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From the Desk of President George Loewenstein



Maybe it's the water or the economy that is causing some of our residents to lose their respect for their fellow residents. We have had at least two fights in the Clubhouse within the past month. We have also had several incidents of unit owners and their guests cursing at our security guards when they are only doing their best to keep our Village safe. We also have had several incidents of people using our guest pool as their bathroom necessitating the closing of the pool for a day or two in order to sanitize the water. While the pool was closed, we allowed guests to use the lap pool which provoked complaints from at least one of our residents. Why can't we make the best of a bad situation? As we enter this holiday period, let's resolve to stop and smell the roses.

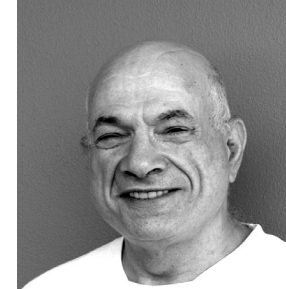
At the last Delegates' Meeting a motion was passed to allow UCO to sign a new contract with Comcast. The details appear in a column by Vice President David Israel, who also chairs the Cable Committee. A big thank you goes to him and his committee for all the work they did in negotiating what I believe is the best deal that we could have gotten. We must always remember that in any deliberations or decisions that UCO participates in, our concern is how it affects the majority of our residents. There is a tendency of people becoming upset when they are affected in a negative way. An example is the HBO channels. It would have cost each resident an additional five dollars when only a few watch HBO. When evaluating a decision, please keep this in mind.

I would like to review our contract with Medics Ambulance Service. When there is a need for an ambulance, please call 911. A red truck (fire rescue ambulance) with its Paramedics will respond to evaluate the patient. If they determine that it is a life threatening situation, they will transport the patient to the hospital. If they determine that it is not life threatening, they will contact Medics who will do the transport. If the red truck transports you, you will receive a bill from them. Please give them your Medicare information, as well as that of any other insurance that you may carry. You will still be responsible for any deductibles on your policy. If Medics transports you, they will also need the same information. There should be no out of pocket expenses with a Medics transport.

Several incidents that have been brought to my attention deal with prospective purchasers where the spouse is less than 55 years old. In two cases, the spouse who is under 55 was asked to sign a form that they would not be in the unit unless the over 55 spouse was there also. This is just not fair. We can have 20% of our units occupied by persons under 55 years old and not lose our over 55 classification. This comes under the heading of hardship. Let's not break up marriages.

I wish everyone a sweet Passover and a happy Easter holiday. □

Cable David Israel



New Contract for Century Village With Input from the Cable Committee

As you are undoubtedly aware, over the past months, our Cable provider, Comcast Communications, has been removing channels from our Basic lineup and placing them in the digital tier. We have lost: C-Span 2, Style, Oxygen, Country Music Television, the Eternal Word Television Network (EWTN) and of course HBO 3 (Signature). The business decision to convert these channels from Analog to Digital is a matter of bandwidth conservation.

This simply means that for every analog channel that Comcast converts, they free up bandwidth for 12 Standard Definition (SD) channels or 3 High Definition (HD) channels, clearly a strong motivation to continue converting our Analog lineup, and moving it out of our reach. The Cable Committee decided that this process would, in due course, result in reduction to a selection of Broadcast Channels consisting of the networks such as ABC, CBS, NBC, FOX and Public Television from various local sources, amounting to some 25 channels at most.

It was decided to engage a professional negotiating firm, to seek out viable providers and obtain the best possible deal for CV Unit Owners. The firm selected to accomplish this task was CSI. In collaboration with the Cable Committee, CSI prepared a Request For Proposal (RFP) and distributed it to a number of potential content providers. Proposals were received from four firms. A more granular description of the process follows.

The Cable Committee met approximately 16 times since August 2008. Proposals, drafts, and contracts were reviewed by our consulting company.

Seven providers of cable services were reviewed and reduced to the four most practical. Meetings were held with these four and their facilities visited. Proposals, drafts, and contracts were reviewed for the provider companies and Comcast was selected. Detailed budgetary info was presented. UCO Officers and Executive Board members were included in many of the final meetings, along with a telecommunications specialist Attorney. Throughout the process costs were cut aggressively. Note that other people pay from \$45 to over \$100 for the same services that we will receive.

Keep in mind that all four firms would provide substantially identical entertainment content, and similar reception hardware, and that the product provided is at the same basic rate, plus or minus \$1.00 dollar per month per CV unit. Additionally all four providers required a 10 year contract and a 5% escalation clause. How then did we reach a decision on which provider to choose? Simply, it was based on Technical Risk and Signing Bonus.

Following, for each firm, are the detracting components:

1) Hotwire Communications.

This firm would require a secure room on the CV Campus to construct and operate a Head End facility. Such a facility would contain a complex set of equipment to distribute Television signals to every unit in CV. To accomplish the distribution, Hotwire would have had to pull new fiber optic

cable to every unit, requiring trenching this cable underground. Hotwire was rejected.

2) Hawkins Broadband Communications (HBL).

HBL would also need to construct a Head End facility on the CV Campus which, in addition to the need for a secure equipment room, would also require a number of Satellite Antennae to be placed in proximity to this room. These Antennae operate in a frequency band subject to Rain Fade, which results in your TV picture breaking up during a rain storm. This picture degradation is called pixilation. HBL would also be required to pull new fiber optic cable to every unit in CV and trench the cable underground. HBL was rejected.

3) AT&T — Direct

This firm demonstrated a system to the Cable Committee and the Officers of UCO which is known as U-Verse. This employs a proprietary Internet network to transmit content via a system known as IPTV, Internet Protocol Television. It is unquestionably the most "high tech," future looking system of all of the providers. The problem is simple; CV is not "U-Verse Green." This means that AT&T does not have the equipment in place, nor the approval of the AT&T Corporate Directorate, to proceed with U-Verse in CV. Most troublesome is that they will not state when, or if, CV will become U-Verse Green. So, AT&T, instead of proposing U-Verse, proposed a partnership product with Direct-TV. Direct-TV operates in the Rain Fade prone frequency spectrum, which we would be subject to until such time as U-Verse becomes

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Delegate Meeting
Fri., May 1, 9:30 am
Clubhouse Theater

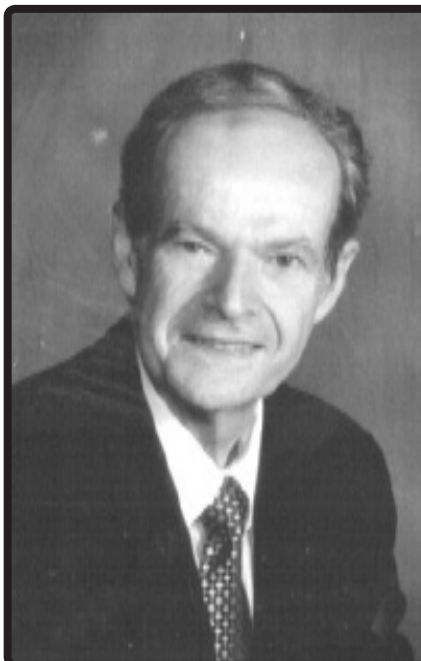


Cable: Chair David Israel reported on the Comcast agreement — see copy attached for data. He explained and analyzed this two page form. Q&A — Motion by Phil Shapkin was off topic; there

You can be held responsible for any accidents or damage that they cause. Beware of scams; if a deal looks too good to be true, it may be a scam.

Current: Community Channel 63 — Assn. had problems obtaining maintenance of equipment. **Proposed:** Comcast responsible for purchase and maintenance of equipment. Rebate for lost HBO Channel. Signing Bonus Negotiated. Free Cable to UCO office. □

See page 7 for new cable schedule under the agreement. □



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Insurance
Dan Gladstone



The 2009 insurance policies for each association consist of ten policies that together become a “bundle” that is “adequate” for the Florida State statute requirement. Hereunder is a short review of each policy. Most of the policies are “umbrellas” for the entire Village but each Association has its own description and coverage as illustrated below:

Liability: The basic policy plus the umbrella cover up to \$22,000,000 for lawsuits and claims against the Association for bodily injuries and damage to property.

Directors & Officers: Covers the board members for lawsuits against them up to \$1,000,000 with \$1,000 deductible.

Crime: Protects the funds of the Associations from theft & embezzlement up to \$300,000, with \$1,000 deductible.

Workman’s Comp: New in 2009. It protects the Association from lawsuits by employees. This is a very important policy because not every “contractor” is a contractor. There are cases that contractors are found, by the courts, to be employees. The nature of such lawsuits by employees are staggeringly high.

Property: This policy is a “replacement value” which compensate “new for old.” After the three Hurricanes that hit us, the insurance proceeds replaced almost all the roofs in Century Village with new ones as well as numerous patios and apartments. These new roofs sure help us to get better quotes for our home-owners insurance through the Mitigation Reports. But today, it is not enough to insure for replacement value only because of governments demands for repairs to be up-to-code. This coverage is also included in the property policies bundle.

Here is some *good news*. There will be *no deductible* on Hurricane damages or, in other words, out of pocket expense. This is how it will work. If the damage is more than two percent of the value of your building (\$35,000 in 24 units, \$118,000 in 56 units, \$134,000 in 80 units) the master policy will pay 100% of the covered amount (this will happen in most cases). If your damage is less than two percent, the **unit owners’ policies** will cover up to \$2,000 (the minimum by 2008 law) for assessment for losses to common areas. This is a less likely scenario because Hurricane losses are usually devastating. Other deductibles are: \$1,000 for basic coverage (fire, lightning etc.) and \$5,000 for the “special form” risks, which includes **water damages**.

In mid-2008, we revalued the buildings to accommodate the state rule and not to fall behind on inflation, cost of materials etc. Although the values for insurance purposes went up more than ten percent, the insurance premiums **were cheaper** than last year.

The policies contracts consist of two huge files which are kept in the UCO office and everyone can have access to it. If you need a **proof of insurance for mortgages or loans**, call us and we’ll arrange to send a “proof of insurance” to your bank. This procedure takes a few minutes and have been very prompt and convenient.

Please note! For any damage to property, **you have to notify the insurance company right away before you start any repair work**. The adjusters have to assess the damage and determine the liabilities (Association or unit owner). Call us first thing and we shall guide you while you take all the steps to stop or minimize further damages.

The hottest items in Century Village today are the Mitigation Reports. Mitigation Report is a form that is filled by a licensed contractor or certified insurance personnel and resulting in most cases in a huge premium discount. It is done privately for unit owners where the name of the owner and the description of the unit/building is entered after inspection. With an exception of one or two insurance companies, all the insurance carriers **do not** accept the Mitigation Reports that were done in 2006 for the Associations.

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Investigations
David Frankel
Louise Gerson



It’s that time of year again. Many snowbird officers are heading north leaving our CV Paradise. Is there someone left in your Association to conduct business?

Apartments are being sold, rented and occupied. Deed transfers are taking place. All these events need to have the owners, renters, occupants investigated which requires an exchange of checks. The Association receives a check from the buyer, renter or occupant and in turn makes out a check for same amount to UCO for the investigation.

Did your Treasurer leave the check book here or enough checks to take care of Association business? You could also have your Maintenance Company is-

sue checks in the Association’s behalf.

Everything in the investigation office is strictly confidential. We cannot disclose information from one Association to another. The envelopes with the papers are sealed.

When someone calls for information, we do not know who we are speaking with so we can’t give information over the phone.

If there is a problem, **come into the office and show proper ID.**

When the Investigation Report is completed, we call the Association and have Officers come into our office to explain the report to them. **We cannot advise you or make suggestions.**

We are not lawyers! □

Bus Schedule
Page 47 this month

CLUBHOUSE MOVIES

QUANTUM OF SOLACE (PG-13 • 106 min)
Daniel Craig, Judi Dench

Seeking revenge for the death of his love, secret agent James Bond sets out to stop an environmentalist from taking control of a country’s valuable resource.
Sun, 5/03, 1:45 pm; Mon, 5/04, 6:45 pm; Tue, 5/05, 1:45 pm; Thu, 5/07, 6:45 pm; Sun, 5/10, 1:45 pm

AUSTRALIA (PG-13 • 165 min)
Hugh Jackman, Nicole Kidman

Set in northern Australia before World War II, an English aristocrat who inherits a sprawling ranch reluctantly pacts with a stock-man in order to protect her new property from a takeover plot. As the pair drive 2,000 head of cattle over unforgiving landscape, they experience the bombing of Darwin, Australia, by Japanese forces firsthand.
Mon, 5/11, 6:45 pm; Tue, 5/12, 1:45 pm; Thu, 5/14, 6:45 pm; Sun, 5/17, 1:45 pm; Mon, 5/18, 6:45 pm

BOY IN THE STRIPED PAJAMAS (PG-13 • 94 min)
Asa Butterfield, Zac Mattoon O’Brien

A timeless story of innocence lost and humanity found. Set during World War II, a story seen through the innocent eyes of Bruno, the eight-year-old son of the commandant at a concentration camp, whose forbidden friendship with a Jewish boy on the other side of the camp fence has startling and unexpected consequences.
Tue, 5/19, 1:45 pm; Thu, 5/21, 6:45 pm; Sun, 5/24, 1:45 pm; Mon, 5/25, 6:45 pm; Tue, 5/26, 1:45 pm

SECRET LIVES OF BEES (PG-13 • 110 min)
Dakota Fanning, Queen Latifah, Jennifer Hudson
To escape her lonely life and troubled relationship with her father, a 14 year old girl flees with her caregiver and only friend, to a South Carolina town that holds the secret to her late mother’s past and finds solace in the mesmerizing world of beekeeping.
Thu, 5/28, 6:45 pm; Sun, 5/31, 1:45 pm
(to be continued next month)

NO ADMISSION TO BE CHARGED

From the Desk of
Vice President
Bob Marshall



First and foremost, a thank you to all of you who came out and voted in the March election. This is your UCO and for most of you, this may be the best way to express your feelings. Thanks again for the turnout.

I've been assigned the Southwest quadrant. That includes the following Associations:

- Berkshire
- Camden
- Hastings
- Salisbury
- Somerset
- Wellington
- Windsor

Anyone in these Associations who has questions should call me at the UCO office during regular business hours and I'll try to answer your questions. If you have a situation within your Association please try to discuss it with you Association's Board of Administration before contacting me as a great number of concerns can be answered by the Board of Administration. Call or come in and let's discuss your situation.

I have also been assigned the following committees:

- Irrigation
- Infrastructure
- Beautification
- Signs and Benches

The lakes should begin to refill as we get into the rainy season, that I've been told will historically begin in early summer or hopefully earlier. It will be good to see the lakes

much fuller than they are now. Today the water table has fallen drastically due to the severe drought and only rain can correct that situation.

The roadways and parking areas will need resurfacing in a few years and the planning for that has begun. The planning process now in process is very preliminary. A preliminary look would put that resurfacing in the year 2012 or 2013. As that date becomes closer, some thought must be given to hiring an engineering firm to study exactly what needs to be done and recommend a Scope of Work that would lead to a Request for Proposal (RFP) that all potential contractors would use to prepare their bids.

In the meantime, it appears that the road striping that is currently in place will not last until the resurfacing takes place. The current plan is to renew the roadway striping this spring.

Also, planning to re-sign the Village is progressing and is planned to begin this spring. When completed, all signage in the Village will be alike and will meet current County Code requirements, replacing those signs that have become outdated during the past few years, and perhaps adding a few to meet newer Code requirements.

Until next month, let me leave you with the following: Let's continue working for progress in the Village. Let's keep it a wonderful place to live. □

Consumer Traps
& Tips

By Dennis Moore
Palm Beach County
Consumer Affairs Division

Topic: You can make
\$5,000 working at home!
Trap

Victor was laid off six months ago from his sales job in Wellington. He decided to start a business in his home. An attractive Internet site advertised the perfect opportunity that would allow Victor to work from his home and receive up to \$5,000 a month for selling their products. All he had to do was send the company \$100 to get started. After the online exchange and waiting six weeks, he still had not received the "starter kit" as promised. Victor was very disappointed and wanted his money back. When he checked the Internet again, he discovered the "attractive" web site was gone and there was no way to locate the company.

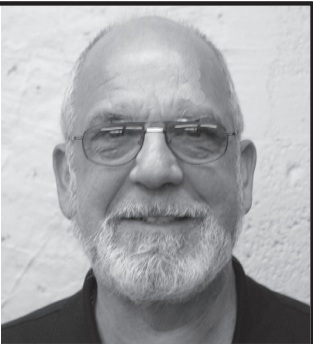
Tips

The Internet is a great source of information and help, but in today's economy, there is a proliferation of unscrupulous schemes to take your money. Some solid tips:

- Watch out for highly exaggerated claims of easy money that can be made in your spare time.
- Be cautious if you are required to pay an upfront fee for information or materials to get started.
- If you receive unsolicited e-mails offering a work at home opportunity, be cautious as it could be spam or an attempt to gather your personal information.
- Be wary of advertisements that require you to take immediate action or pressure you to make a quick decision without allowing you time to research the company.

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Frankly Speaking:
Vice President
Frank Cornish



As many of you may or may not know, amongst my responsibilities are the Supervision of Programs and Services Committees, offered throughout the Village.

The Clubhouse, Hastings Fitness Center, Duck Island, all of the pools (excluding the private ones), Oxford, Greenbrier etc. Recently (at Friday night's karaoke), a concerned resident circulated a petition regarding the existing conditions at the pools she visited, which she found to be poorly maintained, from stains along the coping (walls) to unsanitary conditions both within the pool itself as well as the rest rooms. WPRF has a special crew who services all of our pools on a daily basis beginning at 6:30 a.m. from hand scrubbing the accumulated stains, caused by body oils (natural or applied, such as sun tan lotions) to the removal of debris, either wind driven or due to the negligence of the bathers.

The filtration system is cleaned and the appropriate chemicals are added, the PH is checked, making it clean and safe for your pleasure. Within a few hours, depending on the activity, we once more have oil stains along the walls, which could be reduced or even eliminated, if we all used the poolside

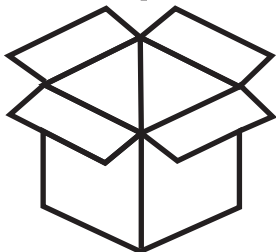
shower, before entering, as well as each time thereafter. Many people love to socialize in the pools, and probably do not realize that after a period of time, the oils accumulate, they dip down to cool off, and presto, the film drifts to the walls, and ends up in the filters.

As for the rest rooms, they too receive daily care.

A wonderful time was had by all at the Installation Dinner, of the New Officers of UCO, on March 15, at the Marriott Hotel, all due to the efforts of Mary Patrick Benton. Thank you, Mary! And last, but not least, the fabulous "Residents Show," featuring many of our talented friends and acquaintances, who spent countless hours rehearsing, to bring us almost two hours of pleasure and memories to last a lifetime. What a fitting end to our 2008-9 Fall and Winter Season. Looking forward to next year's, which promises to be a "Smash." Which brings to mind, if you haven't filled out your form and paid the two dollars for shipping and handling, do so as soon as possible, so that you don't miss out, when the brochure mailings go out.

As always, I can be reached during UCO hours. □

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From the Desk of Vice President Jerry Karpf



First, I would like to wish all of our snowbirds a speedy and safe trip home, but before you go there are some things you should remember to do:

1) Have all your water shut off, 2) make sure you shut off the breaker to your hot water tank, and 3) above all, have your drip line on your air condition system cleaned. Performing these simple steps will help to give you a worry-free summer about your home in Century Village.

Next, I would like to remind all Association Presidents and officers who are snowbirds not to take back with you any Association records or checkbooks; it is against the law and carries a very heavy fine. If all the officers are

snowbirds, someone on the board should be given written authority to act in case of an emergency. The Presidents who will not be here during the summer should notify UCO who will be in charge while they are gone.

I would like to remind all the Presidents that are here all year long, it's time to start making you preparations for the hurricane season; it is only two months away. In the next issue of the *UCO Reporter*, I will go over the things that you have to do to prepare for the hurricane season. Remember, it's better to prepare for hurricanes and not have any than not to prepare and be caught off guard. I will talk to you soon; have a good month. □

Traps & Tips

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- Check out the company thoroughly. Google the name and the telephone number. Check the Federal Trade Commission's Web site www.ftc.gov as well as www.ripoffreport.com and www.fraud.org.

Topic: Don't Risk Getting Towed. Know the Rules!

Trap

Tina attended a dance contest at a local night club. When she arrived, the lot was full, and she parked behind several other cars on the side of the road. Tina asked a person if her vehicle was safe. The person told her, "Cars always park there." When Tina left the club, her car was gone. She immediately decided it was stolen, until a man across the street told her the car was towed and gave her a number to call. Tina called the number, and a man told her, "Two-hundred dollars cash to get your car back." Tina felt she had no choice but to agree. The tow truck returned to the club scene, and Tina paid the driver \$200 cash. After calling Consumer Affairs, Tina discovered it was a scam because the company was unlicensed.

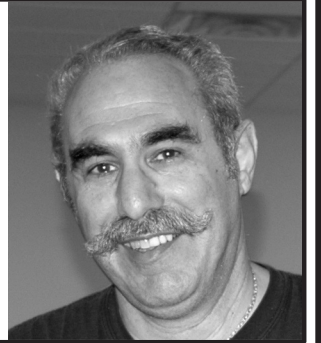
Tips

Parking scams often involve unlicensed towing companies which routinely charge large recovery fees. Here are some tips:

- All companies towing vehicles without the consent of the vehicle owner must be licensed by the Consumer Affairs Division and show proof of insurance.
- To protect consumers, Palm Beach County Commissioners have established maximum allowable non-consent towing and storage rates.
- Licensed towing companies are required to accept cash, valid bank debit/credit card, or valid personal check (with your name/address imprinted).
- Look for tow-away signs that show the name and telephone number of the towing company. If signs are posted, get permission from the business or property manager before parking your car because you can never assume you are talking with someone who has authority.

Call PBC Consumer Affairs for help at 561-712-6600 (Boca/Delray call 1-888-852-7362) or visit www.pbcgov.com/consumer. □

Safety George Franklin



This month, we will discuss the problem of theft from vehicles. This is a growing problem here in the Village lately because we are finding that for some unknown reason, people just are not locking their cars. In addition to not locking your vehicle, why would you leave a purse, wallet or electronic gadget in plain view on the seat or dashboard?

People break into a vehicle for a couple of reasons. One is a "Crime of Opportunity." What is that? This is when a person normally would not break the law, **but** seeing a valuable product lying out in the open and no one to stop them — they just help themselves. If the vehicle is unlocked it makes it that much easier — just pull on the door handle and bingo: easy pickings and now you have lost an expensive product. Folks, it is very simple: **Lock it or lose it.** When done shopping or running errands, take an extra moment before you go inside and ask yourself: Did I remove all my belongings from the car and lock the doors?

Another reason, of course, is the professional burglar. Now, locked or unlocked, if they see something out in the open and they want it, they will do whatever it takes to get the product. Make it hard for

them; **do not** leave anything in the car. Remove any electronic gadget holder from view. If a holder is seen the thief knows that the possibility of the gadget being in the car is good. He will break in and rummage around looking for it. The best thing to do: Don't leave any clues to the property you own in your car!

How about when you are home? Do you lock the door? Or leave it open? A hint: Lock it — there are many outsiders here in the Village day and night, and folks trust me, some do walk by and jiggle door handles.

It even happened to me a few years ago: My door was locked and did that guy get a surprise when I went out — trust me, he was not pleased!

The bottom line here: When you go out of your home or your car lock them up. If you should be a victim of a theft or burglary, call the Sheriff or local police in the area you are. Here in the Village, you call **Sheriff first 911**, then Security, West Gate 689-0432, East Gate 686-0961. If you witness any type of attempt or actual break-in, call 911, regardless of where you are.

OK, I think I have said enough; until next time, **be safe out there!** □

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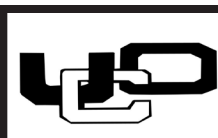
The Century Village Orchestra is looking for musicians to fill our string section (violin, viola, cello and bass). We also need French horn, percussion and bassoon players. Call Rickie at 683-0869 for more information.

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Don’t Tune Us Out

I went to the last Delegates Meeting and sat through a tremendous amount of discussion about the Cable Committee’s review and decision about the need to sign a new cable contract. I had attended previous meetings where there was discussion about why we needed a new contract — but for the life of me, I can’t remember why. Our current one doesn’t expire till 2011.

I can understand us not liking Comcast removing stations at will — theirs, but if you read the disclaimer at the bottom of the sheet that was handed out at the meeting, nothing has changed in that regard; they can still remove stations at their own discretion. Do we really think they’re going to add programming and not charge us?

What I think was that decisions were made at committee meetings that no one knew anything about. It seems to me that there was a royal stink a few months ago about transparency and openness. I’m a regular viewer of Channel 63 and always read the *Reporter*, but I saw no notification of Cable Committee meetings. I can go to Security, Maintenance, Transportation, Delegates, etc. meetings as a resident and time constraints considered, be heard or question any items discussed or commented on. Why no notification of the Cable Committee? We are talking about a new contract, worth a tremendous amount of money to Comcast and us and we were told take it or leave it, without as much as a clue of what was going on.

I am not complaining about the new contract. How could I? I have no idea what the other companies were offering. But I was told that this was the best. What am I? Am I a child that won’t understand the big words?

From what I can see, UCO will be getting a \$2.3 million signing bonus, plus \$27 thousand for the loss of the two remaining HBO channels — they already looted the third one. If you read the

Treasurer’s report, you can see that the signing bonus is one year’s budgeted amount. So we get one year free basically. For the remainder of the time, we’ll pay an additional \$4.12 per unit x 7,500+ units x 12 months x 5% annual increase. That’s a lot of money without residents’ input and hoping that Comcast will keep their word and not remove channels because they’ve got a newer and cheaper technology.

Loretta Skelly

Pop Tab Program

Please support the Ronald McDonald House of Fort Lauderdale, by collecting pop tabs from canned beverages and food items — “Pull for This Cause” to help make a difference for the families at the Ronald McDonald House “That Love Built.”

How can you participate? It’s so easy; here is how you can help. Pop off the tabs from soda cans, vegetable and soup cans, pet food cans, special food; etc. Save them in a wide top container, milk jugs, zip lock bags, plastic trash bags, fish tank; are just a few ideas.

Yes, we can “pull” together for “pop tabs.”

Contact me when you have a full jar and I’ll turn it in at our local McDonald’s. Phone me at 561-697-3228.

John Maniglia

Our Resident Show

The season is over, our “snowbirds” are leaving and it’s kind of sad to say goodbye to our winter residents.

The season for our shows is also over, and ended with the CV WPB Resident Show.

This show was the icing on the cake!

I have lived here all year round since 1980, and have always attended our “resident” shows. I like to show my appreciation to our residents who work so hard, and who have such talent.

I think the last show was the best show ever. Everyone walked out with such praise and enthusiasm.

I knew quite a few of the performers, but especially went to hear my friend Sydelle Banks and Gerry Midman. Sydelle had a problem with her voice and could not sing her solos. Instead, she sang in the chorus and was a trouper. Gerry did a super job.

This show was on par with all the professional shows we saw this season, and we can really be proud of our residents.

I’ll be looking forward to next year’s production and

thank WPRF for making this possible. To stop it is almost sinful. Our newcomers will take over and love doing it.

Molly Podorzer

Old Time Radio Show II

The crowds came in anticipation of the second series of the Century Village Repertory Workshop of an old time radio show, which was full of suspense and intrigue, and they were not disappointed.

The story *Sorry, Wrong Number*, written by Louise Fletcher, is about a handicapped woman overhearing a conversation on her phone of a plot to kill someone while she is trying to call her husband. Unbeknownst to her, it was her own husband planning her death.

Jason Banahan, Century Village’s own sound man, used his skills, which were very effective at the end of the show. The curtain opened and Marty Ruderman, president of the Century Village Repertory Workshop, introduced the cast to a thunderous ovation. There was a question and answer period afterwards. Looking forward to another successful “old time radio show.” Thank you, Marty.

Norma Brown

Wish I Said That

By John Saponaro

“If a dedication page were to precede the total of my work, it would read: To the glory of Man.”

Ayn Rand

“Give me a moment to pretend to be shocked that a NASCAR driver was caught speeding.”

from the newspaper Atlanta Journal-Constitution

“We are the face of Multiple Sclerosis. We are both able to walk unassisted and use canes and walkers and wheelchair users; we jog and swim and partake in sports; we are housebound, we use scooters; we need respirators. We are everything in between. We are visually impaired and we are not. We are at every level of physical ability. Of course, we ‘look so good’ while we’re doing it. We hear that phrase every day of our lives. Sometimes that phrase is meant as a compliment and sometimes it is meant to hurt or meant to shame us into doing something of which we may not be currently capable.”

Virginia Sanchez

Bulk Video Channel Lineup

Following is the actual television lineup which we will receive under the new agreement. Note also the 48 channels of music offered. It is the sincere belief of the Cable Committee that our unit owners will enjoy the new lineup for years to come.

Limited Basic Service	Digital Starter	25 truTV	61 Nickelodeon	821 Adult Top 40
<i>PBC West/Central/South</i>	Ch 1 Video On Demand	26 Home and Garden TV	62 TV Land	822 Hit List
2 WPBT (PBS - 2 Miami)	Access	29 Food Network	64 ABC Family	823 Kidz Only!
3 WPTV (NEC - 5 WPB)	104 C-SPAN2	30 MTV 31 Spike TV	65 VH-1 66 FX	824 Party Favorites
4 WTVX (CW - 34 Ft. Pierce)	118 Style	32 Comcast Sports Southeast	67 The Travel Channel	825 Showcase
5 Home Shopping Network	123 Oxygen	33 ESPN 34 ESPN 2	68 Sci-Fi Channel	826 '90s
6 WXEL (PBS - 42 WPB)	146 Country Music Television	35 Sun Sports	69 BET	827 '80s
7 WON (IND - 9 Chicago)	149 MoviePlex	36 The Golf Channel	99 Product Info Network	828 '70s
8 WPXP (ION - 67 Lake Worth)	201 WXEL-PBS Create	37 Fox Sports Net Florida		829 Solid Gold Oldies
9 WPEC(CBS- 12 WPB)	202 WXEL-PBS Florida Knowledge	38 Univision (Esp)	Music Choice	830 Smooth Jazz
10 WPBF (ABC - 25 Tequesta)	208 WPBF-ABC	39 Comedy Central	802 Sounds of the Seasons	831 Jazz
11 WFLX (FOX - 29 WPB)	Weather First TV	40 CNN	803 Today's Country	832 Blues
12 QVC	212 WPEC-CBS	41 CNN Headline News	804 Classic Country	833 Reggae
13 WFGC (IND - 61 PB)	NEWS12NOW	42 MSNBC 43 CNBC	805 Bluegrass	834 Soundscapes
14 WTCE (TBN- 21 Ft Pierce)	216 WPTV-NBC	44 Fox News Channel	806 Hip-Hop and R&B	835 Easy Listening
15 WTCN (My Network TV 43 PB)	Weather PLUS	45 C-SPAN	807 Classic R&B	836 Big Band & Swing
16 SFL- 39 Miami	225 Retro TV Network	46 E! Entertainment TV	808 R&B Soul	837 Singers & Standards
18 Local Government Access	230 WWHB-Azteca America	47 USA Network	809 R&B Hits	838 Show Tunes
19 WBEC (BECON - 63 Boca Raton)	231 WB WPTV Canal 57	48 TNT 49 TBS	810 Rap	839 Contemporary Christian
20 Government Access	232 Mi Pueblo TV	50 The Learning Channel	811 Metal	840 Gospel
21 WPLG (ABC-10 Miami)	243 EWTN	51 History	812 Rock	841 Classical Masterpieces
22 WSCV (TELE - 51 Ft. Lauderdale Esp)	280 ShopNBC	52 Animal Planet	813 Arena Rock	842 Light Classical
97 TEN Palm Beach County School Board	730 Versus	53 Discovery Channel	814 Classic Rock	843 Pop Latino
		54 A&E	815 Adult Alternative	844 Musica Urbana
	Expanded Basic	55 American Movie Classics	816 Alternative	845 Salsa y Merengue
	23 TV Guide Network	56 Bravo	817 Retro-Active	846 Mexicana
	24 Lifetime	57 Hallmark Channel	818 Electronica	847 Rock en Español
		58 The Weather Channel	819 Dance	848 Americana
		59 Disney Channel	820 Lite Hits	849 Opera
		60 Cartoon Network		

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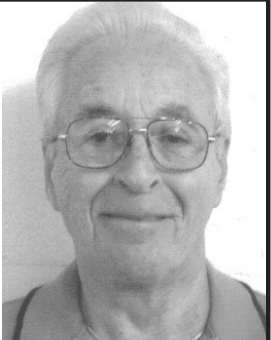
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Exec Board	Monday	Apr. 27th	1:00 PM	Room B
Operations	Tues	Apr. 28th	10:00 AM	2102
Delegate	Fri	May 1st	9:30 AM	Theater
Editorial	Fri	May 1st	1:00 PM	2102
Security	Fri	May 1st	2:00 PM	2102
Maintenance	Fri	May 12th	10:00 AM	Room C
Infrastructure	Fri	May 12th	9:30 AM	2102
Comm Relations	Thurs	May 14th	10:00 AM	Card B
Transportation	Mon	May 18th	1:30 PM	Room B

Maintenance
Jerry Karpf



As usual, I had started off the meeting with several announcements. The first one was that I will again start to bring in a manufacturer of paints, hurricane windows, and manufacturers of devices that could save the cost of electricity to Associations in the Village over the next few months. That could be of interest to all the Associations of Century Village. The second announcement which I have made in the past and must mention again is about the infestation of rats. You heard me correctly! I did say **rats**. There have been quite a few reports of many sightings of these dirty fast moving rodents in parts of the Windsor and Coventry Associations plus several other locations that are by the canals around the Village. If the Associations around the Village ignore this problem, it will only get worse.

There was also a man that was scratched by a raccoon and had to and get rabies shots. If you see any raccoons or rats by the Dumpsters or anywhere else around your Association, report it to your Association President at once so that he can have clamp rods placed on the lid of the Dumpsters, thus preventing the rats from getting into the Dumpster.

The next step is for your Association to hire an exterminator to get rid of the rats, but I would strongly recommend that the Presidents of our Associations don't allow the use of any rat poisons because there is a chance people's apartments could become contaminated with the rat poison or the rats would die and decompose in some ones apartment which no one would want. The exterminator should only use traps which is probably the best way to solve the rodent problem.

As our guest speaker, we had a gentleman by the name of Solomon who represented a restoration company . Mr. Solomon came to my attention when one or two people in the Village informed me about the

quality of service his company had delivered. I had decided to invite Mr. Solomon to Century Village to give a presentation about how his company could help solve any of the problems that a unit owner may run into when he has a water leak, flooding, walls falling down, pipes that have to be replaced and all the other problems that come with having to restore an apartment after water damage has occurred.

What makes Mr. Solomon's company different then your average company that will dry out an apartment is that they will handle the job from beginning to end. His company will take care of the cause of the leak, dry out the unit, replace the sheet rock, and even paint or wallpaper the repair. Mr. Solomon's company will also supply a Public Adjuster to help with any problems with a unit owner's insurance company and so far I know of any other company in Palm Beach County that perform that degree of service.

One of the best things I was given to understand was his company's response time to an emergency call was as little as a few hours. This was confirmed by several people in the audience who had Mr. Solomon's company perform work in their units. These people gave glowing reports about the quality of work that was done in their units.

In ending my article, I was very pleased with the way Mr. Solomon gave his lecture, and if anyone would like to know more about the above vendor, please contact me at 683-9189. So, goodbye for now.

I then read the disclaimer for the Maintenance Committee and UCO, which is as follows: UCO and the Maintenance Committee does not endorse or approve of any manufacturer, contractor, or product. Furthermore, any opinions of any lecturer or any other persons are strictly their own and not those of UCO and the Maintenance Committee. This article can not be used in any legal matter. □

Courtney
Has Class!

I'm proud to introduce myself as the new Class Coordinator for WPRF, Inc.; my name is Courtney and I'm here to accommodate your wants and needs. I am excited to work with you all and have great years together!

The season ends for some, but just begins for others! Summer is here and it's the best time to take advantage of what Century Village has to offer to their residents and guests. Although some of your favorite classes are on hold for the time being, it doesn't mean the fun and excitement are gone! You can still enjoy classes and clubs through the summer with some creative ideas and exciting new classes. If you are interested in starting a new class or club, come to the ticket office as soon as possible to reserve a date and time.

It is very important to remain active and here at Century Village. We strive to help you do that. Our innovative classes and gatherings bring energy and creativity to keep you eager for more. The teachers and lessons are sure to motivate and intrigue you, even in some activities that you may have lost interest in. Our teachers are passionate, love sharing that with others, and they encourage you to join their classes.

We encourage you to take full advantage of our outdoor activities during the beautiful summer weather. Indoor entertainment continues all year round as well. There are shows in the Theatre, along with Wednesday Night Bingo, Tuesday and Friday Karaoke, and our Saturday Night Dances in the Party Room.

To receive next season's brochure and ticket order form, you can come to the ticket office and leave your mailing address with \$2.00 (to cover the cost of the envelope and postage). The deadline for submitting the form is July 17. While in the ticket office, you can pick up the "May Happenings" along with the class list for May.

For those who do not visit the Clubhouse often, we encourage you to come and use it for your recreation. Join classes or clubs, attend UCO meetings and events, even hold your own meetings. If you enjoy being around people like the WPRF staff does, please stop by. To all, have a beautiful summer. □

Anita J. Cruz
VP, WPRF, Inc.



My staff and I are busy with plans for maintenance projects to take place over the summer months in your main Clubhouse, Hastings Fitness Center and other pool facilities. With many residents away for the summer months on vacations and at their northern homes, we have fewer residents frequenting the facilities and are able to make necessary repairs with the least inconvenience to our residents.

We had a wonderful season of shows here in our theater and our office received many rave reviews from all of you. In addition, we have had one of the best seasons ever for classes, due in large part to the efforts of our new Class Coordinator, Courtney Olsen. Courtney has an article appearing elsewhere in this issue, and I encourage you to read it and avail yourselves of the variety of classes offered all year round.

Guest Pool Lighting: One very welcome addition to our facilities is the opening of night swimming and other activities under the canopy at our Guest Pool. Again, thanks to approval given to us by the UCO Operations Committee, we have installed lighting and power to the canopy area by the Guest Pool, and have also installed sufficient pole lighting around the Guest Pool to allow for night swimming *at the Guest Pool only*. As a result of this project, we are now offering Karaoke on Tuesday nights *outside* under the canopy by the pool (Friday nights are still in the Party Room), and groups may now reserve the canopy area (not the pool) for night activities. Please see Courtney in the Class Office to make those reservations. My thanks to those of you who patiently waited for many months until this project was completed, and may you enjoy your outdoor activities this summer!

One new addition to the Guest Pool area is a designated smoking area, located on the lagoon side of the Guest Pool. You will note that several "No Smoking" signs have been posted on the Guest Pool canopy. Effective imme-

diately, for the safety and welfare of our visiting small children and other guests, smokers are restricted to the new designated area.

Theater: We are still accepting forms for the mailing of season ticket brochures for the 2009-10 season. Next year's shows promise to be as diverse and entertaining as this year's were, including a wonderful selection of comedy, music, dance, Broadway, classical, contemporary and even some nostalgic rock and roll. If you would like to receive next year's brochure by mail, be sure to drop off your completed form at the Staff/Ticket Office no later than July 17.

Arts & Crafts Show: We are pleased that WPRF's annual Arts and Crafts Show was a success. My thanks for our Art Committee members who were a tremendous help in organizing, promoting and helping with the show. We filled the Party Room with painting, ceramics, woodworking, stained glass, glass fusion, clay sculpture, lapidary, quilting and other crafts. This show displayed the creativity and talent of our residents who are talented beyond words. All residents should please consider displaying your artwork/craft at our show next year which will be held in February 2010. As we did this year, there will be no judging since we consider all exhibitors' work to be an inspired and gifted work of art. For more information on how you may exhibit your work in our next Arts and Crafts Show, please contact Courtney in the Staff Office.

Volunteers: As this winter season draws to close, it is important for all of us to acknowledge the selfless dedication given day after day and week after week by all WPRF volunteers. We are fortunate to have wonderful volunteers for our Orchestra, Clubhouse Library and Usher Corps. In the case of the ushers, we save in excess of \$50,000 each year on personnel compared to prior years when their task was provided by paid staff. This



Your Theater
Claudette
LaBonte



We already are one month past season. More friends will be leaving to go north for Mothers' Day and not returning and we will miss them. In the meantime, for those still enjoying the Florida lifestyle, we will continue to be entertained by great performers. So, join us each week for the following:

- Sat. May 2, 8:00 p.m.: Richard Terry & Friends Review. He has entertained us for many years and is always looking to present up and coming talent. This year, he brings 15 year old Cassie Haley. She has incredible ballet skills together with Piano Virtuoso, Mervin Bergo. Topping the evening, Terry gives his own delightful tribute to Luciano Pavorotti.
- Sat. May 9, 8:00 p.m.: Marc & Rio. I have seen Marc on two other occasions and appreciated how he brings the audience to a silent attention as he sings. Opening for Marc & Rio will be instrumentalist Pamir.
- Sat. May 15, 8:00 p.m.: Lennis Sabatino. Two beautiful ladies will entertain on this date. Both will surprise you. Lennis is a singing sensation ranging from jazz to rhythm &

blues and pop. Opening for Sabatino is musician Juliene Purefoy, also known as the "Saxylady."

- Sun. May 16, 8:00 p.m.: Cavendish Review. One of the best loved Cavendish presentations, *Broadway Cabaret*. They are a quartet of top musical performers. You will hear some of your favorite show stoppers by famous Broadway composers.
- Sat. May 23, 8:00 p.m.: Mora Newman – *Mame, A Chorus Line, Hello Dolly, Guys & Dolls, Fiddler on the Roof* and more, are all performances in which she has appeared. Opening the evening is funny man, Art Bergman. A constant performer at country clubs, casinos and cruise ships, as well as Funny Bones in Philadelphia.
- Sat. May 30, 8:00 p.m.: The Fabulons — One of South Florida's favorites. They have worked with such names as The Temptations, Roy Orbison and Frankie Valli, to name a few. They will bring us to the 50s Doo-wop, classic rock, rhythm & blues and Motown.

Enjoy our first summer Holiday with friends at Your Theater. □

Are You On the List?

The following associations had no representation at the Delegate Assembly 4/1/09:

- ANDOVER A – B – D – G – H – I – K – M
BEDFORD B – F – G – H – J
BERKSHIRE A – B – C – E – G – H – I
CAMBRIDGE A – C – D
CAMDEN F – G – I – K – L – M
CANTERBURY B – E – H – I – J – K
CHATHAM B – C – I – J – L – S
COVENTRY B – E – F – G – H – I – J – K
DORCHESTER A – C – E – G – H – J
EASTHAMPTON A – B – C – G – I
HASTINGS B – D – E – F – G – H
KENT A – D – E – I – J – L – M – N
KINGSWOOD C – E
NORTHAMPTON A – D – G – H – J – L – Q
NORWICH B – C – F – H – I – K – M
OXFORD 200 – 700
PLYMOUTH 3
SALISBURY B – E – F – G – H
SHEFIELD A – C – D – E – F – I – K – L – N – Q
SOMERSET E – G – L
STRATFORD A – B – C – H – J – K – L – M – O
SUSSEX B – D – E – G – I – J
WALTHAM B – E – G – I
WINDSOR A – E – G – K – L – M – N – Q – R

At the Library
Youth Services at the
Okeechobee Branch
Library

The Okeechobee Blvd. Branch Library has a Youth Services department that offers a full line of library products and services for youngsters. Weekly story times, as well as special topical programs, are presented by library staff dedicated to working with young people. Programs are presented to babies, children, and young adults. Children that are just visiting are encouraged to participate! The branch also has a full complement of books, CDs, and DVDs just for kids. Call for more information.

The Okeechobee Branch Library is located next to Dunkin' Donuts. The hours are Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday from 10:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. and Thursday, Friday and Saturday from 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. All Village residents, including seasonal residents, are eligible for a free library card with proper I.D. Visit the Library today!

May Programs:

- Tues, May 5, 1:00 p.m. — Movie (1956) (Rated G, 133 min.)
- Wed, May 6, 8:30 a.m. — Mousing Around
- Tues, May 12, 2:30 p.m. — Movie (1953) (Rated G, 85 min.)
- Wed, May 13, 8:30 a.m. — Browser Basics
- Mon, May 18, 2:00 p.m. — Handicap Accessibility
- Mon, May 18, 6:00 p.m. — *Ki Sa Yon Odinate Ye?* (Basic Computers — Creole Language)
- Wed, May 20, 10:30 a.m. — Movie (1968) (Rated G, 162 min.)
- Wed, May 20, 3:00 p.m. — Storigami
- Thu, May 21, 2:30 p.m. — Internet Tips & Tricks
- Tues, May 26, 10:30 a.m. — Movie (1956) (Not Rated, 122 min.)
- Mon, May 27, 2:00 p.m. — Hurricane Preparedness □

When attending live shows at the Clubhouse, shorts are not allowed; all patrons must wear long pants or dresses.

From the Desk of
State
Representative
Mark S. Pafford



Florida's Financial
Forecast Calls For Stormy
Times Ahead

Historic legislation was passed by Congress last month that will provide relief to state and local governments across the nation during these challenging economic times. Given the shocking severity of Florida's economic woes, it is imperative that the Florida Legislature takes action now to incorporate these federal economic recovery funds into the 2009-10 state budget.

These federal dollars targeted at Florida's infrastructure, workforce training, educational and health care needs will create jobs and stimulate needed investment. On March 13, state economists came to a tentative agreement on how much money they'll shave off their revenue estimate: \$1.1 billion this year and \$2.3 billion in FY 09-10. House Democrats are seeking assurances from the House of Representatives that there will be open public debate on Florida's state budget—including deliberations on how the state will put federal economic recovery funds to work.

Since our budget problems are so severe, we believe this is the year to involve all members of the Florida House of Representatives — and the public — in providing meaningful input on a state spending plan. After all, this year's budget requires decisions that are among the most important of our generation.

I hope that the Florida House will hold full and open hearings of the combined appropriations councils and the House Finance & Taxation Council to discuss these important financial decisions of our state. Waiting any longer to hold hearings that involve members of the Legislature from both political parties with public participation would be a wasteful exercise and a disservice to the public.

Democrats Say Hands Off
the Education Budget!

House Democrats support using every penny of available

federal stimulus — and want those dollars injected into Florida's economy rapidly and precisely as intended by Congress. Florida is in jeopardy of not receiving its fair share of education-related federal economic recovery funds because of House Leadership's failure in recent years to adequately fund public schools.

Irresponsible recent-year reductions in state spending on schools violate a requirement for receiving the new federal dollars for schools. Governor Charlie Crist is seeking a "waiver" or exemption from those rules on behalf of Florida. But the House Leadership's insistence on cutting state spending for schools has put Florida's economic stimulus monies for schools at risk.

Not only have state education spending cuts put economic recovery dollars in jeopardy, they have also forced school districts to hike local property taxes to fund education.

Florida faces an unprecedented state budget shortfall this year — roughly \$6 billion. Democrats are doing their part to resolve the problem. Democrats in Congress and President Barack Obama have made monies available, in the stimulus package, to ease the crisis.

What is House Leadership proposing to fix Florida's budget crisis? Florida schools are in crisis. Additional cuts to schools are intolerable.

House Democrats have offered numerous proposals for easing the state budget crunch. We have called for significant reviews of sales tax exemptions, and offered a specific plan for how to review those policies. Several House Democrats have offered revenue suggestions, such as closing tax loopholes for the very wealthy, that House leadership has flatly refused to even bring to a committee for debate and discussion. For the sake of all Floridians, it is time to stop the politics and do what is right for our citizens. □



Transportation
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LaBonte



In the last *UCO Reporter*, we covered many issues, specifically in the realm of IDs, cleanliness or our buses, courtesy to our fellow riders and the most important, no special drop off or pick-up requests.

For the most part, everything has been working smoothly. However, there were more phone calls regarding the special stops. Most were positive, while others wanted the “occasional” special stop service.

To elaborate a little on last month’s information, please note that our drivers are very considerate and helpful in performing the scope of their duties, but they must adhere to a timely schedule. With additional stops, this cannot be accomplished. So we ask, please cooperate with them as they have a lot at stake.

Post Office Update: We

have not given up. On the first of April, I met with the Haverhill Manager again. I learned that the Orlando training center moved to Miami and that a “Van Training Class” was in process. He also stated, that he has requested one of the trainees and is hopeful that he will to get one. He added, “Century Village is always on my mind,” to receive this service again. He, of course, could not be specific to any time schedule.

Bus Stop: Our Publix stop at Community seems to always have something new in the area this year. There is now an additional restaurant to choose from, “Jackson Hart’s.” Had the meatloaf and loved it. However, they have already closed.

Driver of The Month for March: Fred Rodney. □

WPRF
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savings is passed on to each resident with lower monthly coupon costs. So those who feel the ushers are “seeing shows for free,” and make similar comments, please keep in mind the savings you are seeing with each month’s coupon payment.

I personally am very grateful for the service our volunteers provide to both W.P.R.F. and to the residents. *Thank you all* for your assistance this past busy season.

Tennis Champions: We should all be very proud of our Tennis Club players who are proud to be the 2009 Palm Beach County Senior Tennis League Champions, Division 3 Men. Their winning plaque is one of our newest display items in the lobby case, so please take a look at it the next time you are in the Clubhouse lobby. Congratulations to all of you!

Other Projects: While our 2008-09 Budget includes several renovation projects, the UCO Operations Committee and WPRF have jointly decided to delay many of them due to the effects of our country’s current financial situation. I am aware of the tough economic times we are facing, but it is important to maintain the assets we have to provide maximum life and usefulness. So you will continue to see ongoing maintenance of the facilities in an effort to maximize the investment you have made.

For example, we have just commercially cleaned the carpeting in the Card Room. It is unfortunate that the cleaners not only discovered seven (7) areas of urine-soaked carpeting, but also worked for hours cleaning gum from the underside of at least one-third of the chairs in that room. I implore all residents to treat these facilities as you would your own, since the additional maintenance required to clean up this type of preventable damage does not come without a cost, and that cost is borne by all of the residents.

We welcome the summer season ahead and hope you will frequent our Clubhouse, Fitness Center and pool facilities regularly. Our staff is ready to assist you with classes, shows, dances, movies and meetings. Enjoy the many activities we offer, and be well. □



The Reader’s
Corner
Lenore Velcoff



By request and recommendation, I read *The Guernsey Literary and Potato Peel Pie Society* by Mary Ann Shaffer and finished after her death by her niece, Annie Barrows. I found it to be a literary treasure. I also learned a new word — epistolary — which means being in the form of a letter.

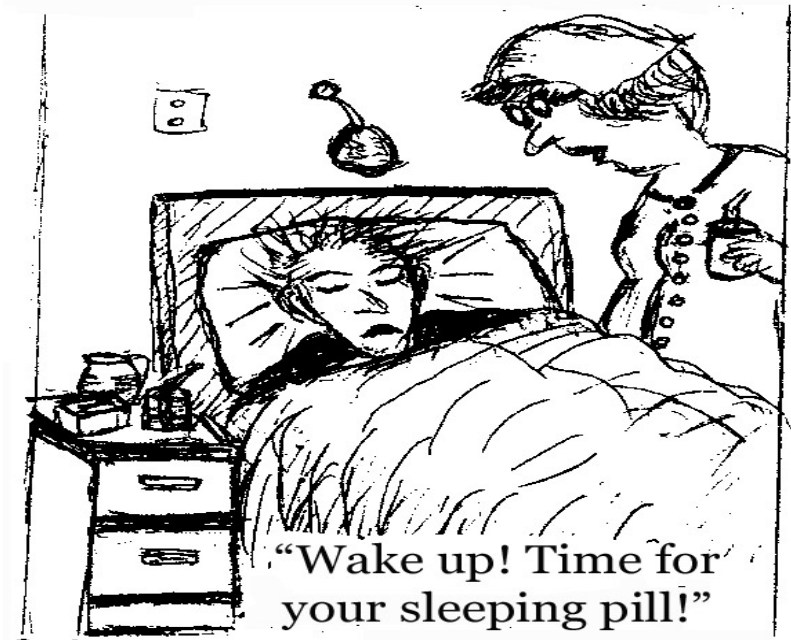
I wasn’t anxious to read this book because the title is a little off-putting and I did find the beginning a little slow. But once I unraveled the characters, I was enthralled. It is the tragic story of life under Nazi occupation. It explores the darker side of human nature yet shows the power of books even during hard times.

This novel consists of a series of letters written during the post World War II years from and to Juliet, a London based author and a group of

residents of Guernsey (in the Channel Islands, belonging to England) who form a “book club.” As we come to learn the little-known history of Guernsey during the war, we come to know the people through their letters, those who survived and those who did not.

The second half of the book (still in the form of letters) tells us how Juliet’s life changes as she goes to Guernsey to learn more about the people and to write their story. Some of them have tragic tales to tell, some are funny and most are touching. They are people of strength, compassion (most of them) and deep feelings. But I don’t want to say too much and spoil the novel.

I hope those who read this book will be reminded of your love of the written word and the inspiration provided by it. □



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The Community Relations Committee and the officers of UCO wish to take this opportunity to extend a Happy 102nd Birthday to Sylvia Roth of Plymouth K.

Committee member Myrna Shechter has informed us that she has a commitment from the CV Songbirds to perform, without charge, at our buffet dessert in October of this year.

Phylis Frishberg informed us that State Representative Mark Pafford will attend the function honoring our centenarians and his staff will advise the *Palm Beach Post* of when and where it will take place.

Eileen Pearlman will be in contact with Willard Scott, CBS TV, in an effort to have them cover this event on his TV show.

Leslie Darrigan is in contact with our centenarians and each one, on his or her birthday, receives a Happy Birthday card from us.

This list of this year's honorees, to date, is as follows: David Cohen (101), Emma Feller (103), Sylvia Haskell (101), Ceil Imbermon (102), Miriam Maddux (100), Abraham Moskowitz (102), Evelyn Palermo (102), Lou Roth (101), Sylvia Roth (102), Lillian Rubin (102), William Snyder (101), Pearl Pfeffer (102) and Al Weiskoff (100).

I would like to take this opportunity to welcome our two newest committee members, Maria Levy and Lori Torres.

Hope that you had a healthy season and will have a happy holiday. □

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Dorchester D - furnished, parquet floors, near pool \$35,000
Golf's edge E - unfurnished, ceramic tile, encl. Patio \$38,000
Bedford E - unfurnished, lift!!!, carpet, lots of light \$27,000
Waltham C - furnished, newer refrigerator and counters \$44,000

GROUND CORNER 1 BED 1/2 BATH

Camden L - furnished, near pool, rentable, shower stall \$39,333
Berkshire B - upgrades galore! Shower stall CT, H2O view \$43,000
Bedford G - hardwood floors, new vanities in bath \$28,000
Bedford J - unfurnished, porcelain tile, redone kitchen \$35,000
Norwich M - furnished/unfurnished, carpet, east gate \$25,000
Andover M - partly furnished, carpet, vinyl, waterview \$33,000
Windsor J - unfurnished, CT, west gate, rentable \$30,000
Norwich O - unfurnished, ceramic tile, near east gate \$50,000
Sussex A - furnished, ceramic tile, rentable \$29,900
Sheffield M - sweet and cozy, near Hastings FC \$30,000
Windsor M - furnished, central ac, garden view \$49,000
Cambridge G - lots of upgrades!! Ceramic tile, near pool \$27,000

GROUND 1 BED/1.5 BATH

Golf's Edge C - furnished, drive right up to, near Egate \$26,000
Bedford F - furnished, pretty, great deal \$35,000
Kent J - furnished, near pool, beautiful \$59,999
Golf's Edge B - handyman special, near east gate \$32,000
Northampton L - furn, ceramic tile, completely remod \$49,500
Dover B - waterview, beauty, near clubhouse \$65,000
Camden E - furnished, waterview, near pool, rentable \$35,000
Windsor N - beauty, near pool and west gate \$46,900
Easthampton C - furnished, CT, newer appliances \$55,000

UPPER FLOOR 1 BED 1.5/2 BATH

Stratford O - furn, unfurn, w/d, everything new, 2 baths \$49,900
Dover A - fabulous, furnished, waterview, upgrades \$58,900
Plymouth F - furnished, carpet, not rentable, drive up to \$23,000
Southampton A - carpet/tile, development has pool!!! \$39,900
Waltham I - furniture - neg, carpet, ceramic tile \$35,000
Windsor L - unfurnished, redone, new kitchen and bath \$25,000
Wellington A - partly furnished, ceramic tile waterview \$40,000
Dover C - partly furnished, ceramic tile, berber carpet \$45,000
Hastings F - furn, carpet 2 ac units, newer water heater \$25,000
Chatham T - furnished, CT, carpet, lift, waterview \$52,000
Greenbrier A - unfurnished, new refrigerator, golf view \$62,000
Bedford F - furnished, pretty, great deal \$35,000
Chatham U - heart of community, 6 months free maint \$35,000
Salisbury D - furnished, lift included, walk to east gate \$25,000
Greenbrier A - partly furnished, absolutely gorgeous \$83,900
Stratford N - furnished, nice location \$23,000
Southampton A - unfurnished, redone, golfview \$25,000
Golf's Edge G - carpet, ceramic tile beauty \$45,000
Dover C - central air, elevator bldg, near clubhouse \$29,000
Easthampton D - lovely furnished condo, near east gate \$35,000
Norwich H - lots of upgrades, near east gate \$42,000
Chatham K - furnished, newer appls, near amenities \$44,000
Wellington F - furnished, waterview, elevator in building \$73,000

GROUND 1 BED/ 1 BATH

Camden L - unfurnished, rentable, knock down kitchen \$25,000
Windsor F - furnished, walk in shower, enclosed patio \$26,000
Kingswood D - furnished, carpet, garden view \$20,000
Windsor E - furniture-neg, carpet, waterview \$19,000
Andover B - new kitchen, 2 a/c units, carpet, CT \$28,000
Bedford g - furnished, ceramic tile, carpet \$25,000
Northampton S - beautiful, CT, upgrades galore \$28,000
Canterbury H - wow! 50 in TV, CT in kitchen and dining \$30,000
Berkshire F - furnished, great buy, just walk right into \$28,000
Chatham S - furnished, beautiful waterview \$25,000
Chatham K - unfurn, rentable, very nice area, lake view \$27,000
Canterbury D - furn, new carpet, gardenview, must see \$36,000

UPPER 1 BED / 1 BATH

Camden I - unfurnished, near pool, great garden view \$29,900
Berkshire J - furnished, wood flooring, great deal \$19,900
Camden C - furnished, ceramic tile, beautiful \$26,000
Berkshire J - furn, pergo floors, sliders on patio, new kit \$19,900
Windsor N - furnished, beauty, near west gate \$31,000
Berkshire G - furnished, carpet, near west gate \$18,500
Dorchester E - furni, ceramic tile, rentable after 1 year \$23,000
Cambridge A - furnished, ceramic tile, carpet, encl patio \$27,500
Sussex B - furnished/unfurnished, carpet, ceramic tile \$39,000
Canterbury K - furnished, ceramic tile, upgrades \$23,000
Sussex C - furnished, carpet, new appliances, redone \$19,900
Dorchester A - furnished, carpet, new a/c unit \$15,000
Norwich M - furnished, Berber carpet, 3 ceiling fans \$33,000

Sussex M - beauty, furnished, lift included \$33,000
Norwich L - partly furn, rentable, carpet, near Hastings \$16,000
Windsor D - furnished, waterview, near west gate \$37,000
Berkshire G - ceramic tile, carpet, rentable \$27,000
Berkshire G - rent to own, close to west gate \$28,900
Camden J - new bathroom utilities, new water heater \$19,900
Kingswood C - pretty, rentable, close to amenities \$55,000
Coventry E - new furniture, central a/c, mirror walls \$39,900

UPPER CORNER 2 BED 1.5/2 BATH

Wellington L - unfurn, waterview 2 baths, bamboo floors \$95,000
Sheffield M - furnished, carpet, enclosed patio \$39,000
Andover G - furnished, carpet, rentable \$49,000
Camden E - furniture neg, carpet, ceramic tile \$42,000
Windsor E - unfurnished, ceramic tile, carpet waterview \$70,000
Coventry J - pergo flooring, outside corner, near fitness \$45,000
Sheffield C - partly furnished, WD in one, waterview \$75,000
Waltham I - furnished, ceramic tile, carpet \$45,000
Bedford H - furnished/unfurnished, ceramic tile, carpet \$45,000
Sheffield E - unfurnished, ceramic tile, redone \$59,000
Dorchester B - furn, CT, carpet, new AC turn-key \$57,240
Kent M - furnished, ceramic tile, central air \$79,000
Sheffield O - furn, beauty, quiet area, near Hastings \$75,000
Norwich H - furnished, beauty, rentable, best offer \$50,000
Cambridge H - stunning! Furn, new hurricane windows \$69,900
Waltham I - partly furn, lots of light, new AC, Egate \$41,900
Easthampton F - furn, new AC, nr Egate, priced to sell \$35,000
Waltham A - furn, carpet, rentable, near CH \$35,000
Hastings B - unfurn, carpet, lift, light and bright \$44,000
Canterbury C - new water heater, enclosed patio \$59,000
Waltham A - furnished, rentable, near amenities \$68,000
Norwich L - furnished, rentable, great location \$69,000
Sheffield O - ceramic tile, pretty, garden view \$75,000

GROUND CORNER 2 BED 1.5/2 BATH

Windsor D - furnished, ceramic tile, garden view \$45,000
Somerset E - unfurn, everything brand new, 2 bath, water \$64,000
Wellington G - unfurn, ceramic tile, waterview, 2 bath \$85,000
Norwich L - furnished, ceramic tile, rentable \$44,500
Somerset D - furn, ceramic tile, redone, waterview \$99,900
Plymouth K - ceramic tile, upgrades galore!! Beauty \$179,500
Norwich J - furnished, near east gate, great price!!! \$30,000
Coventry E - furn, ceramic tile, pets ok, near CH \$55,000
Kent D - new everything, tenant in place \$75,000
Northampton J - very pretty, rentable, waterview \$89,900

UPPER 2 BED 1.5/2 BATH

Golf's Edge E - furnished, carpet, golfview \$35,000
Canterbury G - unfurn, CA ceramic tile, carpet in BRs \$33,000
Coventry D - furnished, CT/carpet, new refrig., & H2O \$28,000
Wellington M - upgrades, waterview, newer carpet \$110,000
Waltham B - furn, carpet, rentable, near east gate \$39,000
Stratford B - 2 baths, ceramic tile, lots of light \$52,500
Northampton J - furnished, very nice, carpet, rentable \$33,000
Bedford H - partly furnished, waterview, storm shutters \$40,000
Wellington J - nicely decorated with furn, granite tops \$149,000
Sussex E - unfurn, upgrades, ceramic tile \$52,000
Oxford 100 - furnished, waterview, steps to pool \$49,999
Windsor G - furnished, ceramic tile, gardenview \$35,000
Greenbrier A - partly furnished, renovated, golfview \$103,500

GROUND 2 BED 1.5/2 BATH

Northampton M - furn, CT, waterview, beauty \$38,000
Somerset C - partly furn, CT, and extra storage \$68,000
Northampton M - furn, CT, carpet, waterview 2 bath \$45,000
Stratford A - furn, near Egate, close parking, 2 bath \$55,000
Chatham D - unfurn, CT, waterview \$58,000
Chatham Q - furn, carpet, wtrvw, shower stall only \$42,000
Coventry G - furn, CT, new vanities, pet friendly \$34,000
Oxford 200 - furn, CT, new kitchen \$73,500
Wellington C - furn, ceramic tile, new AC \$60,000
Norwich H - unfurn, rentable, upgrades \$65,000
Hastings C - CT, across from Hastings pool!!! \$39,000
Northampton H - furnished, waterview, rentable \$39,000
Norwich L - furn, rentable, private area, neg \$38,000

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• • • **ANNUAL RENTALS** • • •

UPPER 1 BED 1 BATH		
Northampton R	furnished, ceramic tile, beautiful	\$500
Camden I	unfurnished, carpet, gardenview	\$550
Windsor B	furnished, carpet ceramic tile	\$525
Andover C	furn, carpet, encl tile porch, glass top range	\$550
Chatham S	furnished, carpet, waterview	\$500
Cambridge B	furn/unfurnished, ceramic tile	\$400
Northampton R	furn, nu carpet, freshly painted, H2O incl	\$500
Easthampton B	unfurn, green carpet, new appliances	\$400
Norwich M	furnish, Berber carpet, 3 ceiling fans	\$500
Berkshire G	furnished, carpet, ceramic tile	\$495
Salisbury G	furnished, carpet, ceramic tile	\$625
Sussex A	unfurn, redone, carpet, ceramic tile	\$600
Berkshire G	furn, near west gate, rent to own	\$495
GROUND 1 BED 1 BATH		
Camden L	furnished, carpet, near west gate	\$600
Kent I	furnished, carpet, next to laundry room	\$450
Camden L	unfurnished, ceramic tile, near pool	\$525
Berkshire E	unfurnished, ceramic tile, gardenview	\$600
Sussex D	furnished, ceramic tile, 2 a/c units	\$500
Kingswood D	furnished, carpet, gardenview	\$500
Kingswood A	furnished, carpet, ceramic tile	\$550
Canterbury I	furnished, carpet, stall shower	\$600
Berkshire G	furn, carpet new appliances, near west gate	\$500
Salisbury F	furnished, ceramic tile, carpet, gardenview	\$575
Canterbury H	furnished, ceramic tile, new appliances	\$550
Northampton R	furnished, carpet, near pool	\$550
Northampton N	unfurnished, carpet, waterview	\$495
Dorchester J	furnished, new carpet, new appliances	\$500
Andover E	furnished, carpet, ceramic tile	\$600
Chatham N	furnished, carpet, linoleum	\$500
Bedford G	furnished, carpet, ceramic tile	\$575
Kingswood D	unfurn, CT, carpet, new app. 1 mth free	\$550
Canterbury F	furnished, new bathroom, wood floors	\$600
Camden B	sweet with lake view, newer appliances	\$550
Sheffield F	furnished, near Hastings fitness center	\$525
Sheffield D	furnished, near fitness center, garden view	\$600
UPPER 1 BED 1.5/2 BATH		
Stratford O	furn/unfurn, CT, 2 baths w/d, waterview	\$650
Southampton B	furnished, carpet, golfview	\$575
Southampton A	furn, carpet, development has own pool	\$550
Chatham U	4 mos only!! Unfurn., ceramic tile, carpet	\$1,000
Wellington A	furn/unfurn., carpet, CT, waterview	\$650
Waltham I	furn, CT, carpet, near east gate	\$550
Easthampton D	furnished, carpet, near east gate	\$700
Norwich M	furnished, Berber carpet, 3 ceiling fans	\$500
Hastings B	furn/unfurn, pergo floors, gardenview	\$575
Easthampton F	furnished, carpet, near east gate	\$495
Plymouth R	completely redone, move right in	\$700
Norwich C	furnished, carpet, gardenview	\$500
Salisbury F	furnished, new appliances, ceramic tile	\$525
Norwich H	upgrades galore!! CT, furnished	\$550
GROUND 2 BED 1.5 BATH		
Kent I	furnished, near Kent pool	\$550
Sussex B	furnished, carpet	\$550
Canterbury F	furn, lower set back, near pool	\$550
UPPER 2 BED 1.5/2 BATH		
Coventry H	furnished, ceramic tile and carpet	\$650
Canterbury G	unfurnished, ceramic tile, carpet, c/a	\$600
Coventry B	unfurnished, 1 bath, central air	\$650
Chatham P	furn, CA, carpet, heart of all amenities	\$750
Hastings B	furn/unfurn, ceramic tile, redone, lift	\$700
Windsor F	furnished, ceramic tile, gardenview	\$600
Stratford K	furnished, larger patio, ceiling fans	\$600
Waltham B	furnished, carpet, new roof	\$600
Windsor G	partly furn, ceramic tile, garden view	\$575
Coventry A	furn, wood/carpet floors, nice patio	\$800
Northampton J	furnished, waterview	\$600
GROUND 2 BED 1.5/2 BATH		
Sheffield A	unfurnished, ceramic tile, canal view	\$650
Dorchester E	fully furnished, close to pool	\$700
GROUND CORNER 1 BED 1/1.5 BATH		
Golf's Edge C	furn, CT, drive right up to, water incl.	\$550
Andover E	furnished, carpet, ceramic tile	\$600
Windsor M	furnished, carpet, central air	\$550
UPPER CORNER 2 BED 1.5/2 BATH		
Stratford K	furnished, 2 bath, carpet, gardenview, c/a	\$600
Norwich H	unfurn, CT, carpet, near east gate	\$700
Chatham D	furnished, ceramic tile, new kitchen	\$850
Easthampton F	furnished, new a/c, near east gate	\$600
Windsor E	unfurn, carpet, ceramic tile, waterview	\$700
Canterbury G	furn, ceramic tile, linoleum keeps cool	\$575
Cambridge D	furnished, carpet, dishwasher	\$750
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Residents' Show 2009

Critique by
Dot Loewenstein

Plagued by illness, including the director and pianist, residents continued to rehearse daily for the March 29th show in our Clubhouse Theater. With trepidation, we attended, and were surprised to find the theater almost completely filled. In prior years, this show didn't draw a very large crowd, and there were rumors that 2009 would be the last such show.

Well folks, if you missed that show, you really missed a spectacular production. Beginning with the opening scene where the cast had their backs to the audience — that seemed to be a rather unique and daring opening — and moving on to *Under the Sea* with unbelievable costumes, moment after moment revealed more surprises.

Although many in the audience were not familiar with each cast member, one — Sylvia Leighton — must have had her reputation precede her, because there was no doubt in anyone's mind that here was a real star. We overheard some comparing her to Ethel

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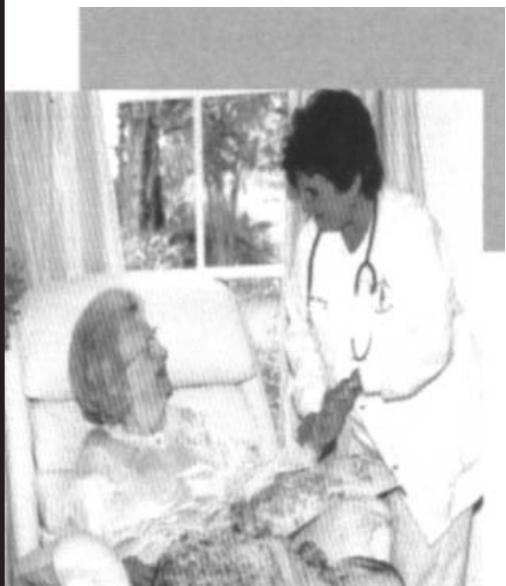
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Recreation

FORE! Men's Golf Al Thomas

On March 25, the golf club held its annual President's Cup banquet, at the Doubletree Hotel. It was a delightful affair, with entertainment by Steve and Angela. Kudos to Len Weiss for all the work involved in creating the banquet.

Arnie Indyck, our tournament director, gave trophies to the winning golfers. The following won awards: Class A — Frank Pernicano, Len Weiss and Hank Bojakowski; Class B — Curtis Kang, Ken Valentine and Ralph Colella; Class C — Al Thomas, Pat Orlando and Hy Weber. Congrats to all the winners. We also had a hole-in-one this year. Ralph Colella did it on the seventh hole.

We have to give a special thanks to Ken Katter for the job he does on the Friday schedules, and a giant hug and kiss to Arnie Edelstein, our president who keeps the whole thing together.

The season is now winding down, and we are saying "so long" to our snowbirds. We look forward to next season, and another fun year of golf.

Petanque Jerry Karpf

A Form of Ground Bowling

The season has started to come to an end. I would like to wish all our snowbird friends a safe trip home. We will see you next season.

For the people that are staying here, we will continue to play until the weather gets too hot to play. So come on down to the courts and let's play Petanque. We are getting requests by new people to know if we are still playing! The answer is yes.

Remember, we play on every Wednesday and Friday, starting at 8:45 a.m. Anyone looking to meet new people, make friends and learn a new and easy game, come down to the Petanque courts. It is located by the Somerset Condominium Association, at the pool and tennis courts. Come on Wednesday or Friday at 8:45 a.m. Contact Jerry at 684-1487.

Tennis Jerry Goldberg

Headline News: Our Century Village Team Crowned Champs

March 26 was a "Red Letter" day for our "Championship Team" as we took the title with a victory over the Boca Pointe Tennis Club in the Finals of the prestigious Palm Beach County Senior League.

In order to reach the Finals, we had to get by a very good team from Wycliffe. This was our first year in this League with more than 170 teams throughout Palm Beach County. We were placed in Level 3 at the start of this season and, because of our record of 14 straight victories, we will be moving up to the Level 2 Division next year.

I was quite proud to accept the Champion Plaque on behalf of our team at the Awards Luncheon held at the Kravis Center on April 7. Our top doubles team, Co-Captain Jan Roszko and Marcel Giguere, went undefeated during the entire season. Robert Briere and Mark Jasnow, our second doubles team, also led us to the title with "hard earned" victories throughout the regular season and playoffs. The other members of the team included John Margalotti, Alan Cutler, Roger Rowe, Richard Mieziako, Fred Craig, Jan Sobanski, and this Captain, Jerry Goldberg. We hope to have an even stronger



There can be only one: We are the champions, my friends!

team next year when some of our former players, who are nursing injuries, will be back on our roster.

Our trophies can be seen in the "display case" near the right entrance to our Clubhouse Theater. Our other tennis team, which has been playing in a seniors "hard court" league will, hopefully, be able to join us by entering a lower Division next season.

The Century Village Tennis Club's Annual Picnic held at Duck Island last month was a huge success, thanks mainly to the efforts of Gail Fei, Chris Mohanty, Judy Goodoff, Nancy Rieser, Susan Maldonado, and our executive chef, Horst Fei. Many members suggested that there should be both an opening and closing picnic next year.

Our Mix Doubles Tourna-

ment, under the direction of our Tennis Director Tom Speerin, was won by Paulette Quesnel and Ed Gold with five straight victories. Valerie Roszko, Lynn Schaffer, and Sam Yacoub also received certificates and prizes for achieving the next best number of matches and games won. Our final Men's Tournament is scheduled to be held later in April and the results will be reported in my next article.

The Club reached a membership of over 80 residents this year as the tennis season begins to wind down with the departure of many of our "snowbird" players.

We wish to thank Tom Speerin for keeping things running smoothly at our Somerset Tennis Center. He will continue to be available on

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Recreation

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weekday mornings to arrange matches and sign up new tennis members who wish to join our Club. To those who are leaving us, have a nice summer, and we will hopefully see you next winter.



Bowling
Pat
Izzo

By the time you read this, the bowling season will have just about been over.
On Thursday, April 2, we had position day to establish the winners of the second half of the tournament. First Place was captured by the Players, a team anchored by Twinkletoe; Second Place went to team #10 led by Willy Melendez; and Third Place by team #8, captured by Steve Shonbrun. These three teams will meet with the three team winners of the first half to decide the overall winners and the recipients of trophies.

It was announced on Thursday that there would be no bowling the following Thursday, April 9. The playoffs will take place on Thursday April 16. Good luck to all the players.
Our yearly luncheon will be held at Hillary's Restaurant in Royal Palm Beach, at which time the trophies and prizes will be awarded for the various categories. The luncheon is on the 23rd of April and guests may attend for \$15 per person.
Those of you who remain in Florida may join a summer league now being formed. I go north for the summer, where I bowl in a Seniors League. The teams there are comprised of three members. I mention this because I would like the committee to consider changing our teams to three persons; it would be easier to form teams due to the diminishing number of participants. I would also like to suggest that the teams be assigned from major league baseball, i.e., team #1 would be the Yankees, team #2 Dodgers, etc.

Have a good summer; see you in the fall.



Sailing
Gail
Fei

A great End-of-Season picnic was held on March 21 on Duck Island. Over ninety sailors and friends attended the festivities which featured hamburgers, hot dogs, chicken and all the fixings. Entertainment was provided by Karaoke Jack and his music, with an enthusiastic Cheerleader

routine, games such as horse-shoes and corn hole, and a lot of socializing. Commodore Ray Cook handed out the remaining trophies from our exciting season and several Certificates of Appreciation. We were happy that the Sail Club was able to cover the cost of this great event. Many thanks to Fina Cucalon for the organizing, planning and shopping for this terrific event.
Commodore Cook would like to thank Helga Lieb for her conscientious work at the dock and also he extends thanks to the many members who volunteer time, and in some cases, picking up the costs of keeping the boats and the facilities involved in the area and racing activities, all in good condition.
Vice Commodore Ray Mullen reports, we are now enjoying the spring sailing races every Tuesday afternoon

and the Regattas on Thursday afternoon. Come on down to the dock and sail or watch the events. Dock Master Helga Lieb reminds us that the warm weather sailors are coming down to the docks and that Thursday mornings are set aside for Ladies Sailing, come on down ladies.
Many snowbirds are heading back up north and will be missed, but there is still lots going on all summer down here at the dock. Happy sails to you.



Snorkel Club
Pat
Izzo

The great writer William Shakespeare once wrote "beware the ides of March." And so it occurred that March was indeed a nasty month serving us with some of the worst

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Residents' Show

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Merman during a standing ovation. Others in the show were constantly watching over Sylvia, ready to offer an arm to help her walk.
A word about our resident comic, Herbie Weberman. We kept waiting for his appearance, and he certainly didn't let us down. We seriously doubt there is anyone else in our village who could accomplish what Herbie does.
This was a cast of people who pulled together in spite of adversity and were obviously determined to provide a smashing hit, one-of-a-kind performance. They succeeded!
It's time for you to mark your calendar for next year's audition, and plan on getting out there to entertain your fellow residents. Believe me, you will gain much more than

you think. You'll discover you have hidden talents, and you'll see resolve that truly proves the show business axiom — the show must go on. □

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Brooklyn U.S.A.: Meets 2nd Wed 1:30 pm in CH Party Room. We are a social, volunteer organization, open to former or present residents of Brooklyn, as well as spouses and significant others.

Canadian Club: Meets 4th Wed, Party Room of CH, 1:00 pm. Membership open to all. Lots of great activities. Betty, 684-0766; Franne, 478-9526; Madelaine, 684-5595.

Century Village Computer Club: Meets 1st and 3rd Thu, Nov-Apr (1st Thu only May-Oct), 1:00 pm, CH Party Room. You must have a computer or WebTV to be a member. Dues are \$12/yr (\$18/couple) and entitle you to attend lectures, register for classes. Meetings consist of Q&A period, business session, occasional speaker, drawing and door prizes. Visit cv-computerclub-wpb.com or call 615-4094.

Century Village Symphony Orchestra: Meets every Mon, Oct 19 to the end of Mar, in Music Room B, 1:15-3:45 pm. We play 2 concerts each year. We welcome all who enjoy playing with a group. Rickie, 683-0869.

Christian Club: Meets Wed, 1:00 pm in Room C.

Congregation Anshei Sholom: May 5, Sisterhood will hold luncheon/card party at noon (reserve table w/Rae,

478-3221; Anita, 688-2767); May 10, Sisterhood and Men’s Club will co-host deluxe Mothers’/Fathers’ Day Breakfast at 9:30 am with entertainment by the Palm Beach Players featuring “The Karaoke Crooner” Gerry Midman — there will be gifts, a door prize and raffle (make reserve w/Rae, 478-3221 or call Temple weekday morn, 684-3212).

Deborah Hospital Foundation: Now meets 2nd Fri in CH Party Room at 11:00 am.

Duplicate Bridge at Hastings Clubhouse: Every Mon at 7:00 pm and Wed at 1:00 pm. If you need a partner, call Mimi, 697-2710, leave message.

Evangelical Christian Networking Club: Meets 1st Fri, 6:30 pm, Classroom B of CH. We share relevant info among ourselves and with our community. Dee, 827-8748; Steve, 389-5300.

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Greater Philadelphia Club: Elaine, 615-6697.

Hadassah, Judith Epstein Chapter at CVWPB: Meets 3rd Wed at 11:45 am for mini-lunch, 12:30 meeting at Cong Anshei Sholom. Suzanne, 686-4241.

Holocaust Survivors of the Palm Beaches: *Yom Ha’Shoah* (Kathy, 689-0393).

Irish-American Cultural Club of CV: Meets 1st Tue in CH, 2:00 pm, Room C. For info, call Robert, 917-704-0223.

Italian-American Culture Club: Meets 3rd Wed, 2:00 pm, Party Room of CH. Membership open to all. Lots of great activities: 4/22, Mardi Gras Casino (Dolores, 688-0876); 4/26, IACC Dinner Dance (Jerry, 686-8942); 2/21, Caribbean Cruise next year (Franne, 478-9526). Michelina, 914-648-0054.

Jewish War Veterans Ladies Auxiliary Post 520: Meets 3rd Mon at The Classic. A continental breakfast is served

at 9:00 am, followed by our meeting. Our efforts go to creating welcome kits for the veterans at the VA Center at Military Trail and various positions at the Center. We find our volunteer work helpful and rewarding and welcome new members. Dorothy, 478-6521.

Knights of Pythias: You are invited to join Palm Beach Rainbow Lodge #203, meet 2nd and 4th Mon at North County Senior Center, Northlake Blvd. We welcome new members, duals, reinstatements and transferees from out of state. We are a fraternal brotherhood fostering the credo of friendship, charity, benevolence. Mike, 615-0218.

Na’Amat USA (Pioneer Women): Meets 4th Tue, 1:00 pm, at Cypress Lakes Auditorium for mini-lunch and interesting programs, guests welcome. For info, call Rhoda, 478-8559. Coming events: Apr 20, card party at the Classic (Rhoda, 478-8559); Jun 2, card party at Kings Buffet (Florence, 683-8453; Marlene, 684-8357); Oct 13-27, deluxe 15-day tour of Israel — it’s the 61st anniv of

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Yes, Rats!!!
No, I'm not talking about the two-legged ones that might be loose here in the Village!
No, this is not just an exclamation of frustration.
I'm talking about the fuzzy, furry rodents with the long tail, sometimes also known within the Village as attic rats. Yes, they are here and apparently prevalent.
In the area where I live, I have personal knowledge of at least five Associations that have been inspected and four of them found evidence of or actual rats in residence.
They seem to especially like units that are empty and have been for a long period of time. In one unit that had been empty for about two years, with no inspection process in place, the rodents had made themselves and their extended family a home in the mattress and box spring.
What a mess. In this case, the toilets had not been sealed and the water was turned off. The fixtures were all dried out and provided perfect passage from the sewer to the apartment.
In another unit, holes had been gnawed to get into the unit from the walls. In both cases droppings were prevalent and rodents were caught in the traps that were set.
I'd like to suggest that Associations contact an exterminating company and get a price for an inspection. Hopefully, you will get an all clear, but if not, it is better to attack the problem early rather than later.


When getting an estimate, be sure to read and understand the process that is to be used if the creatures are found.
In my opinion, the rodents should be trapped and removed. Some estimates have suggested putting out poison and killing the population. Don't forget — a dead rat stinks very, very badly. You will not be happy!
Also, rats have fleas and fleas do not remain with a dead rodent. You do not want to deal with an attic infested with fleas!
My suggestion is to investigate and inspect, get estimates if needed and do it sooner rather than later.
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Recreation News
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weather in years.
On Friday, March 20, the Snorkel Club held its annual picnic at Ocean Reef Park, which also was the date of our monthly meeting.
Our selection of this park is to present an opportunity for members to engage in snorkeling at the rock cropping just off the beach.
The day turned out to be nasty with threatening rain and cold winds blowing constantly, not a pleasant day for outdoor picnicking. In spite of these conditions, we had an excellent turnout of members. Nearly everyone was there.
Kudos to Joan Turner and her committee, who did a very good job of preparing and serving the food. There were hot dogs, hamburgers and lots of soda.
To top it all off, we had a huge birthday cake supplied by Marvin Korft and Josie Wayner in honor of their birthdays. The crowd quickly dispersed as the weather continued to get worse.
Also in March, we had a planned trip to visit the museum in Fort Lauderdale, which includes an IMAX Theatre. The lower floor had a variety of exhibits depicting reefs and their inhabitants, including all sorts of hard and soft coral. The main attraction for us was the IMAX Theatre presentation of a 3D film, *Under the Sea* in color. The film was photographed in New Guinea and the Great Barrier Reef of Australia. It is impossible to describe the wide varieties of exotic marine life and the endless species of coral and color. All this on a gigantic screen. This was the next best thing to actually being there.
See you by the sea. □

Recipes
Avis Blank



In my March 2009 column, I wrote about how easy it was to grow your own tea and dry the leaves. I hope some of you tea lovers did so, because a headline in the March 27, 2009 issue of the *Financial Times* newspaper states: "Tea prices to soar as droughts hit main producers." If you didn't plant your own tea, now is the time to buy an extra supply.
May is the month in which mothers are honored. In the forties, my Mom and Dad slept late on Mothers' Day while my sister and I awakened early, quietly left the house, carrying our own tennis net and walked to Franklin Field in Dorchester, MA. Tennis was played until 11 a.m., when the walk home began. (By walking, we saved the bus fare, 20¢ each.). On the way home, flowers were purchased for Mother. Upon arriving home, preparation of our special Mothers' Day salads began. The completed salads looked like the petals of a daisy or zinnia and the table looked very festive with the vase of fresh flowers in the center of the table surrounded by the flower salads. The smile on Mama's face as she gazed at her family and the beautifully appointed table was worth a million dollars.
Potato, Tomato and Radish Salad
• ½ cup extra- virgin olive oil, divided
• 1 pound new potatoes
• ¼ cup white wine vinegar
• salt
• white pepper (or substitute with black pepper)
• 6 large, ripe tomatoes
• 1 large yellow pepper
• 1 bunch radishes
• 1 small sprig tarragon
• 1 small spring marjoram
Heat ¼ cup of olive oil in a skillet over medium-high heat. Cut potatoes into very thin slices and fry in the oil until golden. Remove to a paper towel and salt to taste.
Prepare dressing by mixing remaining oil (¼ cup) with vinegar, a pinch of salt and white pepper. Cut tomatoes into ¼ inch slices and the yellow pepper into a small dice. Thinly slice the radishes. Arrange tomato slices in a circle around the edge of each

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plate. Follow with rings of fried potato and sliced radishes, moving inward on the plate. Sprinkle with yellow pepper, drizzle with dressing and garnish with a few leaves of marjoram and tarragon. **Serves four.**

Composed Fruit Salad

- Juice of 4 oranges, freshly squeezed and strained
- 1 bunch fresh mint
- 1 medium-sized cucumber
- 2 ripe pineapples
- 1 pint strawberries
- 2 large pink grapefruits, sectioned and peeled

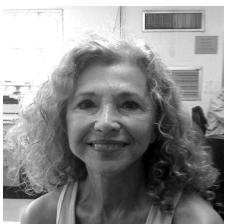
Simmer orange juice with a dozen mint leaves for 2 minutes. Remove from heat and let cool. Cut the cucumber into very thin slices, keeping the skin on. Cut the pineapple into rings and peel them. Slice

the strawberries lengthwise, about 6 slices per strawberry. Arrange the fruit on each plate in slightly overlapping layers. Start with a ring of pineapple slices around the edge. Follow with concentric circles of cucumber and grapefruit, finishing with strawberry slices in the center. Drizzle with the orange juice dressing and garnish with fresh mint. **Serves four.**

Happy Mothers’ Day to all the mothers in my audience. □

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	Facial Gymnastics 11:15-12:00 noon		Facial Gymnastics 11:15-12:00 noon	
Lunch 12:00-1:00 pm	Lunch 12:00-1:00 pm	Lunch 12:00-1:00 pm	Lunch 12:00-1:00 pm	Lunch 12:00-1:00 pm
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Nuggets of Knowledge

- If you're too open minded, your brains will fall out.
- Age is a very high price to pay for maturity.
- Going to church doesn't make you a Christian any more than going to a garage makes you a mechanic.
- Artificial intelligence is no match for natural stupidity.
- If you must choose between two evils, pick the one you've never tried before.
- My idea of housework is to sweep the room with a glance.
- Not one shred of evidence supports the notion that life is serious.
- It is easier to get forgiveness than permission.
- For every action, there is an equal and opposite government program.
- If you look like your passport picture, you probably need the trip.
- Bills travel through the mail at twice the speed of checks.
- A conscience is what hurts when all your other parts feel so good.
- Eat well, stay fit, die anyway.
- Men are from earth. Women are from earth. Deal with it.
- No husband has ever been shot while doing the dishes.
- A balanced diet is a cookie in each hand.
- Middle age is when broadness of the mind and narrowness of the waist change places.
- Opportunities always look bigger going than coming.
- Junk is something you've kept for years and throw away three weeks before you need it.
- There is always one more imbecile than you counted on.
- Experience is a wonderful thing. It enables you to recognize a mistake when you make it again.
- By the time you can make ends meet, they move the ends.
- Thou shalt not weigh more than thy refrigerator.
- Someone who thinks logically provides a nice contrast to the real world.
- Blessed are they who can laugh at themselves for they shall never cease to be amused.

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The Visitor's Gate traffic was 20,552 cars for the month of March which is a record number of visitors. Failure to call-in your visitors caused 396 people to be refused entry until they contacted the resident for a call-in. Now, the bad news: Since we smoothed out the speed bumps at both transponder gates, we have had 7 more gates broken by residents for a total of 12 broken gates in March (only 5 in February). The following is a quote from the monthly Weiser Security Services report:

"This past month shows an increase in the number of broken gate arms in Century Village. This will be the first time since the installation of the speed bumps in November that we have gone into double-digit breakage of gate arms. Upon review of the films, most gate arms are being struck because of tailgating."

All vehicles entering Century Village are filmed and all guest-gate users are recorded so that we may review what

was said to the guards. This information is erased automatically after a given time, unless we need the information for an Incident Report.

In this last month, there have been reports of thefts. At the Security Meeting, we had two guests from the Sheriff's Office, Capt. Callaway and Det. Burr. They spoke about the increase of patrols by the PBSO inside the Village. They said that since their increased presence, there have not been any reports of break-ins. It was also said that "Lock it, or Lose it" is a good thing to practice. Lock your car and your house so that no one will enter.

The last thing is that some of our residents are not exhibiting good sense when they are in a public place. There have been two incidents in the auditorium that should not have happened. Please respect your neighbors' right to enjoy an evening show.

Summer is almost here, so have a wonderful time and keep safe. □

Be Kind to Your Neighbors

If you walk around the perimeter road before 7:30 am, please keep your voices down so as not to disturb those of our residents who may still be sleeping.

Poetry Corner

Friends and Neighbors Show

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you made aglow
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wonderful repertory show
The songs were delivered
with sparkle and class
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surpass
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and sunny
And sometimes they moved
a lot and were funny
We toast to you all with
chuckles and laughter
May you all continue to
entertain now and forever
after.

Sheldon R. and Lynn Mead

This Is What I See

Look towards the horizon
What do you see?
The environment, a rainbow,
the colors of green,
yellow, and pink.
A galaxy of untold nontoxic
beauty
A magnificent panorama of
secrets of the solar system
That is what I see.

Look towards the mountains
What do you see?
You can see fields of clover,
Not the pollution, but snow

capped peaks reaching
towards the heavens, lakes
and rivers,
Winding down and roaming
thru crevices which are
sustainable with the sound
of thunder
As the organic water gushes
in and out like a child
playing hide and seek.
That is what I see.

Look at a forest
What do you see?
Trees, flowers, foliage, hues
of yellow, orange and
brilliant red and green,
Coupling of animals, and the
cool mist of nature in all
its splendor.
The solitude of the soul
mingling with the sounds
of untold beauty
That is what I see.

Look at man
What do I see?
Players on a stage, a captain
on a ship, lemmings on a
wharf, a maze of conduits,
All heading towards the
bittersweet of life.
That is what I see.

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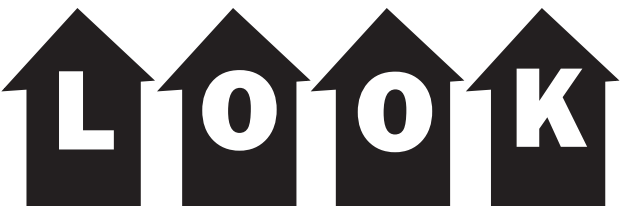
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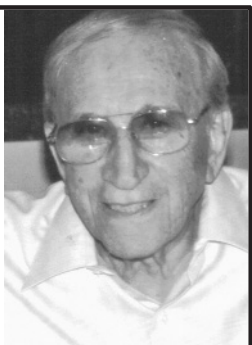
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That’s the motto of the Simpson family, the longest running prime time comedy in TV history. And now the charismatic, clever characters take their adult humor to another dimension — U.S. postage stamps.

Yes. The U.S. Postal Service hails the Simpsons, now entering their 20th year as a regularly scheduled series with a new stamp to be released on May 7. For those who have never heard nor seen the Simpsons, here’s a brief review for your edification.

The animated family first appeared on *The Tracy Ullman Show* in 1987. Then, in a Christmas special in 1989, and had its debut as a regular series on January 14, 1990. The show became a hit in it’s first season.

The 20th anniversary of the series will be January 14, 2010.

The Simpsons has become a cultural institution enjoyed by fans worldwide. It has attracted numerous guest stars, including Elizabeth Taylor, Paul Newman, Gore Vidal, Natalie Portman, Mick Jagger, Meryl Streep and a host of others.

The sophisticated writing combined with irreverent slapstick and subversive humor provides comedy for everyone, but it’s written for an adult audience.

The Simpsons’ antics come at a time when people are striving to lift their spirits in the present economic decline facing the entire world. Recent history cites the song *Happy Days Are Here Again*, sung everywhere during the depres-

sion days of the 30s.

People needing an uplift from their everyday burdens enjoy the comedy of such characters as the Marx Brothers, Abbott and Costello, and Laurel and Hardy. They would still be funny today if put back on the silver screen and the small tube.

The Simpsons has been called the best show on television, according to *Time* magazine, which named it the best TV show of the 20th century.

Yes, happy days are here again. Just ask the fans of the Simpsons and their new U.S. postal brethren.

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Organization News

Amit Rishona Chapter: Invites you to join us 2nd Tue at Aitz Chaim (Bess, 478-0735).

B’nai B’rith Century: We meet every 4th Sun, 9:30 am, for breakfast meetings at Congregation Anshei Sholom. Coming events: 4/26, Hillel speaker; 5/17, cardiologist Keith D. Meyer, M.D., will speak on heart health and treating heart disease. Dr. Meyer, a board-certified cardiologist at the Farris Building, is affiliated with Good Sam and has a special interest in echocardiography and stress testing. His talk will encompass good heart health, proper diet and exercise and the latest developments in the treatment of heart disease. Members free; guests \$3.00. For more info, call Dr. Morris Levy (Pres) 478-6865 or Arnold Rimm 689-1918.

Brooklyn U.S.A.: Meets 2nd Wed 1:30 pm in CH Party Room. We are a social, volunteer organization, open to former or present residents of

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Canadian Club: Meets 4th Wed, Party Room of CH, 1:00 pm. Membership open to all. Lots of great activities. Betty, 684-0766; Franne, 478-9526; Madelaine, 684-5595.

Century Village Computer Club: Meets 1st and 3rd Thu, Nov-Apr (1st Thu only May-Oct), 1:00 pm, CH Party Room. You must have a computer or WebTV to be a member. Dues are \$12/yr (\$18/couple) and entitle you to attend lectures, register for classes. Meetings consist of Q&A period, business session, occasional speaker, drawing and door prizes. Visit cv-computerclub-wpb.com or call 615-4094.

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The Congregation is a full service Conservative synagogue with a full-time Rabbi and Cantor and a full slate of religious and community activities.

Century Village has a large Jewish population. We are asking you for help. While many of you are not members of Anshei Sholom, we have always been here to serve your needs. Some of you come to us when you need services and we are pleased that you do. Now we need your help and hope that you will respond. Throughout history whenever Jewish people have been in need, others stepped forward to help. That is the Jewish way.

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onds to get from your mouth to your stomach. The average human dream lasts two to three seconds. At the moment of conception, you spent about half an hour as a single cell. There is about one trillion bacteria on each of your feet. Your body gives off enough heat in 30 minutes to bring half a gallon of water to a boil. Your teeth start developing (in your gums) six months before you are born. When you are looking at someone you love, your pupils dilate; they do the same when you are looking at someone you hate.

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- Seat belts are not as confining as wheelchairs.
- Why is it that at class reunions you feel younger than everyone else looks?
- No one has more driving ambition than the boy who wants to buy a car.
- There are no new sins; the old ones just get more publicity.
- There are worse things than getting a call for a wrong number at four a.m. It could be a right number.
- Think about this: No one ever says "It's only a game" when his team is winning.
- I've reached the age where the happy hour is a nap.
- Be careful reading the fine print. There's no way you're going to like it.
- Money can't buy happiness — but somehow it's more comfortable to cry in a Corvette than in a Yugo.

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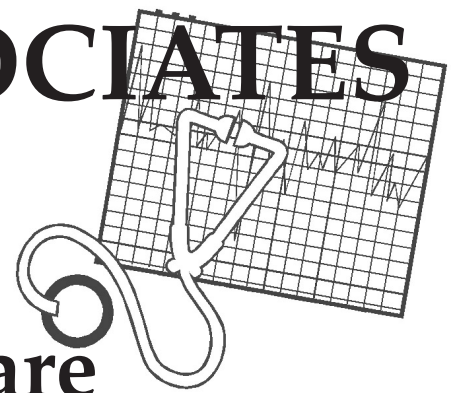
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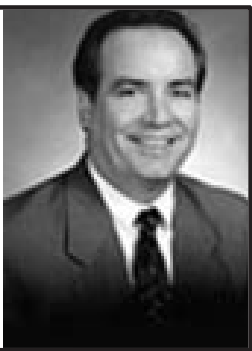


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**Governor’s Tax Cap Plan
Hurts Local Governments**

Gov. Charlie Crist wants to place more tax-cut amendments on the statewide ballot in 2010. If approved by voters, they would theoretically mean more money in taxpayers’ pockets. While this may seem like a good idea, the governor’s plan is unrealistic and could have a disastrous effect on local governments. Let’s take a closer look.

The governor is proposing a total of four property tax cuts in three constitutional amendments: a Save Our Homes recapture; revenue caps that would limit local tax collection at the rate of inflation; and an assessment cap for non-homesteaded properties combined with a tax cut for first-time home buyers. Passage of all three amendments would result in statewide revenue losses to

schools and local governments of about \$1.8 billion over the next three years.

It is no coincidence that the enormously popular Mr. Crist himself will likely be on the same ballot as his tax-cut plan, either seeking reelection as governor, or as a candidate for the U.S. Senate. Being known for cutting taxes certainly won’t hurt his chances, but these continued tax “patches” could seriously hurt our struggling South Florida economy.

Since 2007, state-mandated revenue cuts, shrinking property values, a weak construction market, and the passage of Amendment 1 have combined to drastically reduce the amount of tax revenue Palm Beach County government takes in. At the same time, demand for government services keeps increasing. We had to chop about \$100 million from the county budget last

year and further cost cutting will be required this year. This will likely mean more job cuts and service reductions. On top of that, Amendment 1, which doubled the homestead exemption and created portability (transferable Save Our Homes benefits), has done little to turn around the collapsed housing market.

County government provides law enforcement, fire protection, ambulance/EMT service, emergency management, airport operations, roads, public transportation, parks and recreation, and other services citizens sometimes take for granted. County government also pays for state-operated courts, and many social and health-care programs. Yet, our state leader wants to cut more local services without addressing the true inequities of the state’s property tax system.

If there is a cap on revenue, how will local governments continue to address rising expenses for security, technology, fuel, education, research, and health-care and social services? Ideally, these costs would also be capped, but it cannot be mandated or enforced in a market-driven democratic society.

To balance any budget, expenses and revenue must flow hand in hand. Right now, Palm Beach County government has one hand tied behind its back, and the governor’s proposal would pretty much bind the other. We will not be able to provide financial assistance and support to local communities as we have in the past, hampering and delaying any substantive economic recovery.

Reducing the assessment cap to five percent for non-homestead properties places an unfair burden on homesteaded homeowners, and tying it in with a break for first-time home buyers completely misses the mark of true property tax reform. Instead of continued attacks on local governments, the state must address the inequities in the current tax structure and develop a system that is fair and equitable for all Floridians, not a feel-good sound bite that prolongs the recession and devastates critical services.

As always, I welcome your comments and questions. Please feel free to contact me or my staff at 355-2202. □

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By Charles Koppelman

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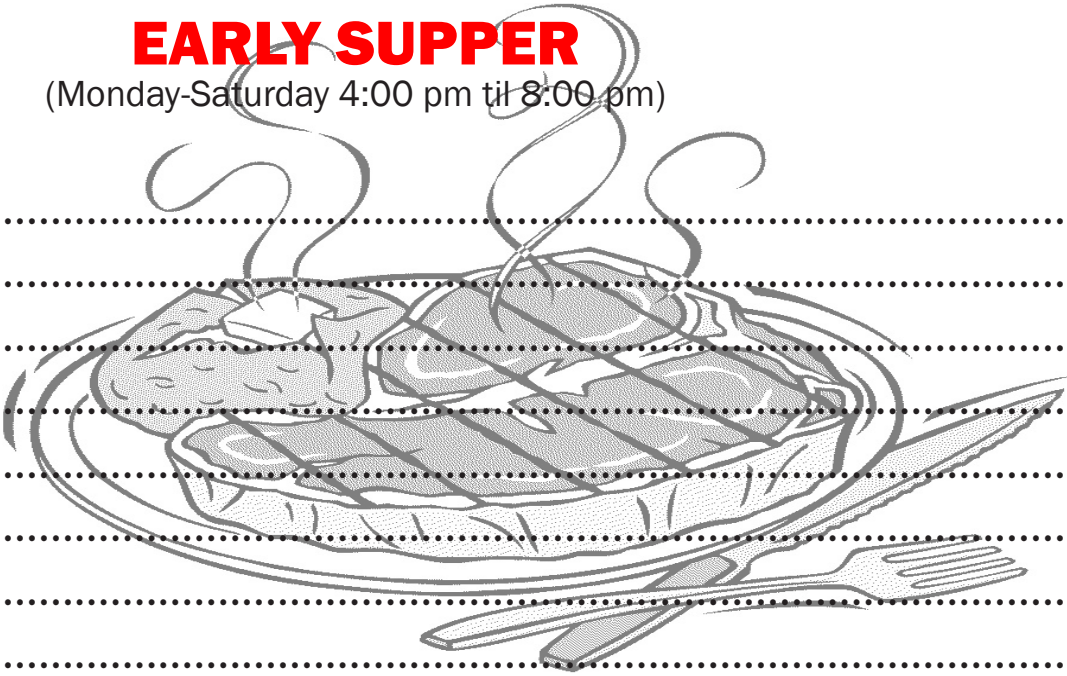
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thereto would need a two-third majority in both houses of Congress, about to come into being and the affirmative vote of three-quarters of the states, members of the union. The U.S. Constitution was ratified in 1787 in accordance with its Article VII. It became effective in June 1788 when New Hampshire, the ninth state ratified it (nine states were three-quarters of the twelve states of the then United States). This by no means was the last and final act in creating the Constitution. A total of 27 amendments were eventually accepted and became part of

the Constitution (one — the 18th was passed in 1919 but repealed by the 21st Amendment in 1933 — so now you can enjoy your cocktails without being arrested). Of all of these amendments, the most important ones were the first ten. Let me address just a few of these: Amendment #1 confirmed freedom of speech and press, the right to peaceful assembly and it spelled out clearly that Congress shall make no law respecting the establishment of any religion or prohibiting the exercise thereof. Amendment #2 is the one which says that the right of people to keep and bear arms shall not be infringed upon. There are different interpretations to this amendment and it returns every so often to the U.S. Supreme Court for clarification. Amendments #3 through 7 deal with specific aspects of the law. Amendment #8 clearly states that “cruel or unusual punishment” will not be inflicted. Amendments #9 and 10

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Stairway to Heaven

One of the most influential guitarists in the history of rock music, Jimmy Page started his career as a highly sought-after studio guitarist in England. Under his direction, Led Zeppelin became one of the era's most successful rock groups, redefining the musical sound of the 1970s. Page has co-written many popular rock anthems, including *Stairway to Heaven*, a song that has been the subject of controversy since reports that it contains a subliminal message surfaced.

The eight-minute anthem from the band's fourth album sometimes took longer in live performances. According to Wikipedia, lead singer Robert Plant would insert extra lyrics to make the song interesting because even he got tired of singing the song that fans wanted to hear again and again.

Led Zeppelin broke up after drummer John Bonham died in 1980. A tribute band conducted by Brent Havens performed recently in the Alexander Dreyfoos Hall in the Raymond Kravis Center for the Performing Arts. Sitting up close was like listening to the radio in 3-D. The lead singer sounded like Plant. The band's greatest hits were played, with *Stairway* as the closer.

From the Internet



The album cover where the song is found; image taken from amazon.com.

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are more of a general nature assuring the people of certain rights which shall not be construed to deny or discourage others retained by the people and establishing that powers not delegated to the U.S. are reserved to the states respectively or to the people.

James Madison introduced these 10 amendments in 1789 as the "Bill of Rights" and they were adopted as such in 1791 and thus became part of the Constitution.

While all amendments to the Constitution are of course important, there are some I wish to stress in particular because they impact on our life to this very day.

Amendment #13: Ratified in 1865 clearly states that no slavery or involuntary servitude shall exist within the U.S., except as punishment for a crime (1865).

Amendment #15: The right to vote shall not be denied because of race, color or previous conditions of servitude (1870).

Amendment #19: The right to vote shall not be denied because of sex (1920).

Amendment #24: Voting rights shall not be denied for failure to pay any poll tax or other taxes (1964).

Is the U.S. Constitution perfect? Of course not. No man-made document is, but it is the best in existence today and it responds favorably to the ideas the forefathers of this country tried to implement in this the most important document, which so admirably responds to what they saw as their task: to form a more perfect union.

Read the preamble to the Constitution: "We the people..." □

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Consumer Traps and Tips

By Dennis Moore
Palm Beach County
Consumer Affairs Division

Topic: Selecting the Right Tax Preparer Trap

The 2008 tax year was not very good for Ruth from West Palm Beach. She was widowed, her small business failed, and her rental property didn't do well. All of this left Ruth confused since her husband had previously handled the taxes.

With all these changes in her life, should Ruth try to do her own tax preparation? She had seen advertisements for tax preparers and even heard she could get her refund right away, for a fee. One tax preparer promised to get her a big refund. What should Ruth do?

Tips
The tax preparation industry is not regulated in Florida, and preparers are not required to be licensed or pass a background check. The following lists several ways to avoid a tax preparation nightmare:

- First, decide if you even need a tax preparer. Many tax returns are not com-

- plex and require only a simple filing. Call the IRS at 1-800-829-1040 and ask about free or minimum cost assistance programs.
- Ask about your preparer's qualifications. Some situations may call for a certified public accountant or an "enrolled agent" licensed by the IRS.
- Get an estimate of costs up front. Don't be afraid to shop around or change preparers if you are not comfortable.
- Be wary of preparers who promise a big refund or base their fee on the amount of your refund. You, not the preparer, are ultimately responsible for your tax return.
- Be cautious about "refund anticipation loans." These loans are secured by your anticipated tax refund and may carry hefty fees and interest rates. By using the IRS's e-file program, tax refunds can be processed in as little as 10 days.

Topic: Choosing a Locksmith Trap
Mary's Boca Raton home had been broken into and her flat screen TV stolen. After the police left, she looked

through the phone book for a locksmith. She saw an advertisement with a Web site, the business claimed to be licensed, bonded and insured. She called and they quoted a reasonable rate but arrived in an unmarked van. The "technician" told Mary that the fee was misquoted. He would need to be paid for the service call plus the one hour minimum rate. Feeling a little intimidated, she agreed.

Mary later suspected that she paid too much after visiting a local building supply store. Still upset by the robbery, she was now mad. Mary had paid three times the amount for the same lock.

- Tips**
Mary was robbed, but did she really know who replaced the new lock on her front door?
- Locksmiths are not required to be licensed. Look for certification with the Association of Locksmiths of America, or other organizations that show a person has passed competency tests.
 - Ask for proof the business is bonded and insured in case your home is damaged. Do they have worker's compensation coverage for their employees?

- Does the business also require the employee to pass a criminal background check and/or drug test?
- Be sure the locksmith has a local shop and not just a Web site. Get a receipt with a verifiable address and telephone number should you have a problem.

Topic: Buying Furniture Trap

The last time Janice bought furniture had been a nightmare! She had gone to a recently opened store that was having a "great" sale. A lot of the furniture did not have manufacturer's labels or price tags but the sales person helped her find furniture in her price range and said it could be delivered in two days.

Janice hadn't been concerned that the order form just said "furniture" and "bed" and it did not itemize the two nightstands, the dresser and the headboard or the queen mattress. When the furniture arrived three weeks later the mattress and nightstands were not what she ordered! The headboard and dresser mirror were missing!

- Tips**
This time would be different.
- Janice got a business infor-

- mation report from Consumer Affairs.
- She was at a store that had been at the same location for several years, where friends and relatives had shopped with good results.
- She made sure all the furniture had manufacturer's labels and price tags.
- She insisted on seeing and reviewing everything on the order form before paying for the furniture. Janice wanted to make sure each item she was buying was listed on the form along with the manufacturer's name, model name and number, the size, color and price.
- She read all the terms and conditions on the order form carefully.
- Janice paid for the furniture with a credit card, giving her leverage in case of a dispute.

Topic: Gold Parties Trap
Mark from Boynton Beach couldn't resist the invitation. A gold party! It sounded fun, and his wife had a big box of discarded jewelry. He went to a stranger's house across town and met a lot of people

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Traps & Tips

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selling their gold. There was a professional looking lady weighing the gold and writing checks. Mark handed over his bag of jewelry and made more than three hundred dollars! He even got a tip on how he could start his own gold party business. Later that night, he wondered if he got such a great deal. Mark’s wife was also not happy about him selling her high school pendant.

Tips

The gold bullion exchange industry is largely unregulated and Florida does not require licensing. There are ways to avoid a gold party nightmare:

- First, decide if you really want to sell your gold. Jewelry can often be worth more than its salvage weight when you include artistic or sentimental value.
- Gold parties may be fun and convenient, but may not give you the best deal. It is important to know the karat of your gold and to get it appraised beforehand. Call a local jewelry store or go to www.gold-price.org.
- Keep in mind nobody does business to lose. Gold parties operate with many costs such as host commissions, the buyer’s time and the refiner’s costs. These expenses mean your gold may be bought at up to half of what it is really worth.
- Be wary of buyers who lump your gold into one pile. Sort your gold by karat weight beforehand, and be cautious if told your gold is of a different karat.
- Understand the scales. Gold is measured in Troy ounces (31.1 grams). Shady buyers will weigh gold in what’s called pennyweight (1.555 grams) and pay you in grams. Make sure you are paid the right price for the unit of measurement.

Topic: Boat Repairs...
Don’t Get Soaked!
Trap

The sun was shining and the seas were calm, but Jake’s boat engine wouldn’t start. Jake called a friend who knew someone who worked on boats. The “mechanic” came to Jake’s house and looked at the engine. He said the fuel filter was bad, and the carburetor needed to be rebuilt. Jake paid \$400 and waited a few weeks to get the parts. The mechanic installed the parts

and declared the boat ready to go. Unfortunately, 10 miles out to sea, Jake had the same problem. This time, the engine wouldn’t start, and Jake had to pay \$200 to get the boat towed to the marina.

Tips

The International Boat Show ended Sunday, March 29. Events like this provide an opportunity to learn more about keeping boats shipshape. Here are some tips:

- Florida does not require “boat mechanics” to be certified in marine repairs.
- The Motor Vehicle Repair Act does not include boat repairs, and mechanics are not required to provide a written estimate before beginning repairs. You should request a detailed written estimate with a specific bottom-line dollar amount.
- Visit the shop first, and inspect it for cleanliness and organization. Determine how long the shop has been in business by checking for a business tax receipt.
- Before contacting a marine repair shop, know what type of engine you have, and ask if any of the technicians are factory trained. Be prepared to explain your specific problem (i.e. hard start, no start or running/idling rough).
- Consider membership in a boat or fishing club. Ask members for references.
- Is the business insured? Consider the liability if someone gets hurt on your property.

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toll free) or visit www.pbcgov.com/consumer to see if other consumers have filed complaints against the company you are considering. Please note that Florida has a broad public records law, and that all correspondence to me via email may be subject to disclosure. □

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This tip came from a neighborhood watch coordinator. Next time you come home for the night and you start to put your keys away, think of this:

It's a security alarm system that you probably already have and requires no installation. Test it. It will go off from most everywhere inside your house and will keep honking until your battery runs down or until you reset it with the button on the key fob chain.. It works if you park in your driveway or garage. If your car alarm goes off when someone is trying to break into your house, odds are the burglar/rapist won't stick around. After a few seconds, all the neighbors will be looking out their windows to see who is out there and sure enough, the criminal won't want that. And remember to

carry your keys while walking to your car in a parking lot. The alarm can work the same way there. This is something that should really be shared with everyone. Maybe it could save a life or stop a sexual abuse crime.

It would also be useful for any emergency, such as a heart attack, where you can't reach a phone. My Mom has suggested to my Dad that he carry his car keys with him in case he falls outside and she doesn't hear him. He can activate the car alarm and then she'll know there's a problem.

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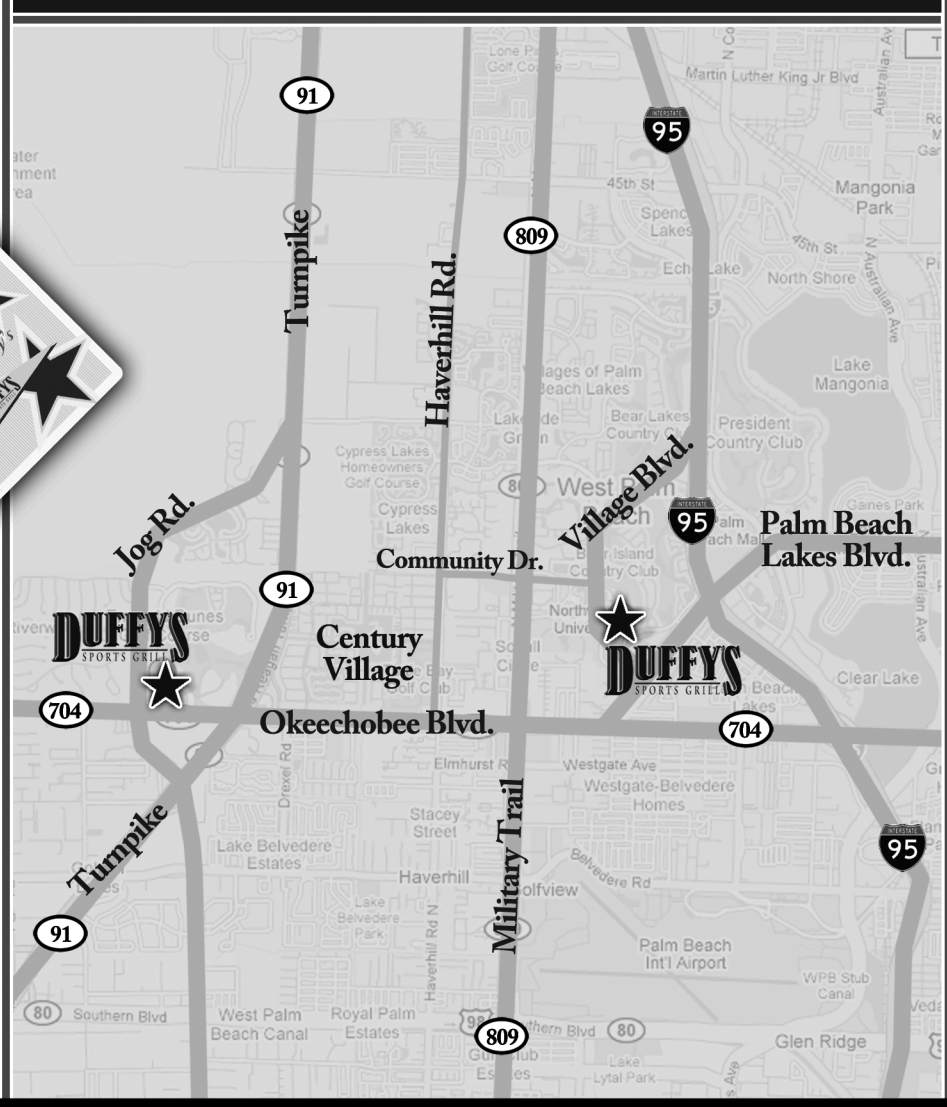
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Clubhouse	8:00	9:00	10:00	11:00	12:00	D r i v e r s . L u n c h	1:00	2:00	3:00	4:00	5:00	6:00	7:00	8:00	9:00	10:00		
Dover	8:02	9:02	10:02	11:02	1:02		2:02	3:02	4:02	5:02	6:02	7:02	8:02	9:02	10:02			
Somerset	8:03	9:03	10:03	11:03	1:03		2:03	3:03	4:03	5:03	6:03	7:03	8:03	9:03	10:03			
Berkshire	8:04	9:04	10:04	11:04	1:04		2:04	3:04	4:04	5:04	6:04	7:04	8:04	9:04	10:04			
Camden	8:07	9:07	10:07	11:07	1:07		2:07	3:07	4:07	5:07	6:07	7:07	8:07	9:07	10:07			
Windsor	8:09	9:09	10:09	11:09	1:09		2:09	3:09	4:09	5:09	6:09	7:09	8:09	9:09	10:09			
UCO Office (When Open)	8:11	9:11	10:11	11:11	1:11		2:11	3:11	4:11	5:11	Except Saturday and Sunday							
Wellington L & M	8:12	9:12	10:12	11:12	1:12		2:12	3:12	4:12	5:12	6:12	7:12	8:12	9:12	10:12			
Wellington Circle	8:13	9:13	10:13	11:13	1:13		2:13	3:13	4:13	5:13	6:13	7:13	8:13	9:13	10:13			
Andover	8:16	9:16	10:16	11:16	1:16		2:16	3:16	4:16	5:16	6:16	7:16	8:16	9:16	10:16			
Kingswood	8:21	9:21	10:21	11:21	1:21		2:21	3:21	4:21	5:21	6:21	7:21	8:21	9:21	10:21			
Hastings Fitness Center	8:25	9:25	10:25	11:25	1:25		2:25	3:25	4:25									
Medical Building	8:28	9:28	10:28	11:28	1:28		2:28	3:28	4:28	5:28								
Clubhouse	8:30	9:30	10:30	11:30	1:30		2:30	3:30	4:30	5:30	6:30	7:30	8:30	9:30	10:30			
Publix	8:35	9:35	10:35	11:35	1:35	2:35	3:35	4:35	Drivers'	6:35	7:35	8:35						
Clubhouse	8:45	9:45	10:45	11:45	1:45	2:45	3:45	4:45	Dinner	6:45	7:45	8:45						

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

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

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

Shuttle Bus Route										D r i v e r s , L u n c h	Please be at your bus stop 10 minutes before your pickup time.			
Perimeter Drive														
Clubhouse				9:00	10:00	11:00	12:00	12:45						
Morse Home Drop off				Tuesday & Thursday				1:00	2:00		3:00	4:00		
Post Office Drop off				Tuesday & Thursday				1:04						
Salon 27				9:04	10:04	11:04					3:04			
Library				9:07	10:07	11:07		1:06	2:06		3:06	4:06		
Humana / UCO Office (When Open)				9:10	10:10	11:10		1:07	2:07		3:07	4:07		
Walmart Supermarket				9:16	10:16	11:16		1:10	2:10		3:10	4:10		
Century Plaza				9:22	10:22	11:22		1:16	2:16		3:16	4:16		
Emporium Shoppes				9:26	10:26	11:26		1:22	2:22		3:22	4:22		
Lowe's				9:26	10:26	11:26		1:26	2:26		3:26	4:26		
Baby Supermarket				9:27	10:27	11:27		1:27	2:27		3:27	4:27		
Morse Home Pickup				9:29	10:29	11:29		1:29	2:29		3:29	4:29		
Post Office Pickup				Tuesday & Thursday						3:30				
Post Office Pickup				Tuesday & Thursday						3:33				
Perimeter Drive				On Request				On Request						
Clubhouse				9:45	10:45	11:45	1:45	2:45	3:45	4:45				

Please be Prepared to Show the Bus Driver Your Century Village ID When Boarding <u>ALL</u> Buses			
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Mall Bus Route										** 5 PM MALL BUS RUNS ON SATURDAY ONLY **	The Holiday bus will run on New Year's Day, July 4th, Thanksgiving Day and Christmas Day.
Clubhouse	9:00	10:00	11:00	12:00	1:00	2:00	3:00	4:00	5:00		
Jewish Comm. Center	9:05	10:05		D r i v e r s							
Pine Trail Square								4:07	5:07		
K-Mart	9:13	10:13	11:10		1:10	2:10	3:10	4:10	5:10		
Church	9:20	10:20	11:17		1:17	2:17	3:17	4:17	5:17		
Palm Beach Mall	9:24	10:24	11:24		1:24	2:24	3:24	4:24	5:24		
Village Commons	9:29	10:29	11:29		1:29	2:29	3:29	4:29	5:29		
Jewish Comm. Center	9:40	10:40	11:40								
Clubhouse	9:45	10:45	11:45		1:45	2:45	3:45	4:45	5:45		

Express Bus Route								Excursion Bus *Monday* (Excludes the 2nd Monday)							
Perimeter Drive	8:45			12:00				Leaves Clubhouse	9:35 AM	10:35 AM	Pick Up Times				
Clubhouse	9:00	10:00	11:00			1:00	2:00	3:00	Washington Mutual	On Request					
Walgreens	9:04	10:04	11:04			1:04	2:04	3:04	Wellington Mall	10:05 AM		1:15 PM			
Pine Trail Square	9:08	10:08	11:08		D r i v e r s	1:08	2:08	3:08	Home Depot	On Request					
Albertson's	9:09	10:09	11:09			1:09	2:09	3:09	Target		11:05 AM		2:05 PM		
Deal\$ \$5 & Less Store	9:14	10:14	11:14			1:14	2:14	3:14	Wal-Mart		11:10 AM		2:10 PM		
Winn Dixie	9:18	10:18	11:18			1:18	2:18	3:18	Excursion Bus *Wednesday* (Excludes the 4th Wednesday)						
Publix	9:28	10:28	11:28			1:28	2:28	3:28	Leaves Clubhouse	9:35 AM			Pick Up Times		
Washington Mutual	On Request								City Place		10:05 AM		2:00 PM		
Perimeter Drive	9:38	10:38	11:38			1:38	2:38	3:38	Gardens Mall		10:35 AM		1:30 PM		
Clubhouse	9:48	10:48	11:48	1:48		2:48	3:48	Return Clubhouse					2:30 PM		

Sundays & Holidays Bus Route (Combo)									
Clubhouse	9:00	10:00	11:00	12:00	1:00	2:00	3:00	4:00	5:00
Walgreen's	9:04	10:04	11:04	D r i v e r s	1:04	2:04	3:04	4:04	5:04
Albertson's	9:07	10:07	11:07		1:07	2:07	3:07	4:07	5:07
Pine Trail	9:09	10:09	11:09		1:09	2:09	3:09	4:09	5:09
Deal\$ \$5 & Less Store	9:12	10:12	11:12		1:12	2:12	3:12	4:12	5:12
IHOP	9:15	10:15	11:15		1:15	2:15	3:15	4:15	5:15
Cross County	9:16	10:16	11:16	L u n c h	1:16	2:16	3:16	4:16	5:16
Church	9:22	10:28	11:22		1:22	2:22	3:22	4:22	5:22
Palm Beach Mall			11:28		1:28	2:28	3:28	4:28	5:28
Village Commons	9:34	10:34	11:34		1:34	2:34	3:34	4:34	5:34
Emporium Shoppes	9:40	10:40	11:40		1:40	2:40	3:40	4:40	5:40
Lowes	9:41	10:41	11:41		1:41	2:41	3:41	4:41	5:41
Clubhouse	9:48	10:48	11:48		1:48	2:48	3:48	4:48	5:48

The Excursion Bus will go to Lake Worth Beach on the 2nd Monday (Leaves 9:30 am - Picks Up 2:05 pm) ***and to the Carnival Flea Market in DelRay on the 4th Wednesday*** (Leaves 9:35 am - Picks Up 1:45 pm) ***of the Month.***

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By George Franklin

March 10, 2009, we had a guest speaker, Dr Armando Rodriguez. Dr. Rodriguez is a collector and expert on Machine Guns. He also is a Forensic Dentist working with many Local, State and Federal Law Enforcement agencies.

One of the many examples of rare and valuable weapons that he displayed was a German World War 2 Sturm Gravier (sic?) Assault Submachine Gun. This weapon is a Model MP-43, made in 1943. This is a very rare gun as the majority were made in 1944. The 1943 was the prototype and experimental models were tested. This particular weapon was a "Bring Back" from the war by a soldier. The value of this weapon would be some where around \$15,000 to \$20,000 in the condition it is in.

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The climax of the presentation was the Barrett 50 Caliber Rifle. This weapon took the entire table to show because of its size. Dr. Rodriguez is an expert on this weapon. He has been certified by the company and other agencies on the instruction and use.

Some of these weapons are so rare that you may only

see some in museums or very private collections.

This club never charges members any dues. Guests are welcome and we meet the second Tuesday of the month, 7:00 p.m. in Class Room "B" of the Clubhouse. We always have a guest speaker for each meeting and they have ranged from the United States Secret Service to an expert on the Battle of the Little Big Horn with General Custer and Sitting Bull. This speaker also brought with him actual battlefield relics!

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