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From the Desk of  
President  
George  
Loewenstein



My column this month will try to summarize the many issues that we have been involved with during the past few months. Most important, of course, is our theater. We sincerely hope that by the time you read this, the building permits will have been issued. Mark Levy has supplied members of his staff to work with the contractor to move the construction along. Most of the costs will be paid for by insurance. Our portion will not exceed our available funds.

Shows have been booked, starting in November, and if the theater is not finished, the shows will be held in the Party Room. Speaking of the Party Room, did you know that we have shows there every Thursday evening in the form of a cabaret night? Tables, chairs, cups and ice are provided. Attendees are free to bring drinks and snacks. Movies are shown five times a week temporarily in Classroom C, and Saturday night, dances are also in full swing. Bingo (the equipment was damaged) should be up and running by the end of August.

We realize that the Clubhouse is still not finished, and we are addressing these issues, such as the shelving in the library, the woodworking shop, the saunas, missing furniture, etc. We listen to your complaints and suggestions and address them as best we can. One example: We were told that the WPRF payment box was located at the Main Clubhouse in the ticket office, which doesn't open until 9:00 a.m., while the buses arrive at 8:30. The box is now at the front desk guard station. Another suggestion we acted upon was to also put a box in the Hastings Clubhouse.

Many have asked for a canopy and benches at the Clubhouse for those waiting for buses. During the heat of the summer, we encourage residents to wait for the buses indoors, where it is air-conditioned. Putting up a canopy entails another permit and it must be remembered that the location where the buses are is a temporary one. Eventually, we will widen the road in front of the Clubhouse, and the buses will then park at the front door. We all must be patient.

We're also still waiting for a demolition permit to demolish UCO's office building. It seems that this is not a priority with Palm Beach County. Further, we were told by the permit department that if we rebuild a building larger than

what we had (approximately 3,300 square feet), we would need to have landscaping architects, engineers, etc., in addition to the architect, making the reconstruction much more expensive. We are, therefore, studying if we can live with the prior square foot area and still meet all our needs.

The erosion problems are also being addressed. The estimated cost to alleviate the problem in the lake and canals is estimated to be around one million dollars. Thus being a common expense, all unit owners will be required to pay for this. I've asked for a study to see if this work can be done over a period of years, doing the worst areas first. As soon as we have this information, we'll let everyone know.

The last topic I want to address is based upon the number of complaints we get concerning violation of by-laws and security problems. I urge each Association, when interviewing prospective purchasers or renters, to make it clear to them that they must agree to abide by the bylaws of their Condo Association, or follow the prescribed method in the bylaws to make changes. The type of situations we hear about are illegal pets in the units, illegal occupants, refusal to show I.D.s to the guards, being abusive to the guards, etc.

Condo living is unique. You give up certain rights in order to gain others. What are they? First and foremost, security; next, all outside maintenance done for you, a bus system, not only in the Village, but to outside shopping areas, and of course, all the recreational facilities.

UCO is here to serve you. If you have any suggestions as to how we can serve you better, please let me know. □

Channel 63  
Your Community  
Channel

## Town Meeting

By Mary Patrick Benton

More than 600 residents attended this first event of its kind, which was held in the Party Room on Sunday, July 2. Many of those present had never gone to a Delegate Assembly, thinking it was only for Delegates. The purpose of this meeting was to dispel the many rumors circulating in the Village, as well as to give a voice to those who are not Delegates. An open microphone attracted questions on a wide range of topics, some of which are addressed elsewhere in this issue. Queries included the usual "who, what, when where, why and how," with "what" and "why" being most frequent. Where the answers were brief, we have included them, in italics.

**What can be done about:** the sticky dance floor — food and debris left by residents at pools — unwanted dogs brought into the Village by visitors — the loud noise from the indoor pool's exhaust fan — traffic problems within the Village? **What's happening with:** the golf course — our building insurance coverage — the old UCO building — Duck Island? What is the name of the company carrying Business Interruption Insurance?

Why are there no saunas or clocks in locker rooms and outside pools? *Answer: on order.* Why are there so many loud noises at night? Why does the door stick in the ladies' handicap bathroom? Why does UCO continue to use attorney Rod Tennyson? Why doesn't the Clubhouse have an emergency first aid kit? *Answer: They do now.* Why did we pay to rebuild the Clubhouse?

When will season ticket brochures be available? *Answer: by the time you read this.* When will the woodworking shop be open? When will we get the reclaimed water? When will Bingo start? *Answer: Equipment was ruined; it can be fixed for about \$7,000 or bought new for about \$11,000.* When will the Clubhouse Library be open?

Who owns the Clubhouse? *Answer: Benenson Corp. Mark Levy is their agent.* Who is saving money by having volunteer ushers in the Clubhouse? *Answer: the residents.* Who is responsible for fixing the erosion? *Answer: all residents, according to the Millennium Agreement.*

Those who asked these questions — and many, many others — were given immediate responses. Another Town Meeting is planned for the fall. □



### NOTICE

The phone number for the guardhouse to get a human on the phone is  
**689-0432**

### MEETING DATES — 2006

OFFICERS	EXEC. BOARD	DELEGATES
Thu Jul 27	Mon Jul 31	Fri Aug 4
Thu Aug 24	Mon Aug 28	Fri Sep 1
Thu Sep 28	Tue Oct 3	Fri Oct 6
Thu Oct 26	Mon Oct 30	Fri Nov 3
Wed Nov 22	Mon Nov 27	Fri Dec 1

Officers' Committee Meetings start at 10:00 am.

Executive Board Meetings start at 1:00 pm.

Delegate Assembly Meetings start at 9:30 am.

## Delegate Meeting

Fri., August 4, 2006, 9:30 am  
Fri., Sept. 1, 2006, 9:30 am  
Clubhouse Party Room

**At the  
Delegates  
Meeting**

**Betty Lapidus**



**Delegate Assembly, July 7, 2006**

Mary Patrick Benton took these minutes in the absence of Recording Secretary Betty Lapidus.

One hundred and twenty-two Delegates were in attendance; we need 117 for a quorum.

President George Loewenstein called the meeting to order at 9:30 a.m. Major Dan Smith led the Pledge of Allegiance. George asked for a moment of silence in memory of Mel Hershman and Len Tompkins, who passed away this week.

Jerry Karpf moved that the minutes of the previous minutes be accepted as written and Louise Gerson seconded the motion.

**Treasurer's Report:** George explained line #4550 on the Financial Report, which is the amortization of bond discounts of \$8,078.70 and the loss on sale of GNYM \$5,759.00. The total will be recouped against Interest Income. If there are any questions, see George at the UCO office.

Lt. Dave Kronsperger reported that it was quiet last month in the Village with less calls to the Sheriff's Office than the previous month. Also, there were less traffic offenses.

Season ticket flyers will be available in the Clubhouse ticket office starting July 10.

**President's Report:** Over 600 residents attended the Town Meeting held on July 2. Another will be scheduled early in the fall.

The permitting process for the Theater is still going on. The County is requiring screening on the air conditioning. The General Contractor has submitted items that were damaged by the hurricane to the Insurance Company. We are waiting confirmation of what they will pay. Wall coverings, carpeting and tiles for the Theater have been selected, but not yet ordered. We are trying to get the Theater open by November. If it is not ready, shows will be held in the Party Room.

**2102 West Drive:** We hoped to put up a 4,000 square foot building. The one that was destroyed was 3,300 square feet. If we stay with what we had, permitting will be much more lenient. We are looking to see if this will be adequate for UCO needs. We are still waiting for a permit to demolish.

**Hurricane Preparedness:** We plan to distribute doorknob hangers to every unit, which signifies the need for "help" after an emergency.

Vice President Phyllis Richland reported that CERT (Community Emergency Response Team) class would train volunteers the month of September. This is a 24 hour program of two meetings per week Tuesdays and Thursdays, 6:30 to 9:30 p.m. We need 20 volunteers in order to have this training.

**Health Fair:** Tuesday, July 11, in the Party Room. There will be 17 vendors, including agencies such as the Red Cross, Family Home Services, Hospice, and Village Pharmacy. There will be bone density testing, blood pressure screening, a dermatologist, etc. There will also be great door prizes

**Library Books:** Until the Library is open, donations of books will be accepted by Noreen in Peggy Jackson's office. Ready-made bookcases will be purchased and installed. Volunteers are needed to stock shelves. Anyone interested should give his/her name to Peggy's office.

**Committee Reports**

**Bingo:** Isabel Scherel reported that we are waiting for equipment. We are trying to resume Bingo on August 30.

**Transportation:** Dot Loewenstein reported that a five-and-a-half year contract has been signed with Community Transit (our current bus company). New buses have been ordered and will take three to four months to arrive.

**Beautification** Sandy Cohen reported that new planting has been done at both entrances to Century Village. Trees have been trimmed on the perimeter road. A new fence will be installed on Okeechobee Boulevard.

**Insurance.** George gave the report since Chair Dan Gladstone is still in Israel. Since Southern Family is bankrupt, Citizens Insurance (a State of Florida agency) took over our policies on July 1, except for the Wellington Federation policy, which was cancelled as of July 1 because they are insured for over \$25,000,000 and they needed to come up with over \$94,000 as a deposit by July 1. All

other policies will be in place until December 31.

**Maintenance:** Jerry Karpf reported that representatives from manufacturers of paint companies, metal roofs, etc. would be at the meetings in October. We will try to help Associations if they are having any maintenance problems.

George announced that he has appointed co-chairs for the Programs and Services Committee — Len Lipofsky

and Pearl Shneyer.

**Channel 63:** Howard Silver, Chair, thanked Sadie Lovinger for her help while he was on vacation.

**Golf Course Advisory:** Phil Shapkin reported that the golf course is cleaning up the debris and keeping up with the greens.

**Cable:** Comcast will take over Adelphia on July 31. There will be no increase in rates.

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# FINALLY

**WE ARE NOW IN OUR  
NEW OFFICE IN THE  
FRONT ENTRANCE OF THE  
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**OUR SUMMER OFFICE HOURS ARE  
MONDAY THRU THURSDAY  
9 AM TO NOON**

From the Desk of  
Vice President  
Phyllis Richland



**...Let's Get Ready,  
Let's Get Set,  
Let's Go...**

As I sit here writing my column for the *UCO Reporter*, the television is playing in the background, describing the tropical depression forming just off Cuba, coupled with the heavily overcast sky that is now in the throes of letting loose our much needed rain. It's déjà vu all over again. I just cannot believe that a year has just slipped by so quickly. For the last few weeks, the TV meteorologists are reminding us that the hurricane season is now upon us. Be warned and be prepared.

We have learned a great deal from last year's horrors and we should not allow ourselves to feel that lightning will not strike twice. Complacency is a luxury we cannot afford.

We at UCO are doing everything we can to help folks in the Village get ready for what may occur. We are asking Associations to let us know who will be here in case of an emergency. Who is the most vulnerable in their buildings so that help can be directed to them? We are asking for volunteers to help after the emergency to distribute food, ice, water, or just a kind word to a shut-in that needs someone to hold their hands.

By now we all know what can happen if we are not prepared. We are very fortunate to have developed good relationships with many organizations that will be here immediately after a disaster. The Red Cross, the Salvation Army, the JCC, the Area Agency on Aging, and our very own Captain, Major and Deputy of the Sheriff's Office. We also have our own C.O.P. Major Evelyn Liebowitz and her gang of angels ready to go to work.

I have been working with Tom Taylor of Family Home Health Services and Sinai Medical, along with the folks that are affiliated with them. We are working with the list of those in need that Associations have brought to us to make sure no one is left out.

bringing us door hangers, just like the ones in hotels that say "do not disturb," only ours will say "help" on one side and "O.K." on the other. With this aid, we will be able to identify who is in need of help.

We are also emphasizing the importance of having a phone other than a cell phone or a cordless phone. Get one that plugs into the wall so that if we have a power failure, your chances of getting or sending a call is better. You can buy one for under five dollars. Our Sheriff has told us that he will get us as many as he can for those who cannot get their own. If you happen to have an extra landline phone, as they are called, please consider bringing it to the UCO office so we may give it to someone that cannot afford one.

We have gotten in touch with two suppliers for food. One is for kosher and one is not kosher. Each one can supply meals that are self-heating and are complete in its own package. These meals are available and you can purchase them if you wish. We have the information at the UCO office. We also have information regarding small Sterno stoves complete with Sterno. If you need information about these, it is also at the UCO office.

We are trying to touch all bases as far as help is concerned in case of an emergency. We are updating our resident-in-need list and we are organizing it geographically according to Associations so there will be less running around when the time comes.

We are organizing a program for CERT training. Many of our residents are participating and will be able to help our neighbors if needed. Many others are volunteering to distribute food, water, ice, etc.

We have learned how important a community can be when it comes to opening its heart for our neighbors.

We have a great group of folks at UCO willing to give time and energy to be around when duty calls. We are all UCO. You, me, every volunteer.

**Your Link to  
Our Village**

By Joe Saponaro

When you are away to our Village, you can keep in touch with us by using a computer (whether or not you own one.) Ask any of the youngsters you come in contact with to look us up on their computer for you. I found them happy to help. Our URL is centuryvillagewpb.org.

Be sure to look at all the links, from photos to the Q&A page, which at times becomes really interesting in a convoluted sense.

**Volunteers  
Needed**



The Airport Ambassador Program is seeking year round residents to provide information and assistance to Palm Beach County visitors based out of the Palm Beach International Airport. Volunteer one 4-hour shift per week, mornings or afternoons are available. Training provided. Contact the Palm Beach County CVB at 561-233-3000.

**IN SERIOUS  
EMERGENCY  
CALL 911**

one of us is in need, it is a terrific thing to see how many come to help. I am very proud to be part of this Village and to say you are my neighbor.

Remember, the phone number at the UCO office is 683-9189. Call if you are interested in any of the programs we have started or if you need information about the food or stove vendors.

On a lighter note, Stewart and I have been going to karaoke and we have been delightfully entertained by our neighbors. Regardless of age or talent, the men and women that get up to sing are just the greatest. Sitting there at the Kent Pool observing the audience, there is no animosity, there is no anger, there is no discord of politics. Folks are there to have a good time, and they do. As if in one voice, the hurrahs and applause are joyful. The MC keeps the fun moving along and sitting there makes me think how super it would be if everything was like karaoke. Just people getting along and all singing from the same sheet of music. □

**Musing  
with Myron**

Vice President  
Myron Solomon



A little more than three months have passed since the new administration has taken office. The residents have to realize that all the problems that exist in the Village were inherited and that we have been working diligently to correct them. You have to realize that not all of the problems can be corrected overnight. Everything will be taken care of, but it does take time.

Last week we had a Town Meeting where all the residents were invited to air their problems and those of the Village. George Loewenstein, President of UCO, answered questions and made the residents more aware of what is

happening in the Village concerning the problems we are facing and what we are doing to solve them. It has been his desire to keep all the residents up-to-date.

The same week, we had a July Fourth party at the Clubhouse Pool. There was a huge turnout of people and food. The residents were smiling, dancing and having a great time. It made me very happy to see this wonderful attitude from all the people who have been so patiently waiting to get their facilities back.

Just a little more patience, my friends, and I promise you will have your "dream village" again. □

**Good-Bye,  
Old Friend**

By Phil Shapkin

For some time now, we here in Century Village were the beneficiary of a gifted person. That person was Len Tompkins. His talents were many. He was a master plumber, a stationary engineer, and a visionary.

He was an activist for causes that would be of the best interests of all of Century Village, not just the few. He was also a member of the UCO Executive Board.

Of the many positive ideas that germinated in his always active brain was the purchase of reconstituted water from the powers that be so that we would never again have to be at the mercy of the weatherman when we needed water in a drought. He utilized his experience in the hospital systems of L.A. County, CA, where he held the top job in the engineering department, a position he held for many years.

He was a long-standing volunteer in Unit #43 of the C.O.P. (PBSO). Both he and his wife Elie were night drivers and were always there when needed. They racked up many hundreds of hours patrolling the roads of the Village in the interest of the safety and security of his neighbors.

He was my "segundo," my Vice President in Southampton. From the first time he

ran for the Board, I was blessed with a person of intellect and foresight.

When the problem of the possible sale of the golf course came up, I enlisted Len and his wife in the fight to save the golf course. They were there with all their computer and organizational skills. I asked him to be my first Vice President in the formation of the Proactive Committee for Century Village.

Len was one of the founding members of the Computer Club and was instrumental in many of the original plannings.

Len was active in all of the aforementioned programs, even when it became apparent that he was having physical problems — various forms of cancer. Yet he was a fighter, and underwent surgery, radiation, and chemotherapy. As the problem went from bad to worse, he became weaker, and asked that he be left to his own actions.

Len passed away on the morning of June 28.

Len was a veteran of WWII and served honorably in the USN in the Atlantic Theater. When Len passed away, he was just shy of 78 years old.

We, his close friends, feel privileged to have known a person of his caliber, and we celebrate a worthy life taken too early. "Rest in peace, good friend." □

### Insurance

**Dan Gladstone**



Well, it has finally happened. The State of Florida has taken over our insurance company, Southern Family, managed by Poe Financial. The takeover is done FIGA, Florida Insurance Guarantee Association, which protects the residents of Florida from bankruptcies and companies that are going out of business. This is good news and means our premiums are safe and any covered claims will be paid. We were also happy to hear that FIGA will keep the existing coverage on the present policies. Changing in the middle of the year would have been costly.

The downside is that now we have to deal with state employees that lack the commercial customer service mentality. The claim checks might take longer to be cut and the claim department would be slower to respond, but at last we have a strong backing for the coming hurricane season. So, please be patient.

On June 1, we renewed our policy of "Ordinance of Law," which supplements the cost of replacement value up to the present codes. Associations

will notice a slight raise in the monthly premium, but it is still within the 2006 budget.

As many of us have already experienced, there have been massive cancellations of Home Owners Policies by many of the insurance companies that were giving coverage in Century Village. As of June 1, it is almost impossible to buy insurance from a commercial company. The only alternative is Citizens, an insurance company of last resort. The insurance companies are also demanding from seasonal residents (snowbirds) that they be connected with a burglar/fire alarm directly to the police station. It has become very costly and the insurance companies will not insure without it.

According to Florida-Citizen statute, any commercial insurance company can at any time pull you out of Citizens and issue their own insurance policy.

The Insurance Committee is now in the process of collecting the correct names of the Associations in CV. The names vary from ...Condominium Association Inc. to ...Condo Asso. Please check your Association name and advise me at the UCO office. □

### Wanted for Hospitalized Vets

The Department of Veterans Affairs, Veterans National Stamp and Coin Club, is looking for U.S. and foreign stamps, both "on" and "off" paper; U.S. and foreign coins and paper money; sports cards; picture postcards (old and new) first day covers, foreign covers, old U.S. covers; U.S. hunting permit stamps; catalogs for both stamps and coins; albums; stock pages; mounted collections.

These items are for hospitalized veterans at VA medical centers nationwide. They are used in VA hospitals by men and women veterans in many ways and would be deeply appreciated by them. Clip commemorative stamps off envelopes with a quarter- to half-inch margin around the stamps.

The Veterans' National Stamp and Coin Club is a non-profit group of volunteers who use the hobbies of stamp and coin collecting as a therapy program to support medical staffs of VA medical centers nationwide in the treatment and rehabilitation of disabled, homebound, shut-in and outpatient veteran patients. **They do not trade, or sell, stamps or coins;** they just forward these materials to those veteran patients who request them at "no charge to the patient."

Please send these items to Senior Vice Commander Phil Shapkin, 252 Southampton C. West Palm Beach, FL 33417.

Thank you, JWV Post #520. □

**Call Security in an Emergency  
689-0432**

### Federal Communications Commission Do Not Call Registry

Want to reduce the number of unwanted phone calls to your home or cell phone? The FCC established a national Do-Not-Call Registry. Commercial telemarketers may not call you if your number is on the registry.

Customers may register their residential telephone number, including wireless numbers, on the national Do-Not-Call registry at [www.donotcall.gov](http://www.donotcall.gov) or by calling 1-888-382-1222 (TTY 1-866-290-4236).

### Investigations David Frankel Louise Gerson Co-Chairs



#### Just a Few Reminders

Did you take a census for this year of everyone living in your building by apartment numbers, their names, ages? This is to keep in your files if HUD asks for it.

Everyone who is on a deed, living here as a buyer, renter, occupant or family member added to deeds **must** be investigated.

We are a senior (over 55) community. No one under 55 should be living here unless their spouse is 55 or older.

Summer is here and we need more volunteers to help out in Investigations. If you are willing to commit to several days a week with a training of several months, please come to UCO to fill out a volunteer form.

If you are a new officer and do not know about the investigation procedures, please come into our office at the Camden Pool and we will give you a printout to help you. Ask for David or Louise. □

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**From the Desk of  
State Senator  
Dave Aronberg**



**Aronberg in Action**

From the Keys to the Panhandle, Floridians across the State sent a clear message to lawmakers in Tallahassee this session: **Save our homes.**

The property insurance crisis is the State's most pressing problem. Unfortunately, the critical issues in Florida's market — inadequate risk-sharing incentives, overly bureaucratic administration and failure to properly fund reserves — were not addressed. Instead, the legislative leadership passed a bill — which I voted against — that maintains the status quo and simply throws more money at a bad system. Since the bill passed, more companies have left the State and the ones that remain continue to raise rates.

In addition, rapidly rising property values are not only preventing middle-class workers from buying homes, but they have trapped Floridians into homes that no longer fit their lifestyles. Those looking to move often cannot do

so because of the large tax burden they would face. The Legislature is currently studying a variety of proposals to address this issue and plans on passing a bill next year.

Among the 16 bills I passed this Session are the following public safety and consumer protection measures:

**Keeping Our Neighborhoods Safe** — Florida's sexual predator registration process is filled with loopholes that allow sexual predators to fly below law enforcement's radar. My bill — SB 508 — creates more stringent and streamlined registration requirements. Without this law, sexual predators would be able to continue to bounce from home to home to evade law enforcement.

**Protecting Your Privacy** — Unscrupulous companies have fueled a growth industry in which phone records are obtained through deceptive means, and then sold to anyone with \$100 — no questions asked. Current law fails to address this high-tech invasion

**Attention  
Century  
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of privacy. My Phone Privacy Act makes this illegal.

**Ensuring Your Freedom to Travel** — Currently, Floridians who travel to Israel, Colombia, the Philippines or 24 other countries are often penalized by their life insurance companies, even though the destinations are legal and statistically safe. Instead of sound analysis, many of these companies deny life insurance policies, arbitrarily basing the decisions on future travel. My Freedom to Travel Act will ensure that decisions related to life insurance will be set by actuarially sound data, not irrational fear. □

**Delegate Assembly**

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**Transponders:** Larry Kall reported that the next installation date is Tuesday, July 18, by appointment only. Currently this is being done at the Okeechobee gate, but we are trying to find a safer place. Volunteers are needed to help install these transponders.

**Reporter:** Deadline is the seventh of each month.

**Investigations:** David Frankel, co-chair, reported that we are getting complaints that people are living in units without a certificate of approval. Board members should make sure that only authorized people live in units. Call Security and then the Sheriff if you find violators. The Board should contact the unit owner and notify them they are in violation of the condo rules and regulations. George stated that UCO would reevaluate the investigation procedure of what to do if a Condo Association decides to reject an applicant.

**Unit Owners Right to Vote:** Lou Augenblick said he is waiting for the Advisory Committee to convene. Anyone wanting to serve on this committee should call Lou at 686-3631. He will come to Association meetings if invited to discuss this topic in the fall.

George announced that all bylaws would be reviewed in the next several months to be sure they are in conformity with the State of Florida regulations.

The following committee chairs have been appointed by George to the Executive Board: Louise Gerson, Co-Chair Investigations; Jerry Karpf, Maintenance; Zoltan Katz, Co-Chair Security; Phil Shapkin, Ombudsman. Ed Ross, Building Committee, will be appointed at the very next meeting.

Evelyn Leibowitz gave the C.O.P. report. We had 350 driving hours in June. A plan has been set with the Sheriff's Office for pre-hurricane and post-hurricane activities. She recommended that Associations check for materials outside of units such as recycling bins, chairs, door mats, plants, etc. that could possibly be missiles during a storm. C.O.P. members will help distribute ice, food, etc. after a hurricane. Additional volunteers are needed for this distribution.

**Good & Welfare:** Bob Fogelman would like to see tree stumps and other debris from last year removed from all Association properties.

George Franklin moved to adjourn and Phil Shapkin seconded. The meeting was adjourned at 10:15 a.m. □

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## The Mail Bag



### Freedom

By Kurt Weiss

Amazing how easily we get used to taking things for granted. Freedom, for instance.

Others — in other places — get jailed just for thinking of it, get jailed for fighting for it.

This fourth of July, when we celebrate our freedom, those in China, Iran, North Korea, and others, would not even dream about it. Many of our so-called allies, such as Saudi Arabia, do a pretty thorough job in forbidding freedom of speech, freedom of religion, freedom of movement, freedom of assembly.

Which brings me to a rather disturbing question: Are we really secure in what we take for granted — freedom?

Yes, we enjoy freedom of speech — within limits, depending on what we want to say publicly. We have freedom of assembly — subject to in many cases the issue of permits, which are not always easily obtained.

We can move from place to place as we see fit; we can observe religion if we so desire. So, it seems as though we are secure at least where it pertains to basic freedoms.

What about "freedom from"? **Freedom from** abject poverty: How many millions of our citizens live way below the poverty line?

**Freedom from** sickness: How many, and especially children, have no health insurance whatsoever? Talking about health: How many are misusing freedom of speech and freedom of religion to fight stem cell research on religious grounds, preventing promising research towards eradicating sicknesses such as diabetes, cancer, etc.?

**Freedom from** discrimination based on ethnic, racist grounds or sex — only a handful of our Senators and members of Congress are women. How many are black or Latino? Come to think of it: How many more years should it take for a woman or a black or a Latino to be elected President? (You noticed: I did not even mention a Jew...)

Is our freedom in jeopardy? Let's just say it is threatened. Discrimination, if permitted to continue, is a contagious disease. Permitting changing democracy into a super-rich oligarchy is a sure recipe for a future unbridgeable chasm between rich and poor.

So on this glorious fourth of July, we should remember that freedom is not a free gift. It is a never-ending struggle to see it nurtured and preserved — not weakened. It is something we have to defend continuously, not only for ourselves and generations to come, but also for others who are not as fortunate in our midst.

We have the basics. Let's make sure we don't lose it as a result of "Big Brother's" shooting or by not reacting when civil rights are threatened using security as an excuse or by ignoring warnings of impending disaster, such as global warming.

In a democracy, there is a way to let those in charge know about things we detest. It is called "voting." Those among you who decided to give up using the excuse "they" will steal the elections, let me tell you, elections are still the only means to *right wrongs*.

I am not about to advise you who to vote for (this time)...but I am urging you to go and vote.

Don't give up on this basic freedom. □

### Cable

By Larry Kall, Chair

We have received information that the bankruptcy judge has approved the sale of Adelphia to Time Warner and Comcast effective July 31, 2006. At that time, Comcast will become our cable provider and we do not expect any problems with the transition.

We assume that the Adelphia name will become extinct and will be replaced by the Comcast logo on all vehicles and billing invoices. This transfer has been in the works for two years, so it should not come as any surprise to our residents.

Will Comcast offer some channels or services we do not have now? Who knows? We will just have to wait and see. □



### SECURITY GUARD FOR MONTH OF JUNE 2006



Vanessa LaMotne

### SECURITY GUARD FOR MONTH OF JULY 2006



Burgos German

### We Are Back! Sing Along

Folks in Century Village, WPB, are invited to join their neighbors in the Main Clubhouse

Party Room every Sunday night from 6:00-7:30 pm for a singalong. Song sheets are supplied with all the Golden Oldies. The singalong is accompanied by violinist Angelo Amari. Showtime is 6:30 sharp.

**From the Desk of  
Commissioner  
Jeff Koons**



**PBC a Big Winner in Tallahassee**

In speaking with members of our Palm Beach County Legislative Delegation, I can't help but be very pleased at how well we did securing state funding this year for some of our top priorities. In the final state budget approved by lawmakers in May, nearly \$226 million has been earmarked for Palm Beach County projects and programs.

In particular, transportation, recreation, beach nourishment, and water and environmental projects did extremely well. For example, we've been promised \$4 million toward construction of the Lake Region Water Treatment Plant compared with only \$200,000 last year. The Chain of Lakes restoration is getting \$1.25 million, and the expansion of the M Canal, which should improve water flow to the West Palm Beach Water Catchment Area, will receive \$1 million. Another \$500,000 was appropriated for an algae control project to further improve West Palm's drinking water.

Six major road projects totaling \$74 million were approved. They include \$13.6 million for resurfacing the turnpike, \$10 million for widening the Lantana turnpike toll plaza, and \$11 million for the resurfacing of Southern Boulevard. Nearly \$30 million approved in 2005 was designated this year for two local projects: Okeechobee Blvd. widening from State Road 7 to Jog Road (\$21.5 million) and Atlantic Avenue widening from Lyons Road to just west of the turnpike (\$8 million). Additionally, the Okeechobee Blvd. turnpike interchange will be getting some beautification improvements to provide landscape buffering for nearby Century Village.

I was glad to see mass transit get a much-needed boost with approval of a new two-dollar surcharge on car rentals. Together with matching dollars from the federal government, this will create a \$45-million pool to pay for system upgrades along the Tri-Rail corridor.

Fifteen public parks in our county will be getting just over \$8 million worth of improvements ranging from ball fields and lighting to landscaping and fencing. The new Dekelbourn Science Center currently under construction at Lake Lytal Park received \$500,000.

Lastly, I was relieved to see Palm Beach County awarded \$4.4 million for traffic signal repair and replacement following Hurricane Wilma, as well as new funding for the removal of derelict vessels and to help shore up some of our hurricane shelters.

Overall, I think our state lawmakers have been very responsive to our funding needs and they deserve a big "thank you!"

**Fire Station 23 Reopens**

On Monday, June 26, 2006, I had the distinct pleasure of cutting the ribbon for the re-opening of Fire Rescue Station 23, located on Okeechobee Boulevard, just to the south of Century Village. Joining me were Fire Rescue Administrator Chief Herman Brice, Rabbi J. Simcha Cohen of Congregation Aitz Chaim, State Representative Susan Bucher, County Administrator Bob Weisman, Deputy Fire Chiefs Steve Delai, Randy Sheppard and Steve Jerauld, Fire Rescue Capital Projects Coordinator and Wellington Mayor Tom Wenham, President George Loewenstein and Directors from the United Civic Organization of Century Village and Property Manager Pat Blunck, along with my Senior Administrative Assistant Kim Ciklin, representatives from Stephen L. Boruff Architects and West Construction, county facilities staff, residents and Station 23 firefighters and paramedics.

Soon after taking office in November 2002, I began negotiations with then-UCO President Vivian Walsh and Fire Rescue staff to create a cut-through to the Village from the back of Station 23. This gated and secure access, which will provide even quicker response times to calls from Century Village, was an important feature to the rede-

velopment of the station.

Station 23 has the highest call volume of all Palm Beach County stations and serves a population of approximately 33,000, including the developments of Century Village, Briar Bay, RiverWalk and the Town of Haverhill. It services an area of approximately ten square miles from Military Trail on the east, Roebuck Road on the north, Wallis Road on the south and Skees Road on the west.

Daily staffing is ten (10) personnel, which includes one Advanced Life Support Engine, two Advance Life Support Rescues, one District Chief and one EMS Supervisor. In 2005, Station 23 responded to 6,263 requests for assistance, of which over 4,600 were for emergency medical care. The station had an overall average response time of 5 minutes, 50 seconds.

This beautiful, state-of-the-art facility, which cost just over three million dollars to construct, will also receive \$125,000 toward an integrated public art and landscape project. While a specific timeline for the project has not been established, a "Call to Artists" will be announced within the coming year.

The County Commission is committed to providing superior fire rescue and paramedic services to our residents and I am excited about the improvements to Station 23 that will enhance our ability to meet the needs of the public. □

**From the Desk of  
Vice President  
Howard Silver**



Upon returning to Century Village from a long vacation, I was told that three of my friends had passed away.

One individual whom we all know, Lenny Tompkins, was very active in UCO. He was on the Executive Board for many years, Vice President of the Computer Club, and most of all, he was one of the co-founders of Channel 63 with Sadie Lovinger and myself.

Lenny told his wife how nice Channel 63 looked just before passing away. I can still hear him saying, make sure the text is big print so everyone can read it. Every time we work on Channel 63, we will be thinking of Lenny. He will be greatly missed by Century Village.

I hear all kinds of complaints about the Clubhouse "This is wrong or that's wrong." Give it some time and we, the Officers of UCO, will try to correct what's wrong in the Clubhouse. Rome was not built in a day.

When you see someone pulling into the wrong parking space, don't go running out there and start yelling. "Get out of that spot!" It's time that we all try and be nice to each other. It doesn't hurt! So, be nice to your neighbors and always remember to say, "Hi, have a nice day and also a good night." You will notice that your neighbors will say the same to you. Life is too short; take time out and smell the flowers...before it's too late. □

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*Palm Beach County Fire Rescue  
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**Picture This**

**By Avis Blank**

**Past:** No gate between Fire Rescue and Century Village, 5:00 p.m. Friday night. The chest pains are intolerable. Call 911. Cars are bumper-to-bumper on Okeechobee Boulevard, Haverhill Road and the Century Village East and West Gates. **Average response time:** five minutes, 50 seconds.

**Present:** Gate installed between Fire Rescue and Century Village, 5:00 p.m. Friday night. The chest pains are intolerable. Call 911. **Response time:** Three to five minutes.

**Note:** Units in close proximity to Fire Rescue will have an even quicker response time. □

**Smoke Detectors**

By the Public  
Information Office  
Palm Beach County  
Fire Rescue

Simply stated, smoke detectors save lives!

Palm Beach County Fire Rescue offers a free "Smoke Alarm Program" to the residents of our County. Anyone needing a smoke detector should visit any County fire station or call our Community Education Division at 616-7033 and have a request form filled out with necessary contact information. Fire Rescue will then coordinate with the resident and schedule an appointment for installation. Firefighters from the area will go out and install the alarms in the residence free of charge. □



**Notes to  
Newcomers**

**Dot Loewenstein**



First — do **not** feed the alligators! If you think you may be in danger, feel free to phone the **Fish & Wildlife** people, found in the blue pages of your phone book. Remember: They are endangered and were here first. Rely on the professionals to handle it.

Second — raccoons are nocturnal. If you see one in the daytime, stay far, far away — it usually means they have rabies. These animals are **not** endangered, so you can phone Animal Control to remove them.

Third — Sandhill cranes, if you're lucky enough to see them, are docile and will eat bread right out of your hand. What do they look like? About as tall as we are, with bright red crowns. They'll hang around for a little while, so why not take a few photos?

Finally — what color is

leather? Usually, "tan." This brings me to the next warning — don't even bother trying to get a tan so you can have leathery skin. If you've always been sensitive to sun, normally burn and blister, then don't start now trying to tan. It won't happen. It you must get into the pool, allow about 30 minutes, or use sunscreen. Swim before 11:00 a.m. or after 3:00 p.m. Sit under shade or cover yourself with a large towel before falling asleep. The sun can be your friend — or your enemy. Use caution. □

**Wish I Said That**

By John Saponaro

"You've got to appreciate the spunk in the mayor of Bay St. Louis, Mississippi. Like many other residents, he lost everything but the clothes he was wearing when Hurricane Katrina flattened the city known for beachfront summer homes, quaint shops and an arts colony. And he's still wearing those clothes, or at least the Bermuda shorts he was sporting when the hurricane hit. To draw attention to the plight of his devastated city, Mayor Eddie Favre has vowed to keep wearing those shorts until his city is back on its feet. He even shared a stage with President Bush at a dinner in Washington, wearing a tuxedo top along with his black Bermuda shorts."

*Clare McDowell*

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**Goodbye  
Dear Friend:  
Melvin  
Hershman  
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By Avis Blank

On Thursday morning, July 6, 2006, I said my last goodbye to a dear friend and resident of Century Village, Melvin Hershman, who passed away on July 3, 2006.

He was a World War II veteran who served in the Navy as an Aviation Radio Man/Gunner.

Mel became an active member of UCO when he retired to Century Village. He was elected to UCO's Executive Board, served on the Insurance Committee and was Area President for the Sussex area, until illness forced him to curtail his activities.

Even so, Mel went out of his way to deliver newspapers and calendars to the shut-ins in the Village. He was honest, kind, a man of great integrity, and a good friend to all who knew him.

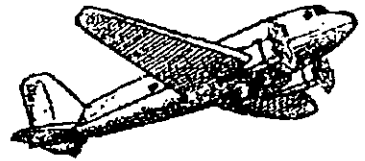
Mel, we love you. May you rest in peace. □

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**The UCO Millennium Amendment**

Those among us who resided in Century Village prior to the year 2000 were aware that whatever arrangements with WPRF were in force then would come to an end by December 31, 1999. Negotiations would have to commence long before that date to define the future relationship between us and WPRF, who were and are the representatives of the owners of all our recreation facilities.

What was in effect as we started the negotiations was an "Amendment To The Long Term Lease," which we all agreed to when we purchased our units. Said amendment was recorded March 12, 1974, in the public records office of Palm Beach County.

When my administration prepared for talks with WPRF, we were aware that early action was needed in two areas without which we could not undertake any negotiations:

- 1) An authorization for UCO to negotiate and, if necessary, go to arbitration on behalf of all Associations, and
- 2) The necessary finances to cover what we considered would be rather large expenses for legal counsel and expert witnesses.

Based on the "1987 UCO Unity Lease Amendment," we approached all Associations for authorization and all Associations responded by signing affidavits appointing UCO as their representative to negotiate, and, if necessary, appoint arbitrators to retain legal counsel and expert witnesses.

I, furthermore, requested that Associations pledge two dollars a month per unit (1998, 99 only) to finance the negotiations with the proviso that whatever monies should be unused when a new contract is concluded, will be returned to the Associations. This, too, was agreed to unanimously by all Associations (remaining monies were indeed returned no later than early 2000).

A UCO negotiating team was named whose first task was to hire a law firm experienced in the legal "give and take" which was expected. Sachs, Sax and Klein was cho-

sen, not only for their well-known expertise in this legal field, but also due to their history of success in similar previous negotiations and/or lawsuits against the owners of the facilities in other Century Villages. This law firm advised us throughout 1998 and 1999, in addition to our regular attorney, Rod Tennyson, Esq.

We hired a CPA whose task it was to check financial documents of WPRF which applied to us and, in certain areas, collectively to all Century Villages. Expert witnesses were needed in the course of the negotiations, among them one of the foremost engineering firms whose task it was to check the construction condition of all facilities. Prior to our very first contacts with WPRF and their various attorneys (which changed quite often in the course of two years), we established certain guidelines and stuck to these up to the acceptance of the final draft proposals:

- We wanted to clearly establish the monthly rates per unit for the use of the facilities by controlling in advance any increases and thus determine specific dollar figures beyond which WPRF could not raise the dues we pay.
- We wanted to clearly establish the relationship between UCO and WPRF in all areas, making sure we have the sole authority to regulate our daily life, the use of the facilities, and the budgeting of all expenses, including wages and contracts with suppliers and WPRF contractors.
- We wanted certain improvements, which were long overdue, such as (among others) a fully equipped fitness center and the installation of equipment to heat all but one pool (left "cold" at the request of our swimmers).

To say negotiations were painstaking, at times heated and, most of the time, "politely adversarial" — would be an understatement.

Let me stress that it took five drafts until we finally agreed to the contents and language of the proposed amend-

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ment. All through this time, it was the unanimous opinion of the negotiating team that it would be preferable to arrive at an agreed upon document, rather than go to binding arbitration, the outcome of which is never certain and the process very costly.

In the final analysis, we succeeded in obtaining most of our objectives. Are there areas where we could have done better? Possibly. Show me a contract where both sides get everything they wanted.

Fact is that this "UCO Millennium Amendment" regulated our relationship flawlessly since January 2000, the hurricanes notwithstanding, and will do so until 2021.

Just to clarify the name: It is not a "Millennium Contract," but an amendment to an existing previous agreement. What is new is Schedule 2, in that voluminous paperwork caused the "operating agreement" which clearly defines in detail WPRF's obligations and our rights.

Before I signed the "UCO Millennium Amendment to the Long Term Lease" on behalf of UCO, the final draft was given to all Associations. I insisted that it be brought to the attention of all members in each Association and that it be approved and notarized by them, before execution by

UCO on their behalf.

All Associations did approve the Amendment before December 1999 and said notarized approvals are on file. I consequently signed the agreed upon document on behalf of UCO, representing all Associations.

As in many other cases, this document too experienced "Monday morning quarterbacking," especially after, and as a result of, the hurricane which devastated the Clubhouse.

Ours is a democratic institution. Everybody is entitled to speak up, question and give vent to his/her feelings and opinions. But may I suggest that those who resided in Century Village prior to 2000 were fully informed of the contents of the "UCO Millennium Amendment," had the opportunity, then to criticize and support changes, as indeed some did, and then accepted it unanimously?

As to those who joined us in 2000 or later, I would suggest that they familiarize themselves with its clauses and ask questions wherever there are areas which need explanations. Every law, and contract, has its detractors. But when it is in effect over six years and working smoothly, I cannot but question the real reason behind any "Johnny-come-lately" criticism. □

**Happy 100<sup>th</sup>  
Ginny Feller,  
May 30, 2006**



**By Avis Blank**  
Ginny Feller, a Century Village resident, was honored on her 100<sup>th</sup> birthday at a luncheon orchestrated by Bingo Chairperson Gert Weishaus and attended by 15 members of the committee. Ginny "called the numbers" on "bingo night" for four years.

Later in the day, she was transported by limousine to her doctor's office, where his staff presented her with a beautiful birthday cake and a gift.

She received many cards, including one from President and Mrs. George Bush, and a special friend traveled from Ohio to hand her a gift and spend some time with her on her day.

Included among many mementos is a handwritten letter from Bill Clinton and an autographed picture of herself with Frank Sinatra.

Excitedly, she spoke about the first night baseball game at Ebbetts Field in Brooklyn, NY, when Johnny Van der Meer pitched a no hit game.

Her future husband, Dr. A. Arthur Feller, a prominent pediatrician, met Ginny when she was 12 years old. They married 18 years later, after she completed her schooling and had become a professional model for hands and jewelry. The move to Century Village was made after the death of her husband.

A petite, soft-spoken lady with big, brown eyes, beautifully coiffed hair and an unlined face and cream complexion, she is an avid baseball and football fan and enjoys cooking, bingo, movies and exercising.

Proudly, she told me about her sons: Dr. Joe Feller, an oncology surgeon; Dr. Ed Feller, a gastroenterologist and clinical professor at Brown University; one grandson, Dr. Alex Feller, who received his degree in psychiatry on her 99<sup>th</sup> birthday; and another grandson, Ross Feller, who was just accepted into medical school.

Ginny hopped upon her bike to demonstrate her exercise routine and happily threw goodbye kisses to me as she worked toward her three minute daily goal. □

## Stamps in the News Syd Kronish



### A Garland for Judy

Somewhere over the rainbow and down the Yellow Brick Road, in the Land of Oz, Judy Garland is receiving her much deserved acclaim on a new U.S. stamp in the *Legends of Hollywood* series. The 39¢ commemorative stamp, 12<sup>th</sup> in the series, was released in June.

The multi-talented Judy was born June 10, 1922 in Grand Rapids, MN as Frances Ethel Gumm into a musical family. She made her performing debut at the age of two with her two older sisters, Mary Jane and Virginia, as the Gumm Sisters.

They moved to Lancaster, CA, in 1926, when she called herself Judy, and was enrolled in a professional school in 1933, where she met Mickey Rooney, with whom she later played in several musicals.

The Gumm Sisters renamed themselves the Garland Sisters

in 1934 and the talented Judy was signed in 1935 to a contract with MGM. She made her official film debut in 1936. Then, in the *Broadway Melody of 1938*, she sang her famous *Dear Mr. Gable, You Made Me Love You*. She stole the show, and for the next 13 years, worked almost non-stop.

In 1939, she starred in *The Wizard of Oz*, in which she sang her famed *Over the Rainbow* and received an Academy Award for her performance.

In 1942, Garland co-starred with Gene Kelly in *For Me and My Gal*, and in 1944, she had an even bigger hit with *Meet Me in St. Louis*, in which she sang *The Trolley Song* and *Have Yourself a Merry Little Christmas*, which is sung every year during the Yule season.

Judy embarked on her legendary concert years when she re-opened the Palace Theater in New York in 1951. She re-

ceived loud applause for her one-woman performances. In April of 1961, Judy gave a concert at Carnegie Hall, which won her five Grammy Awards. A television special, *The Judy Garland Show*, featured Judy and her friends Frank Sinatra and Dean Martin.

Judy had a remarkable career performing in every media — radio, films, television and the stage. She deserved her recognition as the top performer in the 20<sup>th</sup> century.

Judy's three children are Liza Minnelli, Lorna Luft and Joey Luft, who are performing today.

Garland passed away in London, England, on June 22, 1969 at the age of 47. Newspaper reports said the crowds waiting to pay their final respects were the largest since Valentino's death in 1926.

Previous honorees in the *Legends of Hollywood* series include Marilyn Monroe, John Wayne, Cary Grant, Humphrey Bogart, James Cagney, and Lucille Ball, to mention a few.

The new stamp features a portrait of Judy by artist Tim O'Brien, based on a publicity photo for the film *A Star is Born* in 1954 for which she received an Oscar nomination for best actress. Garland's sig-

## The Question and Answer Forum

By Carole Szepesi

In the last few months, there has been much misinformation posted on the Q&A Forum by some folks who may mean well, but do not have the facts. Questions and answers come from people both inside and outside the Village, as the forum can be accessed from anywhere in the world, by anyone who has access to the Internet.

Recently, the Q&A Forum has been used for things other than its intended purpose, which is to ask questions, receive answers, and to share information. It had become a place for some people to continuously post erroneous information, sometimes making threats to others, and it also was being used as a chat room. Such actions can cause serious problems for the Vil-

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lage, which affect all of us who have our money and our lives invested in this community, as all of the Internet world can see these postings.

UCO has now given up control of the forum. It has been turned over to a private committee. The chair of the committee is Carole Szepesi. Committee members are Jackie Giorgio, Carl Perrin, Janet Perrin, and Fernando Rubio. The committee members are all condo owners in the Village. Rules have been developed by the committee for use of the Q&A, to help keep the threads on track, and to be sure the forum is being used for its intended purpose.

The forum is not a chat room. It is monitored seven days a week, by a committee member, to ensure that it is being used appropriately. One of the goals of the committee is to try, when possible, to steer posters in the right direction to receive help with their questions and concerns.

All threads will remain on the board for seven days, before being permanently removed. □



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**Arts and Entertainment**

**Irv Rikon**



The heat's on! Summer is at hand. Slightly less happens this time of year in the A&E sector, but there's enough to create lotsa buzz outside the gates:

**Theater**  
When Tina Fabrique walked down the stairs into the **Florida Stage** (Manalapan) lobby, I said to her, "The only problem with your show, *Ella*, is that it's not playing for a year. If it were, I could come again a dozen or more times to see it!"

Ella Fitzgerald was one of the very few inimitable immortal performers of popular song. Miss Fabrique is not exactly Ella, but she entertains so well that Ella or Tina, I had a great time, applauding and cheering along with everyone else on opening night.

Yet I have ambivalence about the book. Writer Jeffrey Hatcher and Rob Ruggiero and Dyke Garrison, whose concept this was, note that in a workshop presentation of the work, there was no story, and the audience seemingly wanted one. But this book, while serving its purpose of telling about Ella, is not quite right. In Act One, she banter with members of her (excellent!) band. In Act Two, she addresses the audience, and her comments become sad, even maudlin in contrast to the upbeat first part.

Just sing, girl, sing! As in a cabaret. (See **Royal Room**.) If you want to give out with patter, okay. As for the biographical data, let the producers insert those into the program notes. Mine is perhaps a minority opinion, but I'm with the standing ovation majority in saying, if you love great jazz, scat singing and popular song from the "Golden Age," hurry to the World Premiere of *Ella!* Closing date is September 3 (for tickets and additional information, phone 585-3433; online [www.florida-stage.org](http://www.florida-stage.org)).

**The Rinker Playhouse in the Kravis Center** (West Palm Beach) had the mod musical *Shout!* It was a fun stompin', shoutin' show. Hope you got to see it! From July 27 through August 5, Emmy Award-winning stand-up comedienne Judy Gold

poses *25 Questions for a Jewish Mother*, described as an "adult one-woman comedy based on interviews with more than 50 women." Ms. Gold also draws upon "her experiences both as a gay mother of two sons and as the daughter of a quintessential Jewish mother." Judy is finding Gold with this show; after leaving here, she takes her *Questions* to Chicago, L.A. and New York. In the **How Time Does Fly Department**, this coming season marks the Kravis Center's 15<sup>th</sup> Anniver-

sary. Big doings are planned! Tickets go on sale September 16. (If you can't get there in person or want to know more about who's coming and what's happening, phone 832-7469 or go online [www.kravis.org](http://www.kravis.org).)

**The Cullio Centre for the Arts** (West Palm Beach), which had a year-long stompin', shoutin' female show of its own, switches moods and celebrates Irving Berlin. *I Love a Piano*, the musical is called. It's the same one that was produced several years back at **Florida Stage**. I loved it then; see no reason why we shouldn't stomp and shout for Mr. Berlin now. Running dates are July 7-August 13 (835-9226).

**The Caldwell Theatre** (Boca Raton) presents a comedy about music: Ken Ludwig's *Lend Me a Tenor* is a delightful farce in which an

opera star fails to turn up for his performance, creating havoc for a company of players and laughter for the audience. Two-time Carbonell Award-winner Elizabeth Dimon co-stars with Peter Haig, who stole the show in *Drama-works' That Championship Season*. Also on hand are Allen Boker, Joe Warik and Connie SaLoutos. Miss SaLoutos used to appear fairly often on our local stages, but no more. If you've never seen her, she's a beauty who can sing all the dramatic roles (*Evita*) and is equally at home in comedic ones. It's a pleasure to welcome her back! The show's run is July 19-August 13. *The Decline and Fall of the Entire World as Seen Through the Eyes of Cole Porter* confronts the planet August 23-September 17 (877-245-7432 or online at [info@caldwelltheatre.com](mailto:info@caldwelltheatre.com)).

In Michele Lowe's *The Smell of the Kill*, at **Palm Beach Dramaworks** (West Palm Beach), three contemporary women fussing in a kitchen want to kill their husbands. They have their reasons: One's husband stole money, but the house and everything the couple own are in his name, so she may become penniless; one doesn't get enough lovin' and has taken a lover; another husband plays around. Along the way, the women also try to kill each other. Again, they have their reasons. All this happens in a fast and furious 90-minute play whose characters are more cartoon strip than real. The author "borrows" lavishly from other playwrights: 1960s-70s feminists now rather out of fashion; early Neil Simon, except her one-liners aren't funny; Continued on page 18

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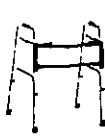
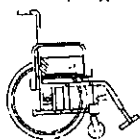
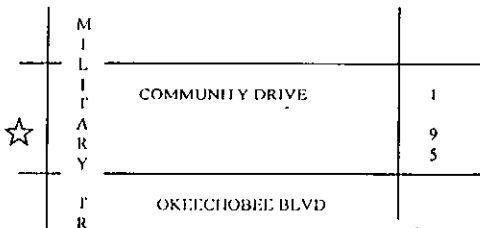
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**Random  
Ramblings  
Bob Fogelman**



So the snowbirds have gone home. I say "gone home" because this is not their home. What does that mean for us? Less traffic? You must be kidding. Drive around West Palm Beach from 3:00-6:00 p.m. and tell me if we have less traffic. Quicker seating in the restaurants and movie houses, yes. Less people in our pools, yes.

I have tried to convince many snowbirds that they come down in October, November or December and then go home in April or May. The following fall months, they are down here again. That means twice in one year, they are traveling back and forth by car, train or plane. Besides the expense, there is the schlepping of the clothes, etc., etc. After all, where do you want to spend the remaining 120 years of your life?

After a guilty feeling of leaving the grandchildren, you finally decide to make your home here in Century Village. Your retirement really starts now. However, if, and I say if, your Condominium Association is at odds with one or more of your unit owners, woe is to be with your complacent retirement. That's exactly why cooperation is essential for all unit owners and the Board of Administration.

Now, let's talk about your health. This is why I never ask my friends "How are you feeling?" unless I am prepared to spend the next 15-20 minutes listening to my friends' health. I'm only kidding, of course; the longevity of your life is solely dependent on the status of your health. Periodic medical examinations are a must. Medication must be as directed by your doctors. Some form of exercise is good, even if it's only walking. Do not become a TV Couch Potato.

Now that our Clubhouse is open, there is much more to keep you busy through the day and night. Couple this with the 50 clubs that will be requesting your participation. It is more than enough to keep you away from the summer TV reruns.

**"Why buy good luggage? You only use it when you travel."  
Yogi Berra**

area which is prone to speculation and the business of renting for profit. To further explain another amendment, what gives the Association the legal right to have seven Board of Administration members instead of five?

Randall Borschardt or Bob Fogelman will be available at UCO to answer any of your questions and to provide you with the necessary new Amendments Wednesdays or Friday would be good times to come into UCO. □



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### Complications

By Bob Fogelman

Instead of life becoming simpler, it is becoming more complicated. We all just want to live here, in a southern climate, in a quiet residential area with the least amount of intrusion.

However, when the County's agencies flex their authority, when some unit owners disregard their condominium documents and bylaws, and when the Associations' Board of Administration fails to enforce their documents, confusion and complications reign supreme.

I imagine it must be the same throughout the County, but our County's permit divisions are enough to drive you up a wall. That's if they will permit you to build a wall. I believe it takes the okay of three agency permit divisions before a permit will be issued. We know that you need a permit to build, but where is our permit to demolish our old UCO office?

If a hurricane were to come along now, our collapsed building would fly into all the units in Wellington, Windsor and Camden. I wonder if it would have been different if the employees of the permit division were to live in our Century Village?

Now comes the unit owners who believe that they are still living in a northern apartment or in their own private house; who act as though the condominium documents and bylaws do not pertain to them. While it is a known fact that as the world turns, we must turn with it, it is also known that our rights as a unit owner in a condominium are different than apartment dwellers or private home ownership. Our documents and amendments are based upon the laws, rules and regulations as promulgated by our state legislature and the well being of our fellow unit owners who vote for these documents and amendments. Change is often better than "the old way," but it must be accomplished in a legal manner in so far as the voting unit owners do it.

When some condominium Board of Administration (Directors) do not enforce their own documents, it infuriates other condominium Boards because it affects the whole Village. In particular, let's mention those who are making our Village into a motel by using our units as a time-sharing area; by allowing unit owners to conduct a business

by buying units to rent out, buying units solely for speculation and then by allowing many unit owners under the age of 55 years of age to live in our Century Village. We try to hold the 20% exception only for cases of difficulty and/or hardship.

I would be remiss if I did not include the President of the Condominium Association who believes he is King of his kingdom and who acts accordingly.

I'm looking for the simpler way of life with no complications. I thought I had found it. □

An ugly layout suggests an ugly product. There are very few products which do not benefit from being given a first class ticket through life.

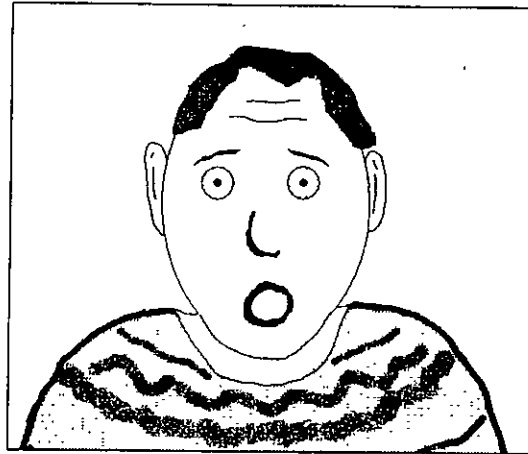
David Osilvy

### Using the New Gate

The congregation is now able to use the new gate, installed in our adjacent property fence, which allows automobile entrance directly from the Haverhill exit from Century Village. It has been operated successfully since about the first of the year.

The gate is opened in the morning before Shachris, Sunday to Friday, and can be safely approached using the left exit lane past the Century Village gate house at Haverhill Road.

**Remember:** Use the left exit lane **only** and go directly to the gate when the light turns green.



A nervous young man, Aloysius,  
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**Be Prepared**

I guess my Girl Scout days remain with me. At least our motto does. As we diligently worked for our badges, we learned that we should be prepared for any situation. With that in mind, we should be aware of what is in store for us, with upcoming hurricanes predicted for this year. We have all received warnings, and if we did our homework, we should already have bought many of the items we will need.

We should have our batteries, flashlights, a landline telephone, a battery operated radio and a TV if possible. In addition, we should have a gallon of water per day per person, a first aid kit, canned goods/and food which can be eaten cold if you have no means of heating it.

A non-electric can opener.

Fill up your car gas tanks in time. Get money from banks to have on hand. Put important papers, such as birth certificates, marriage license, insurance papers, and insurance person's name, phone number, and your passport, if you have one, in Baggies.

Keep a list of telephone numbers you might need if you have to evacuate your condo. Have a week to ten days of medicine on hand and ask your doctors for new prescriptions in the event you need refills. If you are leaving the Village, please let a neighbor or your President know and leave an address or phone number where you can be reached.

Let your family and other relatives know where you will be staying so that they do not worry if they cannot reach

you. UCO and other volunteers will be here to assist you in any way possible. Our emergency committee members will be called upon to help. Many of the C.O.P.s volunteered to help and the Sheriff's Department will aid us and can be called upon to bring us food, water and ice.

We wish you all well and hope you will tell us how we can be of service to you. □

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**Your Theater**

**By Claudette LaBonte**

All Ushers are urged to watch Channel 63 for upcoming meetings or changes in time schedules, such as: movie doors will now open a half hour prior to show time.

Should you need to check your work schedule, it will be available at the Clubhouse Ticket Office.

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**Transportation  
Frank Cornish  
Dot Loewenstein**



Please note that Internal buses #1 and #3 do not go to Hastings after 4:00 p.m. Remember that only the #1 bus goes to Publix after 6:00 p.m., and the #1 bus now stops at Humana after leaving Windsor, up to 5:00 p.m. daily, but not on weekends.

Residents are reminded that — for security reasons — it is imperative that we obey the Security requirements and carry Century Village identification. Drivers will ask for I.D. to be shown when boarding the bus outside the Village; be sure to have it ready. This especially includes those with guest passes, which should be presented with the Bus pass facing up.

By now, everyone should be aware that the bus contract with Community Transit has been renewed for five years. New buses should arrive in

October 2006. If you would like to be on the Transportation Committee, stop in at the UCO office and fill out a volunteer form. While there, you can pick up the latest bus schedule. Check the date in the top right corner to see if it is later than the one you are now carrying. This will fit nicely in a gallon size Ziploc plastic bag.

June's Bus Driver of the Month Award went to Richard Dreyer. Driver of the month for July is Harry Light.

We are giving consideration to several requests. These include "supper trip of restaurants outside the Village" and "excursion trip to Lake Worth pier and Johnny G's restaurant." We will endeavor to have changes — if any — appear on Channel 63 in the future, as well as in this column. □

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Now that we are in the middle of our summer season and many of our neighbors have gone away on vacation, don't think you can sit back and be at ease. It is because there are so many vacant apartments around, that we must be on a double state of awareness of our surroundings. Please take the following precautions:

- Since there is less traffic on our roads, some drivers will feel it is safer to drive a little faster. If you like to exercise and walk, be aware: Walk facing traffic and wear light colored clothing at night.
- It is now easier to notice strangers around your building. If it is anyone you don't recognize and you are concerned, call Security and they will check them.
- If you are going away for an extended time, tell someone in your building (best is the President) so that if someone misses you, then they can be told that you are away. Very often when someone is missed, the guards are called and the first one they look for is the Building President. Then, he can tell the guard you are away, or provide a key and go in and check the apartment for you. **Remember:** Someone in your building should have a key to your apartment.
- Make sure you lock your doors when you go away. People walking by can easily turn doorknobs when no one is looking. Be safe; be healthy; enjoy the summer.
- Lastly, I want to bring this to your attention. Some problems our guards are constantly called about. Many buildings have allowed commercial vehicles, trucks and other large vehicles to park at their buildings. Most of the Associations' documents do not allow this, and the reason is obvious. It makes

the Village look shabby and run down. The guards may be called to tell the owners to remove them, but if the Board of Directors of the building allow it, there is not much the guards can do except tell the officers that it is up to them to keep the Village looking nice.

Residents, please tell your officers to keep our Village looking good.

Prepare for storms! Watch over one another! ☐

**May**  
**Incident Reports**

By Dot Loewenstein

Gate arms were broken only six times this month, and there was only one rude guest and one rude Realtor. Motor vehicles were involved as follows: One car hit a tree, the car was a total loss and the resident went to the hospital; one car hit a bicyclist, minor injuries; one resident's car was hit by an interior bus, no injuries, no damage; and one resident continues to park in an unauthorized spot, six times in one month.

One unit was broken into while the owner was in the hospital; culprit suspected of living in the same building. A young visitor on drugs was escorted out of the Village. Two drunk residents were yelling at each other, annoying others. A rude smoker

continued to smoke outside a unit with an ill resident, exacerbating their condition.

An intoxicated potential renter, not investigated, was not allowed by building president. Two different people slipped and fell, one at each Clubhouse; Band Aid injuries. Another resident lost their teeth, lost their residence, and DCF was called.

A resident decided to swim nude in a satellite pool.

If the call-in system (computer) is down, you can reach the gate by calling 689-0432.

**June Incident Reports**

This month, only three gate arms were broken, one guest was rude, one threatened the guard, while another cursed the guard. There was one auto accident with no injuries, but both vehicles were damaged. Tickets were given to (a) a car

parked in a crosswalk and (b) a camper parked illegally. One resident was rumored to be dead, turned out not to be — in fact, answered the phone when called. Five residents fell in various areas, including at home, and four refused medical attention; the fifth went to the hospital.

A resident was noticed asleep in a car for several hours with all the windows closed. 911 was called and the resident's condition was stabilized. One resident was threatened by an ex, the Sheriff was notified; another was threatened by a partner, but refused to press charges.

Finally, Fish & Wildlife removed a seven-foot alligator from one of our canals. Residents are reminded **not** to feed alligators, and **not** to chase them back into the water — they are much harder to catch when in the water. ☐

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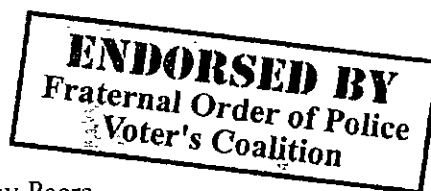
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**Arts & Entertainment**

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Roxie Hart and its musical successor, Chicago; and, most especially, Joseph Kesselring's 1930s comedy, *Arsenic and Old Lace*. Perhaps you recall this last: Two elderly, dippy Brooklyn ladies kill men because they are homeless anyway, and the two want them to have a happier hereafter. But the ladies in *Arsenic*, for all their murderous ways, are naïve and sweet in contrast with the women in *The Smell of the Kill*, who are totally obnoxious. My feeling towards the end is if they want to kill each other, it's okay by me. But credit where credit is due: Actresses Maribeth Graham, Irene Adjan and Stacy Schwartz were fine, despite their unsympathetic roles, and J. Barry Lewis properly speeded everything along. Sean McClelland's set deserves considerable praise. Closing date is July 30 (514-4042 or online at [www.palmbeachdramaworks.org](http://www.palmbeachdramaworks.org))

Others: It's been a long while since I've written about **Florida Atlantic University** (Boca Raton). This year's theater summer program caught my eye. Between June 30 and July 23, you can see in reper-

tory Rodgers and Hammerstein's *Oklahoma!* and Tennessee Williams' *A Streetcar Named Desire*. *An American Songbook*. *Cole Porter* plays July 28-30 in Boca and August 5 at FAU Jupiter. When I first came to Florida more than thirty years ago, I took several theater courses at FAU, which has a good theatrical program. A few of our local stars are graduates. Other stars have appeared as professional guests in the student productions (1-800-564-9539 or online at [theatre@FAU.edu](mailto:theatre@FAU.edu)). Also consider subscribing to **Lake Worth Playhouse's** 2006-07 season. The Stephen Schwartz musical *Pippin* opens the season October 6 and is followed by Richard Harris' comedy *Stepping Out*, the musical *Fiddler on the Roof*, Arthur Miller's *A View from the Bridge* and the Leonard Bernstein, Comden and Green musical

*Wonderful Town* Wonderful entertainment (586-6410)! **Music and Dance**

Jeff Harnar has been described as "the most important cabaret vocalist to emerge since Michael Feinstein." Hearing him at the **Royal Room of the Colony Hotel** (Palm Beach), I'll say

in all honesty, I think he's better than Michael. To my tastes, he's the best onstage performer I've seen this entire 2005-06 season.

I love what has come to be dubbed "The Golden Age of Song" or "The Great American Songbook." Those were songs written by the likes of Irving Berlin, Jerome Kern, the Gershwin brothers, Harold Arlen, Rodgers and Hart and Hammerstein, Duke Ellington, Lerner and Loewe, Kander and Ebb, Frank Loesser, Cole Porter. That crowd. With the exception of Ellington, they wrote mainly for Broadway and Hollywood. Now along comes Mr. Harnar singing Cole Porter and reminding one and all that these men and their peers (who included several women) with the American Song Book created a musical art form just as original and vital as jazz.

Mr. Harnar himself harks back to the Sinatra, Damones, Bennetts in their prime. He doesn't sound like the others — he's more velvety; Mel Torme, without the fog — but when he sings tender ballads, women and their companions are apt to melt, while the naughty, bawdy Porter ditties

bring big smiles for their cleverness. Mr. Harnar banters with their musicians and offers stories about Cole Porter. Nothing serious Nothing to weigh one down. Just anecdotes that illuminate the composer or his songs.

To hear this kind of singing, one almost has to go to a place like the Royal Room at the Colony Hotel. Today's "popular" music is primarily rock, rap and hip-hop, the kind of thing those of us who are of a certain age generally tune out. (The Colony, of course, aims to please and has something for everyone. Friday, come and dance to "Motown Nights.") Back to Mr. Harnar: The weekend of July 14, he sings *The 1959 Broadway Songbook*. Try to see him! Maude Maggart, hailed as a torch singer and chanteuse of distinction, arrives July 21 for a four-week-end stay. Outstanding food and service in a relaxed, civilized setting are integral parts of the dinner show at the Royal Room, where tradition and sheer pleasure conquer all (659-8100).

**Museums**

The Norton Museum of Art (West Palm Beach) has two quilting exhibitions. See

*Art of the Needle: Masterpiece Quilts from the Shelburne Collection* through September 10 and *Elements from the Front Range: Contemporary Quilters* through August 13 (832-5196). The **Cornell Museum at Old School Square** (Delray Beach) displays newly acquired works by Israeli artists through September 9. The **Morikami Museum** (Delray Beach), for one evening only, August 12, celebrates the Bon Festival. It's a Japanese cultural highlight. □



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## Transponders

Larry Kall



We had some anxious days previous to the June 13, 2006 date to install transponders on 55 vehicles due to Tropical Storm Alberto. There was a 70 percent chance of rain that day. Should we cancel the scheduled date in advance and try for another date? Would the date be in the same week or another week? Would we have enough time to call all the people with appointments and advise them of the change? Could we get enough volunteers for a changed date? Could the 55 people come on another date? Could the storm change directions and make things better or a lot worse? All these things plus the safety of our volunteers was considered. In the end, we decided to "tough it out," go ahead with the scheduled date and time, and hope for the best. Fortunately, the rain held off long enough for us to do all the cars that showed up. I say that showed up as we normally have two

or three missing cars each session. Sometimes, we hear from these people about some emergency, or they tell us they just forgot. Some we never hear from again.

As it will be a while before the UCO office is rebuilt, we have been looking for some other location to do transponders, perhaps on a weekly basis. Due to the generosity of the Sinai Medical Center, we are looking into installing a special transponder gate arm at the parking lot behind the medical building. Stay tuned. The Transponder Committee is in need of volunteers to work at the UCO office scheduling transponder appointments for our residents. Volunteers are needed for one or two days a week. We also need volunteers to install the transponders on vehicles. This would be for a two-hour period once a month. Please call the UCO office at 683-9189 for more details. □

## Generator Usage and Fuel Storage Regulations

By Palm Beach County Fire Rescue

**Generators Per the Palm Beach County Fire Code, 11.7.1.1:** "Portable combustion engines shall not be located within 10 feet of a building or rooftop." A helpful tip to measure that distance from a structure is look at the roof overhang of the structure and go out 10 feet from there. This will help decrease the possibility of buildup of exhaust that can seep in through attic vents. It is also wise to have a carbon monoxide detector in the residence to alert you if fumes are building up.

### Fuel Storage Limitations

Per the Florida Fire Prevention Code, NFPA 1, the allowable limits are based on the number of living units within the building.

**66.4.5.4: Assembly Occupancies, Buildings, Containing More Than Three Dwelling Units, and Hotels:** "Storage in excess of 10 gallons of Class I and Class II liquids combined or 60 gallons of Class IIIA liquids shall be in storage cabinets, in safety cans, or in an inside storage area that does not have openings that communicate with that portion of the building used by the public."

• Always use generators outdoors, away from doors, windows and vents.

• Never plug the generator into a wall outlet. This practice, known as back-feeding, can cause an electrocution risk to utility workers and others served by the same utility transformer.

• Before refueling the generator, turn it off and let it cool. Fuel spilled on hot engine parts could ignite.

• Always store fuel outside of living areas in properly labeled, non-glass containers.

Information for this fact sheet was provided by the Consumer Product Safety Commission.

Any questions regarding this information or other fire safety issues, please contact Palm Beach County Fire Rescue Bureau or Safety Services at 561-616-7034. □

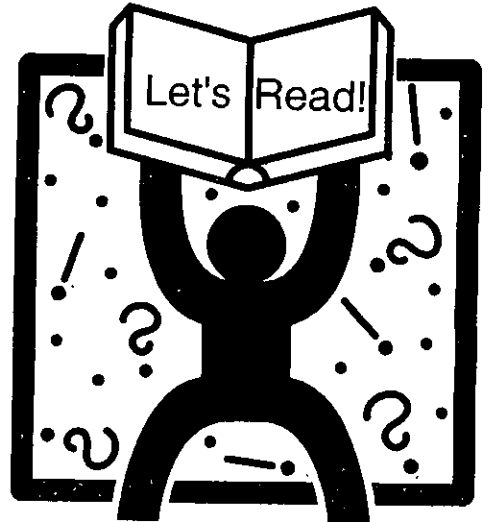


## Wish I Said That

By John Saponaro

"As motorists become more complacent about the price of gas, I'm reminded of a story about how utility companies deal with rate increases with the Public Utility Commission. If the utility needs a 10 percent rate increase to maintain its costs, they may ask for a 15 percent increase. When the news is made that a company such as for natural gas, water or electricity is increasing 15 percent, the customers become upset. However, when the PUC only grants 10 percent of the proposed increase, the customers feel a little better and the utility gets what it needs. It softens the blow more than the company asking for a 10 percent increase and getting the full amount. I'm sure it's much more complicated than that story, but it appears to boil down to what people are comfortable at paying."

Brian Whipkey



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SO I SAID "HERE'S ONE, YOU WILL FIND  
IS FUN,  
AND BEFORE YOU START YOUR BASHIN',  
TODAY YOUR SIGN BRINGS A VALENTINE,  
AND A NIGHT OF ENDLESS PASSION!"

SO I GET THAT GLARE,  
AND I'M WELL AWARE  
THAT HE HASN'T HEARD A WORD,  
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**Potpourri  
Ruth Hafter**



to the United States. It would take several trips to meet and to get to know them. This was the gift of family that I learned to know and love.

Years later, my grandson, Michael, had his bar mitzvah at Masada with many of these relatives present. I still keep in touch with some of them. Now it was time to visit nearer living ties, and this by visiting several cousins who resided in 27 states within the United States. It was easier to keep in touch with them by e-mail and telephone and to update them as to the additions and subtractions in the family history. On several occasions, they have visited us.

We toured Europe, Italy, Spain, England and several other countries. We went on several cruises, just for fun.

I have memories that include many picture albums, and three family books, which have been published.

This contribution to family history is one that can be built on and I am very proud of the part we played to make it come to life.

I was fortunate to have one of my neighbors, Jerry Nachimson, formulate the data on the computer for two of the three books submitted to the printer. His mother, Anne Cohen, proofread the books.

I questioned the few cousins as to what they knew and gathered as much information as was available. Then we went to the main library in New York City and checked census records. We were off to a good start. I did not know where my data would lead me.

We went off with my camera, along with a pad and pen. Our first trip was to Japan, China, Indonesia, and although we found only one relative living in China, it was a great start. I wrote about these experiences, which culminated in a book entitled, *How Are We Cousins?* Then off to visit another cousin who lived in Hawaii. Every time we finished a segment of history, we returned to our home in Florida.

The next far away trip was to Israel and Egypt. This trip proved interesting, but I did not know how many relatives lived in Israel until I returned

**Leaving a Legacy**

I have encountered many turning points in my life: marriage, motherhood, illness, joining the work force, traveling, and retiring. One of my most remembered will probably be my interest in genealogy, the tracing of Harry's and my families as far back as I could.

My late husband, Harry Hafter, retired early and we decided to travel to all the places we had read about but did not have the time to see. His quote was, "As long as we have our health, the means and the desire to travel we should do it." And we did. His plan was to go to the most distant point and to work our travels closer to the United States. However, it wasn't enough for me to just see another mountain, sea, or culture. I felt we should meet people to whom we were related and to visit the places from which our ancestors came.

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HERE'S A PICTURE OF US TWO,  
WHERE'S THE RESEMBLANCE?  
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HELEN SIEGLER*

I encourage you to speak on a tape recorder if you cannot write or type, so that someone in your family can record what you remember for your own family tree.

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## From the Palm Beach County Sheriff's Office

By D.S. Buchanan, Dist. 3  
Victim Vulnerabilities

The prevailing stereotype of elderly fraud victims is that they are poorly informed, socially isolated individuals — potentially suffering from mental deterioration — who cling to old-fashioned ideas of politeness and manners that interfere with the ability to detect fraud. It is true that dementia and other cognitive impairments sometimes play a role in elder fraud and financial exploitation. For seniors with advanced impairments, responses requiring their participation may have limited effectiveness. However, recent research has refuted prevailing stereotypes, characterizing the majority of potential victims as more educated, informed, and socially active than previously supposed. A major AARP (formerly known as the American Association of Retired Persons) survey identified fraud victims as relatively affluent and well-educated, with extensive networks of family and friends. This survey identified several key points:

- Victims were likely to believe fraudulent sales pitches, thinking that their chances of winning were good and that the prizes offered for a fee were a good bargain.
- Over two-thirds of the respondents reported they had difficulty telling fraudulent and legitimate pitches apart, despite the fact that 90 percent had heard about telemarketing fraud.
- Many victims reported having difficulty ending a conversation with the telemarketer, even when they believed the offer was fraudulent.

A number of researchers have noted that the following personal factors affect the extent to which people are likely to be victimized.

- Home ownership;
- Likelihood of seeking advice before a purchase;
- Knowledge of sources of consumer information and consumer rights;
- Financial risk-taking behavior;
- Openness to marketing appeals;
- Knowledge of the existence of frauds, scams, and misleading practices; and

- Ability to hang up on telemarketers.

The research implies that a lack of knowledge and of certain consumer skills creates a susceptibility to fraud.

### Victim Facilitation

Even after victimization, many people repeat high-risk behavior. The following are key moments that put the victim at risk in typical fraud transaction. They have clear relevance to points of intervention:

- The victim makes initial contact, or takes steps that lead to the initial contact, indicating receptivity to the pitch.
- The victim provides information about him- or herself that helps the offender to carry out the fraud.
- The victim allows the conversion of a business rela-

tionship to one of trust, and waives customary safeguards.

- The victim believes the offender's scenario or pitch.
- The victim writes a check, gives a credit card number, or otherwise provides access to fraud.

The following are traits that might make people prone to fraud or financial exploitation:

- Good citizenship,
  - Compassion,
  - Generosity,
  - Respect for authority,
  - Trusting nature.
- Others are less desirable they are as follows.
- Being careless,
  - Susceptible to flattery,
  - Easily intimidated.

Some factors that seem irrelevant on the surface may also contribute to the likelihood of fraud victimization,

such as being on "junk mail" lists; belonging to organizations; making purchases over the phone or Internet; moving, buying a house, car, or appliances, investing; and donating to charity.

### Re-victimization

It is a well-documented fact that fraudulent operations compile the names of fraud victims on "mooch" or "sucker" lists and sells them to one another. These lists offer a shortcut to the typical approach of "cold-calling" or random-number dialing, as the people listed have already shown themselves susceptible to fraud.

Not only are past victims retargeted, as described above, but they also can fall prey to scammers offering to help them recoup their losses

from previous fraud. Fraudulent operations called "recovery rooms" approach past victims and offer to investigate the original fraud and to return the lost funds — for a fee. Naturally, once victims pay the recovery fee, they never hear from the secondary scammer again.

The very nature of financial exploitation by relatives and caregivers implies a pattern of re-victimization. Seldom are the perpetrators satisfied with a single bank withdrawal or forged check. Instead, the pattern is more likely to begin with small-value transactions, which escalate over time and, if undeterred, conclude with the transfer or expenditure of all the elder's assets, leaving the victim with no means of financial support. □

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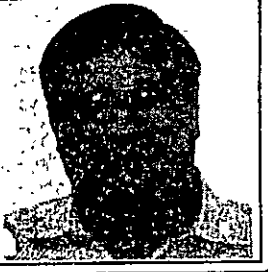
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Since we are in the hurricane season, this is a tip for buildings that have a lift. Much damage occurs when the doors blow open during the storm and allow wind to invade the lift. Before the storm hits, put the lift "between the first and second floors." By doing this, the doors will be locked and hopefully prevent damage. In fact, anytime there is a warning about high winds, even for a short time, do the same thing.

During a hurricane, the winds damage a lot of air conditioners. The most common are broken wires or condensing units that shift. All new condensing units are required to have the unit strapped down to the slab or stand and have a special electrical "whip" installed to minimize damage. Many of the units in the Village are not strapped down nor do they have the whip as it was not required by codes when the unit was installed.

As with most things, no air conditioner is guaranteed to survive a hurricane, and guarantees or service contracts do not normally apply to hurricane damage. Window units can sustain damage by wind, water and flying debris.

Another major problem that causes damage to air conditioners and refrigerators is "power surges" that damage or destroy compressors. The best way to avoid this type of damage is to turn off the breakers to the air conditioner, appliances and hot water tank and keep them off until a couple of minutes after the power is restored. Leave one breaker that turns lights on so you will know when power is restored.

Last year, after Hurricane Wilma, our office, like many others, had problems caused by lack of power or functioning telephones, and it was several days before we could answer calls. When we could answer phones and could find fuel for the service trucks, requests came in for "no air." After dispatching several technicians, we found that the cause in most cases was there was no power in the building.

We received calls about toilets backing up, only to find that the county sewer system was hampered by a lack of operating pump stations. This year, we have installed a back-up phone system, in conjunction with BellSouth, and have made other plans to operate our office from remote facilities, if necessary. All this will help, but without power in your unit, there is not a lot that can be done. We are pleased to announce that we are now operating out of our new office located just off the lobby on the first floor of the Sinai Medical Center. □

**Family**

By Bob Fogelman

I received a telephone call the other day that caused me an emotional reaction. It was from my four-year-old grandson from Long Island, N.Y. He simply said, "Thank you, grandpa, I love you." Why the phone call? It seems that the phone call was the result of some toys that I had sent to him and his two-year-old sister. One of the toys, a fire engine truck, seemed to have made such a big hit because even the younger one kept on saying "mine, mine."

So, naturally my thoughts turned to "family." Years ago, most families were situated in close proximity to each other. Brothers, sisters, aunts and uncles were close by. Now, families are scattered throughout the United States. I imagine that many of you retired to Florida with somewhat of a guilt complex because of leav-

ing your grandchildren up North, but I find that gradually the children come down to visit grandma and grandpa.

Can you express your feeling when you greet them at the airport or when they first knock on your door? How about when the adult members of your family come down to visit for a few days or a week? That's what it is all about.

Are there some family members that you haven't spoken to for a long time? Call them up — write them a short note or send them a card. Remember, family is family, and as life passes you by, the circle is getting smaller and smaller.

I'm sure we all have old pictures of relatives and family members. Look at them from time to time and then tell me about your feelings of close relationships as your memory brings back conversations, in-

cidents, happy affairs and ceremonious moments. Now, do not dwell on nostalgia as morbidity of happy recollections.

Life must continue to go on and you, too, are making history as a loved family member. So enjoy the day, be happy, and remember, family is family. □

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## ...Long May She Wave

By Stewart Richland

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all those Century Village residents for their positive responses, and kind words to my article dealing with the flag salute controversy and patriotism. I felt very strongly about the issue and it is heartwarming to know that so many out there of my generation feel that way also.

This is the second and last installment on this issue. The school board of West Palm Beach issued a bulletin titled, "Administrative Guide — Pledge of Allegiance," to all school personnel in late March. In essence, it states that all schools must display the flag in a conspicuous place. It also orders the school administration to allow students to opt out of participation in the Pledge upon written request from a parent. This action is based on Federal case law. No disciplinary action will be taken against any student that refuses to participate in the Pledge. Students have the right not to stand and cannot be singled out in front of the class. However, students that are disruptive during the Pledge can be disciplined for their disruptive behavior, but not for refusing to stand during the Pledge. This is such a sad state of affairs. Our nation is going through some very tough times; I suspect that my readers may have reacted the way I did when I watched a TV news program the other day and the segment dealt with the rewording and singing of the National Anthem in Spanish. I was appalled.

When I began to do my research for my article, I discovered that the Pledge of Allegiance and saluting the flag is a very complicated issue which is shrouded in such issues as flag desecration, the use of the flag in advertising, clothing design, religion, even the way we salute our flag.

What I would like to accomplish in this article is to provide my readers with some of the more interesting facts about these issues and for those readers whose curiosity I have stimulated, I will provide the web addresses I found that were most revealing.

The flag salute was written

in 1892 by Francis Bellamy, a self-proclaimed National Socialist. Bellamy's brother wrote a book called *Looking Backward*, in which he and his brother promoted the idea of national socialism. They wanted the government to nationalize most of the American economy, and the best way to accomplish this was to have the government take over the control of our school system as a tool to achieve this goal. Bellamy wanted the schools to train young people into an "industrial army" modeled after the military in order to achieve military socialism in the United States. Bellamy lived in the United States when all the schools were being socialized. If you remember your American history, during the time when our Constitution was written, all education was provided by private schools.

During the period of reform in the 1820s, Horace Mann, a revolutionary educator from Massachusetts, introduced the idea of free public schools supported by taxpayers' money. This is the system we have today. However, technically speaking, whenever the government owns an institution, by definition it is socialism. Yes, even our postal system can be defined this way.

Bellamy's book became so popular that it spawned socialist movements that were titled "Nationalism." There was a Nationalist Magazine and "Nationalist" clubs that sprung up across the United States that supported the idea that the American economy should adopt socialism as its goal. One interesting sidebar is the fact that a publication called the *Nationalist Educational Association* (N.E.A.) which is very similar to today's teach-

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## Letter Sent by a Local Resident

Dear Billy Joe Bob,

I'm writing this slow because I know you can't read fast. We don't live where we did when you left home. Your Pa read in the newspaper that most accidents happen within 20 minutes of your home, so we moved. I won't be able to send you the address because the last family that lived here took the house numbers when they moved so they wouldn't have to change their address.

This place is really nice. It even has a washing machine. I'm not sure it works so well, though. Last week I put a load of clothes in and pulled the chain, we haven't seen it since.

The weather isn't bad here. It only rained twice last week, the first time for three days and the second time for four days.

About that coat you wanted me to send: Your Uncle Bubba said it would be too heavy to

send in the mail with the buttons on, so we cut them off and put them in the pockets.

Bubba locked his keys in the car yesterday. We were really worried because it took him two hours to get me and your father out.

Your sister had a baby this morning, but I haven't found out what it is yet, so I don't know if you are an aunt or an uncle. The baby looks just like your brother.

Uncle Bobby Ray fell into a whiskey vat last week. Some men tried to pull him out, but he fought them off and drowned. We had him cremated; he burned for three days.

Three of your friends went off a bridge in a pickup truck. Butch was driving. He rolled down the window and swam to safety. Your other two friends were in the back; they drowned because they couldn't get the tailgate down.

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WELLINGTON B 2nd Floor 2/2 Furnished	112,900
WELLINGTON H 4th Floor 2/2 Unfurnished	135,000
WELLINGTON B 3rd Floor 2/2 Furn Tile Encl Patio	139,900
WELLINGTON J 2nd Floor 2/2 Furnished Nice	130,000
WELLINGTON E 2nd Floor 2/2 Furn Cnr Encl Patio	135,000
WELLINGTON C 1st Floor 2/2 Furn Upgraded Lam Fl	145,000
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**UPPER FLOOR 1 BED & 1-1.5 BATH**

COVENTRY A 5 Star Special	45,000
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NORTHAMPTON N Furnished Waterview	69,900
SHEFFIELD H Corner Furnished Nice	74,900
SHEFFIELD J Furnished	79,900
BEDFORD H Corner Furnished Lakeview	84,900
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**GROUND FLOOR 1 BEDROOM & 1 BATH**

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SUSSEX G Furnished Tile	61,000

**UPPER FLOOR 1 BEDROOM & 1 BATH**

NORTHAMPTON G Furnished	42,000
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SALISBURY H Renovated	62,600

**GROUND FLOOR 1 BEDROOM & 1-1.5 BATH**

SHEFFIELD O Tile Near Fitness Center	55,000
SHEFFIELD J Furnished	68,000
SOUTHAMPTON A Furnished	69,900
WINDSOR K Corner Furnished	64,900
GOLF'S 14/D Enclosed Patio	64,900
COVENTRY F Corner Furnished	65,000
STRATFORD H Furnished Nice	66,000
SOUTHAMPTON B Renovated Furnished	67,000
ANDOVER M Corner Lakeview Furnished	69,900
WINDSOR E Renovated Waterview Corner	69,900
SOUTHAMPTON A Renovated	69,900
DORCHESTER F Furnished Corner Tile	69,900
GREENBRIAR B Tile Enclosed Patio	85,000
WELLINGTON C New Everything	92,500

**GROUND FLOOR 2 BED & 2 BATHS**

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## All the News That's Fit to Print

By Kurt Weiss

The *Random House Dictionary* defines "censorship" as an act of "examining material for the purpose of suppressing articles deemed objectionable on moral, political or other grounds." It defines "editing" as "the act or revising or correcting a manuscript."

There is a fine line between the two in those parts of the world where freedom of speech and of expression are assured constitutionally. Elsewhere, just to mention China or Cuba, this problem does not exist. There is only one thought permitted, the one directed from the top and woe unto anybody who attempts to express opinions which run counter to the official line.

So let me concentrate on places where freedom of speech is still preserved — kind of.

Even the heading of this article, which supposedly guides *The New York Times* in how the publication of news should be presented, that paper does not always adhere to the principle of avoiding censorship, and it surely leaves a lot to be desired in other newspapers and TV.

Censorship of news and ideas, even in countries such as ours, can take different approaches. One is: to "edit" an article in such a way that the very purpose of it being written is diminished or completely erased. In such cases, the editing authority will deny "censorship" and will maintain that they did not prevent publication — they just "edited" it.

And then there is full censorship, where those in charge decide to reject articles altogether because they do not toe the line prescribed by those in power.

This kind of eliminating adverse material is not any different from what people are subjected to in China, Cuba or Iran or even in countries we may call "guided democracies."

Just in case someone may question my motive in writing on this subject, I am not referring to the *UCO Reporter*.

Let me remind those among you whose interest is not recent that during my tenure as UCO's President, I encountered fairly fierce opposition by someone in our Village. He wrote a number of articles not exactly favorable to what UCO stood for. I insisted on having his articles published in the *UCO Reporter*, in full, without editing or censorship.

I replied to them by publishing my responses next to his articles. This, in my opinion, should be the only way an editorial authority should act. One should not be afraid of publishing opinions which run counter to one's own, so long as an adequate response is printed as well.

What always should be excluded are vitriolic, insulting personal attacks, such as we regretfully encountered lately in our Q&A forums.

Freedom of expression should not be misused, however. It does not give anyone a free forum for spreading lies, slandering others or concocting baseless stories injurious to others. Common decency, politeness and sticking to facts are preconditions without which true freedom of expression cannot, and should not, exist. □

## Reverse Mortgages in CV

By Lindy Markham

For those of you who have been wondering about the legality of reverse mortgages in Century Village: The HUD Atlanta Homeownership Center has confirmed that all the Century Villages are on the "rejected" list because of the recreation lease with Mr. Levy, for two main reasons:

- The leaseholder (Berenson Capital) will not subordinate to the RM, and yet the RM must be in the "first place" to get paid; and
- The Associations **must** own all the recreation facilities, to preserve the value of the property in future years (unless the lease was for 99 years).

Because HUD will not insure any RM on a condo that has a recreation lease, the mortgage brokers who have been writing loans here, despite warnings not to do so, have broken the law. Wells Fargo (for whom I work) has always known that these loans can't be insured by HUD, so we have never done them here.

For those who already have an RM through one of these brokers, this is what your future loan may look like: Your loans may be brought back from HUD by the underlying lender, Financial Freedom, and F.F. will be responsible for providing you the benefits that would have been provided through HUD.

But if F.F. goes out of business, then the RM borrowers in its loan portfolio may be at risk. The monthly payments may keep coming, and they may not. The line of credit may be there to draw on, and it may not. Beyond that, I don't know what would happen.

I wish that it were legal to do RMs here, for surely the need is great. But rules are rules, and only if we at CV bought out the Long-Term Lease, would CV qualify for reverse mortgages. And even then, each Association would have to establish a reverse fund adequate to pay for the normal replacement of the roof, painting and paving, and many Associations here do not have the reserves.

Posted on the Q&A Forum  
July 3, 2006



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1/1 Upgrades - furn - move in ready - wtrvu ----- \$70,000

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### Cresthaven Villas

#### Ashley

(2) 1/1 Pets OK - upgrades - very clean ----- \$87,900-90,000

#### Barkley

1/1 Gorgeous - must see - tile - cor - furn ----- \$90,000

#### Crosley

1/1 furn - corner - super nice ----- \$91,000

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2/2 ----- furn \$145,000 / unfurn \$132,000

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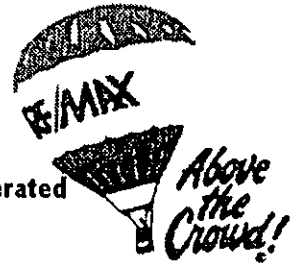
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- Camden B Poolside, rentable, tile, furnished \$66,500
- Kent G Furnished, pristine, step-in-shower, lovely poolside \$56,500
- Sheffield K Near Hastings, newer appliances, garden view \$49,900

**UPPER FLOOR 1 BEDROOM/1 BATH**

- Sheffield K Priced for quick sale \$47,500
- Sheffield L Near health club, new furniture, pristine \$49,900
- Coventry B Truly pretty, furnished, near Clubhouse \$54,500
- Oxford Adorable studio, waterview, rentable, furnished \$59,900

**GROUND FLOOR 1 BEDROOM/1.5 BATH**

- Southampton A Tile, new kitchen & baths, furnished \$79,900
- Sheffield K Stall shower, furnished, very nice \$59,900
- Stratford I Tile, new AC and more! \$69,900
- Sheffield N Rentable with new stall shower, updated \$59,900
- Waltham I Corner, handyman special, new AC, stall shower \$59,900
- Sheffield F Turnkey, rentable, new furniture & appliances \$69,900

**UPPER FLOOR 1 BEDROOM/1.5 BATH**

- Chatham O Corner, open kitchen, tile \$79,900
- Wellington L New kitchen, tile, stunning \$96,500
- Chatham M Long lake view, furnished, needs TLC \$59,900
- Coventry F Pet friendly building, corner, all updated \$79,900
- Bedford G Wood floors, tile, Berber, rentable, lift available \$61,900
- Kingswood F Bachelor pad, furnished, rentable \$59,900
- Sheffield I Clean as a whistle, rentable, near health club \$59,900
- Coventry F "Must Love Dogs," nice unit, furnished \$64,900
- Stratford N Stunning, wood floors, new bathrooms, furnished \$69,900

**GROUND FLOOR 2 BEDROOM/1.5 BATH**

- Norwich I Oak cabinets, new appliances & baths, new furniture \$108,000
- Sheffield A Corner, on water, rentable, nice \$99,000

**UPPER FLOOR 2 BEDROOM/1.5 BATH**

- Andover I Corner, new central air conditioning, building has patio & BBQ \$79,900
- Coventry E Great apartment, new flooring, leather furniture & more \$74,900
- Norwich J New tile & Berber, nice furniture, new appliances \$75,000
- Andover J Corner waterview, hurricane shutters, tile, new baths & more \$99,000

**2 BEDROOM/2 BATH**

- Wellington C Ground floor, corner, tile floors, new kitchen, on cul-de-sac \$159,900
- Greenbrier B Corner, renovated, panoramic views \$179,900
- Wellington A Corner, overlooking pool & lake, needs TLC \$119,900

**WELLINGTON L: \$96,500**

1 bedroom, 1-1/2 bath, new oak cabinets, new appliances, new AC, tile throughout, beauty.

**GREENBRIER: \$184,900**

Total perfection, bring suitcase, marble-like tile, nu kit, built-ins, custom mirrors, state-of-art appls. Must see!

**...Long May She Wave Been Ripped**

Continued from page 24  
ers union, the National Education Association.

How many of you ever wondered about the origin of the salute. Where did it originate? Many people think that it started during ancient Roman times. It did not. The Roman salute was a slapping of their arm against their chest. Few people know that the original flag salute used in the United States was the straight-armed salute that was adopted by the Nazis. "Nazi" is short for "National Socialist German Workers Party." Some historians refer to the Nazi armband that resembles the overlapping "S" shape that stands for "socialism." This form of salute was used in Germany during World War I and II. In fact, the American Nazi Party, and other German groups, used this method of salute during their meetings. When Americans became aware of the connection of the flag salute to these extreme groups, they changed it to the modern hand over the heart method.

The flag salute issue is very complicated. It is intertwined with religious concerns and freedom of expression as outlined in the First Amendment. The number of flag salute cases that have been adjudicated by the Supreme Court is just mind-boggling. For me, I'm just an old fashioned American kid that was brought up in an age where saluting the flag was the right thing to do. It made you part of something great, a nation like no other. It is time that we realize that respect for this country and the right to be at odds with other peoples' views our fine. However, on this issue, I feel we must all be on the same page. I salute you, America, and give thanks that I have been given the opportunity to live in a country like ours.

Some of the Web sites that I used in this article are:  
• <http://www.rexcurrency.net/stopthepledge.html>  
• <http://members.ii.net/rex/pledgelead.html>  
• People for the American Way — History of Flag Protection and the First Amendment

**Off? Need to Talk?**

By Hal Fosman, Manager

**Seniors vs. Crime**, a special project of the State Attorney General, is now operating out of the Palm Beach County Sheriff's Office in the Pine Trail Plaza and business is booming. Small problems like somebody didn't pay somebody or somebody got paid for something they promised to do, and didn't, or getting a notice from Medicare saying they paid something for you that you knew nothing about and on and on it goes. How it's going to stop is by seniors volunteering to help seniors with their problems, big or small.

Some of the cases last month were interesting. I won't use names to protect the innocent/guilty. An outfit in North Miami was billing

Medicare for a wheelchair, crutches and a cane to our seniors. He never received anything of the sort and he told us about it. Another was being harassed by a collection agency, another complained about being cheated by an auto mechanic and my favorite is the one about a senior who went in an automobile dealership ordered a new car, claimed she was high pressured into something she didn't want, but drove it home anyway and now she wanted to give it back.

**Seniors vs. Crime** assisted Medicare with the outfit in North Miami. The North Miami Police Department looks like they have big problems now and the collection agency will never call our seniors again and the auto dealership gave our senior a new car. But when a senior does business with a business or another person and they are not li-

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censed by the state of Florida to do that service and they take off and do not do the work, it makes SVC work a little harder.

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153 Berkshire G, 1/1, 2nd fl, updated kit & appl's, newer cptg, scr bal w/west exp for lovely sunsets, furn, rentable, excellent unit \$57,000

111 Salisbury E, 1/1.5, 2nd fl, tot remod, designer furn, wood fls, updated kit w/nu appls, nu countertops, nu baths w/tile, vanities & sinks, very tasteful, move-in perfect cond - a must-see! \$76,000

253 Southampton C, 1/1.5, 2nd fl, elev, tot remod, designer furn, parquet fls, updated kit, nu appls, new baths, fresh paint, CAC, great golf vus from oversized balcony, across from pool, a gorgeous unit, see this today! \$78,500

285 Norwich L, 1/1.5, 2nd fl, cor, furn, fresh paint, rent, all reasonable offers considered, great val \$58,000

208 Berkshire J, 1/1, 2nd fl, all 18" tiled thruout, furn, ultra-clean & neat, excel unit, barely lived in \$55,900

168 Sheffield G, 1/1.5, 2nd fl, furn, many upgrades, excel val for money, all reasonable offers consid \$63,000

141 Salisbury F, 1/1.5, 2nd fl cor, ultra-clean & neat, MIC, totally remod kit, fresh paint, furn, CAC, rent, don't miss this beauty \$67,900

146 Bedford F, 1/1.5, 2nd fl, superb unit, tastefully designer furnished, gardvu, nu appls, updated kit, nu carpeting, fresh paint, roll/own storm shutters, 4 TVs, rent a delite at \$75,000

218 Chatham K, 2/1.5, 1st fl, fresh paint, updated unit, very lite & brite, beautiful nu berber carpeting, fully furn, great loc & rent offered at \$89,900

351 Norwich O, 2/1.5, 2nd fl, furn, immac, nuer berber, nuer AC, MIC offered at \$79,500

**FOR RENT**

170 Norwich H, 1/1.5, 1st fl, all tiled, nu kit, nu appls, updated baths, designer decor & furn, screened patio, lovely \$650/mo ann or \$1,000 sea

217 Sheffield I, 2/1.5, 2nd fl, cor, updated appls, mirrored, comp furn, screened balcony, close to fitness ctr & Synagogue \$850/mo ann or \$1,100 sea

153 Berkshire G, 1/1, 2nd fl, newer appls, completely furnished, ultra-clean, screened balcony, close to West Gate \$650/mo ann or \$1,100 sea

100 Andover D, 1/1.5, 2nd fl, cor, immac, updated kit & appls, lovely furn, perfect in every way, prefer ann tenant \$675/mo

218 Chatham K, 2/1.5, 1st fl, fresh paint, lite & brite, close to Kent Pool, furn, possible lease/option to buy \$800/mo ann or \$1,200 sea

**SOLD/CLOSED SALES**

152 Easthampton G, 1/1.5, 1st fl, cor, rentable, unfurn, nu encl patio, newer CAC, updated appls \$63,000

208 Sheffield I, 2/1.5, 2nd fl, cor, ultra-clean, stunning unit, nu appls, carpeting, rentable, snowbird's home \$86,500

151 Sheffield G, 1/1.5, 1st fl, cor, designer-decor & tot remod, CAC, all nu kit, bas, nu encl patio \$63,000

30 Hastings B, 2/1.5, 2nd fl, lift, tot remod, open design kit, tiled, nu berber, lovely furn, next to fit ctr & pool, rentable \$109,000

139 Salisbury F, 1/1, 2nd fl, nu berber, brand nu kit & ba, nuer AC units, unfurn, rent \$54,000

217 Sheffield I, 2/1.5, 2nd fl, cor, tiled, newer appls, mirrors, comp furn, scrn'd balcony, rent \$87,500

197 Berkshire J, 1/1, 1st fl, furn, immac, all tiled, turnkey \$54,000

425 Windsor S, 1/1.5, 1st fl, cor, furn, immac, tile & carpet, tot turnkey \$69,000

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 Northampton B - furniture, waterview, large porch 64,000  
 Chatham U - new furniture & carpet, garden view, lift incl 73,000  
 Andover K - waterview, newer appliances, ceramic tile 75,000  
 Easthampton H - furnished, carpet, garden view 71,000  
 Windsor S - fully fum, unit is well kept & clean 78,000  
 Coventry E - fully fum, near East Gate & Fitness Center 89,900  
 Norwich E - fully furnished, garden view 68,000  
 Camden N - Berber carpet, nice fum, near West Gate 80,000  
 Easthampton F - ceramic tile, garden view, furnished 65,900

**GROUND FLOOR CORNER 1 BED/1.5 BATH**

Norwich I - furnished, rentable building, carpet 70,000  
 Andover G - new screened patio, appliances & couch 65,000  
 Cambridge E - furnished, near pool 65,000  
 Camden B - waterview, furnished, near pool 73,000  
 Bedford D - near East Gate, furnished, garden view 69,900  
 Sheffield M - near Hastings, needs some work 60,000  
 Camden H - great location, rentable building 74,600  
 Norwich J - garden view, new AC, furnished 75,000  
 Plymouth V - furnished, private corner, 2 bathrooms 79,500  
 Cambridge G - near pool, lots of upgrades 80,000  
 Chatham O - new ceramic tile, carpet & AC 69,000

**GROUND FLOOR 1 BED/1.5 BATH**

Windsor Q - rentable bldg, enclosed patio, walk-in shower 79,500  
 Canterbury A - carpeted thruout, gardenview 67,500  
 Wellington F - waterview, hardwood floors, furnished 64,900  
 Chatham S - beautiful, waterview, fully furnished 69,900  
 Southampton A - centrally located, ceramic tile, gardenvu 70,000  
 Southampton B - new tile thruout, everything nu, rentable 85,000  
 Oxford 100 - waterview, fully equipped kitchen 78,900  
 Camden F - waterview, newer appliances, ceramic tile 69,900  
 Camden J - beautiful, must see unit, furnished 94,900  
 Easthampton D - near East Gate, partially fum, rentable 64,900  
 Chatham I - beautiful waterview, great location 75,000

**UPPER FLOOR 1 BED/1.5 BATH**

244 Dover C - central AC, elevator in building, clean 60,000  
 Southampton A - fum, hardwood floors, new appliances 75,000  
 Norwich A - gardenview, furnished, near East Gate 58,000  
 Southampton B - fum, new carpet & ceramic tile, renov kit 78,900  
 Sussex A - rentable, new AC & carpet, furnished 69,000  
 Golf's Edge F - new elevator, fresh paint & new AC 65,000  
 Southampton A - renovated kit & bath, golf view 105,000  
 Waltham E - furnished, ceramic tile, carpet 63,000  
 Stratford N - beautifully kept & near all amenities 77,800  
 Stratford N - beautiful, furnished, rentable building 68,900  
 Southampton B - central AC, enclosed patio, furnished 78,500  
 Dorchester G - near pool, furnished, gardenview 67,500  
 Chatham E - waterview, needs TLC, rentable building 64,900  
 Greenbrier B - near elevator & pool, golf course view 65,900  
 Chatham B - waterview, furnished 64,900  
 Windsor I - pristine condition, near East Gate 65,900  
 Sheffield E - garden view, ceramic tile, furnished 58,000  
 Dover C - waterview, dishwasher, wood floors 74,000  
 Southampton B - new kitchen, large patio, golf view 82,000  
 Cambridge F - near pool, lovely area 68,000  
 Southampton A - new kitchen & ceramic tile, golf view 79,000

**GROUND FLOOR 1 BED/1 BATH**

Northampton H - fully furnished, waterview, rentable bldg 58,000  
 Canterbury H - furnished, carpet, open kitchen, must see 65,000  
 Berkshire K - furnished, enclosed patio, near pool 58,600  
 Coventry C - central AC, upgraded kitchen, unfurnished 65,000  
 Coventry I - furnished, ceramic tile, near East Gate 55,000  
 Canterbury C - needs TLC, furnished, convenient parking 40,000

**UPPER FLOOR 1 BED/1 BATH**

Berkshire F - furnished, newer appliances, new AC, negot 68,000  
 Sussex F - unfurnished, rentable bldg, walk-in shower 55,000  
 Sussex K - furnished, quiet location, garden view 55,000  
 Andover L - furnished, waterview, bright 66,000  
 Andover E - furnished, garden view, rentable 59,000  
 Sheffield G - near East Gate & Hastings Fit Ctr, fum 58,000  
 Bedford H - garden view, partially furnished 55,000  
 Berkshire D - drve right up to, rentable, new countertops 59,900  
 Windsor J - fully fum, wood floors, hurricane shutters 59,900  
 Berkshire F - furnished, enclosed patio, rentable building 62,900  
 Dorchester A - near pool, garden view 61,000  
 Kent C - furnished, beautiful waterview 59,999  
 Northampton L - partially fum, newer appliances, ceramic 59,900  
 Andover I - furnished, enclosed patio, new AC 58,600  
 Salisbury F - pristine, furnished, near East Gate 59,900  
 Berkshire I - very sweet condo, very nice, near Gate 49,000  
 Windsor P - unfurnished, beautiful, renovated 55,000  
 Camden O - unfurnished, new carpet 54,000

**UPPER FLOOR CORNER 2 BED/1.5 OR 2 BATHS**

Northampton A - part fum, near pool, lots of light 88,000  
 Greenbrier B - completely renovated, waterview, unfum 149,000  
 Wellington F - tile, encl patio, furnished, outdoor closet 189,000  
 Dorchester B - rentable, new plumbing, newer appliances 105,000  
 Norwich L - rentable, partially furnished, ceramic tile 85,000  
 Sheffield B - gorgeous waterview, furnished 81,000  
 Greenbrier B - totally remodeled 139,900  
 Berkshire B - furnished, new central AC 84,000  
 Cambridge D - near pool, furnished, garden view 65,000  
 Sussex L - very well taken care of 85,000  
 Norwich H - furnished, rentable, newer AC 115,000

**GROUND FLOOR CORNER 2/2 OR 2/1.5**

Somerset G - waterview, furnished, near Fitness Center 129,000  
 Southampton A - upgrades galore, large enclosed patio 118,000  
 Northampton L - rentable bldg, enclosed patio, well kept 85,000  
 Somerset F - fixer-upper, located in Somerset 85,000  
 Wellington H - 2 full bathrooms, large patio, part fum 135,000  
 Canterbury D - enclosed patio, fully furnished, gardenvu 105,000  
 Northampton I - wood floors, new refrigerator, gardenvu 125,000  
 Greenbrier B - furnished, private pool 139,000  
 Bedford A - new kitchen, partially furnished, central AC 97,500  
 Chatham B - waterview, furnished, beauty 98,900  
 Southampton B - partially furnished, parking very close 129,000

**UPPER FLOOR 2 BED/1.5 OR 2 BATH**

Wellington M - new dishwasher, enclosed patio, fum 126,400  
 Salisbury G - unfurnished, new carpet, new AC 80,000  
 Dorchester G - lift included, furnished, near pool 89,900  
 Stratford M - unfurnished, upgraded kitchen, spacious 131,000  
 Wellington L - near West Gate, needs TLC 115,000  
 Sheffield E - garden view, ceramic tile, furnished 80,000  
 Plymouth H - newer appliances, unfurnished, lots of light 119,000  
 Wellington H - waterview, new carpet, walk right up to 124,500

**GROUND FLOOR 2 BED/2 OR 1.5 BATH**

Kent D - ceramic tile, enclosed patio, new appliances 108,000  
 Oxford 100 - tile, waterfront, pvt pool and club 133,000  
 Dorchester I - furnished, remodeled, new AC & carpet 99,000  
 Wellington K - new tile & bath, central AC, waterview 141,000  
 Norwich G - beautiful, fully furnished, great location 80,000  
 Northampton J - fum, newer appliances, new roof & AC 89,900  
 Wellington L - newer kitchen, carpet, waterview 112,900  
 Dorchester E - enclosed patio, near pool, furnished 83,000  
 Oxford 100 - waterview, rentable once in a lifetime 137,900  
 Somerset E - this unit is furnished w/waterview, 2 baths 112,000  
 Canterbury G - near Kent Pool, furnished, move right in 87,900

**CYPRESS LAKES**

Marisa Avenue - waterview, furnished, 2/2, washer/dryer 160,000

**INDEPENDENCE POINT (RENTAL)**

Alejandro Lane - brand new const home feat open kit w/tons of cab space, 2-car gar, den, double vanity in both baths, sunken tub w/sep shower, shower in master bed, lovely gdn area, WD 2,500

**MONMOUTH ESTATES**

Alice Court - new appis, upgr cntrtops, new CT, wood fls, new cab, pool & encl patio w/h/cane shutters. Must see! 350,000

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**COVERED BRIDGE**

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**STRATFORD M**

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**NORWICH H**

This condo is 2/1.5 on the 2nd fl and is a corner unit that is furnished. It features a new AC and is a rentable building. Upgrades galore, must see! Near East Gate and Temple - carpet and ceramic tile thruout! ASKING PRICE: \$115,000

**CHATHAM O**

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## Insane in the Hurricane

To ex-Floridians, present Floridians, and future Floridians or those who know a Floridian:

We've entered the hurricane season. Any day now, you're going to turn on the TV and see a weather person pointing to some radar blob out in the Gulf of Mexico and making two basic meteorological points:

- There is no need to panic.
- We could all be killed.

Yes, hurricane season is an exciting time to be in Florida. If you're new to the area, you're probably wondering what you need to do to prepare for the possibility that we'll get hit by "the big one." Based on our experiences, we recommend that you follow this simple three-step hurricane preparedness plan:

**Step 1:** Buy enough food and bottled water to last your family for at least three days.

**Step 2:** Put these supplies into your car.

**Step 3:** Drive to Nebraska and remain there until Thanksgiving.

Unfortunately, statistics show that most people will not follow this sensible plan.

Most people will foolishly stay here in Florida.

We'll start with one of the most important hurricane preparedness items:

**Homeowners' Insurance:** If you own a home, you must have hurricane insurance. Fortunately, this insurance is cheap and easy to get, as long as your home meets two basic requirements:

(1) It is reasonably well-built, and (2) It is located in Nebraska.

Unfortunately, if your home is located in Florida, or any other area that might actually be hit by a hurricane, most insurance companies would prefer not to sell you hurricane insurance, because then they might be required to pay you money, and that is certainly not why they got into the insurance business in the first place.

So you'll have to scrounge around for an insurance company, which will charge you an annual premium roughly equal to the replacement value of your house. At any moment, this company can drop you like used dental floss.

Since Hurricane Andrew, I have had an estimated 27 different home-insurance companies.

This week, I'm covered by the Bob and Big Stan Insurance Company, under a policy which states that, in addition to my premium, Bob and Big Stan are entitled, on demand, to my kidneys.

**Shutters:** Your house should have hurricane shutters on all the windows, all the doors, and — if it's a major hurricane — all the toilets.

There are several types of shutters, with advantages and disadvantages:

**Plywood shutters:** The advantage is that, because you make them yourself, they're cheap. The disadvantage is that, because you make them yourself, they will fall off.

**Sheet-metal shutters:** The advantage is that these work well, once you get them all up. The disadvantage is that once you get them all up, your hands will be useless bleeding stumps, and it will be December.

**Roll-down shutters:** The advantages are that they're very easy to use, and will definitely protect your house. The disadvantage is that you will have to sell your house to pay for them.

"Hurricane-proof" windows: This is one of the newest wrinkles in hurricane

protection: They look like ordinary windows, but they can withstand hurricane winds! You can be sure of this, because the salesman says so. He lives in Nebraska.

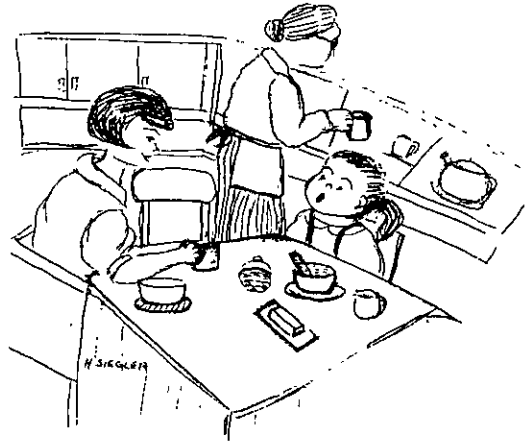
**"Hurricane Proofing" Your Property:** As the hurricane approaches, check your yard for movable objects like barbecue grills, planters, patio furniture, visiting relatives, etc.; you should, as a precaution, throw these items into your swimming pool (if you don't have a swimming pool, you should have one built immediately).

Otherwise, the hurricane winds will turn these objects into deadly missiles.

**Evacuation Route:** If you live in a low-lying area, you should have an evacuation route planned out. (To determine whether you live in a low-lying area, look at your driver's license; if it says "Florida" you live in a low-lying area.) The purpose of having an evacuation route is to avoid being trapped in your home when a major storm hits. Instead, you will be trapped in a gigantic traffic jam several miles from your home, along with two hundred thousand other evacuees.

So, as a bonus, you will not be lonely.

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"It's Grandma's idea! She said she was cooking up a storm!"



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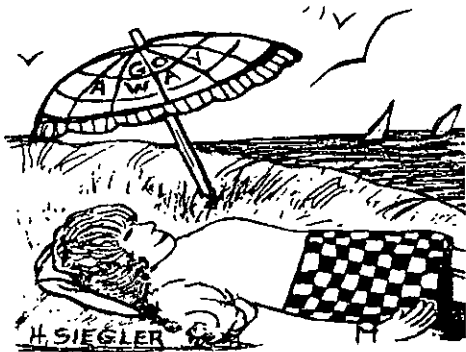
**Hurricane Supplies:** If you don't evacuate, you will need a mess of supplies. Do not buy them now! Florida tradition requires that you wait until the last possible minute, then go to the supermarket and get into vicious fights with strangers over who gets the last can of Spam. In addition to food and water, you will need the following supplies:

Twenty-three flashlights. At least \$167 worth of batteries that turn out, when the power goes out, to be the wrong size for the flashlights.

Bleach. (No, I don't know what the bleach is for. Nobody knows what the bleach is for. But it's traditional, so get some!)

A 55-gallon drum of underarm deodorant.

A big knife that you can strap to your leg. (This will be useless in a hurricane, but it looks cool.)



**A hurricane sure is no fun!  
Some folks have been packing to run!  
But we ain't no chicken!  
It's home, and we're stickin'!  
And soon comes our beautiful sun!**

**Things My Mother Taught Me...**

- ...to appreciate a job well done.  
"if you're going to kill each other, do it outside. I just finished cleaning."

A large quantity of raw chicken, to placate the alligators. (Ask anybody who went through Andrew; after the hurricane, there will be irate alligators.)

Thirty-five thousand dollars in cash or diamonds so that, after the hurricane passes, you can buy a generator from a man with no discernible teeth.

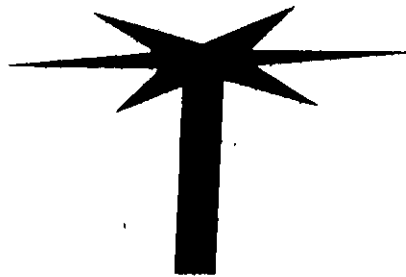
Of course, these are just basic precautions. As the hurricane draws near, it is vitally important that you keep abreast of the situation by turning on your television and watching TV reporters in rain slickers stand right next to the ocean and tell you over and over how vitally important it is for everybody to stay away from the ocean.

Good luck and remember: It's great living in paradise! Those of you who aren't here yet, you should come. Really.

*From the Internet*

- ...religion.  
"You better pray that will come out of the carpet."
- ...about time travel.  
"If you don't straighten up, I'm going to knock you into the middle of next week!"
- ...logic.  
"Because I said so, that's why."
- ...more logic.  
"If you fall out of that swing and break your neck, you're not going to the store with me."
- ...foresight.  
"Make sure you wear clean underwear, in case you're in an accident."
- ...irony.  
"Keep crying, and I'll give you something to cry about."
- ...about the science of osmosis.  
"Shut your mouth and eat your supper."
- ...about contortionism.  
"Will you look at that dirt on the back of your neck!"
- ...about stamina.  
"You'll sit there until all that spinach is gone."
- ...about weather.  
"This room of yours looks as if a tornado went through it."
- ...about hypocrisy.  
"If I've told you once, I've told you a million times.
- Don't exaggerate!"
- ...the circle of life.  
"I brought you into this world, and I can take you out."
- ...about behavior modification.  
"Stop acting like your father!"
- ...about envy.  
"There are millions of less fortunate children in this world who don't have wonderful parents like you do."
- ...about anticipation.  
"Just wait until we get home."
- ...about receiving.  
"You are going to get it when you get home!"
- ...medical science.  
"If you don't stop crossing your eyes, they are going to freeze that way."
- ...ESP.  
"Put your sweater on; don't you think I know when you are cold?"
- ...humor.  
"When that lawnmower cuts off your toes, don't come running to me."
- ...how to become an adult.  
"If you don't eat your vegetables, you'll never grow up."

*From the Internet  
Submitted by  
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## From the Listening Post

By Syd Kronish  
**Movies Everyone?**

A majority of our Century Village residents are moviegoers. We have been addicted to the film bug ever since we were little kids. We were indoctrinated even before there was TV or computers, cell phones and iPods.

Life without motion pictures was no life at all. We were weaned on double features in all our movie houses — two pictures, Pathe News, serials, and cartoons. Many will tell you they went to the movies three, four or five times a week!

We got lots of laughs from the frantic antics of Laurel and Hardy, the Marx Brothers, Abbott and Costello and the Three Stooges.

We tapped our feet to the dancing delights of Fred Astaire and Ginger Rogers, Gene Kelly, Donald O'Connor and Cyd Charise.

As young boys, we were fans of our favorite cowboys — Tom Mix, Hoot Gibson, Tim McCoy and Hopalong Cassidy.

Who can forget *Lost Hori-*

*zon* as Ronald Coleman and his mountain-climbing group discovering "Shangri La"?

I can vividly recall when I was in the Air Force with my bomb group, stationed in England. As our squadron was ready on a cloudy morning to take off for our bombing mission over Europe, I said to our navigator, "I hope we all come back okay because there is a great movie tonight at our base theater, and I don't want to miss it."

War or no war, the movies remained our number one pastime.

### Back to the future

We Century Village residents are excited that our Clubhouse is now open and we can see movies on a regular basis again. When our theater is completed, we will be able to sit in luxurious seats and enjoy the latest films, which are always free.

It all brings to mind the closing scene in the classic film *Casablanca*, when Humphrey Bogart is walking arm in arm with the French police captain played by Claude Rains, who exclaims, "This is the beginning of a beautiful friendship."

See you at the movies! □

## Lines to Make You Smile

- My husband and I divorced over religious differences. He thought he was God and I didn't.
- I don't suffer from insanity; I enjoy every minute of it.
- I work hard because millions on welfare depend on me!
- Some people are alive only because it's illegal to kill them.
- I used to have a handle on life, but it broke.
- Don't take life too seriously; no one gets out alive.
- You're just jealous because the voices only talk to me.
- Beauty is in the eye of the beer holder.
- Earth is the insane asylum for the universe.
- I'm not a complete idiot — some parts are just missing.
- Out of my mind. Back in five minutes.
- NyQuil, the stuffy, sneezy, why-the-heck-is-the-room-spinning medicine.
- God must love stupid people; He made so many.
- The gene pool could use a little chlorine.
- Consciousness: That annoying time between naps.
- Ever stop to think, and forget to start again?

- Being "over the hill" is much better than being under it!
- Wrinkled was not one of the things I wanted to be when I grew up.
- Procrastinate now!
- I have a degree in liberal arts; do you want fries with that?

- A hangover is the wrath of grapes.
- A journey of a thousand miles begins with a cash advance.
- Stupidity is not a handicap: Park elsewhere!

From the Internet



(Apologies to Joyce Kilmer)

I THINK THAT I SHALL NEVER SEE  
 A SUIT THAT'S FITTED RIGHT FOR ME!  
 A SUIT THAT I COULD PROUDLY WEAR  
 GO OUT IN PUBLIC, IF I DARE!

YOU WONDER WHY I'M IN THIS JAM?  
 MY TAILOR IS A GUY NAMED SAM!  
 THE SAM WHO MADE THE SLEEVES  
 ALL WRONG,  
 THE SAM WHO MADE THE PANTS  
 TOO LONG!

ALTHOUGH MY MEASUREMENTS  
 HE TOOK,  
 WHEN HE IS DONE, HERE'S HOW  
 I LOOK!

HE KNOWS HIS FITTINGS ARE  
 A FLOP,  
 BUT ONLY GOD CAN MAKE HIM  
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A corporate attorney sent this out to the employees in his company:

Place the contents of your wallet on a photocopy machine. Do both sides of each license, credit card, etc. You will know what you had in your wallet and all of the account numbers and phone numbers to call and cancel. Keep the photocopy in a safe place.

We've all heard horror stories about fraud that's committed against us in stealing a name, address, Social Security, credit cards, etc

Unfortunately I, an attorney, have firsthand knowledge because my wallet was stolen last month. Within a week, the thief(s) ordered an expensive monthly cell phone package, applied for a Visa credit card, had a credit line approved to buy a Gateway computer, received a PIN number from the Department of Motor Vehicles to change my driving record information online, and more

But here's some critical information to limit the damage in case this happens to you or someone you know: We have

been told we should cancel your credit cards immediately. But the key is having the toll free numbers and your card numbers handy so you know whom to call. Keep those where you can find them easily. File a police report immediately in the jurisdiction where it was stolen; this proves to credit providers you were diligent, and is a first step toward an investigation (if there ever is one) But here's what is perhaps most important (I never ever thought to do this): Call the three national credit reporting organizations immediately to place a fraud alert on your name and Social Security number. I had never heard of doing that until advised by a bank that called to tell me an application for credit was made over the Internet in my name. The alert means any company that checks your credit knows your information was stolen and they have to contact you by phone to authorize new credit. By the time I was advised to do this, almost two weeks after the theft, all the damage had been done. There are records of all

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the credit checks initiated by the thieves' purchases, none of which I knew about before placing the alert. Since then, no additional damage has been done, and the thieves threw my wallet away this weekend (someone turned it in). It seems to have stopped them in their tracks. The numbers are:

- Equifax: 1-800-525-6285
- Experian (formerly TRW). 1-888-397-3742
- Trans Union: 1-800-680-7289
- Social Security Administration (fraud line): 1-800-269-0271

We pass along jokes; we pass along just about everything. Do think about passing this information along. It could really help someone.

*From the Internet*

The moon has clockhands  
timing astros arrival.  
Simple men in spacesuits  
Sweat...shiver...stumble  
Across stones in ringing  
silence.  
Sharp stones suffused in  
instant light and lunar  
luster.

A planet of patchwork rocks  
is squared in sections  
Submerged in sounds of  
scientific activity.  
Soon...soon...the aliens  
divide  
Develop diminutive  
domains.

A giant leap  
Reality of dreams  
Visions...vital...vague  
Images...erect...explore

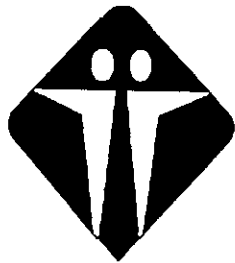
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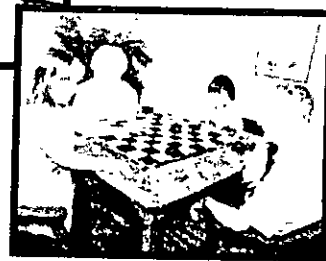
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Sheffield Q - 2nd fl, furn, good buy! ..... 53,500		Chatham J - 1st fl, furn, clean, good price! make offer ..... 85,900
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Canterbury A - 2nd fl, furn, good loc ..... 52,900		Kent E - 2nd fl, furn, beaut, move in! ..... 110,000
Andover G - 2nd fl, furn, move in! ..... 53,500		Sussex J - 2nd fl, unfurn, nu appls, spotless ..... 89,900
<b>1 BEDROOM 1-1/2 BATH</b>		Chatham M - 1st fl, furn, beaut wtrvu ..... 91,900
Kent E - 2nd fl, furn, beautiful pool vu ..... 59,900		Camden F - 2nd fl, furn cor, nice loc ..... 89,900
Hastings D - 1st fl, furn, great loc ..... 65,000		<b>DELUXE</b>
Sheffield E - 2nd fl, furn, good loc, just reduced! ..... 47,900		<b>1 BEDROOM 1-1/2 BATH</b>
Sheffield O - 1st fl, unfurn, new appls ..... 62,900		Oxford 200 - 2nd fl, furn, lift! ..... 75,000
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**The Reader's  
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Lenore Velcoff**



*The Secret Life of Bees* by Sue Monk Kidd, written in 2002, is the author's first novel, though she has written several short stories. It tells, in first person, the story of a self-absorbed 14-year-old white girl who has few memories of her dead mother and too many of her cruel father. She runs away from her home with her African-American maid after an incident in her town and finds a haven with three black sisters, one of whom is a beekeeper. The action takes place in South Carolina in 1964, against the backdrop of the battle for and against civil rights in the South.

As the story unfolds, with an epigraph, about bees, to start each chapter, we learn about the keeping of bees, as well as the processes involved with the making and selling

of honey. More importantly, we learn about the rituals of religious practices of a particular group of Southern women, the power of love and compassion, and the idiosyncrasies of human beings.

The author paints a sharp picture of her characters with their many faults and strengths, especially Lily, our storyteller. This is a story about mothers — birth mothers and those who become our true mothers through their actions. This book tells about Lily's search for a mother and how she finds one in a place she never expected.

We read of betrayals, guilt, and forgiveness, and the power of women to overcome loss. This is a well-written tale of social evils and race relations. The book is honey-sweet. "Every little thing wants to be loved." □

**Life As I See It**

By Bob Fogelman

Did you ever walk out of your house wearing two different shoes, or two different socks? Do you believe in the hereafter? Such as — when you walk into the bedroom and suddenly you think: "What am I here after?"

Did you remember to take your medicine today? Was someone waiting for you to keep an appointment that you forgot? What did you eat for dinner last night? Isn't getting old great? They say this is our "Golden Years," but the gold really goes to our doctors.

Now that I've got all that off my chest, let's talk about the other side of the coin. You got up this morning, saw yourself in the mirror, and that's the sign that it's going to be a good day. Of course, you may not care for what you saw in the mirror.

We all know what the opposite of growing old is, so let's rejoice in what we have to work with instead of constantly griping about life in general. My advice is to roll with it and to take life as it comes.

In speaking to people who were born in Florida, in West Palm Beach, the verbal picture painted by them puts this area in 1969 as a wooded swamp. Okeechobee was only a two-lane highway and people from Royal Palm had to travel to Southern Boulevard and Military Trail to shop at Millers Grocery Store. I was told that in a nearby stream they used to go skinny-dipping.

Now they are going to widen Okeechobee west of the Turnpike. A recent survey showed that there were days that the traffic on Okeechobee amounted to 4,000 cars in one hour. What will the traffic be like once all the new homes and multiple condominiums are rented? Sometimes I think that the 40 million licensed drivers in the United States are all down here in Florida.

As far as Century Village is concerned, the Clubhouse is open, permits are expected any day now to start rebuilding our Clubhouse Theater and to start demolishing our old UCO building. So, life moves on as we move with it. □

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**When to Save and  
When to Throw It Out!**

Can I use food that's been in the refrigerator if the power goes? Can I refreeze food if the power was off? Here is a guide as to what you can keep and what to toss.

REFRIGERATED FOODS	HELD ABOVE 40°F FOR OVER 2 HOURS
<b>MEAT, POULTRY, SEAFOOD</b>	
Fresh or leftover meat, poultry, fish, or seafood	Throw out
Thawing meat or poultry	Throw out
Meat, tuna, shrimp, chicken, or egg salad	Throw out
Gravy, stuffing	Throw out
Lunchmeats, hot dogs, bacon, sausage, dried beef	Throw out
Pizza — any topping	Throw out
Canned hams labeled "keep refrigerated" opened and unopened	Throw out
Canned meats, fish opened and unopened	Throw out
<b>CHEESE</b>	
Soft cheeses: blue/bleu, Roquefort, Brie, Camembert, cottage, cream, Edam, Monterey Jack, ricotta, mozzarella, Muenster, Neufchatel	Throw out
Shredded cheeses	Throw out
Low-fat cheeses	Throw out
Processed cheese	Safe
Hard cheeses: Cheddar, Colby, Swiss, Parmesan, Provolone, Romano	Safe
Grated Parmesan, Romano, or combination cheese (in can or jar)	Safe
<b>DAIRY</b>	
Milk, cream, sour cream, buttermilk, evaporated milk, yogurt	Throw out
Baby formula, opened	Throw out
Butter, margarine	Safe
<b>EGGS</b>	
Fresh eggs, hard-cooked in shell, egg dishes, egg products	Throw out
Custard and puddings	Throw out
<b>CASSEROLES, SOUPS, STEWS</b>	Throw out
<b>FRUITS</b>	
Fresh fruits, cut	Throw out
Fresh fruits, whole uncut	Safe
Fruit juices, opened	Safe
Canned fruits, opened	Safe
Coconuts, raisins, dried fruits, candied fruits, dates	Safe
<b>SAUCES, SPREADS, JAMS</b>	
Opened mayonnaise, tartar sauce, horseradish, ketchup (Do not have to throw out if unopened.)	Throw out if above 40°F for over 8 hours:
Spaghetti sauce, opened jar	Throw out
Opened creamy-based dressings	Throw out

REFRIGERATED FOODS	HELD ABOVE 40°F FOR OVER 2 HOURS
Fish sauces (oyster sauce)	Throw out
Worcestershire sauce	Throw out
Hoisin sauce	Throw out
Opened vinegar-based dressings	Safe
Jelly, relish; taco, barbecue & soy sauce, mustard; olives	Safe
Peanut butter	Safe
<b>BREADS, CAKES, COOKIES, PASTA</b>	
Waffles, pancakes	Throw out
Refrigerator biscuits, rolls, cookie dough	Throw out
Cooked pasta, spaghetti	Throw out
Pasta salads with mayonnaise or vinaigrette	Throw out
Fresh pasta	Throw out
Cheesecake	Throw out
Bread, rolls, cakes, muffins, quick breads	Safe
Bagels	Safe
<b>PIES, PASTRY</b>	
Pastries, cream filled	Throw out
Pies — custard, cheese filler, or chuffon	Throw out
Pies — fruit	Safe
<b>VEGETABLES</b>	
Bag salads, greens, pre-cut, pre-washed, packaged	Throw out
Potato salad	Throw out
Commercial garlic in oil	Throw out
Vegetables, cooked	Throw out
Vegetable juice, opened	Throw out
Baked potatoes	Throw out
Vegetables, raw un-cut	Safe
Fresh mushrooms, herbs, spices	Safe

**WHEN IN DOUBT — THROW IT OUT!**

FROZEN FOODS	STILL CONTAINS ICE CRYSTALS AND FEELS AS COLD AS IF REFRIGERATED	HELD ABOVE 40°F FOR OVER 2 HOURS
<b>MEAT, POULTRY, SEAFOOD</b>		
Beef, veal, lamb, pork and ground meat	Refreeze	Throw out
Poultry and ground poultry	Refreeze	Throw out
Variety meats (liver, kidney, heart, chitterlings)	Refreeze	Throw out
Casseroles, stews, soups	Refreeze	Throw out
Fish, shellfish, breaded seafood	Refreeze There may be some texture and flavor loss.	Throw out

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# WHEN IN DOUBT – THROW IT OUT!

FROZEN FOODS	STILL CONTAINS ICE CRYSTALS AND FEELS AS COLD AS IF REFRIGERATED	HELD ABOVE 40°F FOR OVER 2 HOURS
<b>VEGETABLES</b>		
Vegetable juices	Refreeze	Throw out after held above 40°F for 6 hours.
Home or commercially packaged or blanched vegetables	Refreeze. May suffer texture and flavor loss.	Throw out after held above 40°F for 6 hours.
<b>FRUITS</b>		
Fruit juices	Refreeze	Refreeze. Throw out if mold, yeasty smell, or sliminess develops.
Home or commercially packaged fruit	Refreeze. Will change texture and flavor.	Refreeze. Throw out if mold, yeasty smell, or sliminess develops.
<b>DAIRY</b>		
Milk	Refreeze. May lose some texture.	Throw out
Eggs (out of shell) and egg products	Refreeze	Throw out
Ice cream, frozen yogurt	Throw out	Throw out
Cheese (soft and semi-soft)	Refreeze. May lose some texture.	Throw out
Cheesecake	Refreeze.	Throw out
Shredded cheeses	Refreeze	Throw out
Casseroles containing milk, cream, eggs, soft cheeses	Refreeze	Throw out
Hard cheeses	Refreeze. Quality may be compromised.	Refreeze
<b>BREADS, PASTRIES</b>		
Pie crusts, commercial and homemade bread dough	Refreeze. Some quality loss may occur.	Throw out
Cakes, pies, pastries with custard or cheese fillings	Refreeze	Throw out
Breads, rolls, muffins, cakes without custard fillings	Refreeze	Refreeze
<b>OTHER</b>		
Waffles, pancakes	Refreeze	Throw out
Frozen meal, entrée, specialty items (pizza, sausage and biscuit, meat pie, convenience foods)	Refreeze	Throw out
Bagels	Refreeze	Refreeze
Casseroles – pasta, rice based (NO MEAT)	Refreeze	Refreeze
Flour, cornmeal, nuts	Refreeze	Refreeze

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## International Red Cross

By Josh Glanzer

Sunday, June 25, 2006: We were there! Thru the wonders of satellite TV, we were witnesses to a live presentation in Tel Aviv (2:00 p.m. our time). This program was seen in 11 cities across the United States, including not only West Palm Beach, but also New York, Boston, Chicago, Los Angeles, San Francisco, Seattle, Dallas, St. Louis, Atlanta and Washington, D.C. The occasion was a celebration to welcome the admission of Magen David Adom (MDA) into the International Red Cross and Red Crescent Movement. Different symbols, same principles. MDA is now an equal partner with 184 other national societies that comprise the Red Cross and Red Crescent Movement.

For those who were unaware, the Israeli version of Red Cross uses a Red Star of



David on their ambulances, while many Muslim countries use the Red Crescent on theirs. For more than 50 years, Israel's MDA was denied admission to the Movement. But in Geneva, Switzerland recently, a new neutral symbol was created — the Red Crystal, because the Red Star of David was not a recognized symbol of the Movement. All societies were required to use either the Red Cross or Red Crescent to be accepted.

This allows the Red Star of David to be used in Israel, as in the past, but in other countries, with the Red Crystal surrounding it, the Red Star of David can be used without fear of religious repercussions. A world-class emergency response organization, MDA has much to offer the world during critical times of need. □

## Hotel Keys

Remember This for the Future Hotel Stays:

You know how when you check out of a hotel that uses the credit-card-type room key, the clerk often will ask if you have your key(s) to turn in...or there is a box or slot on the reception counter in which to put them? It's good for the hotel because they save money by re-using those cards. But, it's not good for you, as revealed below.

From the Colorado Bureau of Investigation:

Southern California law enforcement professionals assigned to detect new threats to personal security issues, recently discovered what type of information is embedded in the credit card type hotel room keys used throughout the industry.

Although room keys differ from hotel to hotel, a key obtained from the Doubletree chain that was being used for a regional identity theft presentation was found to contain the following information:

- Customers (your) name
- Customers partial home address
- Hotel room number
- Check in date and check out date
- Customer's (your) credit card number and expiration date

When you turn them into the front desk, your personal information is there for any employee to access by simply scanning the card in the hotel

scanner. An employee can take a handful of cards home and using a scanning device, access the information onto a laptop computer and go shopping at your expense.

Simply put, hotels do not erase the information on these cards until an employee re-issues the card to the next hotel guest. At that time, the new guest's information is electronically "overwritten" on the card and the previous guest's information is erased in the overwriting process. But until the card is rewritten for the next guest, it usually is kept in a drawer at the front desk with **your information on it!**

The bottom line is: Keep the cards, take them home with you, or destroy them. **Never** leave them behind in the room or room wastebasket, and **never** turn them in to the front desk when you check out of a room. They will not charge you for the card (it's illegal) and you'll be sure you are not leaving a lot of valuable personal information on it that could be easily lifted off with any simple scanning device card reader. For the same reason, if you arrive at the airport and discover you still have the card key in your pocket, do not toss it in an airport trash basket. Take it home and destroy it by cutting it up, especially through the electronic information strip!

Information courtesy of Sergeant K. Jorge, Detective Sergeant, Pasadena Police Department.

## Humor for the Thinking Person

For those who love the philosophy of hypocrisy and ambiguity...

- Don't sweat the petty things and don't pet the sweaty things.
- One tequila, two tequila, three tequila, floor...
- Atheism is a non-prophet organization.
- If man evolved from monkeys and apes, why do we still have monkeys and apes?
- The main reason Santa is so jolly is because he knows where all the bad girls live.
- I went to a bookstore and asked the saleswoman, "Where's the self-help section?" She said if she told me, it would defeat the purpose.
- What if there were no hypothetical questions?
- If a deaf person swears, does his mother wash his hands with soap?
- If someone with multiple personalities threatens to kill himself, is it considered a hostile situation?
- Is there another word for synonym?

- Where do forest rangers go to "get away from it all?"
- What do you do when you see an endangered animal eating an endangered plant?
- If a parsley farmer is sued, can they garnish his wages?
- Would a fly without wings be called a walk?
- Why do they lock gas station bathrooms? Are they afraid someone will clean them?
- If a turtle doesn't have a shell, is he homeless or naked?
- Can vegetarians eat animal crackers?
- If the police arrest a mime, do they tell him he has the right to remain silent?
- Why do they put Braille on the drive-through bank machines?
- How do they get deer to cross the road only at those yellow road signs?
- What was the best thing before sliced bread?
- One nice thing about egotists: They don't talk about other people.
- Does the Little Mermaid wear an algebra?
- Do infants enjoy infancy as much as adults enjoy adultery?
- How is it possible to have a civil war?
- If one synchronized swimmer drowns, do the rest drown, too?
- If you ate both pasta and antipasto, would you still be hungry?
- If you try to fail, and succeed, which have you done?
- Whose cruel idea was it for the word "Lisp" to have "S" in it?
- Why are hemorrhoids called "hemorrhoids" instead of "assteroids"?
- Why is it called tourist season if we can't shoot at them?
- Why is there an expiration date on sour cream?
- If you spin an Oriental man in a circle three times, does he become disoriented?
- Can an atheist get insurance against acts of faith?

From the Internet

**Special Note for Bus Riders:**  
 All buses do a perimeter run at 11:45 a.m.  
 One bus (shuttle) does a perimeter run at 12:45 p.m.

## A Look Back

By Bob Fogelman

Is it because I'm getting older that my thoughts seem to reflect on what happened years ago, and to the friends who are no longer with us? As I look back, I try to judge whether living was better then or is living better now. It is a most puzzling thought.

When we were young, newly married and family wise, we took everything in our stride, and more or less accepted things as they were. We are now living in an advanced age, in which science has advanced to a stage wherein living is much easier and perhaps not as complicated as it was years ago, so it seems at first glance. Are you better off now? If you were 40-50 years younger, how would you compare living today as to what you were doing years ago? Because of our present age, it is difficult to mentally imagine being 25-35 years young in this world today. I wonder how I would act today, if I was just married and bringing up a family together with today's economic and social morals, work and work ethics, communications, movies, entertainment, air transportation, and finally, drug issues, which leaves me with the feeling that we were lucky to be born years ago.

I feel that life was more simple, less complicated, yesterday. One might say that now we have more electronics, television, telephones, computers with more books, clothes, food choices, in addition to advanced medical sciences. Let me pose this question: Does the ordinary worker of today, as well as the parents of children of today, lead a simple or a more convoluted life? Would you want to work and bring up children in today's social climate?

Can you imagine, it cost five dollars for a babysitter, a movie and ice cream sodas for both my wife and myself for an evening out? Figure out what it would cost today. Every doctor made house calls and your specialized doctor was simply your family doctor. Oh yes, there were surgeons and obstetricians if needed.

Sunday morning was time for fresh bagels or rolls with lox and cream cheese, while reading the Sunday newspaper and the comics. One of our biggest moments was the event of television. All the

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neighbors would congregate in our living room to watch.

I remember lugging the baby carriage up three flights of stairs and the clothesline in the backyard. The backyard, where the man used to play a musical instrument for the pennies we wrapped in paper and threw down to him, or the man who sharpened our knives and scissors, or the man who came to buy old clothes. There were no early refrigerators, so we had to depend on the iceman to deliver ice. We enjoyed life to a different degree because it was simpler, less complicated, and in many ways, more enjoyable. Would I want to go back? I think not. I'll just live in the present and enjoy whatever life tosses my way. □

## The Stork Report

A boy was assigned a paper on childbirth and asked his parents "how was I born?"

"Well honey..." said the slightly prudish parent, "the stork brought you to us."

"Oh," said the boy. "Well, how did you and daddy get born?" he asked.

"Oh, the stork brought us too."

"Well, how were grandpa and grandma born?" he persisted.

"Well darling, the stork brought them too!" said the parent, by now starting to squirm a little in the Lazy Boy recliner.

Several days later, the boy handed in his paper to the teacher who read with confusion the opening sentence:

"This report has been very difficult to write due to the fact that there hasn't been a natural childbirth in my family for three generations."

*From the Internet*

## Elvis Senior

### Sing Along

Are you lonesome tonight, does your tummy feel tight?

Did you bring your Mylanta and Tums?

Does your memory stray, to that bright sunny day...

When you had all your teeth and your gums?

Is your hairline receding, are your eyes going dim?

Hysterectomy for her, and its prostate for him.

Does your back give you pain...do your knees predict rain?

Tell me dear, are you lonesome tonight.

Is your blood pressure up, your cholesterol down?

Are you eating your low-fat cuisine?

All that oat bran and fruit, Metamucil to boot,

Keeps you like a well-oiled machine.

If it's football, or baseball...he sure knows the score.

Yes, he knows where it's at...but forgets what it's for.

So, your gall bladder's gone, and his gout lingers on.

Tell me dear, are you lonesome tonight.

When you're hungry, he's not. When you're cold, then he is hot.

Then you start that old thermostat war.

When you turn out the light, he goes left and you go right

Then you get his great symphonic snore.

He was once so romantic, and witty and cute.

How'd he turn out to be such a cranky old coot?

So don't take any bets, this is as good as it gets.

Tell me dear, are you lonesome tonight.

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In another Japanese hotel room: Please to bathe inside the tub.

In a Bucharest hotel lobby: The lift is being fixed for the next day. During that time we regret that you will be unbearable.

In a Leipzig elevator: Do not enter the lift, backwards, and only when lit up.

In a Belgrade hotel elevator: To more the cabin, push wishing floor. If the cabin should enter more persons, each one should press a number of wishing floor. Driving is then going to alphabetically by national order.

In a Paris hotel elevator: Please leave your values at the front desk.

In a hotel in Athens: Visitors are expected to complain at the office between the hours of 9 and 11 am daily.

In a Yugoslavian hotel: The flattening of underwear with pleasure is the job of the chambermaids.

In the lobby of a Moscow hotel across from a Russian Orthodox monastery: You are welcome to visit the cemetery where famous Russian and Soviet composers, artists and writers are buried daily except Thursday.

In an Austrian hotel catering to skiers: Not to perambulate the corridors in the hours of repose in the boots of ascension.

On the menu of a Swiss restaurant: Our wines leave you with nothing to hope for.

On the menu of a Polish hotel: Salad a firm's own make; limpid red beet soup with cheesy dumplings in the form of a finger; roasted duck let loose; beef rashers beaten up in the country people's fashion.

In a Hong Kong supermarket: For your convenience, we recommend courageous, efficient self-service.

Outside a Hong Kong tailor shop: Ladies may have a fit upstairs.

In a Bangkok dry cleaner's: Drop your trousers here for best results.

Outside a Paris dress shop: Dresses for street walking.

In a Rhodes tailor shop: Order your summers suit. Because is big rush we will execute customers in strict rotation.

Similarly, from the *Soviet Weekly*: There will be a Moscow

Soviet Republic painters and sculptors. These were executed over the past two years.

In an East African newspaper: A new swimming pool is rapidly taking shape since the contractors have thrown in the bulk of their workers.

In a Vienna hotel: In case of fire, do your utmost to alarm the hotel porter.

In a Zurich hotel: "Because of the impropriety of entertaining guests of the opposite sex in the bedroom, it is suggested that the lobby be used for this purpose."

A sign posted in Germany's Black Forest: It is strictly forbidden on our black forest camping site that people of different sex, for instance, men and women, live together in one tent unless they are married with each other for that purpose.

In the office of a Roman doctor: "Specialist in women and other diseases."

In an advertisement by a Hong Kong dentist: Teeth extracted by the latest Methodists.

A translated sentence from a Russian chess book: A lot of water has been passed under the bridge since this variation has been played.

In a Rome laundry: Ladies, leave your clothes here and spend the afternoon having a good time.

In a Czechoslovakian tourist agency: Take one of our horse-driven city tours — we guarantee no miscarriages.

Advertisement for donkey rides in Thailand: Would you like to ride on your own ass?

In the window of a Swedish furrier: Fur coats made for ladies from their own skin.

On the box of a clockwork toy made in Hong Kong: Guaranteed to work throughout its useful life.

Detour sign in Kyushi, Japan: Stop: Drive sideways.

In a Swiss mountain inn: Special today — no ice cream.

*From the Internet*

**Wish I Said That**

By John Saponaro


"The hurricane season is here, and if you're a resident of Florida, you know what that means: It means you have the IQ of bean dip. If you had any working brain cells, by now you'd have moved to some less risky place, such as Iraq. This is especially true after last hurricane season, which was so bad that we went all the way through the alphabet of official names and had to refer to the last batch of hurricanes by making primitive grunting sounds."

**Looking Out...**

It's not the Window of Opportunity that people were expecting.  
It's not the Yard Sale sign posted on the neighbor's mail box.  
It was a name on everyone's lips — we heard it on the radio, on TV, in newspapers...  
Katrina — Katrina is Coming  
Then — Katrina is Here!

No food, no water, no radio, no TV — chaos  
Water, floods, devastation, destruction...death  
Fear rose in people's hearts...  
Fear rose in people's minds...  
No food, no water, no way out...  
No more voices left to shout.  
One cannot take a feather duster  
To dust away the memory...  
It will not go away...  
Yet we hear, in safety, can plan for another day.  
We will always see the images,  
In our mind, and in our hearts.  
We can pray to the Powers that be...  
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<p><b>UPPER FLOOR 1/1</b>                  SOMERSET G                  BERKSHIRE F                  ANDOVER I                  NORTHAMPTON L                  NORTHAMPTON R                  NORTHAMPTON H                  NORTHAMPTON A                  NORTHAMPTON L                  NORWICH F                  ANDOVER E                  ANDOVER E                  COVENTRY G                  NORTHAMPTON L                  SHEFFIELD G  <b>GROUND FLOOR 1/1</b>                  NORTHAMPTON H                  WALTHAM G                  BERKSHIRE D                  CANTERBURY I  <b>UPPER FLOOR 1/1.5</b>                  WINDSOR H                  SOUTHAMPTON B                  ANDOVER D                  NORTHAMPTON A                  WINDSOR I                  STRATFORD N                  SOUTHAMPTON B                  EASTHAMPTON I                  CAMDEN F                  GOLF'S EDGE E                  CHATHAM S                  GOLF'S EDGE E  <b>GROUND FLOOR 1/1.5</b>                  SOUTHAMPTON B                  SUSSEX B                  EASTHAMPTON D  <b>UPPER FLOOR 2/1.5</b>                  DORCHESTER I                  SHEFFIELD G                  NORWICH M                  OXFORD 400                  COVENTRY G                  NORWICH H                  ANDOVER G                  CAMBRIDGE A  <b>GROUND FLOOR 2/1.5</b>                  NORTHAMPTON H                  DORCHESTER E                  NORTHAMPTON I                  HASTINGS J  <b>GROUND FLOOR 1/1.5 CORNER</b>                  PLYMOUTH V                  COVENTRY E                  CAMDEN B                  SUSSEX A</p>	<p>waterview, furnished, near Fitness Center 850                  carpet, furnished, enclosed patio, 600                  furnished, carpet &amp; linoleum, newer AC, encl patio 575                  unfurnished, upgrades, very nice 575                  beautiful furniture, near Kent Pool 650                  partially furnished, new appliances 550                  furn, ceramic tile, near East Gate, upgrades 600                  unfurnished, near pool 600                  private location, furn, near East Gate 575                  furn, negot, ceramic tile &amp; carpet 600                  furnished, near East Gate 625                  furnished, near East Gate &amp; Clubhouse 600                  partially furnished, newer appliances 575                  near East Gate, Hastings Fit Ctr, furn 600</p> <p style="text-align: center;">furnished, waterview, carpet 650                  furnished, gardenview 625                  waterview, furnished, 2 AC units 650                  newer appliances, Berber carpet 650</p> <p>furn, cnr, near West Gate, CAC, storage closet 650                  golf course vu, new carpet &amp; CT, renov kit 750                  fully furnished, screened patio, CAC 650                  partly furnished, newer appliances 600                  beauty, furnished, near Camden Pool 625                  close to East Gate, furnished 650                  golf course view, new paint 675                  furnished, near East Gate 575                  new carpet, furnished, waterview 650                  corner, newer AC 850                  beautiful waterview &amp; fully furnished 900                  furnished, steps from pool, elevator incl, golf vu 750</p> <p>new CT, AC and appliances, furnished 750                  newer carpet &amp; appliances, encl patio, newer 2nd bath 650                  near East Gate &amp; Clubhouse, part furn 600</p> <p>furnished, gardenview, carpet 750                  furnished, CAC, corner, enclosed patio 875                  furnished, newer countertops &amp; appliances 750                  furnished, ceramic tile, near pool 850                  new carpet, corner, nice unit, central AC 750                  corner, furnished 850                  corner, new furniture 900                  furnished, great location 850</p> <p>walk right up to, near pool, furnished 800                  close to pool, furnished, quiet area 800                  furn, wood floors, new refrig, gardenview 950                  near East Gate, Clubhouse &amp; Fitness Center 850</p> <p>corner, wraparound porch 800                  corner unit with lots of light, easy access 700                  furnished, near Camden Pool, CAC, waterview, carpet 700                  furnished, corner, gardenview, CAC, southern exp 675</p>
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**SEASONAL RENTALS IN CENTURY VILLAGE**

<p><b>UPPER FLOOR 1/1</b>                  NORTHAMPTON H                  CHATHAM K                  BERKSHIRE I  <b>UPPER FLOOR 1/1.5</b>                  SOUTHAMPTON B                  GOLF'S EDGE F                  COVENTRY J                  CHATHAM H  <b>GROUND FLOOR 1/1.5</b>                  WALTHAM C  <b>UPPER FLOOR 2/1.5</b>                  DORCHESTER B                  ANDOVER G                  OXFORD 400                  SHEFFIELD J                  DORCHESTER I                  GOLF'S EDGE E  <b>GROUND FLOOR 2/1.5</b>                  NORTHAMPTON I</p>	<p>furnished, negotiable, waterview, ceramic tile, new appliances 1,050                  waterview, carpet thruout, furnished 850                  gardenview, beauty, near West Gate 1,000</p> <p>furnished, golf course view, enclosed patio, renovated kit 1,250                  fresh paint, new AC &amp; elevator 1,200                  beauty, central AC, near East Gate 1,100                  waterview, furnished, ceramic tile 1,150</p> <p>corner, carpet, near Clubhouse, central AC 1,100</p> <p>furnished, corner unit, lovely condo 1,200                  private corner, nice, new furniture 1,200                  furnished, carpet &amp; ceramic tile, gardenview 1,300                  spectacular condo, must see, near Hastings 1,175                  outside corner, near pool 1,200                  furnished, steps from pool, elev incl, golf view 1,150</p> <p>wood floors, gardenview 1,600</p>
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## From the Palm Beach County Sheriff's Office

By D.S. Buchanan, Dist. 3  
**The Pitch and the Law: Typical Offers by Telemarketers, and How they Violate the Law**

**The Pitch:** "You are eligible to win a valuable prize!"  
**The Details:** "You can win a car worth \$35,000, \$10,000 in cash; a European vacation; or a diamond necklace worth \$2,000. Your purchase today of our fabulous vitamins will automatically enter you into this amazing sweepstakes."  
**The Law: A prize is free.** You need not pay any money or buy anything to enter a sweepstakes or win a prize. The caller must tell you the "no-payment, no-purchase" method of entering. If the caller says you have already won a prize, the caller must also tell you all the costs associated with claiming it. This is important because the costs may be high and may substantially reduce the prize's value.

**The Pitch:** "We can get your money back!"  
**The Details:** "I was sorry to hear that you lost money in a telemarketing scam. It's really a shame that people will call you offering a great deal and then steal your money. But my company will get your money back for you. All you have to do is give me your credit card number to cover our low service charge."  
**The Law: You do not have to pay in advance.** These so-called "recovery rooms" are just a way to take advantage of you a second time. A caller who promises to recover or help you get back money you lost, or to obtain an item of value you were promised in a prior telemarketing call, cannot ask for or receive money from you until seven business days after you actually receive the promised money or item.

**The Pitch:** "Great loans at great rates. Bad credit, no problem!"  
**The Details:** "Today is your lucky day. I'm going to help you qualify for the loan you never thought you'd get. For only a small fee, I will get those late payments removed from your credit records. I'll send a courier to pick up your payment, because the sooner you pay the fee, the sooner I can get started."  
**The Law: You need not pay until you see proof that your credit record has been fixed.**

A caller is prohibited from asking for payment to remove negative information, or otherwise improve your credit report, until after 1) the period for providing you with all promised goods and services has expired; and 2) you receive documentation that the promised results have been achieved, in the form of a report from a credit reporting agency issued more than six months after the promised results were achieved. Remember that you can, on your own and at no cost, get inaccurate negative information removed from your credit report.

**The Pitch:** "Magazines at fantastic low prices. Give me your bank account number, and they're in the mail!"  
**The Details:** "We've extended this amazing offer one more

day, and we have to receive your money by midnight tonight. But don't worry — you can meet the deadline. Just give me your bank account number, and I can process your order right away."  
**The Law: Callers must get specific authorization from you to take money from your bank account.** The caller must get your written authorization or tape record your verbal authorization to withdraw a specified amount from your account, or send you a written confirmation of the transaction before attempting to withdraw money from your account. The caller must provide the written or taped authorization to the bank upon request.

Source: American Association of Retired Persons (n.d.), *Telemarketing Fraud*. □

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By Claudette LaBonte

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