru May, 1:00pm, coffee and mtg., 1:30pm. First Union Bank (CV West Gate), 2nd fl., bring friends/neighbors. Learn senior issues. For info: Ruth, 478-7889.

NA'AMAT USA (Pioneer Women): meets 4th Tues., 1pm, mini-lunch, guests welcome

National Association of Retired Federal Employees, Chapter #159: meets 1 p.m., 3rd Fri. of mo., Oct. thru June, First Union Bank, speakers

National Council/Jewish Women Okeechobee Section: meets every 3rd Thurs. of mo., Sept.-May, First Union Bank/Turnpike Brch, 12:30 p.m., program and speakers, guests welcome. For info, Charlotte, 686-8154; Feb. 15, "The Hows and Whys," Pearl Osterweil, sculptor; Mar. 15, Judge Warren Friedman, topic to be announced; Mar. 25, "The Gathering," Royal Poinciana Playhouse; Apr. 15, Book Review by Edna Friedland, reviewer.

New Jersey Social Club of CV: meets 1st Thurs. ea. mo., Community Rm., First Union Bank, 1pm, collation, 12:30pm, former residents of NJ welcome to join. Dues, \$5 per yr. payable by Dec. mtg; Mtg. Dates: Feb. 1, Mar. 1, Apr. 5, May 3; \$20pp deposit, all shows incl. tax, grats., transp., Sat. Feb. 17, mat., "Broadway Rhythm," Musicana Dinner Thea., bus lvs 11:15am, Sat., Mar. 10, mat., "42nd Street," Broward Stage Door Thea., luncheon/Wolfies, bus lvs. 10:15am. All buses lvs. fm. Svce Rd bet 1st Union & Okeechobee Library, park behind 1st Union. For info, Harriet or Lenny, 471-9247

Northern Palm Beach County Democratic Club: For info Elaine Wielms, 575-1768.

Oxford Ladies: meet 2nd Wed. of mo., 10am, Oxford Clubhouse.

Papanicolaou Women's Corps/Cancer Research: on campus U. Of Miami School of Medicine, lovely tribute cards for all occasions. Call: Betty, 686-8425.

PFLAG/CV Chapter (Parents, friends & families of lesbians and gays): meets 3rd Thurs., ea. mo., Classm. A, CH, all welcome to visit, question, share, open your hearts. For info: 681-9614

Post Polio Support Group meets 3rd Sun. of month, Rehabilitation Center, 300 Royal Palm Way, Palm Beach, FL, 2pm. For info.: 274-3947 or 735-3835.

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Queens N.Y. Club: meets 4th Mon. of mo., Sept. thru May, First Union Bank, 9:00am, new members welcome, unnecessary to be from Queens to join, refresh, monthly outings; Feb. 11, Enjoy a Block-Buster Musical hit, direct from New York. Price includes transportation, dinner, show, tip, tax. Call Joe, 689-6021. Mar. 5, Spend A Day In Ireland Enjoy Irish lunch and Irish show. Price incl. trans., 689-6021.

Repertory Theatre Workshop: Open membership to anyone interested in performing, mtgs. 1st Thurs. of mo., CH Party Rm, 1pm. For info Fran Augenblick, 686-3631.

Retired Physicians Club: functions as Journal Club, retired physicians invited to next mtg. For info 686-4034 or 683-9244

Single Society: singles 55 & up, 2nd & 4th Wed., 7:30pm, Rm. A, CH. Call: 686-2791.

Sisterhood Cong. Aitz Chaim: Monthly Lunch/Card Party, 3rd Tues. of mo., beg Nov. 21, 12 noon, at synagogue. Call Ruth, 697-2683; Feb. 26 - Mar. 1, Pre-Pum trip to the Saxony Hotel, Miami Beach. Double reservations \$165 p.p., single, \$215. Trans. tips and taxes included. Call Anita 686-9083, Feb. 18, 10a.m., Israel Bond Brunch Honoree, Sam Levin, Entertainment. Call Honey, 684-6324

Square Club of the Palm Beaches: invited to join in celebrating the Millennium, initiation fee & dues for 2000 waived, requirements are "Blue Card" & CV residence. For info: Herb Glikin 684-9660, Ed Shatz 471-0488.

United Democratic Club: Monthly mtg., 1pm, at Cong. Aitz Chaim. For info, Sam Oser, Pres., 689-3974.

United Order True Sisters (UOTS) #61 Cancer Care: meets 2nd Mon. of mo., Days Inn, 1 p.m., collation and speaker. Call: Marion, 684-5814.

Women's American ORT/Century Chapter: Membership mtgs., 2nd Thurs. ea. mo., Cong. Anshei Sholom, 12:30pm, Sept.-May, Feb. 14,

Valentine's Day, "Broadway Rhythm," Musicana Thea. Call: Jean, 616-9073

Women's American ORT/WPB Chapter: meets 2nd Tues. of mo., Oct thru Apr., 12:30 p.m., Cong. Anshei Sholom; Feb. 7, Wed., Tour the 65,000 acre working Adams Ranch, Ft. Pierce BBQ under Seminole Chickee huts. See recreation of actual "Cracker House." Price \$47. Call: Arlene, 683-8215. Adrienne, 686-9337. Thur., Feb. 15, Lunch at the Crab House, and musical "Sweet Charity" at the Shores Theatre, \$45. Anne, 686-0991, Rose, 686-8991; Wed., Feb. 21, Ziff Museum of Florida, "Home of MOSAIC," Special exhibit, "ORT WORKS", lunch, Ocean Resort, Visit the Holocaust Museum, \$40. Anne, 689-3729. Sun., Mar. 18, Jan McArt Royal Dinner Theatre, Lunch and fabulous "Some Like It Hot." \$50, Rose, 686-8899. Anne, 686-0991. Wed. Mar. 21 and Thur., Mar. 22, Full breakfast buffet at hotel, Wilderness River Cruise, see Mermaids Show at Weeki Wachie Springs and enjoy Tarpou Springs Boat Ride. Double occ., \$165; single, \$195. Arlene, 683-8215; Elsie, 688-0547. Apr. 19-22, Thursday through Sunday Lido Spa, M.B., \$190 double, \$225, single; plus \$15 for trans. Anne, 686-0547; Viola, 687-3653. Sun., May 13, (Mothers' Day), Celebrate Mothers' Day Lunch at HOPS, and musical "They're Playing Our Song" at Broward Stage Door Theatre \$46. Elsie, 688-0547, Viola, 687-3653

Yiddish Culture Group: meets Tues., 10 a.m., CV CH, free to CV residents; Tues., Jan. 30, Ruth Barlas presents "The Magic of Yiddish Theatre" at 10 a.m. at C.H.; Tues., Feb. 6, A program about Yiddish-English humor by Troim and Frank Handler at 10a.m. at C.H.; Tues., Feb. 13, Pianist Victor Caplaine will perform at 10 a.m. at C.H.; Tues., Feb. 20, Marsha Love will perform songs in Yiddish, Hebrew and Russian at 10 a.m. at C.H.

Yiddish Language Group/Menke Katz Reading Circle: advanced group meets twice a mo., Fri 10am, in private homes in CV/WPB. For info Troim, 684-8686

Yiddish Vinkl: meets every 1st Sun., 3-5pm, CH Party Rm. For info: Edy, 687-4255.

Too Many "Nevers"
If the Land of "Never" ever existed, where would the boundaries be, would they drop slowly into the curb, or go out beyond the sea...

"Never Go Anyplace With A Stranger, Never Play With Matches In Your House, Never Walk Backwards Under A Ladder, Never Be Noisy, Be Quiet As A Mouse."

Each "Never", had its boundary, they came with warnings and a red flag, each one curtailed our actions, our thoughts said, how they nag.

But nag, they did, our loved ones too, parents, teachers, family and friends, we truly did not realize, that "Never"... never ends.

Never judge others by what they do, Never choose your friends, by what they accuse.

Never be jealous of another's gain
You do not perceive what was their pain.

Let the "Nevers" slip slowly by, they came in handy, we now know why.

Learning does come, not only in school, each day can be gifted, that is the rule.

Look back gently at the "Nevers", store them on a very back shelf, knowledge gained won't be forgotten, be true to Reality.. and to Yourself.

Rita Rudlow

To my child

Why am I here?
Why did you go?
Who made the law?
Who said that parents should say the prayer for the dead?
Where is our God?
Why did he choose?
I am alone
Tears in my heart
I long for her smile
For the touch of her hand
Some say I'll see you again,
Let it be soon
How long can I wait?

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Mounts Botanical Garden



Plant area and the prototype Xeriscape Garden. Meander beneath the Shade and Flowering Tree Area. Explore the Citrus and Tropical Fruit trees, discovering rare delights that can thrive in your own backyard



Visit the Hibiscus Garden and the magnificent Rose Garden. Wind through the Native Plant Collection and find out why Florida was named for the diversity of its flowers. Discover the aquatic plantings and the proud Palm Collection.

Picnic with the family beneath a broad shade tree and look out on Lake Orth. Take a cool walk through the dense foliage of our natural Rain Forest. And don't forget to explore our aromatic Herb Garden — it's never out of season!

Every season Mounts changes its complexion...offering new vistas, aromas, and plantings to explore!



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Initial plantings were begun in 1954 by Marvin "Red" Mounts, then the county extension agent. Since that time, various groups and individuals have shared in providing for the well-being of this precious resource. Through the years, plant societies have supported the construction and maintenance of specialty displays and collections.

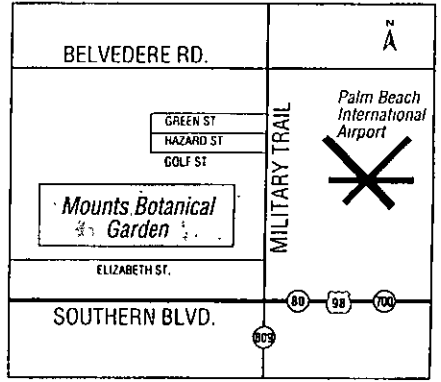


Garden clubs have donated their energy and finances to help enhance the Garden. The Cooperative Extension Service affords ongoing research and education seldom found in such institutions.

Friends of the Gardens

Then there are the Friends of the Mounts Botanical Garden, established for the sole purpose of supporting the garden's many activities. Individuals, organizations and businesses are welcome and encouraged to join the "Friends" and receive our monthly newsletter, attend special educational events, and vote for members of the Board. Most importantly, "Friends" keep the Garden thriving and growing through their vision, support and caring.

How to get here...



HOURS: Monday - Saturday 8:30 - 4:30
Sunday 1:00 - 5:00
Holidays 1:00 - 5:00

TOURS: Saturday 11:00 a.m.
Sunday 2:30 p.m.
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Monday - Friday 8:00 - 5:00 p.m.

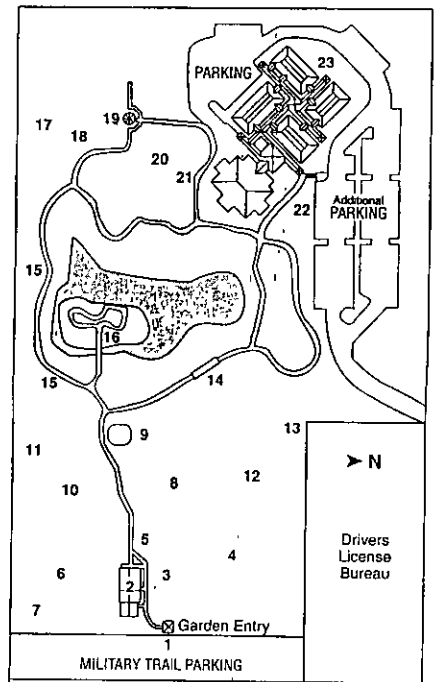


Mounts Botanical Garden

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Once you're here...



LEGEND

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|--|-----------------------------------|
| 1. Garden Entry Plaza / Public Telephone | 12. Citrus Collection |
| 2. Garden Shoppe / Pavilion / Restrooms | 13. Poisonous Plants |
| 3. Rose Garden | 14. Bougainvillea Arbor |
| 4. Tropical Fruit Collection | 15. Native Plant Area |
| 5. Cacti / Succulents | 16. Island / Ground Cover Area |
| 6. Rainforest | 17. Subtropical Vegetable Garden |
| 7. Banana Collection | 18. Compost Demonstration |
| 8. Shade and Flowering Tree Area | 19. Xeriscape Area |
| 9. Herb Garden | 20. Trial Garden |
| 10. Palm Collection | 21. Turf Grass Demonstration Area |
| 11. Shrub Collection | 22. Wetland Area |
| | 23. Hutcheson Building |

*Mounts Botanical Garden is continually being enhanced and expanded for your enjoyment. Some areas depicted on this map are proposed for future development and may be undergoing renovation. Thank you for



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NEW WINTER BUS SCHEDULE DEC 1, THRU APRIL 31, SHUTTLE BUS

MALL ROUTE						
CLUB- HOUSE	PHAR - K-MART	P.B MOR	VILLAGE MALL	J.C.C. COMM	CLUB- HOUSE	
8:45 AM	8:55	9:05	9:10	9:20	8:50/9:25	9:30
9:45	9:55	10:05	10:10	10:20	10:25	10:30
10:45	10:55	11:05	11:10	11:20	11:25	11:30
11:45	11:55	12:05	12:10	12:20	12:25	12:35
1:15 PM	1:25	1:35	1:40	1:50	1:55	2:00
2:15	2:25	2:35	2:40	2:45	2:50	3:00
3:15	3:25	3:40	3:50	NA	3:55	4:00
4:15	4:25	4:40	4:50	NA	4:55	5:00
5:45	5:55	6:10	6:20	NA	NA	6:30
6:45	6:55	7:10	7:20	NA	NA	7:30
7:45	7:55	8:10	8:20	NA	NA	8:30

Holiday Schedule:
New Year's Day
Fourth of July
Thanksgiving
Christmas

PUBLIX - BY REQUEST - DROP-OFF ONLY ON RETURN TO CLUBHOUSE

CLUB HOUSE	RODS	LIBRARY	HUMANA	WINN DIXIE	ECKERDS	DREXEL	OUTLET MALL	BABY SUPER	CLUB HOUSE
8:45	8:50	8:53	8:56	9:06	9:12	9:17	9:22	9:27	9:33
9:45	9:50	9:53	9:56	10:06	10:12	10:17	10:22	10:27	10:33
10:45	10:50	10:53	10:56	11:06	11:12	11:17	11:22	11:27	11:33
11:45	11:50	11:53	11:56	12:06	12:12	12:17	12:22	12:27	12:33
1:15	1:20	1:23	1:26	1:36	1:42	1:47	1:52	1:57	2:03
2:15	2:20	2:23	2:26	2:36	2:42	2:47	2:52	2:57	3:03

NIGHT SHUTTLE							
CLUB HOUSE	DREXEL	OUTLET MALL	RODS REST.	PINE TRAIL	WINN DIXIE	PUBLIX	CLUB HOUSE
3:15	3:20	3:30	3:35	3:40	3:45	3:55	4:00
4:15	4:20	4:30	4:35	4:40	4:45	4:55	5:00
5:15	5:20	5:30	5:35	5:40	5:45	5:55	6:00
6:45	6:50	7:00	7:15	7:20	7:25	7:35	7:40

MONDAY - LEAVE C.H. 11:15
 TARGET 11:40 12:50 2:00
 K-MART 11:45 12:55 2:05
 WAL-MART 11:50 1:00 2:10
 RETURN TO CLUB HOUSE 2:35

TUESDAY
 CITY PLACE
 LEAVE C.H. 11:15
 LEAVE CITY PLACE 2:30

WEDNESDAY
 GARDENS MALL
 LEAVE CLUB HOUSE 11:15
 LVE. GARDENS MALL 2:45

INTERNAL BUSES			
RT-2	RT- 5	RT. 1/3	RT-4/6
DOVER	DOVER	STRATFORD,UCO	STRATFORD
KINGSWOOD	SOMERSET	PLYMOUTH	UCO
GREENBRIER	ANDOVER	CAMBRIDGE	PLYMOUTH
SOUTHAMPTON	WELLINGTON	CANTERBURY	CHATHAM
BEDFORD	BERKSHIRE	DORCHESTER	KENT
BERKSHIRE	CAMDEN	OXFORD	NORTHAMPTON
UCO	WINDSOR	SHEFFIELD	SUSSEX
WALTHAM		HASTINGS	GOLFS-EDGE
SALISBURY		NORWICH	KINGSWOOD
EASTHAMPTON		COVENTRY	

INTERNAL SERVICE RUNS 8:15 AM TILL 11:00 PM FROM MAIN CLUB HOUSE, OPERATING ON 30 MIN. INTERVALS: 15 & 45 PAST THE HR. DRIVERS LUNCH BREAK 12:05 & 5:35 PM.

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CLUB HOUSE	PINE TRAIL	WINN DIXIE	PUBLIX	CLUB HOUSE
9:00	9:08	9:15	9:20	9:30
9:20	9:28	9:35	9:40	9:50
9:40	9:48	9:55	10:00	10:10
10:00	10:08	10:15	10:20	10:30
10:20	10:28	10:35	10:40	10:50
10:40	10:48	10:55	11:00	11:10
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1:40	1:48	1:55	2:00	2:10
2:00	2:08	2:15	2:20	2:30
2:20	2:28	2:35	2:40	2:50
2:40	2:48	2:55	3:00	3:10
3:00	POST OFFICE - WAIT AND RETURN			

SUNDAY AND HOLIDAY										
CLUB HOUSE	DREXEL	OUTLET MALL	RODS REST.	PINE TRAIL	CROSS COUNTY	PHAR MOR	CHURCH	P.B MALL	PUBLIX	CLUB HOUSE
8:45	8:50	-----	8:55	-----	9:00	-----	-----	-----	9:05	9:10
9:30	9:35	-----	9:40	9:45	9:50	-----	9:55	-----	10:05	10:10
10:40	10:45	-----	10:50	10:55	11:00	11:05	11:15	-----	11:25	11:30
12:30	12:35	12:37	12:42	12:47	12:52	12:57	1:00	1:05	1:15	1:20
1:25	-----	1:30	1:35	1:40	1:45	1:50	-----	1:57	2:05	2:10
2:15	-----	2:20	2:25	2:30	2:35	2:40	-----	2:50	2:58	3:05
3:15	-----	3:20	3:25	3:30	3:35	3:40	-----	3:50	3:58	4:05
4:15	-----	4:20	4:25	4:30	4:35	4:40	-----	4:50	4:58	5:05
5:15	-----	5:20	5:25	5:30	5:35	5:40	-----	5:50	5:55	6:00
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