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From the
Corner Office of
President
Bob Marshall



Clubhouse Repairs

By Bob Marshall

Two hurricanes hit us in September and October 2004. However, the permit to rebuild was not issued until May 2005.

The work actually started before receipt of the permit with the approval of the permit office. From the receipt of the permit to today, only seven months have passed. Many circumstances caused delays. Termites, items needing change because of code requirements, items to be replaced that had worn out, etc. All of the windows that have been changed because they were leaking even during normal rain storms. Restrooms were mandated to be ADA compliant.

The permit department found numerous problems for which repairs were mandated, before the storm-related insured items could be started. All major deficiencies (missing firewalls, floors that required bracing) remained for the permit office to mandate repairs before the work could even begin. Work was even stopped until the firewall was considered and finally approved for the mandatory dictated repairs.

We are beginning tours to show anyone interested the extensive accomplishments this represents. Provided this faculty opens as expected January 2006 (except the auditorium), it will have taken only seven and a half months to accomplish this new impossible undertaking.

Specific expense items for which we have thus far paid are being itemized in details for handouts within the next 10 days. Please stop into the UCO office for a copy. □

From the Desk of
Vice President
Ed Black



Negotiation

By Ed Black, V.P.

When a compromise or attempt to find middle ground is sought, we may call this a negotiation. Often in business, discussions require astute participants to achieve the position where each may claim success. Difficult negotiations also leave both parties a sense of not achieving all that they wanted. This is part of the reason why results leave everyone unsatisfied.

During the recovery from

the two storms of September 2004, our representative met with Mr. Levy to discuss what part of our amenities were left unavailable for our use. These discussions began after initial conversations about how we might meet *halfway* to resolve this concern.

Mr. Levy, and Ms. Monica Wells, decided the portion affected by storm damage approached 70% of all of WPRF's facilities. This amount was proposed to the

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Notes from Poolside

Bulletin: The "old" phone numbers for UCO have been relocated to *The Reporter* and are functional. We now have access to all the lines instead of just one or two.

The delegate assembly meeting on December 2, 2005 deteriorated into a mob scene. This is the last time this behavior will be allowed. In the future, should some rowdies cause an uproar reminiscent of a free-for-all in an arena, I shall adjourn the meeting. No doubt this was organized in advance without any connection to the proposed bylaw amendment. The continuous interruptions of speakers who tried to explain the amendment were orchestrated by a small group of people whose real agenda had nothing to do with the subject matter.

Delegates should not take for granted what some malcontents whisper in their ears. These people do not have the well-being and progress of UCO at heart. Lies, distortions, insinuations and baseless rumors should not play any part in your making up your mind on any matter related to UCO. This administration and its many volunteers are working too hard to waste time on considering how to please some who are only out for themselves without regard to what is best for the community.

On a more positive note:

The makeover of the laundry facility is on time and under budget. I expect the opening to happen before the end of the year.

The new fire station seems to be on schedule. The planned opening is in January. This opening may cut several minutes off their response time into the Village.

We have been notified by the insurance company that they are considering the office building at 2102 West Drive to be a total loss. We will receive a check for the insured value minus the deductible. Additionally we would then get a second check for the amount of loss of furnishings and equipment and a further check for the cost of demolition.

There has been much talk within the Village about the residents' set-aside or reserve account. This is the 70% of your rent money that has been set aside to pay for the resident-funded repairs and improvements. The Operations Committee has recently begun a process to contract with an engineering firm (the same one who did the analysis of the Clubhouse prior to the signing of the Millennium Lease) to review the time lines prepared by the Contractor and those developed by WPRF personnel. This review should help settle any differences of opinion held by WPRF and the Operations Committee. If agreement cannot be reached by these means as the Millennium Agreement provides, Dispute Resolution and Arbitration are the next steps.

We have located a Quick Books expert who, it appears, will be able to move our current usage of Quick Books to a special edition for Not for Profit Organizations, reduce the number of checking accounts from approximately seven to two and greatly enhance our ability to quickly prepare needed financial reports.

Please see the other columns for the many other items of interest. □

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At the Delegates Meeting

Betty Lapidus



December 2, 2005

This meeting was called to order by President Bob Marshall at 9:35 a.m. at Anshei Sholom. There was a quorum.

We were advised to turn off our cell phones, etc.

Dave Bernstein led us all in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

Pres. Marshall introduced our three different guest speakers:

- Lt. David Kronsperger who was happy to tell us CV had a wonderful reputation for safety — there were no burglaries reported, only one construction vehicle broken into — probably someone looking for tools; no citations were issued. He reminded us to be alert because this is the Christmas shopping season for the bad guys. Use your common sense.
- Project Hope: two representatives, a hurricane recovery team which offers crisis counseling. Their number is 561-837-5042.
- Sun Trust Bank. Joe Farkas spoke of the history of the bank and explained its services.

Minutes had been distributed and read by attendees. Motion to accept by V.P. Phyllis Richland, seconded by George Frankel. Accepted, unanimously

Treasurer's Report: George Loewenstein announced that if anyone has any questions re the attached report, please feel free to see him at the UCO office. There was a question of who gets paid for their services at UCO; reply was that there are four paid employees: Pat Blunck, Licensed Property

Manager, Ken Davis, Office Manager; Mary Patrick Benton, Administrative Secretary, and Edie Levine, Transponders and Data Entry

President's Report. Re 2102 West Drive, we have not received the final decision from our insurance adjustor. The building is totally destroyed. The insurance company will not insure a prefab building such as the one we had. What to build? A concrete building — and what will that cost? We have had an offer from WPRF who wants to build a three story building on that parcel of land and to rent us one floor for \$1 per year. They would buy the land from us — we must think of all possibilities.

The Personal Needs Forms were extremely helpful. Building Association Presidents — please bring these forms up to date.

Dave Israel will apply to FEMA re a grant to help install a generator in hi-rise buildings to help with senior or incapacitated people who live on the third and fourth floors and who need help during weather emergencies, etc. when there is no electricity to operate the elevators. He gave us his preliminary report — met with the adjustor who told him about loans and the Small Business Administration.

Leshe of the local Sheriff's Office reminded us to practice good common sense; her phone number is 688-3804.

Applications Review Task Force: re transponders, gate passes, etc. can issue gate passes as of today. We can renew transponders, etc. Come into the UCO office at the Camden pool.

Our Community Relations Committee has the task to

visit any company that will bring food, water, ice, etc. into CV during a weather emergency to arrange with them a schedule for deliveries so that we can notify the residents of CV.

AMR questions Bob explained in detail how this system works. Please see his column in the *UCO Reporter* where it will be clearly outlined.

Some time next month, the new Fire Rescue ambulance entrance directly into CV will be completed.

Laundry: The extended work has been done and the opening will take place next month. Question regarding the fence in back of the building — who owns it? We'll try to find out. That area will be kept clean.

Hy Weber was introduced; he is the new C.O.P. captain inside of CV. He said we need volunteers; it is only three hours per week. He thanked Phil Shapkin for his years of service to CV.

Committee Reports — Insurance: Dan Gladstone reported that next month is renewal time for insurance policies. There have been many insurance policy cancellations. There is an estimated hike of 35% for insurance. Please read his column in the *UCO Reporter*. Insurance adjustors are taking pictures of all the buildings that have put in claims. They are looking for structural problems — only the original structure is insured by the Building Association.

Motion: See attached copy re Article VI — Officers. Heated discussion continued. David Israel addressed the assembly and reported that the world has changed and is still changing. Security has many layers. He was shouted down and stopped talking.

Motion to table by V.P. Ed Black, seconded by Charles Schechter, motion was defeated.

V.P. Jean Dowling explained the need for a qualified person and that we are trying to elevate the Security office to an elected office and not one to be appointed.

Kurt Weiss reported on the security inside of CV — the President can appoint a Sergeant at Arms, we want to elevate this position to the position of an elected officer.

As the disruption continued and to restore order, the President called the question. There was no second to this motion. The vote was taken, and this motion was defeated.

For the record: Dave Israel made an objection to this vote because of a "Not Informed Discussion."

Clubhouse: The party room will be finished by New

Year's Eve. The County has not yet replied whether we can have a "Temporary Occupancy" for this New Year's Eve.

Medicare Outreach Program: Phyllis Richland announced the date will be Monday, December 12 at 10.00 a.m. at Anshei Sholom re Medicare Part D.

She also announced that you may bring your donation of toys directly to the firehouse.

Investigations: David Frankel reported that 2006 is the year that Building Associations need to update their records regarding the ages of their residents.

Golf Course Advisory Council: Kurt Weiss reported that there is nothing new regarding the golf course. There was a question re the original contract — it has been extended, time unknown.

Security. There will be a meeting of this committee today at 2:00 p.m. Question of the broken fence problem will be brought to County Code Enforcement — this fence belongs to the golf course and

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We are already receiving reservations and checks for the Installation Luncheon and Dance that is our annual UCO affair. The date is Sunday, March 19, 2006 at the West Palm Beach Marriott on Okeechobee Boulevard (near the Kravis Center). Your entrée choices are London Broil, Breast of Chicken, or Fish. Please make your check payable to United Civic Organization (UCO) for \$35 per person. Also include with your check your choice of food, if you need a sugar free dessert, and with whom you would like to be seated. Our new

Delegate Assembly

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not to CV.

Regarding the broken lights inside of CV: Pat Blunck reported that FPL will follow up on this situation.

VIN Etching: Will take place on December 10, 2005. Please see the handouts.

Old Business: There was a question of money — 70% — what has UCO done about this put-aside money. Bob responded that the Operations Committee is addressing this situation.

New Business: The Clubhouse Theater may be opened by March 1, 2006.

The TV programs in the gym will be checked out

Motion to adjourn by Vivian Walsh, seconded by Phil Shapkin — passed.

Adjourned at 11:25 a.m. □

Negotiation

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Business Interruption Insurance for their consideration. After due deliberation, the insurance company arrived at 62% as their proposed loss of use. Undaunted Mr. Levy met with our representative to offer the proposal made by the insurance company, and agreed to insist the insurance company accept the 70% he and his team calculated, provided we (UCO) agreed to the 70% also.

Our representative found it very easy to agree to the stand made by Mr. Levy and Ms. Monica Wells, whose offer was fair. As you may now see, the credit belongs to Mr. Mark Levy and Ms. Monica Wells.

Fairness was no part of the demonstration made by the zealots at the Delegate Assem-

bly. It is quite clear; they take unearned credit, regularly over state and don't trust you to make informed decisions. They would rather misinform and exaggerate. Just remember the picture of the objectors and their supporters, standing and screaming over the recognized speaker, when March elections come around. This kind of behavior in a civilized community should not be tolerated! Does this group, banded together, believe in the art of negotiation or intimidation? You decide.

We will never forget this outrage, and should be working to encourage harmony and support of our elected officials. We do hear your concerns and do respond. Please keep the lines of civility open; we all deserve nothing less. □

From the Desk of State Senator

**Dave Aronberg
Wilma Highlights
Need for Continued
Improvement**

Hurricane Wilma brought out the best and, unfortunately, the worst in people. As I traveled the length of my five-county district, I was gratified with the response of the American Red Cross, which worked with me and my colleagues to provide food, water and ice to seniors. Among the many heroes of our post-hurricane efforts were the good folks at Brown Distributing Company of West Palm Beach, who provided thousands of cases of cold water to people in need.

Regrettably, not all Floridians were acting with the best interests of their neighbors in mind. Newspapers from both posts reported looting in storm-ravaged neighborhoods.

Last year, I sponsored legislation that would have provided stricter penalties for looting. Currently, criminals who prey on those left vulnerable by a natural disaster face no harsher penalties by a natural disaster face no harsher penalties for their crimes than

they would under normal circumstances. This gap in our law heightens the feelings of insecurity and defenselessness after a storm.

Although the bill received unanimous support in both the Senate and the House, it was vetoed. I am currently working closely with the Governor's office to ensure that our good bill again passes the legislature and is signed into law.

My attempt to provide stiffer punishment for looting will be just one of the hurricane-related issues that will come before the legislature in the upcoming session.

In Wilma's wake, we saw cars lined up for miles waiting for gas. The stations had sufficient amounts of fuel. Left without power, however, they were unable to distribute the gas to those waiting in the endless queues. As the Vice-Chair of the Senate Communications and Public Utilities Committee, I will work to address this and other power-related post-hurricane issues.

Wilma's unprecedented power outages also restarted the debate surrounding the installation of underground power lines. I will be cosponsoring a bill with Senator Ron

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**BUS DRIVER
OF THE MONTH**

Name _____

Vote for your favorite driver of the month. The riders can cut out this item, fill in the name, and submit it to UCO. Submit to Frank Kornish, Chair of the Transportation Committee, by the first of the month

Nominations

If you are interested in running for any UCO Office or the Executive Board, please call the UCO office and ask for Mary Patrick Benton at 683-9189.

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From Sen. Aronberg

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Klein that establishes a task force to investigate the true cost of burying power lines underground. Currently, the only cost estimates we have come from the power companies themselves. It's time we have objective numbers.

Our fight against consumer fraud continues! Since the beginning of 2003, my office has assisted in the return of more than \$1.26 million to people who have called about being ripped off. If you have a consumer problem — no matter how large or small — call us at 561-433-2627. □

Notes to Newcomers

By Dot Loewenstein
Who is On Vacation?

Yesterday, as I was opening doors for the exterminator, to service our building, one of our snowbirds laughingly declined to assist with the remark "we're on vacation." Oh! I didn't realize that meant total absence of any responsibility. So does that mean, the year-rounders are superintendents and maintenance people? We have a property management com-

pany that handles the gardening, thank goodness. But who are the residents that notice problems and report them to the management company? Who accepts responsibility when the insurance adjusters arrive? Sure, it's the President, but what if *no one* wants to be President? What if *everyone* just uses our Village for vacation?

Most of us, not living under a rock, are aware that UCO is run by volunteers who give up many, many hours not only weekly, but throughout the year. Why on earth would anyone *want* to be elected to the position of President, Vice President, or other office? Think of *their* vacations, if any. A day out of the office? How dare we?

Then there are the dedicated people who edit items submitted to the *UCO Reporter*. They are the "first line" to verify that all items printed are fair and balanced. Initially edited for spelling, grammar, and punctuation, the second edit includes contacting the author if there is any possibility of slander or rumor, and then making necessary adjustments. Some authors insist on every word being published "as is" and are willing to risk any repercussions. Most authors are happy just to see their name in print.


The next step is for John Saponaro, our computer whiz kid, to set all articles into columns, which are then proofread by his dad Joe, a longtime newspaper man. Finally, the columns are cut and pasted onto the large sheets that will eventually reach the printer. This step requires a minimum of two more volunteers.

A last check of all pages, verifying "jumps," and then it's a drive to the printer.

Advertisements pay for the publishing costs and generate income for UCO — two more volunteers to make phone calls and record contracts and payments, while another prepares monthly invoices. Tear sheets must be inserted into these envelopes (two volunteers, usually the same two that did the cutting and pasting). At any point in this process, the loss of even one volunteer is immeasurable — here is definitely a question of "what vacation?" Illness can be dealt with because everyone pitches in to help, but actually firing a worker makes absolutely no sense whatever. It simply places more work on the remaining volunteers who are already

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Insurance
Dan Gladstone



By the time that I write this article, we have not heard any new information concerning our renewal insurance policies. The estimated increase in premiums is expected to be 35% of the actual premium payments of 2005. All this is happening when the remnants of Hurricane Wilma are still blowing on our necks.

Reminder! Each Association has five insurance policies: Property, General Liability, Liability Umbrella, Directors and Officers, and Crime.

Allstate Floridian, the insurance company that has insured most of the homeowners' policies in Century Village, has started mass cancellations of these policies. The reason: "too much hurricane exposure in our area." They offer Universal Insurance Company as an alternative. Check these

policies. It might not be the same coverage.

Cooperation and understanding between the Board of the Association and the unit owners is essential and important to solve the insurance claims. The 2004 Senate Statute determines the liabilities of each. Unfortunately, UCO gets calls of complaints that Officers are not fully cooperating. Such cases are ending with lawyers, courts and unnecessary animosity.

The insurance adjusters are working all over CV. Some are visiting every building, documenting and photographing every site. They are scheduled to cover all the Associations.

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**From the Desk of
Commissioner
Jeff Koons**



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Seven million passengers have flown in or out of the airport in the past 12 months, an eight percent increase from 2004. In March, we hit a peak of 235 daily flights and more

than 975,000 available seats.

Passenger safety has always been a priority at PBLA, and this year, two important security improvements came online. The \$23-million checkpoint expansion project is nearly complete, increasing the number of security lanes at each checkpoint and providing a larger, more spacious meet-and-greet area. Just recently, the Board of County Commissioners approved a three-gate addition to Concourse C, which will bring the total number of gates there to 15.

In July, the Transportation Security Administration (TSA) activated an Explosives Detection Trace Portal at the passenger security checkpoint for the A/B Concourse. Passengers identified as needing additional screening are asked to stand still in

the portal for a few seconds while several "puffs" of air are released, dislodging microscopic particles that are then collected and analyzed for traces of explosives. A computerized voice indicates when a passenger may exit the portal. Checked baggage is also screened for explosives in a secure area away from passengers' view.

Security and safety represent about a third of the airport's annual operating budget, which totals a little over \$40 million. For fiscal year 2006, \$6.3 million has been set aside for sheriff services at PBLA. We also maintain our own PBLA fire-rescue station and life-safety support at an annual cost of \$5.7 million. This does not take into account federal funding for staffing by the Transportation Safety Administration. An agency of the Department of Homeland Security, the TSA is responsible for passenger and baggage screening and is not funded by airport revenues. It should be noted that all airport costs, including security expenses, are funded by user fees and grants; no property taxes are involved.

One more improvement, an addition to the long-term parking garage, should be available next year. The seven-story structure just east of the existing long-term garage will provide 3,200 new parking spaces.

If you are traveling this holiday season, be sure to give yourself plenty of time for check-in. The airport recommends you arrive two hours prior to your departure time and it's always a good idea to call head to make sure your flight is on time. Have a safe and pleasant trip! □

But Not Least

In all the kudos given by Jean Dowling and the others who praised the volunteers, two people were, I am sure, erroneously left out...they are Phyllis Richland and George Loewenstein. Both Phyllis and George unceasingly gave of their time and energy to help all of their neighbors in Century Village. They should both be thanked publicly and often.

Hats off to *everyone* in CV and all the organizations and volunteers who worked here

Roberta Fromkin

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The Mail Bag



Thank You

Now that the hurricane season has, hopefully, passed, I feel that we should thank those persons who have given time and effort to help others who have suffered problems during the storms.

In our condo area, we have a President in Doyle (Junior) Copeland, who has given so much of his time in removing tree limbs, repairing damaged property for those who have no one here to help them, and repairing hurricane damaged roofs. I would also like to thank his long-suffering spouse, Martha, for her help.

The attached photo shows him renewing roof shingles.

For all at Chatham, thanks, Junior.

James Harley

Dear Friends

Is there really a Santa Claus? Yes! And a very unlikely one. The name is Congregation Anshei Sholom. When there was no place for your clubs to meet, who filled your stocking? When there was no show to go to, who said "Welcome"?

Yes, our Congregation opened its doors wide. So wide, in fact, that our expenses for upkeep, cost of entertainers, and personnel to provide safety, cleanliness and pleasure are far beyond the small amounts we charge.

If that weren't enough,

many of my Century Village neighbors have not attended the shows. Why? I can't answer that one. The shows have been top-notch.

So, my shul is hurting. Therefore, I am hurting. Our spiritual needs will not be compromised. What will have to go is the shows. They will stop after January unless there is a big jump in the attendance.

One more point: We receive no subsidies from UCO or any other source. Just the small amount we charge for our big services.

That is it.

*Judith Burkowitz
 Congregation
 Anshei Sholom*

The United Nations

The United Nations was created to bring peace to our world. The U N should be strengthened and enlarged to accomplish this goal.

Wars should be outlawed and forbidden. When a dispute arises between two nations, two religions or ethnic groups, a U.N. representative should meet with both sides to arbitrate and both sides must compromise and cooperate to reach a peaceful solution and then abide by the solution reached.

Military budgets should be reduced or eliminated. Part of the savings to be donated to poor nations to eradicate poverty, hunger and disease, provide safe drinking water and to help with their economy.

We all have one life to live and that life should be peaceful, cooperative and friendly. I have submitted programs and suggestions to the U N, to help develop a peaceful, cooperative and friendly world.

Philip Rowen

Dear Ms. Jackson of WPRF

We're writing this to express our pleasure in having "Mr. Karaoke" Jack at the Kent pool for our entertainment.

As you know, this year could have been most boring — Century Village has been void of activity. So many of us are grateful that we have Jack. He is truly a marvelous asset. In addition to being a great karaoke host, he's a delightful entertainer; it's certainly obvious that he loves what he's doing.

He goes out of his way to encourage everyone to participate. He exudes warmth and makes everyone happy to be there with him.

People just love him!!! We look forward to being there each week when he hosts karaoke.

Best wishes for the New Year:
*Rebecca Harris
 Pearl Malmel*


Volunteers

No one can minimize the damage caused by Hurricane Wilma, nor the suffering it caused to our inhabitants. Nor can we ever thank all the volunteers who gave of their energy to help others in need.

Credit must go to our Synagogue Anshei Sholom for providing much needed space for UCO, and many other organizations, plus supplying entertainment to our unit owners while our Clubhouse is being rebuilt. WPRF, the doctors and our pharmacy should also be congratulated on their willingness to help our residents.

In sunshine, there may be darkness. It must be reported

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**From the Desk of
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Jean Dowling**



For those of you in my quadrant, I now have a phone number and will set up people to answer it for me. The number is 615-4094. For those of you who have left messages that I have not returned, please try again at the new number. It has been a difficult time for us losing our offices and trying to regroup without phones or computer systems. Unfortunately, we will have to move again when we gather enough information to decide on a more permanent situation.

I apologize for any messages I have not returned. My new number again is 615-4094. □

Wish I Said That

By John Saponaro

"In the past, those who foolishly sought power by riding on the back of the tiger ended up inside."

John Fitzgerald Kennedy

**George
Loewenstein, CPA
Treasurer**



A few weeks ago, President Bob Marshall appointed a committee to review the software used by UCO to perform its various functions. This apparently also included the software used by me in the Finance Office to record the financial transactions. The software that I'm currently using is called Quick Books. It is very user-friendly and does almost everything that I need in order to prepare financial statements.

In my 50-plus years as a CPA, I have used, and seen my clients use, and recommend-

ed, many different software packages I still receive at least five monthly professional magazines which periodically review both existing and new programs.

Upon my return from an accounting seminar recently, I was told that the chair of the software review committee attempted to hire a Quick Books consultant (whom I use from time to time) but who was not available. The next step was to go onto the Internet to search out the names of other consultants.

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I'm Ashamed

Yes, I'm ashamed that the Delegates and guests that were at the delegates' Meeting on Friday, December 2, allowed themselves to be used to disrupt a meeting that was so important to the citizens of this Village. First of all, I know that many of you are as appalled as I am that this could happen. It is impossible to control a mob mentality and this group was set up to disrupt. Those cooperating were advised exactly what to do to disrupt.

Do you really want the kind of people who use mob tactics to lead this Village in the future?

One of the things being said about me is that I have no background to be coordinating the renovation of the Clubhouse.

Here is my relevant background:

- Graduated with honors from one of the top three art schools in the country
- Studied cabinet making and design where I built furniture with hand-cut hidden dovetails, etc. and used all related hand and power tools.
- Studied color and design.
- Renovated four houses and did all of the work myself. (Owned my own stud gun.)
- Renovated two buildings for YWCA in the national capital area raising all funds to pay for the work.
- Designed and drew up plans for a house I intended to build myself. (I moved here instead.)
- I understand the infrastructure of buildings and can read blueprints.
- I was the only woman president of the Craft Club (wood shop) at the Clubhouse.
- Have done drawings for new room designs in the Clubhouse and sent them to the architect.

Clubhouse Update

We continue to move forward with all systems. Tile setters are busy and new tile for locker rooms and rest rooms is being set. We are in the finishing stages of the main building with still a lot to do to the outside front.

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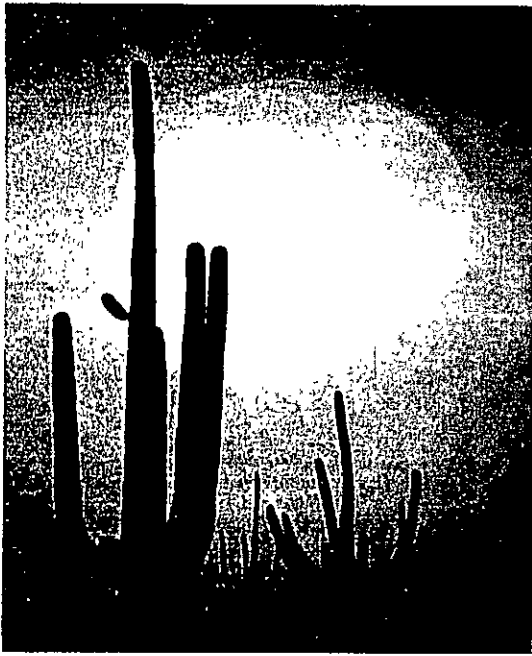
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From the Desk of
Vice President
Phyllis Richland



the financials that are imperative in an organization like ours. Audits, quarterly reports, budgets, financial statements. □

"Whoever said it is a man's world had no idea how easy it is sometimes to be a girl."
from the series
Veronica Mars

The Time is Now

Finally the hurricane season for 2005 has come to an end. The winds are gone and the weather is becoming more the reason why our snow birds are flying back from where they have flown. How surprised they will be when they see the changes in our little piece of paradise or, as we know it, "The Village."

Those of us that are permanent residents and have gone through the storms, the frustrations, and the disappointments of rebuilding can only sit by and listen to the returnees and try to make them understand the whats and whys that caused the delays. It's not an easy task, but we do it with a smile and with lots of patience because we are fielding a lot of angry questions and folks that thought it would all be fun and games when they returned.

There are other winds of change approaching. We are entering another election year. Our President, Bob Marshall, and two of our Vice Presidents, Ed Black and Jean Dowling, are running for another two year term. V.P. Sal Bunimolo and V.P. Phyllis Richland still have another year to serve before their term is completed.

As in any democratic society, any citizen has the right to oppose the incumbent. And so, having said that, I am proud to say that I am supporting George Loewenstein, our Treasurer, and Chair of the Finance Committee, for President of UCO. I also have the challenge of being his campaign manager.

George has shown that he not only can control the budget and spending and in doing so save thousands of dollars, but his experience as President and Officer of many different organizations will prove to be what UCO and our Village needs

UCO is a \$5,000,000 not-for-profit organization. Who better than a CPA, licensed in the state of Florida, can control that kind of money?

Yes, he may be away for a day or two as some have accused, but do you know

where he is going? He is going to seminars here in Florida that are called continuing education so that he can bring back to us the best information and the latest financial information available, and by doing so he keeps his Florida license current.

This is the man we need. When he is President, he will always be involved in the Finance Office. He will save us thousands of dollars by doing

Annual UCO Installation Luncheon and Dance

Remember the date for this gala afternoon. Sunday, March 19, 2006, is the big day. We will meet at noon in the ballroom of the Marriott Hotel on Okeechobee Boulevard. Lunch will begin with a delicious salad and crispy rolls, followed by your entree choice of London Broil, Chicken, or Salmon. Those of you, who know me, know that

a wonderful dessert and coffee or tea will end this meal. (Of course a sugar free dessert will be available if you let me know in advance.) Al Matos and his orchestra will provide the entertainment. Be sure to wear your dancing shoes. The cost of this luncheon is \$35.

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*Mary Patrick Benton
Luncheon Chair*

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Democracy

By Ed Black, V.P.

I have recently joined the Democratic Club here in Century Village. Normally, I would rather keep my political views private, since I explore all candidates' positions rather than vote straight party. I write to you today to express my view of those supporters of the opposing candidate, who behaved so badly at the Delegate Assembly. Their attempt was to shout down any debate over the issue before us, and let me be clear, nothing should provide for such disregard for reason and discussion. Democracy is the debate over the issues, without anger or contempt. Both sides deserve respect on any issue.

This Administration believes in the Delegate Assembly and counts on their choices and decisions. Apparently the other side does not, because they wanted this issue defeated, and clearly left their respect for the rest of us Delegates at home. Any vote where both sides are not permitted to speak is unfair, and shows a lack of trust in *your judgment!* This Administration trusts you; the zealots do not.

Had this team of orchestrated chaos allowed you to participate — the same outcome may have occurred. There may have been some changes made to allow this issue to be approved. But they did not allow the discussion. And that is just not acceptable!

The issue: To elevate to an "Officer" rank the Chair of Security. Why do this, you ask? Because we trust the election process — where you evaluate the candidates and elect your pick for the job. Century Village has a number of committees, but the one linked to almost a daily function is Security. This committee is responsible for the following:

Perimeter fencing — gate passes — transponders — mistreatment of our Guards — collection for broken gate arms — restrictions placed on access of unit owners taken by their Associations — the C.O.P. team — the CERT group (still being formed) — evaluating Guard performance — continuing the surveillance by the Sheriff's Department — residents welfare checks by family — recovery from storms and delivery of necessities — Emergency Committee — camera review for theft (still in the implementation stage)

— just to name a few. The chair is regularly called all times of day or night and informed of any problems in the Village. The Chair should be a part of the team of Officers and contribute almost daily to new scams affecting our community.

Those causing the disturbance had an instruction sheet so they could cause maximum disruption. They distorted the change as a *power grab* — isn't that the effect their screaming at the meeting had? When you return power to the Delegate — isn't that *return of power*? The appointed committee chair is within the power of the President — to return this to the voters is returning the power to you!

Why is it, that those who demand it their way, often do not work at the very committee level where ideas are usually generated, and rarely propose anything positive? □

Sermons of Interest

By Bob Fogelman

Third of Three Parts

By now every unit owner in Century Village must know that you must have homeowners' insurance. It would be downright foolish not to comply with the statutes. *Nuff* said about this.

Let's review preventive maintenance. There are two that come to mind without too much thought. If you smell something burning in your unit and you check all your appliances and electrical outlets, then immediately proceed to your relay box. If it feels hot or even very warm, call a licensed electrician immediately. Understand that the two electricity lines coming from the meter room into your relay box are probably made of aluminum. There was a shortage of brass in 1969-70. So aluminum

was used. Aluminum expands and contracts, which causes sparking and fires.

Picture 34 years of sewer lines running through the first, second, third, and fourth floor units. Is it possible that the first floor sewer line could back up and flood out the unit? It has happened many times. Even in my own building, some years ago. Solution? Have Rotor Rooter or some other company ream out the first floor sewer line.

Isn't it nice to be able to walk around the Village at 2:00, 3:00 or even 4:00 in the morning knowing of the safety, which this place provides? Our Gatehouses, Security Rover and Citizens Observer Patrols do a great job. But we need your assistance. You must, and I emphasize **must**, call our Security at 689-0432 to report anything out of the ordinary, and/or

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November Incident Reports

Analyzed by
Dot Loewenstein

This was a boring month, so if you have something else to do, you can skip this article.

Resident Welfare: Twenty-four incidents from the usual "phone off the hook" to "found resident dead after neighbor noticed odor." One resident left his motor running in the bank parking lot while spending the day on the gambling ship, and two complained of abusive CNAs. 911 was called twice, the Sheriff was called three times.

Gate Arms Broken: Only three times in the entire month — a record low, I believe.

Motor Vehicle Incidents: Three improper parking, one reckless driving, one car abandoned, and two cars vandalized.

Gate Passes were confiscated. One was obviously fake, another was for a deceased parent. A roofing worker had a gate pass but refused to show it, claiming he had permission from Ed Black to enter at will, without proof of identity.

Finally — and this is the only faintly unusual item I

found in all the incident reports — a resident was reported for operating a hair salon in her unit. The smell was seeping into other units and was annoying.

I hesitate to comment on resident and guest abuse of guards because it has been whispered (on the bus) that guards are also abusing residents and guests. I have no proof of this, and welcome any readers who can cite date, time, name, and details □

"God is a comedian playing to an audience too afraid to laugh."
Voltaire

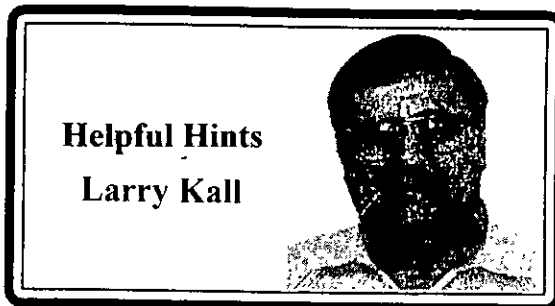
Wish I Said That

By John Saponaro

"Remember what happened to Galileo? They threw him in jail because he said the earth was not the center of the universe. That could happen to us"

from the movie

Final Fantasy:
The Spirits Within



Helpful Hints

Larry Kall

**By Larry Kall
President, Village Mutual
More About Central
Air Systems**

"SEER" is the term used to measure efficiency for air conditioners, refrigerators and freezers. The higher the number, the more efficient it is. Effective January 2006, manufacturers of central air A/Cs cannot manufacture a unit with a SEER rating less than 13. As a result, there has been a lot of scuttlebutt about any systems being available after January 2006 in the Village. I will try, in this article, to give you as much information as I can on the subject.

Contrary to some rumors, central air systems will be available after January 2006. While manufacturers cannot make units under 13 SEER, they can still sell any 10, 11 or 12 SEER units still in inventory. How long it will take

to use up inventory is unknown. It depends on the inventory and the demand.

Now a little background information. There are three main parts to a central air system. The first is outside, the condensing unit that contains the compressor. The second is the inside unit, the air handler, that moves the air through your unit. The third part is the cooling and return lines that bring the cold fluid from the condensing unit to the air handler.

Also enclosed are the electrical lines that connect with the condensing unit. There have been many rumors that the new 13 SEER condensing units will not fit into existing spaces as they are expected to be larger. This could be a problem for units that are mounted in alcoves in many two story buildings. There are some rather large condensing units out there that are taking

up more than half the space. Up to now this has not caused any major problems but only the future will tell us if there will be a problem.

What other problems could there be when having to use a 13 SEER unit besides size? One possible problem could be the proper size of the existing cooling lines. Will they accommodate the 13 SEER units? The opinion of several major manufacturers is that this **might** be a problem, as **might** be a slight reduction in the efficiency level from 100 percent to possibly 94 or 95 percent.

There does not seem to be a practical way to change the cooling lines as most of them travel through walls, floors and ceilings of most apartments. One of the major manufacturers is now building a prototype condensing unit designed for our Village that will fit into an alcove and will connect to existing cooling lines and air handlers. Our research indicates that while there might be some loss by connecting a 13 SEER condensing unit to an existing air handler, it can be done.

Manufacturers of air handlers advised that they will have 13 SEER units available.

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but they are slightly larger and some cutting of a ceiling might be necessary. As time goes by, some other solutions might be available.

Do not panic: Everybody will have central air after January, 2006. We have received many calls from people who are asking, "Should I purchase a new system now while there is still an existing supply?" Yes, if you get a new unit now, you will not have to worry about the problem for many years, and it will be cheaper as 13 SEER will be more costly. If you presently have an original central air system that is 31 years old, and there are a lot of them in the Village, you may want to replace it now while 10, 11 and 12 SEER condensing and air handlers are available. □

"Ever since we said 'I do' there are so many things we don't." from the series *I Love Lucy*

Hadassah Brunch Supports Youth Aliyah

By Rebecca Schlam Lutto

In 1939, teenager Kurt Weiss was plucked from Nazi Vienna and transported by land to Trieste and then by sea to Haifa in Palestine. An only child, he never saw his parents again.

Young Kurt was saved from the Holocaust by a new organization called Youth Aliyah. Youth Aliyah, an arm of Hadassah, is to this day supported by the women's Zionist organization. The Judith Epstein Chapter of Hadassah, based in the Village, will hold a Youth Aliyah fundraising brunch at the President Country Club on

Thursday, January 19.

Kurt Weiss, former president of our United Civic Organization, is at present President of the United Democratic Club of Century Village, among his other civic duties.

When young Kurt docked in Haifa, Henrietta Szold, the 80-year-old founder of Hadassah, was on the pier to greet "her children." Kurt was almost immediately recruited for the Haganah, Hebrew for defense, the clandestine organization for Jewish self-defense in Palestine. In time, he rose to the rank of major in the Israeli army.

"Today, Youth Aliyah and Hadassah address the unique and diverse needs of adolescents from Israel, the former Soviet Union, Ethiopia and

all over the world," said Rosetta Abrahams, president of the Village Hadassah chapter. Hadassah Youth Aliyah programs, she added, "tip the scales, giving young people passports to success."

The gala event at the President will honor Charlotte Jacobson, past national Hadassah president. She now lives at the Classic Residence, near Century Village in West Palm Beach.

The guest speaker on January 19 will be Leah Reicin, national Youth Aliyah chair. She was born in Israel, but now lives in Skokie, IL. Ms. Reicin has "worn many hats" as a lifetime activist in Hadassah and other Jewish organizations and has appeared on television presenting topics of


Jewish Zionist interest.

Additionally, the brunch will present Daniel Delmont, a well-known Parisian singer. His "International Show," featuring love songs of three continents, is popular in all show-biz venues.


For information on the brunch or Hadassah, call Selma Mammen, 686-6896. □

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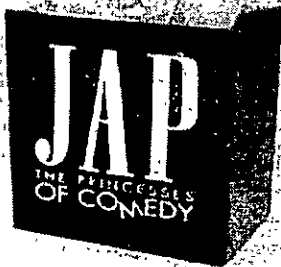


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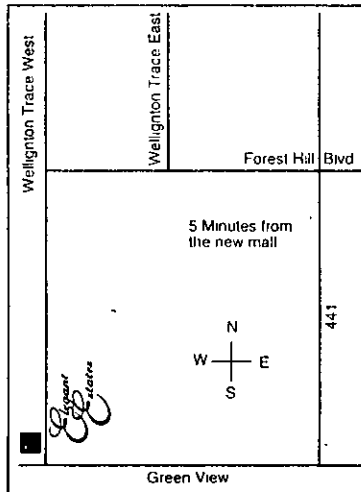
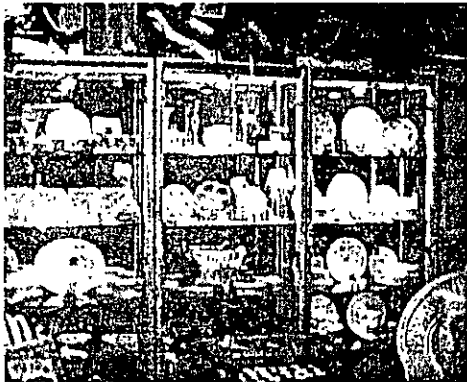
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The Florida Supreme Court Decision in Woodside Village Condominium

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we must also review the cases which the Supreme Court cites in its opinion.

We first must remember that the facts in Woodside concerned an amendment to the declaration of condominium which restricted leasing in the condominium but did not prohibit leasing in its entirety. The Supreme Court upheld these restrictive amendments. The Supreme Court cites the *Seagate Condominium* case with approval, where the amendment severely restricted leasing in a condominium setting but did not completely prohibit it. In fact the exact language in *Seagate Condominium*, concerning restrictions on leasing, is the identical language which we use in Form B-2 of the UCO model documents, which prohibits the leasing of apartments to others as a regular practice for business, speculative, investment, or

other similar purposes unless undue hardship can be shown. Therefore, we now have a definitive ruling from the Florida Supreme Court that the B-2 language in an amendment to the declaration is valid and enforceable. Another case cited in the Supreme Court's opinion severely restricted leasing, stating that a unit owner could only lease his unit one time during ownership of the apartment unless specific undue hardship could be shown. In approving this decision the Supreme Court is approving Form B-5 of the UCO model documents which uses almost the identical language on limiting leasing.

Does the Supreme Court's decision allow a wholesale prohibition of leasing? This is a question the Supreme Court leaves open.

The final issue discussed by the Florida Supreme Court is the application of the Fair Housing Laws to amendments which might restrict leasing. As you know we have drafted into the UCO model documents the undue hardship provision both in our age 55 amendment and our lease restrictions amendments. The

undue hardship provision was included to comply with federal, state and local Fair Housing Laws. If we have a handicapped person who needs to rent under the hardship provisions we can make special accommodation for those handicapped people and thus comply with the Fair Housing Laws. If we were to have a complete abolition of any form of leasing we would still have to maintain some form of hardship provision to comply with the Fair Housing Laws for the handicapped.

In my opinion the Supreme Court's decision in *Woodside* is a ratification of the amendments we are currently using in the UCO model documents, both as to restricted leasing and compliance with Fair Housing Laws. Our current lease restrictions, which prohibit business, speculative types of leasing and/or leasing one's unit more than one time during ownership, is clearly a very restrictive provision in the declaration and clearly enforceable. It is my recommendation that we continue to use these UCO model document lease restrictions as they have been clearly affirmed by the Supreme Court

and give us flexibility for compliance with the handicap provisions of the Fair Housing Laws. If an association wants to pass an amendment to prohibit any form of leasing then it must include hardship exceptions for Fair Housing handicap. But as I have previously stated, whether or not a wholesale prohibition to leasing will still invite litigation is still an open question □

Choose Wisely

By Kurt Weiss

The decision who to vote for should not be based on one's religion or on belonging to an ethnic group other than the candidates. The decision whom to elect, or rather, reelect, should take into account a candidate's past performance, experience, know-how and ability to get along with people — not on one's talent to organize a near riot. We all should evaluate the progress made in our Village.

Within a few more weeks, we shall have a vastly improved Clubhouse. In 2006, our extended contract with Adelphia will enable us to watch additional major chan-

nels at a fee, which is the lowest, compared to anywhere else. Our own channel 63 will then be working too. In the area of human relations, many steps are being taken to help needy residents cope with age, illness and loneliness. In security — especially after the devastating Hurricane Wilma — we are ascertaining that all physical requirements, such as secure fences and adequate lighting, are met and efforts are underway to rebuild C.O.P., after years of utter neglect and mismanagement.

It is easy to voice baseless complaints against the people who conduct the business of our community efficiently and to the liking of what I consider the overwhelming majority of our residents.

Somewhere in the latest issue of this *UCO Reporter*, I saw an ad that mentioned a "four way test." It spoke of: truth, fairness, good will and beneficence to all. Although not exactly intended to praise our current administration, it nevertheless pretty well describes what they stand for.

Delegates should not accept "pronouncements" by would-be candidates or their

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**The Peter
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By Kurt Weiss

Lately, a problem has come to the surface in our Village that has me worried. Rumors circulated which indicate that someone or a group of people who wish to bring about a change in UCO management in the next elections, are using religion to push for a change.

A year and one half ago, prior to the 2004 UCO elections, I thought that a new younger generation should take over the task of running the Village. I therefore spoke to a number of people who, I thought, could provide us with efficient leadership and I urged them to run for office. They did, were elected, and are now UCO's Officers. I did not ask any of them what church or synagogue they belonged to, if any. Religion is a private affair and was none of my or anybody's business. I am happy to say that they fully lived up to my expectations. They are efficient, fo-

cus on the well-being and progress of our Village. They deserve re-election for another term.

We are a community consisting of people of different backgrounds and different political beliefs. Our decision who to vote for should not be based on personal likes or dislikes and certainly not on a candidate's religion. It should be based on an evaluation of past effective performance in cases of re-election and of what a new candidate can offer which would substantially improve the work of UCO.

What should not happen is that a candidate "Peter Principles" himself, or is "Peter Principled" by others to a higher position.

For those of you who never heard of that "Principle": It is one of the two obstacles to the progress of any organization (The other is "Murphy's Law. Whatever can go wrong — will go wrong.") It occurs when an office holder (or employee) who does a fairly competent job on his current lower level is promoted or

elected to a higher position for which he does not have the required qualifications. In such a case everybody suffers: the person himself, the people who work with him or under him, and in the end the organization, which let this happen. So let us make sure it does not happen to us.

Casting one's vote in an election is the culmination of one's rights and responsibilities in a democracy. It should not be taken lightly. Too often the decision who to vote for is more who to vote against. This is especially true in local elections such as ours. If you are looking for a candidate who is absolutely perfect, never errs and always does what you wish him to do — you are out of luck. As we all are — he is human and as such can and will make mistakes.

In evaluating a nominee, one should consider his overall past performance, his dedi-

cation and his reaction when confronted with emergencies, such as a hurricane. It is easy to obsess upon a single action, or lack of action, but to use this as the basis who to cast one's vote for is certainly ill advised.

One should take into account the total picture of achievements, of dedication, of forward-looking thinking. On all these, let's keep the team we have. □

Choose Wisely.

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mouthpieces without checking their veracity, especially those shouted by some loud-mouth megalomaniac. But then, he may as well have been "his master's voice." What does that say about the "master"? □

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ONE ENEMY WILL
MEET HIM
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**Random
Ramblings
Bob Fogelman**



Everybody has a favorite holiday. Let me tell you why Christmas is my favorite. My daughter and her husband come down for a week starting on Christmas day. Then, during Christmas week, we have additional visitors — my grandson and his sister, her husband and their two children — my great granddaughter, Sophie, who is one year old, and her three year old brother, Jordan.

Of course, during the summer months, it is our turn to stop over in Washington, D.C., York, PA, Hightstown, NJ, Orange, NJ, Suffern, NY, New York City, NY, and finally, Stony Brook, NY.

Some people like holidays for shopping for bargains in the department stores holiday "giveaways" (?). Regardless of your religious persuasion,

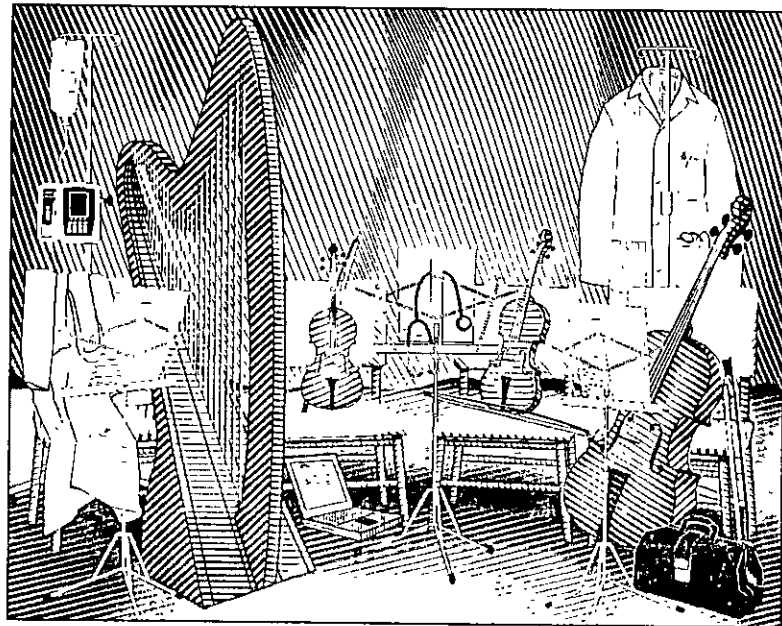
I am sure one of your holidays will always remain your favorite. Thanksgiving seems to be one of our favorites. Was it always so when you were a teenager or younger?

If you think back when you were really young, was the summer school vacation the best time of the year for you? As a city dweller, the city pools were few and far between. People who lived near the ocean were envied by all. If you lived outside of the city near a lake, you had it made.

As we grow older, it's so nice to talk to someone of our generation about the "good-ole-days." There is a peculiar thing about this "growing old" situation. The alternative is obvious. So let's just make the best of it and enjoy every day as though it is the first day of your new life. □

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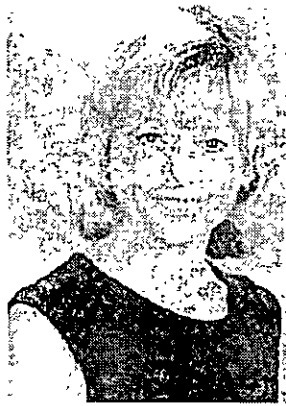
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Susan Wolfman

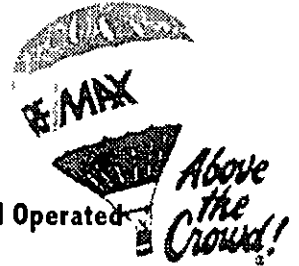
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Organization News

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AMIT — Rishona Chapter: Meets 2nd Tue at noon. Lite lunch will be served. Next meet on Jan 10, 2006. Interesting program will be presented. Call Dora at 683-9476 for future trips to Hard Rock Casino.

Brooklyn USA: Meets 2nd Wed, 3:00 pm, at Anshei Sholom. Join us for interesting speakers, trips and new friends. Coming events: Jan 25-27, trip to St. Augustine and Jacksonville; Feb 15, Cici's; Feb 26, annual luncheon and dance; Mar 20-24, cruise to Nassau, Coco Key, Key West. Call 683-1564 (Rose) or 478-0900 (Justin).

Century Village Computer Club: Meets 2:00 pm at Anshei Sholom. Meets consist of Q&A, a business meeting, a 50/50 drawing with 2 winners. All meetings will be held at the Temple until further notice on 1st and 3rd Thu. Call Carole 688-8010 weekdays bet 11:00-7:00

Citizens On Patrol: Until the Clubhouse is completed, C.O.P. will meet on 2nd Thu at 10:00 am at Southampton pool Park vehicles on back side facing Okee. All members are to come in uniform.

Cong. Anshei Sholom: Announces upcoming entertainment events: Jan 5, comic Barry St. Ives and vocalist Bunny Parker; Jan 10, singing impressionist Andy Corridori and vocalist Tzipi Zarenkin, Jan 17, Cavendish Classics' *Nights on Broadway*, Jan 24, vocalist Ellena Lieberman and comic Allan Lieberman; Jan 31, vocalist Barbara Brighton and comic Glen Anthony. All showtimes 7:30; doors open 6:45. Donation \$8. Call 684-3212 (no Sat calls). Other events: Dec 24, Chanukah latkes party and show by Anshei Sholom Players, \$9 (\$7 members); Dec 31, New Year's Eve party, w/DJ dancing & dairy buffet, \$35 (\$30 member), res req; Jan 15, free horse racing at the Temple; Jan 24, Men's Club bus trip to the Hard Rock Casino; Jan 29, free ice cream party for new members. Rae 478-3221, Barbara 640-7931, Temple 684-3212.

CV Art Group: Hy Berger, art teacher, will conduct paint classes every Fri, 1:00 pm, in the Okee library. Classes will resume at the Clubhouse when the building opens. 697-8673

Deborah Hospital Foundation: Meets 2nd Mon every other month, 12:00 pm: Jan 11, paid-up membership luncheon; Feb 9, donor luncheon. For location and further info, call Bea 688-9478, Claire 684-3659, Marge 687-3991

Dr. Roni Stein: Every Thu. 9:30-11:30, Jan 12-Mar 30 at Anshei Sholom, lectures on great operas and classical music appreciation. Tuition \$16 PP for 4 sessions. 242-5190.

Hadassah, Judith Epstein Chapter: Meets 3rd Wed, 1:00 pm, Anshei Sholom. Jan 19, Youth Aliya Brunch, President Country Club. Info, Selma, 686-6896

Hastings Cue Club: Join us for a new season of billiards at the Hastings Fit Center, daily bet 9:00-12:00. Tournaments are in the planning stage. Meets will be between Dec 29 and Jan 26. Call 686-4442 (Al), 684-9677 (Ken) or 602-3130 (Ted).

Holocaust Survivors of the Palm Beaches: Meets every 2nd Wed at JCC in Gruber Hall. Esther 471-9052.

Italian-American Culture Club: Meets 3rd Wed at Anshei Sholom, 3:30-5:00. All are welcome. Membership for 2006 now open. Sat bowling starts 9:15 am; call 616-0981 (Anne) or 689-1924

(Barbara). Jan 7, lunch and show w/Eddie Michael & Dina Martin at Cypress Creek Country Club. Feb 4, dinner dance w/cocktail hour, 6:00-11:00 pm. Call 478-8194 (Pete)

Latino Club of Century Village: Meets 4th Thu at the Kent Pool, 7:00 pm. Our agenda is to promote social, cultural and entertaining events, to foster harmony and good will among the CV residents. All welcome. Luis 471-9802, "Ray" 201-1723.

Merry Minstrels: We are a group of people who visit assisted living facilities and nursing homes 52 weeks a year. Drivers are a necessity (in some cases, we put spouses to work) since we car pool and travel north as far as Jupiter and south to Boynton. Please contact one of the following if you'd like to sit in

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Na'amat USA (Pioneer Women): Our itinerary: Feb 22-24, St. Augustine-Jacksonville, incl meals, guided tour, dinner show, Cummer Museum and Gardens. Marlene 684-8537, Sylvia 686-5350.

Queens New York Club: You don't have to be from Queens to join. Meets include guest speaker and entertainment. Coming events: Jan 15, *Brazilian Tropicana*; Feb 12,
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Organization News

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Zella Lehr's *Five Star Broadway*; Mar 12, *Ain't Misbehavin' w/dinner* at Gateway; Apr 2, *Full Monty w/dinner* at Martins. For info, call Harriet at 684-9712 or Pauline at 689-6021.

Republican Club of Century Village: Meets 3rd Wed, Sep-Nov and Jan-Mar, also active in Republican causes, events and activities in-between meetings. Ray Agostini, 615-7143.

United Democratic Club of Century Village: Meet at Anshei Sholom, 1:00 p.m. Venue will change once facilities at the Clubhouse become available. Topics: Dec 28, Village-wide town hall meet w/Rep. Robert Wexler on the new Medicare prescription drug benefit; Jan 24, Rep. Jim Davis; Feb 28, Clerk of the Court Sharon Bock. Mar 28: TBA. Kurt, 640-5872

United Order of True Sisters: For info on upcoming events call Selma 684-9127, June 471-5698.

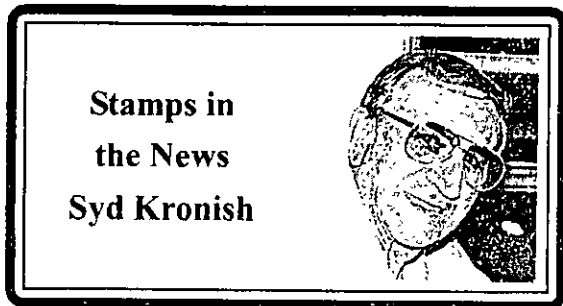
Women's American ORT: Meets 2nd Tue, 12:30 pm, Anshei Sholom. Next meet, Jan 10. Upcoming: Feb 14, auction bazaar at the Temple (no clothing, please); Mar 5, *Ain't Misbehavin'* at the Stage Door Theatre, call 688-0547 (Elsie), 689-7074 (Millie) or 478-7406 (Tillie), Mar 14, reg meet; Mar 16, lunch at The Classic, call 689-7132 (Lillian) or 689-2905 (Claire).

Yiddish Culture Chorus: Rehearsals begin Dec 6 at Aitz Chaim, across from East Gate. Edy, 687-4255

Yiddish Levenkrantz: Advanced Reading Group: Meets 2 Fri per mo in homes. Reading I B. Singer's *Bezden Shtub* beginning Dec 9. Troim, 684-8686.

Yiddish Vinkl: Meets every 2 weeks at Tradition (housing near Morse Geriatric). Come laugh, sing, tell stories, jokes in *Mamaloshen*. Edy, 687-4255.

"Great men are not always idiots."
Karen Elizabeth Gordon



From sports stars to comic book heroes, from the Wonders of America to the World Philatelic Exhibition and from the Amber Alert Program to this nation's first Postmaster General Benjamin Franklin the stamp program for 2006 has been announced by the U.S. Postal Service.

"Our 2006 program commemorates a wide range with something that will appeal to everyone," said Postmaster General John E. Potter, in de-

scribing stamps for the upcoming year.

January will be a big month for the Postal Service. The first stamp in the line up is another in the series of *Love Stamps* (as previously reported in this column) The Winter Olympic Games will feature a stamp showing a female skier in competition. Actress Hattie McDaniel will be honored and recognized as the first African American to win an Academy Award

Following on the Postal Service agenda in early 2006 will be a two-stamp set hailing *Our Wedding*. Another, *Art of Disney — Romance*, will depict the lovable Mickey and Minnie as well as other characters.

Continuing its tradition of publicizing important social causes, the USPS will issue a tribute to *Amber Alert*, a program dedicated to finding abducted children. World Champion boxing legend Sugar Ray Robinson will be seen on a special stamp.

Pulitzer Prize winning author Katherine Anne Porter will be the 22nd honoree in the Literary Arts series *Wonders of America* will illustrate natural and man-made phenomenon in America.

The USPS will jointly issue a stamp in conjunction with

Canada Post to honor the 1606 voyage of Samuel de Champlain, noted explorer. The 2006 World Philatelic Exposition, to be held in Washington, D.C., will be acclaimed with a souvenir sheet depicting Washington sites, including the Lincoln Memorial and the Capitol Dome.

Six *Distinguished American Diplomats* will be honored for their efforts in representing the U.S. in countries throughout the world. Ten comic book *Super Heroes* will be the subject of a stamp set which will include Superman and Wonder Woman.

Judy Garland will be honored as the 12th inductee in the *Hollywood* series. Winner of awards for her performances in the *Wizard of Oz*, *A Star is Born*, *Meet Me in St. Louis*,

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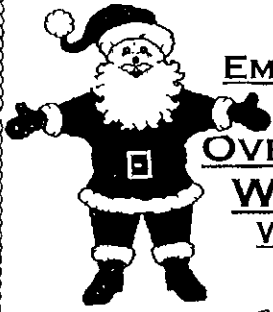
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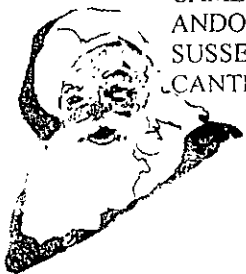
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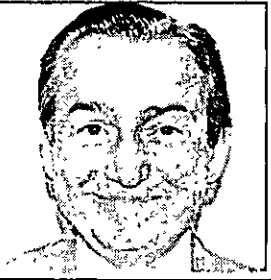
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Happy Holidays! Happy New Year! And if you step or ride outside the gates, here's what's happening Arts and Entertainment-wise:
Theater

Florida Stage (Manalapan) is departing somewhat from its established past. Committed to producing thought-provoking works by new playwrights, it opened this season with an enjoyable no-thinker comic sex romp, *A Marriage Mimet*. And now through January 15, it's producing the East Coast Premiere of one of the English-speaking world's best known and most beloved playwrights, Athol Fugard. According to the publicist, "Based on Fugard's experiences in South Africa between 1956 and 1961, the play, *Exits and Entrances*, tells the story of a life-changing friendship between an idealistic young playwright and a celebrated older actor, one finding his artistic voice while the other struggles against the shadow of being forgotten." Mr. Fugard always provides lots to think about and, much to his credit, his characters are always warm and sympathetic, no matter how difficult their trials and tribulations. If you've never seen a Fugard play, chances are you'll like it. If you're familiar with his

works, you know what I'm talking about. From January 27 through March 5 experience the World Premiere production of Melanie Marnich's *Cradle of Man*. This, too, has an African setting. Quoting the publicist, "In Olduvai Gorge in Tanzania, the birthplace of mankind, bodies come together and lives come apart revealing the anthropology of the human hear" (for tickets and additional information, call the box office at 585-3433 or www.floridastag.org).

Maltz Jupiter Theatre (Jupiter) offers *The Tin Pan Alley Rag* January 17-February 5, with music and lyrics by Irving Berlin and Scott Joplin. "The year is 1915," the publicist says, "and while the encounter between rising star Berlin and ragtime giant Joplin in this delightful musical is pure fiction — the singing, dancing and story are pure magic." Fiction or not, I'm always happy to hear *Alexander's Ragtime Band* and *The Entertainer*. So are my tapping toes. And one of my favorite musicals, Frank Loesser and Abe Burrows' *Guys and Dolls* brings the horse right here February 14-March 5. As noted before, the Maltz is aiming to make itself a mini Kravis Center and stages one-night stands

haven't space to describe. You can send for its program guide, but also read more in this column under Music and Dance (575-2223 or www.jupitertheatre.org).

Caldwell Theatre Company (Boca Raton) plays host to *Blithe Spirit*, Noel Coward's classic comedy. The publicist writes, "Imagine an elegant dinner party at home with after-dinner entertainment provided by a local clairvoyant. Then imagine your reaction as Madame Arcati conjures up your first wife's spirit, in front of the second wife and company. And you're the only one who can hear dear, departed Elvira as she mixes things up and leaves crazed chaos in her wake." This is one of Coward's most enduring and endearing works; among his many plays, it was his personal favorite. Michael Hall has a real flair for this kind of thing, so it should be great fun. Running dates are December 30-February 12. Following that comes the World Premiere of *Under the Bed*, by Susan Sandler, who is perhaps best known for her play and movie, *Crossing Delancey*. A comedy-drama, it's set among seniors in South Florida. February 19-April 2 are the dates. The Caldwell also has a play-reading series. January 16, relive some of Margaret Sanger's life as seen through the eyes of playwright Edward

Amor's script, *The Woman Rebel* (241-7432 or www.caldwelltheatre.com)

Respect A Musical Journey of Women still has an open-ended run at The **Cuillo Centre for the Arts** (West Palm Beach). Through popular songs and dances of the 20th century the history of American women is told. Solid cast and well-paced directing render this nostalgic, humorous and informative entertainment for the entire family (835-9226)

Palm Beach Dramaworks (West Palm Beach) houses the World Premiere of Michael McKeever's *Hand of God* January 6-February 5. Mr. McKeever is a young and prolific local playwright, good enough right now to be working in New York or Los Angeles. See him while he's still local! The publicist describes this as "a play about

two priests' struggle to confront the truth after one claims to have had a visitation from a saint." However, this is not *Going My Way* or *Mass Appeal* or *The Exorcist*. Mr. McKeever's characters do some quite unexpected things. His is a warm, at times humorous story of human beings whose personal lives and whose church are undergoing change. Everyone can readily identify with and enjoy it. Coming March 10-April 9 is Willy Russell's unhappy professor who's *Educating Rita* (514-4042 or www.palmbeachdramaworks.org).

The next offering from **Broadway in Palm Beach** is a revival of *Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat*, the first hit musical written by Andrew Lloyd Webber and Tim Rice. The "Joseph" in question is the Biblical guy

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Memories

I recently came across an article written in the now defunct publication of *The Wellingtonian News* printed in December, 1981 by the then-President of Wellington, Philip Sokol.

Oh, for the good old days when the prices quoted seem like a pittance next to the prices we now pay.

"On December 1, 1981, your maintenance charges are going up by \$1.20 per month for a two bedroom unit, and by \$1.03 for a one bedroom unit, due to an increase in garbage collection and liability insurance rates effective November 1st. We were told that these amounts will be reduced

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Happy, healthy, and a storm free year for wishes for the year 2006. □

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with the dreams Running dates are January 3-8 at **The Kravis Center** (West Palm Beach). Under the same banner and at the same place comes the musical *Hairspray* March 7-12 (966-3309 or www.BroadwayAcrossAmerica.com).

Others: At **The Mozart Theatre** (Lake Park), *Let's Get Rid of Grandma* draws audiences until February 5 (881-7677). **Lake Worth Playhouse** (Lake Worth) welcomes Mark Haelik's *The Immigrants* January 12-29. A humorous semi-autobiographical tale, here's what happens to European Jews transplanted in Texas before that became George Bush country (586-6410). Several other shows primarily of interest to Jewish audiences include Valerie

Harper as Golda Meir in *Golda's Balcony* at **The Parker Playhouse** (Fort Lauderdale) January 4-15 and, at the same theater, *JAP*, January 25-29 and Steve Solomon's one-man show, February 16-18 (1-954-462-0222 or www.ticketflorida.com).

Music and Dance

Maltz Jupiter Theatre has the Tommy Dorsey Orchestra (led by Buddy Morrow) January 9, the Larry Elgart Orchestra January 20 and the Cab Calloway Orchestra, his grandson Calloway Brooks conducting, March 8. Melissa Manchester appears January 30. **Palm Beach Dramaworks** classic jazz series features the Aaron Weinstein Quintet January 9, followed by the Evan Christopher Quintet March 13 and the Bucky Pizzarelli Quintet May 23 (514-4042). Here are

some forthcoming **Kravis Center** (West Palm Beach) highlights: **Palm Beach Opera** performs Donizetti's *Don Pasquale* January 27-30 (833-7888). **Ballet Florida** dances *The Nutcracker* December 23-28. Stravinsky's *Rite of Spring* headlines the February 3-4 program (659-2000). Hershey Kay's joyous *Western Symphony* is one of three works on the January 20-22 program of the **Miami City Ballet**, featuring dances created by George Balanchine and Twyla Tharp. Balanchine and Jerome Robbins choreography spark the February 17-19 program (1-877-929-7010 or www.miamicityballet.org). Bob Lappin and **The Palm Beach Pops** give Jack Jones center stage as he sings *A Salute to the Music of Frank*

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Make a Run for the Border

The Michaels family owned a small farm in Canada, just yards away from the North Dakota border. Their land had been the subject of a minor dispute between the United States and Canada for generations. Mrs. Michaels, who had just celebrated her 90th birthday, lived on the farm with her son and three grandchildren.

One day, her son came into her room holding a letter. "I just got some news, Mom," he said. "The government has come to an agreement with the people in Washington. They've decided that our land is really part of the United States. We have the right to approve or disapprove of the agreement. What do you think?"

"What do I think?" his mother said. "Jump at it! Call them right now and tell them we accept! I don't think I could stand another one of those Canadian winters!"

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Sinatra and Tony Bennett January 11-12. *Swingin' with the Big Bands* has the joint jumpin' January 31-February 1. If you like the Big Band sound and have never seen or heard Bob Lappin and his Pops, you're depriving yourself (832-7677 or www.palmbeachpops.org)! **The Duncan Theatre, at Palm Beach Community College** (Lake Worth), continues to have its own performing arts series (868-3309 or www.pbcc.edu/arts). **The Eissey Campus Theatre** (Palm Beach Gardens) has a different telephone number (207-5900)

Museums
The Norton Gallery of Art (West Palm Beach) has its big exhibition of the season, French Impressionism and Boston: Masterworks from the Museum of Fine Arts. Among the 53 paintings are works by Manet, Degas, Renoir, Corot, Hassam and Sargent, plus 12 Monets. The true focus of the exhibition is the Impressionists' influence upon New England artists and Boston collectors, which makes it interesting. The paintings themselves are

mainly typical of the artists and, since most museum-goers like Impressionist works, this is to be liked. See it through March 5. Complementing this show will be Matisse in Transition: Around Laurette. Matisse was French. Not an Impressionist, he was of a later generation and painted in the manner of a group known as *The Fauves*. Laurette was a favorite model. January 28-April 16 are the dates (659-6786 or www.norton.org).

The Fort Lauderdale Museum of Art houses *Tut-ankhamen and the Golden Age of the Pharaohs*, an exhibition containing over 130 objects, many previously unseen in North America. *The Palm Beach Post* had an insightful article noting that on Tut's first American visit, people were talking about the "curse" supposedly put upon those who opened his tomb. This time around, the debate is, was the Pharaoh white or black? At the conclusion of a lecture I once gave on Cleopatra and the Greeks in Egypt, I found myself unwittingly drawn into the same discussion. My conclusion?

Enjoy the exhibition for what it is! It closes April 23.

The Society of the Four Arts (Palm Beach) has *Fashion in Film: Period Costumes for the Screen* and *Gentle Breezes. The Art of the Fan* through January 6. *American Cornucopia: Treasures from The Philadelphia Museum of Art* can be seen January 21-February 26 (655-7226).

The Morikami Museum (Delray Beach), always presenting some of the very best in Japanese art, houses *The Faithful Samurai: Woodblock Prints of Utagawa Kuniyoshi (1797-1861)*, January 10-March 19. If you're unfamiliar with Japanese art, much of it is very, very beautiful and different from Western art (495-0233)! □

Wish I Said That

By John Saponaro

"Male and female represent the two sides of the great radical dualism. But in fact they are perpetually passing into one another. Fluid hardens to solid, solid rushes to fluid. There is no wholly masculine man, no purely feminine woman."

Margaret Fuller

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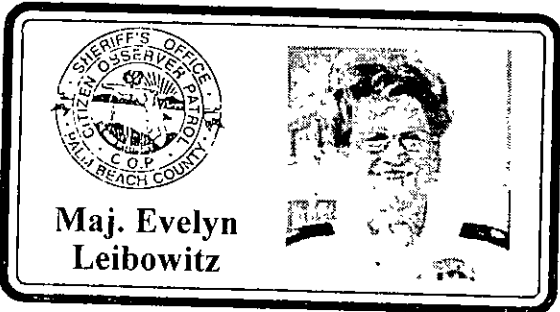
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By Maj. E. Leibowitz

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- For high blood pressure sufferers: Simply cut yourself and bleed for a few minutes, thus reducing the pressure in your veins. Remember to use a timer
- A mouse trap, placed on top of your alarm clock, will prevent you from rolling over and going back to sleep after you hit the snooze button.
- If you have a bad cough, take a large dose of laxatives, then you will be afraid to cough.
- Have a bad toothache? Smash your thumb with a hammer and you will forget about the toothache.

Sometimes, we just need to remember what the rules of

life really are. You only need two tools — WD-40 and duct tape. If it doesn't move and should, use the WD-40. If it shouldn't move and does, use the duct tape.

Remember: Everyone seems normal until you get to know them. Never pass up an opportunity to go to the bathroom. If you woke up breathing, congratulations! You get another chance. And finally, be really nice to your family and friends; you never know when you might need them to empty your bedpan. Knowledge is knowing that a tomato is a fruit; wisdom is not putting it in a fruit salad.

From the Internet

Helpful(?) Hints for the Helpless (Humor: Don't Try This At Home!)

These may be helpful as we go through our stressful days! Subject: amazing easy home remedies.

- If you are choking on an ice cube, don't panic. Simply pour a cup of boiling water down your throat and presto. The blockage will be almost instantly removed.
- Clumsy? Avoid cutting yourself while slicing vegetables by getting someone else to hold them while you chop away.
- Avoid arguments with the Mrs. about lifting the toilet seat by simply using the sink.

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Condominium Harmony

By Bob Fogelman

The law office of Becker and Poliakoff has recently issued a very appropriate community update in which they discuss disharmony among members of Condominium Associations. For the benefit of all our Associations, I have paraphrased their lengthy article.

"Successful community association operation is dependent upon the board's ability to maintain harmony among the co-owners. The difficulty of this task is often exacerbated by a few vocal owners who loudly take issue with

every board action and/or fight with other co-owners."

The Florida Court of Appeals has declared their version of community harmony: "Every man may justly consider his home his castle and himself as the king thereof, nevertheless his sovereign fiat to use his property as he pleases must yield, at least in degree where ownership is in common or cooperation with others. The benefits of condominium living and ownership demand no less. The individual ought not be permitted to disrupt the integrity of the common scheme through his desire for change, however, laudable that change may be."

While common interest ownership affords many advantages, carefree and maintenance free living is not among them. Here are five (5) items that must be fully understood by all co-owners:

- They are owners and not tenants and therefore must concern themselves with the operation of their property
- They, not just the board, are responsible for the success or failure of their community.
- They must share in the common expenses, regardless of how high those expenses may be, and must budget sufficient funds to provide for repair and replacement of all building

components

- They must abide by the covenants and restrictions and reasonable rules and regulations for the common good of the community.
- They must give up rights which they might otherwise enjoy in single-family detached housing.

Some advice to condominium boards: Do not treat adults like children. Involve the owners in committees and board meetings. Remember, the board serves at the pleasure of the members and the board has a fiduciary duty to the members, not vice versa.


Constructive criticism is positive input. Differences of opinion and debate are healthy signs of democracy in action as long as the owner speaks out in an orderly fashion, is respectful of the rights of others, and uses legitimate means to communicate his or her ideas in the proper forum.

Encourage all owners to serve on the board so they can acquire first-hand experience, which will lead to a better appreciation of the problems facing the board. □

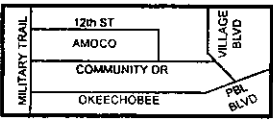
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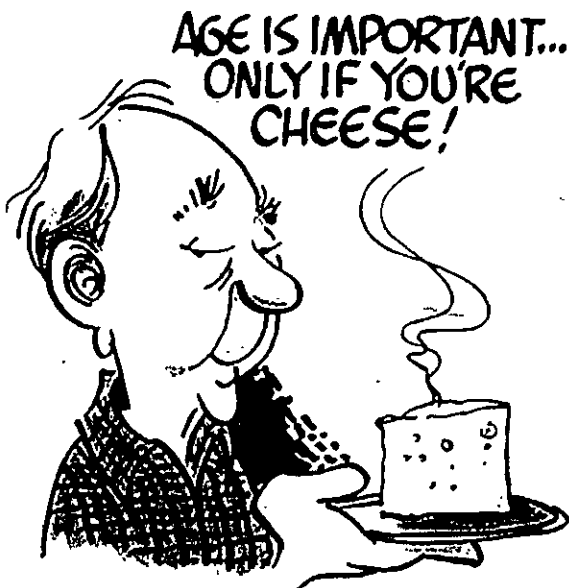
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Administration Accomplishments and Plans for 2004 to 2006-07

Hurricanes:

- Village hurricanes clean-up
- Reconstruction of Clubhouse
- New system for emergency resident needs
- Most VPs in five days a week
- WPRF and UCO working as an effective efficient team
- New Clubhouse — overall extensive renovation
- Full service TV station
- Security gates better manned and camera system to ID problems
- Well run — well organized — informative meetings
- Usher corps
- Reserves set up for paving Clubhouse parking lot and for deductibles for insurance for future storms
- Closer cooperation with and supervision of WPRF
- Rebuilding of C.O.P.
- Continuous check of fences, lights and signs
- Improved Security Systems by installing camera systems
- Continuous ongoing beautification and tree planting
- Reclaimed water supply
- Close cooperation with all associations directly and through area associations and the four CV quadrants

Complete Standard Operating Procedures written for all departments:

Procedures fully automated

- Transponders
- Gate passes
- Investigations
- Resident IDs

Random Ramblings

By Bob Fogelman
What's New

This is a non-political review. Something has to be said that may not have been sufficiently noted before. For five or ten years before the UCO administration took over, the business of conducting UCO here in Century Village was predicated upon past experiences coupled with new ideas.

Now, UCO is definitely in the 21st century. Why? Everything that UCO is doing, or will do in the future, will be on computers with backups. Once the computer system is fully completed, coupled with our use of cameras, the administration of cameras, the administration of UCO business for Century Village residents will be the envy of all gated communities in Florida.

Now that the future has been put in space, let me address some questions of my own. It is my opinion that new and old — not age wise — unit owners must be brought up-to-date on many subjects, such as: contents of their documents and bylaws, how to comply with the rules and regulations of Chapter 718;

how does the condo Board of Administration fully comply with your condo regulations; contracts and budgets; investigations and responsibilities.

In addition, how about mandatory home owners insurance, hiring someone to check out your unit while you are away for long periods of time, possible elevator re-evaluation, replacement of electrical work, cement work, sewer cleaning and extermination? In particular, in the future, I would like to discuss old water heaters, inoperative fire extinguishers and preventative maintenance.

The question is — how do we accomplish all of the above with 309 condominiums and their Board of Administration? How do you prepare a "workshop" or a series of "workshops" so that the degree of attention span is of a limited duration and yet the message is understood by one and all? Also, should it be in November-December or January-February-March? New condominium laws may make some of your recorded amendments unenforceable.

I suggest a periodic review of your documents by your Association Officers coupled together with the question to UCO — "What's new?" □

Show at Synagogue

On Monday night, November 7, the Cavendish Classics performed at the Anshei Sholom Synagogue. There was a full attendance of Century Village residents. The performance was excellent and was enthusiastically re-

ceived by the audience.

The performers consisted of three women singers and three male singers. They sang solos, duets and as a group. They sang old popular songs and some current ones. The Cavendish group will perform again twice in the next few months.

The Cavendish group should be invited to perform each month at the Century Village auditorium when it reopens. The residents would have an excellent, enjoyable performance each time.

Philip Rowen



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Mob Rule Wins the Day

By David B. Israel

Be careful what you ask for, you just might get it.

A key element of business brought before the Delegate Assembly today was a proposed Bylaw change quoted here for the record:

ARTICLE VI — OFFICERS

A. The officers of UCO shall be a President, four (4) Vice Presidents, a treasurer, a corresponding secretary, a Recording secretary, and a Sergeant-at-Arms.

ARTICLE VII — DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES OF OFFICERS

F. Sergeant-at-Arms —

The officer who is tasked with preserving order in all UCO legislative sessions, he will also serve as Head of Security ascertaining that Century Village be secure from danger. The underlined text denotes the proposed changes.

Having significant background at the federal level in matters of security and armed with certain knowledge of recent history in southern Florida, I rose and was duly recognized by President Marshall to speak, in favor of the proposed change. It was my reasoning, that in light of a potential threat and in consideration of global changes in the terrorist threat matrix that the proposed change would serve to **highlight the role of security in CV** and enhance UCO's ability to coordinate all aspects of our security shield with a view to steady improvement in the future. I was aware, that a cer-

tain group had been conducting a vigorous telephone campaign to lobby delegates to vote this proposal down for at least a week prior to the meeting. Nonetheless, I anticipated that it would be possible to present some facts in support of the proposed change, at which time there would be debate, discussion and a vote in accordance with established rules of civilization and order! Was I to be surprised!

Upon commencing to speak, not 20 words had emerged from my mouth when chatter swept the assembled Delegates. A person jumped to his feet unrecognized by the Chair, shouting "we are losing our quorum," it should be noted that at that time, one person was in the aisle heading, for all we know, to a rest room! The code phrase triggered another to jump up shouting about deception and ploy which started an orchestrated cascade of wild shouting by perhaps 75 or more. The shout was sustained and mounting in volume and intensity. Shouts ranged from "Out of Order" to things not to be repeated here. It was clear that the pre-planned tactic was to prevent **anyone** from speaking in favor of this proposal. This was born out when Kurt Weiss attempted to speak and was given the same shout down treatment.

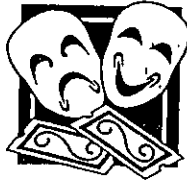
To those who were not present, it should be noted that the Delegate Assembly was at near riot intensity. Unable to continue my remarks, I left the podium. The vote was called and the proposal

was defeated. It was a defeat for improved security in CV. It is a shame that a cabal of zealots with a preset marching order was simply not interested in hearing facts, their minds were made up and they

had no intention of being swayed by facts. It is a shame that they saw fit to role the issue of Security into a divisive election campaign to the detriment of all CV residents.

These tactics of Mob Rule

are not to be accepted in a civilized democratic society. These tactics give **fair warning** that this group intends provocation at least and autocracy at worst. Such individuals are not helping CV. □



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You have a list of 15 phone numbers to reach your family of three.

You e-mail your son in his room to tell him that dinner is ready, and he e-mails you back "What's for dinner?"

Your daughter sells Girl Scout cookies via her Web site.

You chat several times a day with a stranger from South Africa, but you haven't spoken to your next door neighbor yet this year.

You didn't give your valentine a card this year, but you posted one for your e-mail buddies via a Web page.

Your daughter just bought on CD all the records your college roommate used to play that you most despised.

Every commercial on television has a Web site address at the bottom of the screen.

You buy a computer and a

week later it is out of date and now sells for half the price you paid.

The concept of using real money, instead of credit or debit, to make a purchase is foreign to you.

Cleaning up the dining area means getting the fast food bags out of the back seat of your car.

Your reason for not staying in touch with family is that they do not have e-mail addresses.

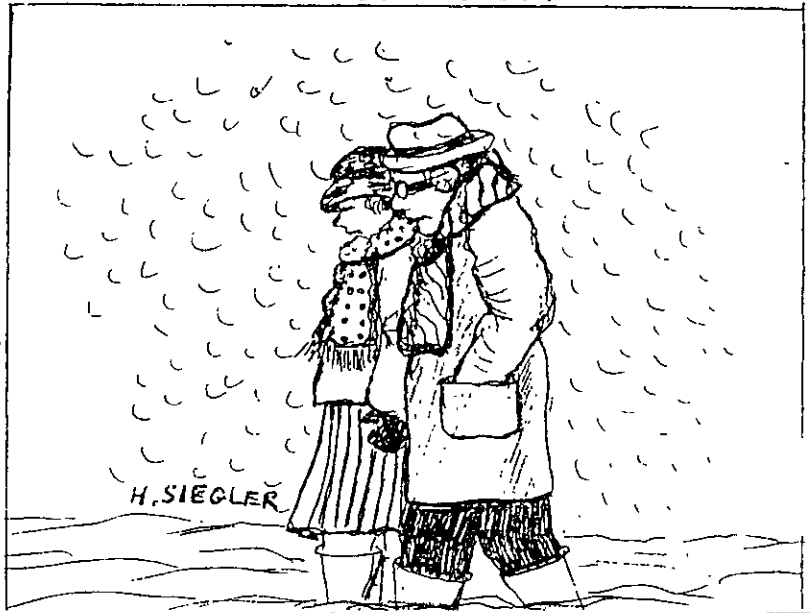
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You refer to your dining room table as the flat filing cabinet.

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Sheffield	8:23	9:23	10:23	11:23		1:23	2:23	3:23	4:23	5:23	6:23	7:23	8:23	9:23
Hastings Fitness Center	8:25	9:25	10:25	11:25		1:25	2:25	3:25	4:25	5:25	6:25	7:25	8:25	9:25
Coventry	8:27	9:27	10:27	11:27		1:27	2:27	3:27	4:27	5:27	6:27	7:27	8:27	9:27
Administration Building	8:29	9:29	10:29	11:29		1:29	2:29	3:29	4:29	5:29				
Clubhouse	8:30	9:30	10:30	11:30		1:30	2:30	3:30	4:30	5:30	6:30	7:30	8:30	9:30
Publix	8:35	9:35	10:35	11:35		1:35	2:35	3:35	4:35	Drivers	6:35	7:35	8:35	9:35
Clubhouse	8:45	9:45	10:45	11:45		1:45	2:45	3:45	4:45	Dinner	6:45	7:45	8:45	

Please Note: On Sundays Only the #2 Bus will do a loop around the perimeter drive after going through Coventry.

Internal Bus Route #3														
Clubhouse	8:00	9:00	10:00	11:00	12:00	1:00	2:00	3:00	4:00	5:00	6:00	7:00	8:00	9:00
Bedford B	8:02	9:02	10:02	11:02	D r i v e r s L u n c h	1:02	2:02	3:02	4:02	5:02	6:02	7:02	8:02	9:02
Greenbrier	8:03	9:03	10:03	11:03		1:03	2:03	3:03	4:03	5:03	6:03	7:03	8:03	9:03
Southampton	8:05	9:05	10:05	11:05		1:05	2:05	3:05	4:05	5:05	6:05	7:05	8:05	9:05
Bedford C	8:08	9:08	10:08	11:08		1:08	2:08	3:08	4:08	5:08	6:08	7:08	8:08	9:08
Golf's Edge	8:10	9:10	10:10	11:10		1:10	2:10	3:10	4:10	5:10	6:10	7:10	8:10	9:10
Coventry	8:12	9:12	10:12	11:12		1:12	2:12	3:12	4:12	5:12	6:12	7:12	8:12	9:12
Norwich	8:14	9:14	10:14	11:14		1:14	2:14	3:14	4:14	5:14	6:14	7:14	8:14	9:14
Salisbury	8:17	9:17	10:17	11:17		1:17	2:17	3:17	4:17	5:17	6:17	7:17	8:17	9:17
Waltham	8:18	9:18	10:18	11:18		1:18	2:18	3:18	4:18	5:18	6:18	7:18	8:18	9:18
Easthampton	8:20	9:20	10:20	11:20		1:20	2:20	3:20	4:20	5:20	6:20	7:20	8:20	9:20
Hastings Fitness Center	8:25	9:25	10:25	11:25		1:25	2:25	3:25	4:25	5:25	6:25	7:25	8:25	9:25
Administration Building	8:28	9:28	10:28	11:28		1:28	2:28	3:28	4:28	5:28				
Clubhouse	8:30	9:30	10:30	11:30		1:30	2:30	3:30	4:30	5:30	6:30	7:30	8:30	9:30
Publix	8:35	9:35	10:35	11:35		1:35	2:35	3:35	4:35	Drivers	6:35	7:35	8:35	9:35
Clubhouse	8:45	9:45	10:45	11:45		1:45	2:45	3:45	4:45	Dinner	6:45	7:45	8:45	

Please Note: All Buses will go around the perimeter drive at 11:45 am prior to the bus drivers taking their lunch breaks.

Shuttle Bus Route														
Clubhouse		9:00	10:00	11:00	12:00	1:00	2:00	3:00	4:00	5:00				
Post Office Drop off	Tuesday & Thursday				D r i v e r s L u n c h			3:05						
Beauty Shop		9:05	10:05	11:05		1:05	2:05	3:05	4:05	5:05				
Library		9:09	10:09	11:09		1:09	2:09	3:09	4:09	5:09				
Humana		9:12	10:12	11:12		1:12	2:12	3:12	4:12	5:12				
UCO		9:13	10:13	11:13		1:13	2:13	3:13	4:13	5:13				
College Plaza		9:18	10:18	11:18		1:18	2:18	3:18	4:18	5:18				
Beauty Salon		9:21	10:21	11:21		1:21	2:21	3:21	4:21	5:21				
Honey Baked Ham Plaza		9:26	10:26	11:26		1:26	2:26	3:26	4:26	5:26				
Baby Supermarket		9:29	10:29	11:29		1:29	2:29	3:29	4:29	5:29				
Post Office Pickup	Tuesday & Thursday							3:40						
Perimeter Drive		9:35	10:35	11:35	1:35	2:35	3:35	4:35	5:35					
Clubhouse		9:45	10:45	11:45	1:45	2:45	3:45	4:45	5:45					

Please be at your bus stop 10 minutes before your pickup time.

Mall Bus Route														
Clubhouse		9:00	10:00	11:00	12:00	1:00	2:00	3:00	4:00	5:00				
Jewish Comm. Center		9:05	10:05		D r i v e r s L u n c h			3:07	4:07	5:07				
Pine Trail Square						1:10	2:10	3:10	4:10	5:10				
K-Mart		9:10	10:10	11:10		1:20	2:20	3:20	4:20	5:20				
Westward Mall		9:25	10:25	11:25		1:25	2:25	3:25	4:25	5:25				
Palm Beach Mall		9:40	10:40	11:40		1:40	2:40							
Jewish Comm. Center		9:45	10:45	11:45		1:45	2:45	3:45	4:45	5:45				
Clubhouse														

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Express Bus Route														
Perimeter Drive		8:45			12:45									
Clubhouse		9:00	10:00	11:00	12:00	1:00	2:00							
Pine Trail Square		9:08	10:08	11:08	D r i v e r s L u n c h	1:08	2:08							
Albertson's		9:09	10:09	11:09		1:09	2:09							
Winn Dixie		9:13	10:13	11:13		1:13	2:13							
Publix		9:23	10:23	11:23		1:23	2:23							
Perimeter Drive		9:33	10:33	11:33		1:33	2:33							
Clubhouse		9:48	10:48	11:48		1:48	2:48							

Special Bus Route "Monday"			
Clubhouse	9:35 AM	Pick Up Times	
Wellington Mall	10:05 AM	1:15 PM	
Clubhouse	10:35 AM		
Washington Mutual		On Request	
Target	11:05 AM	2:05 PM	
Wal-Mart	11:10 AM	2:10 PM	
Home Depot		On Request	
Clubhouse		2:30 PM	

Sundays & Holidays Bus Route (Combo)														
Clubhouse		9:00	10:00	11:00	12:00	1:00	2:00	3:00	4:00	5:00				
Century Plaza		9:06	10:06	11:06	D r i v e r s L u n c h	1:06	2:06	3:06	4:06	5:06				
Walgreen's		9:08	10:08	11:08		1:08	2:08	3:08	4:08	5:08				
Albertson's		9:12	10:12	11:12		1:12	2:12	3:12	4:12	5:12				
Pine Trail		9:14	10:14	11:14		1:14	2:14	3:14	4:14	5:14				
99 Cent Store		9:17	10:17	11:17		1:17	2:17	3:17	4:17	5:17				
IHOP		9:20	10:20	11:20		1:20	2:20	3:20	4:20	5:20				
Cross County		9:21	10:21	11:21		1:21	2:21	3:21	4:21	5:21				
Westward Mall		9:26	10:26	11:26		1:26	2:26	3:26	4:26	5:26				
Church		9:30	10:30	11:30		1:30								
Palm Beach Mall				11:36		1:36	2:36	3:36	4:36	5:36				
Village Commons		9:35	10:35	11:41		1:41								
Honey Baked Ham							2:44	3:44	4:44	5:44				