



Resident from our world meets resident from water world



On Top of the World resident Connie McDonald has a chat with Louie the dolphin.

Connie and Jerry McDonald are an adventurous pair from the Viennese Villa building and they always seem to find interesting things to do.

How about shaking hands with a dolphin for a change?

Recently, Connie and Jerry visited the Dolphin Research Center at Marathon Key, Fla. This is a marvelous place to visit because anyone is able to interact with the dolphins, as seen by Connie, who is chatting with her new friend, Louie.

Louie is one lucky guy. He was discovered stranded in



Louisiana covered in oil with additional injuries in the fall of 2010.

Louie arrived at the center in the winter of 2011 and has

made a remarkable recovery.

However, Louie is unable to survive on his own in the ocean or gulf, so he has become a permanent welcomed addition to the center. Joining Louie are Gambit, Karen, Luna and many others - all with their own personalities.

Louie's story is one of many at this wonderful place and the research center also has an adopt a dolphin program for people who want to donate a nice gift.

The alternative is asking On Top of the World for permis-

sion to keep a dolphin aquarium in your condo.

The research center mission is to promote a peaceful coexistence, cooperation and communication between marine mammals, humans and the environment.

The center has a variety of dolphins, plus sea lions.

For more information, you can visit dolphin.com, where you can also view a live Web cam of swimming dolphins.

Thank you Connie for sharing this marvelous wildlife haven story with us.

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Debby was a warning not to be ignored

Take time for a reality check on your insurance coverage

Tropical Storm Debby was a reminder to all residents to check in with your insurance agent and make sure the insurance coverage on your unit and contents is adequate.

We were very fortunate that there was no flooding to units or infrastructure despite 13 inches of rain in 24 hours.

If there is ever a next time, we may not be so fortunate.

If you feel “lucky” and go without insurance, or believe you can self-insure, you should reconsider because the cost of repair or reconstruction may well exceed the value of your condominium many times over.

It is the obligation of every owner to insure the contents of their unit. The service department has handled numerous major leaks from improperly maintained water heaters. The replacement and maintenance of water heaters is the responsibility of the unit owner.

In all cases, the owner found out how important having insurance is when faced with paying for the extensive damage to their unit and adjoining units.

The Association will seek reimbursement from the unit owner for its repair work in every instance.

This is a good point to segue into the limits of coverage that individual unit owners may wish to have. Contents coverage may vary greatly depending what you own. As a basic point though, you need adequate limits to cover furnishings, personal items, floor coverings, appliances, and cabinetry.

All carriers write an HO6 rider that provides for loss assessment coverage in the event of a special assessment from the Association to cover unforeseen shortfalls in losses.

In the On Top of the World Condominium Association, buildings are insured under a master policy in the name of the Association. The deductible is \$10,000 for any event per occurrence including wind/hail related damage.

Named storm events carry a separate deductible of 5 percent of the total of values at the time of loss at each location involved in the loss, subject to a minimum (community wide) deductible of \$250,000 for any one occurrence, such as a named storm.

With respect to flood, earthquake, and flood resulting from a named storm, all loss, damage, and/or



expense arising out of any one occurrence shall be adjusted as one loss, and from an amount of each such adjusted loss there is a \$100,000 deductible.

Prevent Expensive Losses

August is a great month to check the condition of your water heater.

This appliance is usually silently working away...until it starts to leak. You may not notice the leak until you hear from an angry down stair neighbor or you flood out your own unit.

The Association is responsible for the area between the units. By the time you hear from a neighbor about flooding, you have already flooded the Association's property. You will be responsible for the damage to your unit and contents, your neighbor's damage, and damage to Association property.

Water damage can be very expensive to repair, even more so if you've failed to keep your homeowner's insurance in place.

The water heater, like your air conditioner, is the owner's responsibility to maintain, repair or replace.

If your water heater is over 10 years old, it needs replacement. If you don't know the original install date, then it probably needs replacement.

If your water heater is less than 10 years old, there is an excellent and very affordable early warning device built by Water Alarm. If you can successfully put batteries in a flashlight, you can operate this small device - it really is that simple to use.

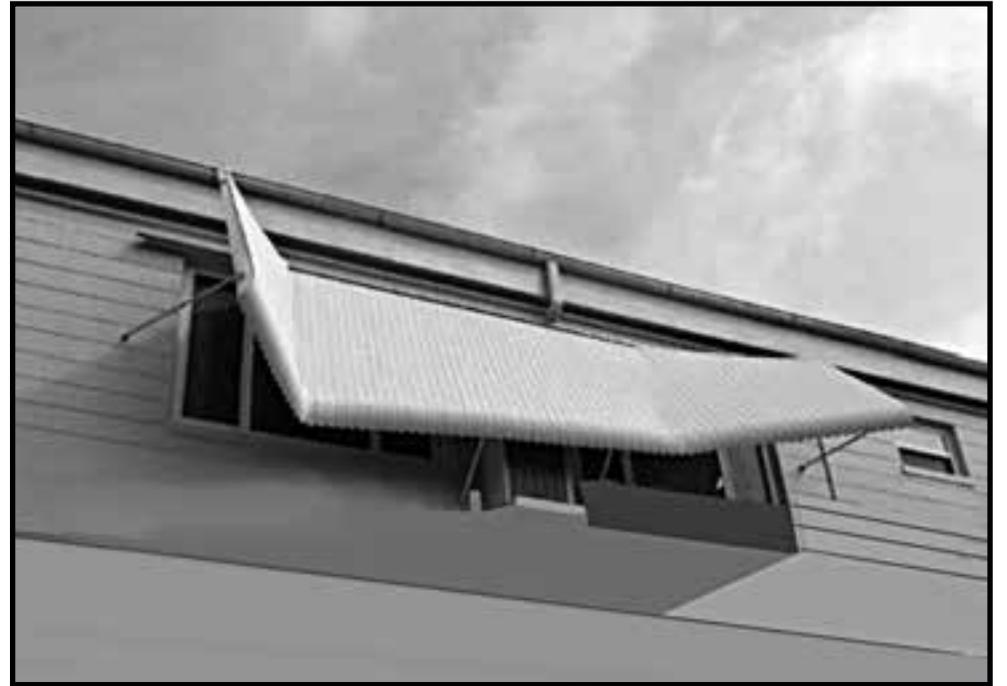
The device has a small sensor that you place under the water heater. If it contacts moisture, the alarm sounds and provides warning.

This device is available at cost, through our service department. Look for the display advertisement in this paper for more detail.

Upcoming Projects

Painting/Flooring/Lighting

Painting/Waterproofing: Build-



This awning came down during Tropical Storm Debby and winds never reached more than 30 miles per hour.

ings 55 and 69 will be painted on the front elevations starting mid-month, weather permitting. Remember, all start dates are approximate.

Flooring replacements in the center cores are continuing on schedule.

Installation of new center core lighting fixtures is continuing in the “X” buildings only (will continue into September due to a backorder of product).

Rails

Building 51 will be having a railing replacement/supplement project anticipated for the third week of August.

Inspections

Structural Inspection and correction program (inspection process across property to determine condition, then affect repairs on headers, tower elements, walkways, sidewalks, parapets, columns, railings, center core doors, etc.) will be ongoing throughout the summer. As building age, more detailed inspection and assessments are required.

Compliance inspections are ongoing. Particularly, they are addressing overplanting or unmaintained landscape around the building common area and also looking at clutter enforcement. This includes tagging and removal of excessive furnishings placed in the center core areas. Remember, much of the material placed there may actually violate the life safe-

ty code for building access.

Parking Lots

Parking lot stall number restenciling and water meter box number restenciling will be ongoing through September.

Awnings

Awning inspections (all buildings) are ongoing. The recent spate of failures during Tropical Storm Debby, pointed up the vulnerability of so many of these awnings (see picture above) and the truth is, we didn't really experience wind gusts over 30 mph.

Staff has identified numerous awnings that have deteriorated or have damaged buildings. These awnings require removal.

The management company has reported numerous awnings in disrepair or weak attachments. In some cases, the method of mounting has damaged the building to such an extent, that the awning must be removed.

As noted in prior articles, the “clam-shell” awnings do not meet building code for wind resistance. Fortunately there are new products that do.

Tennis Courts

Finally, restoration of the East Activity Center tennis courts is in progress. The plan is to remove the asphalt down to the base, level/balance, and compact. This renewed base will be paved, and allowed to cure before the 10-ply resilient coating is applied.

MONEY SAVING TIPS

1. The new energy saving light bulbs are much more efficient and last up to 10 times longer and do not get as hot as halogen bulbs. CFL bulbs use 75% less energy and can be found at several different price ranges. I think the best part is the fact you do not have to change bulbs for a lot longer time.

2. You can save money by setting your thermostat higher in the summer.

The suggested setting was 78 degrees. Just be sure and run the air so you avoid mold and mildew. Watch your closets and cupboards and closed boxes for any sign of mold.

Sundays are busy this summer in the East Activity Center

Summer continues to be somewhat quiet, however, you will find some fun things inside, and fun things outside on the activity calendar.

Last month I did mention tennis, but now the courts are shut down until around September for a very complete update, including a new PlexiCushion system. I'm sure it will be well worth the wait. They will also be installing lights for night play. Our tennis club and others can hardly wait.

On some Sundays you now have a choice of activities at the East Activity Center.

On Sunday evenings you can come out and join the Karaoke group in the Starlight room at 6 p.m. Check the monthly calendar for the dates.

On Sunday afternoons you can



have a fun time playing the popular game of Wii Bowling at 2 p.m. in the large card room.

Also, on one Sunday afternoon a month, the Entertainment Committee invites you to join them for Sunday in the Park at 2 p.m. in the auditorium.

Always check your calendar pages for all the great events going on at OTOW.

If you did not attend the Get Acquainted Coffee on July 12, you really missed out as Good Neighbors gave away several door prizes of \$25 and one very lucky person won a \$50 door prize.

Every second Thursday at 10 a.m. we have a fun meeting with free entertainment and we serve free coffee and donuts starting at about 10:20 am. Following the regular portion of the meeting we have representatives from several locals companies make presentations and give away door prizes from their companies.

You don't want to miss out on all the fun so be sure and join us Aug. 9.

The newspaper office will be closed Aug. 25-Sept. 3

The September newspaper will still be delivered on Aug. 31

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Get your windows sealed properly

With the advent of a very rainy summer, some residents have discovered their replacement windows weren't properly sealed.

As a result, rain water got into the interior portions of their condos and caused minor damage.

On Top of the World reminds residents that silicone sealants are no longer approved as a caulking or waterproofing device in this community. If you hire a licensed contractor to seal a window, the contractor must use an acrylic urethane or polyurethane sealant.

In response to this uptick in window sealant leaks, Mike Moody Painting will assist residents with sealant issues. You must call first to get an assessment and quote.

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Below are tips to prepare you for a hurricane

June is the start of the hurricane season and the time to start thinking seriously about dealing with the risk and inconveniences that may be encountered during and immediately after a storm.

Your Association makes every effort to prepare for storm events by securing potential hazards, protecting buildings and Association related assets, and making sure we have an up-

dated recovery plan.

Key personnel are on-call before and after a storm. Tarps (in limited supply) are kept on hand to secure roofs in the event of damage.

Despite all of our efforts, much of your own safety and comfort depends entirely on you. To that end, I am reprinting key points to help you prepare for a storm event:

Prepare for the possibility of a hurricane

- Designate as a “post-disaster contact,” a relative or friend who lives outside the danger zone. Make sure each family member has been given this person’s address and phone number, and agrees to contact him or her following the hurricane.

- Keep on hand at least one week’s supply of bottled water and nonperishable food items. You should also have available a manual can/bottle opener, a flashlight, and a battery operated radio or television (with an extra set of batteries for each). Make sure these items are readily accessible, so that you can

quickly pack and evacuate.

- Maintain an up-to-date inventory of everything in your home. Taking photos and/or making videotapes of these items may help support the value you place on them. Also, consider storing valuable items at a secure location away from the house.

- Remove furniture from porches or patio, and secure hoses so that these objects do not become dangerous or lethal projectiles during a storm.

- Stock up on items you may need to protect your home or to prevent it from being further dam-

aged after the storm has passed. These items may include, but are not limited to, tarps or plastic, hammers, nails and plywood.

- Make sure your family is trained on how to turn off damaged utilities.

- At least once per year, review your insurance coverage to make sure it is adequate and up to date.

- Don’t forget about your pet. Some evacuation centers do not allow pets. Making arrangements before a storm reduces the anxiety for both you and your pet.

As a hurricane approaches

- Refill prescriptions.
- Make sure your car has a full tank of gas as power outages may force gas stations to remain closed for several days following a hurricane.

- Store important documents and other valuable items in waterproof bags.

- Bring inside, any loose items that can be found around the home. Firmly tie down loose items that cannot be brought indoors.

- Tape, board or shutter windows.

- Have enough cash on hand to last at least a full week. Banks and ATMS may be closed for several days following the storm.

After a storm

- Don’t venture outside until local authorities have issued an “all-clear.”

- Continue to check the radio or TV for post hurricane updates.

- If you have evacuated, don’t return until authorities re-open your area. Remember, you may need proof of residency to return.

- Use a flashlight to look at damage. Allow only those people who have been trained, to turn off damaged utilities (e.g. gas) and disconnect damaged appliances.

- Beware of downed power lines and other debris.

- Wear sturdy shoes and clothing to protect yourself. People are oftentimes hurt more frequently after the hurricane than during it.

- Use only bottled water. Unless otherwise advised, assume tap water is contaminated and sewer lines are out of order.

- If electrical power was lost during the hurricane, be extremely careful before consuming food taken from your refrigerator. When in doubt, throw it out.

- Use the phone only for emergencies.

- Conserve water! DO NOT WASH DRIVEWAYS OF DEBRIS. If the power is out and you still have water pressure it is only because the water plant is running on auxiliary power.

During a hurricane

- Stay tuned to a battery-operated radio or television for weather bulletins and important information.

- Follow the orders of local authorities.

- Stay indoors in an interior room without windows (even if you have evacuated, inland locations may still be at risk). If conditions worsen, take shelter in a closet or bathroom and use mattresses to protect yourself.

- Don’t assume the hurricane is over when the wind subsides. The calm may be the eye of the storm, and the worse part may still be on the way.

The insurance process ...

Proper insurance coverage can help reduce the financial burden you may suffer as a result of a hurricane. Here are some additional tips that will make the claims process easier for you and your claims adjuster.

- Don’t alter the condition of the damaged property. Take whatever steps are necessary to protect your property from further damage.

- Contact your insurance agent as soon as possible. Provide your agent or insurance carrier all information pertaining to your claim.

- Make a list of damaged or destroyed property. Your adjuster will be able to work more quickly if he or she has a written list to work from. Photos of damaged property may also be useful.

- Keep records and receipts for ALL expenses you incur. Supplies purchased to protect damaged property, or the costs incurred while staying at a hotel while your home is being repaired, may be recoverable.

- Try to be patient. Once you report your claim, your claims adjuster will respond as quickly as possible. Delays may be likely, as hurricanes often uproot signs and deposit debris on highways, severely impeding traffic.

If your electricity goes out

- Use a flashlight – not a candle or match as this is a fire hazard.

- Open your refrigerator only when absolutely necessary. This will help keep food fresh for as long as possible.

ADDITIONAL RESOURCES

National Hurricane Center
<http://www.nhc.noaa.gov/>

Hurricane & Storm Tracking
<http://hurricane.terrarin.com/>

The Weather Channel
<http://www.weather.com/index.html>

Progress Energy Hurricane Preparedness
<http://www.progress-energy.com/aboutenergy/stormcentral/index.asp>

Printable Hurricane Tracking Maps
<http://www.fiu.edu/orgs/w4ehw/tracking-maps.html>

If you were a dog, would you seek relief outside during a flood?

A lot of people have good advice about preparing for hurricanes and major storms, but during the recent experience with Tropical Storm Debby, I discovered I may not be as prepared as I thought.

Actually, I think I'm prepared to weather through a major storm, but it's my dog, Montana, who I don't think is ready.

You see, there is a ton of literature on storm preparations, including first aid kits, storing food that won't go bad, having plenty of water on hand, stocking up on batteries, and purchasing a good radio.

Some literature even reminds us to have extra pet food and pet medications in case our best friends are in need.

But during Debby, when my brother's backyard was flooding, Montana peeped out his doggy door and then poked his head back inside. He then took another peek outside and came back inside again.

Montana turned and looked at me with this very concerned look on



his face.

You could clearly tell what Montana was thinking, "I'm not going out there!"

Would you blame him?

At first, seeing the expression on Montana's face was funny, as I could see he was contemplating the negative effects of going outside into a yard-turned-swimming pool. But after several checks to see if the water was still there, an eerie thought crossed my mind.

"What if Montana won't go outside to do his business?"

I don't think even the most detailed storm preparation literature draws attention to the fact that your "large" dog may decide it's not worth going outside for relief.

But eventually, he will have to go won't he?

According to the Website, "dogster.com," there have actually been other people with similar concerns. One person wrote, "I put my rain boots on and my raincoat on and took (my pets) out and waited until they went. I was drenched and they were drenched, but it's easier to dry off than pay a vet bill."

Another pet owner responded, "Snickers will hold it in rather than get his feet wet. I've tried leashes, umbrellas and treats, but Snickers looks at me and says, 'Not gonna happen.'"

A third person wrote, dogs know when things aren't right. The first experience getting through the aftermath of a bad storm may cause problems, but the dog should eventually learn it's OK to take care of business when a storm is over.

I know some people keep a supply of kitty litter on hand in case it's a bad idea for a dog to go outside, but my dog's no dummy – he's not about to do his thing in a container meant for Whiskers.

If presented with the idea of using a box, Montana would certainly look at me with his ears straight up in the air as if to say, "Do you really think I'm that stupid? Or, "you've got to be kidding." Or, "You use the box first and then I'll think about it."

Fortunately, the backyard at my brother's house didn't stay flooded very long, and when Montana peeped out through his door and saw green again, he knew it was OK to resume the fertilization process over again.

But, in the long term, if flooding were to continue, and wind-related storms lingered for days, then what? Either Montana will have to come up with a back up plan, or I'll have to convince him it's OK to perform like a cat.

That's one conversation that won't go over very well.

Anyone have any ideas?

*To advertise in our September edition, checks must be received by Aug. 15**

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Pro Shop gets an upgrade

A coffee counter, a trophy shelf and fresh paint were just a few of the improvements which have given the On Top of the World golf pro shop an upgrade.

On the outside, a new coat of paint was accompanied by a fresh coat of green trim. Two new windows were added.

Inside, golfers can now take advantage of a new coffee area, a working sink, or browse the improved snack area with new counters.

A trophy rack stands proudly in one corner, and the bathrooms have been remodeled, too.

Last year the golf course underwent a remodeling job of its own. This summer the status of the pro shop was brought up to the same level. The project was completed in early July.



Dominic Contorno helps himself to a cup of coffee in the remodeled pro shop. Walt Thompson is ready to sell you a snack. (OTOW News photo by Doug Kates)



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Don't let your home look like this

By Sharon Licata
News You Can Use

With more than 15 inches of rain during the months of June and July, the management company stayed very busy.

The Service Department generated a record number of service requests for water intrusion inspections. Improperly sealed window installations were the underlying cause in the majority of the service requests.

Window replacements must be sealed with a polyurethane caulk as most silicone products break down in the hot, Florida sun.

Unfortunately, a water leak in a second or third floor unit not only impacts the originating unit, but the units below. These issues are alarming in the aspect of cost to the unit owners involved.

Another recurring cause of water leaks this summer has been from toilet supply lines. If the toilet supply line has not been replaced (to your knowledge), or if you are in doubt, we urge you to replace the supply line now. This would also be a good time to replace the toilet fill valve. The cost of parts for a braided metal supply line is typically less than \$20, much less than a \$20,000 water remediation claim that typically results.

Unfortunately water can make its way into your home by other avenues, as evidenced by the list below:

- Improperly sealed windows includes using incompatible sealant. If your windows are sealed with a silicone product, they should be resealed right away with a polyurethane based caulk.

- Awning anchors, not properly sealed and weatherproofed, could allow water penetration into a unit. Awning inspections are occurring throughout the community; you will be notified of any potential hazards and the awning can be scheduled for removal.

- HVAC exterior access panels and flashing incorrectly sealed or improperly installed.

- HVAC lines not sealed and wrapped properly.

- Interior HVAC drain lines not serviced.
- HVAC drain pans rusted.
- Aged water heaters with deteriorated bottoms.

- Spontaneous washing machine activation following power outages (surprisingly common!). Unplug the machine and turn off the fill valves before going away for an extended period.

- Deteriorated ice maker lines.

- Toilet – old wax rings and inappropriate items being flushed.

- Unlicensed contractors or do-it-yourself homeowners making inadequate repairs.

All of the items listed above should be regularly serviced and maintained.

If your water heater is more than 10 years old, it is a very sure bet it needs replacement. Your air conditioner unit (HVAC) should be serviced at least two times per year, optimally before you leave for an extended time.

Please follow the guidelines below to help ensure a safe, worry-free summer:



- Keep current phone numbers and emergency contacts on file with the Association. A letter with the information will suffice.

- Update your emergency contact personnel and their phone numbers. Chances are, many of your emergency contacts have relocated or changed their phone numbers. Provide the list to the Association and also keep a copy posted on your refrigerator door

- If you are away from home for an extended time, your unit must be inspected by someone you trust once per week to minimize the extent of possible damage. Make sure you leave your key with a reliable person who will do this on a regular basis, not just a “key holder.”

If you are inspecting a unit for an out of town resident:

- Make sure the water to the unit is turned off (see the Service Department to make arrangements). Water should also be turned off in the interior of the unit (toilet supply lines, kitchen supply lines, hot water heater tank supply lines and washing

machine supply lines).

- The air conditioner should be set at a minimum of 80 degrees.

- If a humidistat is present it should be set at 55 degrees.

- Check HVAC closet for moisture.

- Check closets, under sinks and check ceilings for possible stains.

- Check water heater closet and pan.

- Check carpeted areas for moisture (sometimes undetected by the eye).

- Immediately report any suspected interior leak, interior water damage or interior water stain to the Service Department at the East Activity Center for prompt follow-up and instruction.

Finally, make sure you have insurance on your personal property and liability insurance in force on your unit at all times. If a water event happens, you will at least have coverage to help replace what you and your neighbors may have lost in case of such occurrence.



If you see this much water in a road, please don't try to drive through it. We learned from Debby, a flooded street can total a vehicle.

(Photo by Alex Laty)

Debby left behind a lesson to respect water, don't challenge it

By Charlie Christ
Bohemia Building

There was certainly an opportunity for neighbors to help neighbors when Tropical Storm Debby blew through On Top of the World in late June.

Normally, Sundays are a joyous atmosphere here, but it was different when 13 inches of rain suddenly covered a portion of World Parkway Boulevard and a handful of cars became marooned.

Residents gathered to watch what was happening. Meanwhile, two young men, Jordan Arnold and his friend, Alex Laty, sprang into action - first by walking into the water and then by helping any drivers who needed assistance.

Fire and rescue trucks arrived on the scene and rafts were used to check other stranded cars.

Jordan and Alex left the scene drenched and drained from their effort. Alex took pictures, which will assuredly remind them of this day for the rest of their lives. Alex is the grandson of Jerry and Carol DeLisle in the Bohemian Building.

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No tennis today



Work continued on the East Activity Center tennis courts in July. The old surface was removed, the old fencing torn down and the ground was prepared for a whole new surface. The new courts should open in September. (OTOW News photo by Doug Kates)

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A sample of Mexican street food



Today, we're talking corn.

But before I dish my corn recipe, here are some little-known facts about the golden wonder veggie from the University of Arkansas:

1. Corn is produced on every continent of the world with the exception of Antarctica.
2. Grits are small broken grains of corn. They were first produced by Native Americans centuries ago.
3. Before Christopher Columbus's voyage to North America, corn was grown only by the

Esquites (Mexican Corn Salad)

Ingredients

- 2 tablespoons vegetable oil
- 4 ears fresh corn, shucked, kernels removed (about 3 cups fresh corn kernels)
- Kosher salt
- 2 tablespoons mayonnaise
- 2 ounces feta or cotija cheese, finely crumbled
- 1/2 cup finely sliced scallion greens
- 1/2 cup fresh cilantro leaves, finely chopped
- 1 jalapeño pepper, seeded and stemmed, finely chopped
 - 1 to 2 medium cloves garlic, pressed or minced on a micro plane grater (about 1 to 2 teaspoons)
 - 1 tablespoon fresh juice from 1 lime
 - Chili powder or hot chili flakes, to taste

Heat oil in a large non-stick skillet or wok over high heat until shimmering. Add corn kernels, season to taste with salt, toss once or twice, and cook without moving until charred on one side, about 2 minutes. Toss corn, stir, and repeat until charred on second side, about 2 minutes longer. Continue tossing and charring until well charred all over, about 10 minutes total. Transfer to a large bowl.

Add mayonnaise, cheese, scallions, cilantro, jalapeño, garlic, lime juice, and chili powder and toss to combine. Taste and adjust seasoning with salt and more chili powder to taste. Serve immediately.

Indians of North, Central and South America.

4. Petrified corn cobs that are over 5000 years old have

been found in ancient Indian villages in the Western hemisphere.

5. When Columbus's ships

landed in what is now the West Indies, he traded with the Indians and took corn home with him to Spain.

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Forward any documentation from the inspection to the OTOW Condominium Association, 2069 World Parkway Blvd. E, Clearwater, Fl., 33763. A copy will be retained in a permanent file for that unit. If work was undertaken to correct the problem, such remedial work must be described in the documentation. Only documentation received from a licensed plumber or electrician will be considered valid.

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June Allyson got started by putting her best foot forward

June Allyson's father, an abusive alcoholic, left the family when she was at the early age of 6.

June (birth name Eleanor Geisman), when 8 years old, was riding her tricycle and was hit by a falling tree limb, causing a fractured skull and broken back.

Doctors said June would never walk again and confined her to a heavy steel brace from neck to hips for four years, but she did recover and went on to become a major Hollywood star.

After gradually progressing from wheelchair to crutches to braces, June's true escape from her impoverished life was to go to the movies where she fell in love with Hollywood



Walter Balderson

Inside Showbiz

musicals.

By 1938, June had been able to get parts on Broadway while dancing at the Copa in New York. She appeared in the musical "Best Foot Forward" to rave reviews. This led to a contract with MGM where she played the lead in the movie version.

When the studios learned that

she could "cry on cue," they began to give her serious roles. She appeared opposite Jimmy Stewart in "The Stratton Story," "Strategic Air Command" and "The Glenn Miller Story."

Although dating David Rose, Peter Lawford and John F. Kennedy, Allyson's true love was Dick Powell. He was 13 years her senior and previously married to Joan Blondell.

In 1945, June and Dick married, even though MGM tried to break them up.

Louis B. Mayer suspended her, and she disarmed Louis by asking him to give her away at the wedding. He did, but suspended her anyway.

Dick and June had two children. They briefly separated in 1961, but

reconciled and remained married until his death in 1963.

Dick's wealth made it possible for June to effectively retire from show business. She did make a few guest appearances on TV and radio and in the movie "Entertainment III."

She traveled around the country speaking on behalf of Kimberly Clark and was the first celebrity to undertake the role of spokesperson for Depend Undergarments.

June died in 2006 at the age of 88 at her home in Ojai, Calif.

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In simple terms, what is the bottom line for the new, Affordable Health Care Act?

Q. Can you explain what happened with the Health Care Act? I know the Supreme Court ruled it is valid, but I can't for the life of me understand what the Supreme Court said.

A. Probably, by the time you read this, you've seen one analysis after another about what the Supreme Court decision means and what it doesn't mean.

So at the risk of saying what you might already know, here goes: In plain English, the Patient Affordable Health Care Act, including the individual mandate that provided that almost all Americans have to buy health insurance, was found to be a valid constitutional act of legislation by the U.S. Congress.

The Supreme Court did NOT feel that Congress could use its legislative power to regulate commerce between the States in such a way as to penalize an individual for not buying health insurance.

However, the Court did feel that the so-called penalty could be construed as sort of a tax that can be assessed against a person who doesn't purchase health insurance.

Congress could, therefore, use its taxing power to impose that tax.

This decision resulted in the mandate surviving the constitutional attack on its validity. Because the mandate survived at all, the Court did not need to decide if there were any other parts of the Statute that were invalid.

An exception is related to the Medicaid part of the statute, which required States to comply with new Medicaid eligibility standards or risk federal funding for Medicaid benefits.

On that question, the Supreme Court held that that provision was constitutional only so long as the States would only lose new funds if they didn't comply with the new requirements, rather than losing all of their Medicaid funding from the Federal Government.

The decision was passed by a 5-4 decision with Chief Justice Roberts writing the majority decision in favor of the Act.



Q. My father is 91 and is in poor physical condition, but in good mental condition. His wife, my mother, is 76 and has a significant amount of dementia — probably it's Alzheimer's. They do not have wills, powers of attorney, or living wills. What do you suggest they do?

A. Rather than respond specifically to your questions, I am going to address this as a general statement regarding folks who are elderly who have physical or mental AND physical infirmities and do not have wills, powers of attorney or advance directives.

Regarding someone that has a significant amount of dementia or Alzheimers, it is highly unlikely that such a person has the capacity to sign any documents, let alone a will, power of attorney or advance directive.

This is why estate planning attorneys, such as I, strongly urge EVERYONE to do their estate planning early on rather than waiting.

Now, assuming that the spouse with capacity dies first, there's the potential for a huge problem that might only be resolved with a guardianship proceeding.

With regard to the spouse who has physical problems, but not mental problems, that person needs, at the very least, a durable power of attorney and an Advance Directive. He/she probably should have a will as well.

Here's my point(s): There are some documents that people should have BEFORE there's a problem and a durable power of attorney AND an Advance Directive AND a will or else a trust are the most important ones.

These are not matters with which we should be holding off un-

til some future time. The future will come, but if we are not prepared when the future arrives, we might not like what's in store for us.

Q. My husband died (a few months ago). Do I keep his IRA as it is or do I cash it in?

A. I do not provide income tax advice, so no one should rely on this for specific tax advice as to his/her/your exact situation. As a general statement, if a spouse with an IRA dies, and there is a surviving spouse, that survivor can roll over the deceased IRA into her/his own IRA and then extend it out over that spouse's IRA tables for life expectancies.

If the beneficiary of an IRA is not a surviving spouse then there are different options. One of those options would be to maintain the IRA just as it is — in the name of the deceased spouse, and continue to take required minimum distributions at the same rate as the deceased was taking or should have been taking.

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Want living proof we have talent at OTOW? Meet musician Hope Stanton

By Walter Balderson

I was just wrapping up from a bridge game at the East Activity Center when Hope Stanton came in, sat down at the organ and began to play.

Immediately, the room was full of music, and I felt like I was in a concert hall. I could not leave.

Almost any day you can see her at the pool or just walking the streets at On Top of the World, usually dressed in black and carrying a large handbag.

Hope was born in Philadelphia. She was adopted and never knew her real parents. She later learned that her mother was a ballerina and her father a concert pianist.

Hope does not read music and never took a music lesson. She once went to a music teacher in Miami, but was told taking lessons would just mess her up.

"It's all in my head like a computer," she told me, "and just comes out naturally."

Hope met her future husband at a roller rink in Miami. He, too, was a musician. She had two daughters, and he had two sons.

One of her stepsons has sung the National Anthem at sporting events around the country.

Hope has been playing the piano



Hope Stanton

since she was 3 years old. She uses the piano when playing classical music, but mainly stays with the organ. She has played at roller rinks, concert halls and many places that have the overwhelming pipe organ.

She seems amused that I was so awed at her talent when it seemed so natural to her.

Hope has been at OTOW for 12 years and plays at retirement and nursing homes in the area using a keyboard.

Playing by ear is truly a God-given talent. It cannot be taught or learned.

Hope is living proof there is some awesome talent at On Top of the World.

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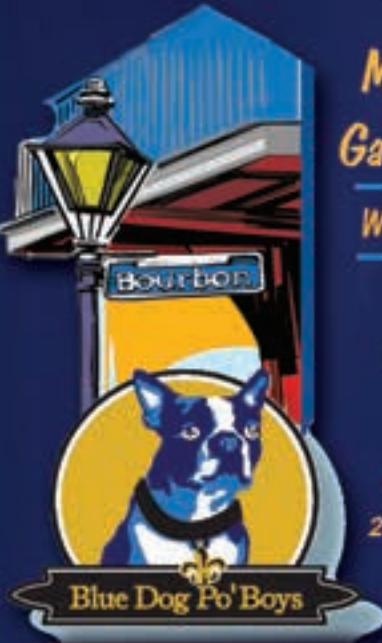
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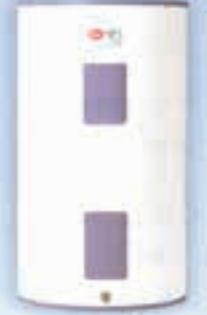
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Travel Club members enjoy trip to Ft. Myers



By Patricia Zorland

On Saturday, June 23, about 16 or so members of the Travel Club went on a three-day trip to the Immokalee Casino located on the Seminole Indian Reservation one hour south of Ft. Myers

Our first stop was for lunch in Punta Gorda and we were then off to the casino for a four-hour visit.

We stayed in a hotel in Ft. Myers and went by bus everyday for a four-hour stay at the Casino.

Outside of the gambling, the casino was hosting a free Elvis Fest, which was the casino's fifth one of the year. I believe there is another one sometime in July.

All weekend long there were 10 impersonators performing in a tent-type venue..

When we first arrived, I was able to go into the casino's lounge area and take a few pictures of the first performer.

The music was loud but wonderful if you are an Elvis fan.

The shows were quite crowded and some people arrived an hour before showtime. I, myself, am not a gambler, but after losing a few dollars, I attended all of the shows.

I did not see anyone from our group at the shows. I suspect they were very involved in their gambling.

This Casino is a small one and very easy to get around. But we always had to watch the time so that we would not miss the bus leaving.



When not gambling, Travel Club members could catch a show with Elvis.

I have to say, everyone managed to be on time for the bus departure.

After the casino, we all did some shopping.

As you will recall, there were

many rain and wind storms that weekend, but we were not put in the path of a tornado that passed through Ft. Myers that weekend. On the trip home the Skyway bridge was

closed down and it was necessary for the bus to go through Tampa to get us home safe and sound. I think everyone had a good time - even if they lost money.

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Toni Mattz, left, works on a pencil sketch project and Page Wright creates a watercolor pencil project.
(OTOW Photos by Doug Kates)

We're still drawing and painting twice a week



Denny Balderson puts the finishing touches on a pencil sketch.



Art Guild

By Jean Doane

Those of you who are bored with picnics and eating out, come and join a good group who are using the East Activity Center Art Room for individual art projects where the light is good, and the company is fun and encouraging for painting and drawing.

The group is using both Wednesdays and Thursdays from 1-3 p.m. You can stay later if you choose. There are men in the group, so it is not just the women who are showing up. It is low key, which means give your hand at some creative work you have always wanted to try.

The next general meeting of the Art Guild will be on Friday, Nov. 9, at 1 p.m. Refreshments will be available, and there will be a program after a short business meeting.

New members are welcomed and appreciated. Bring your ideas to plan the coming year. John Fier will be planning to teach the drawing class on Thursday afternoons from 1-3:30 p.m., starting in November



Above is one of the lightweight tables currently being used by Coffee Corner, Bingo and the Entertainment Committee.



Above is one of the older, metal, heavier tables currently used in the Veranda Room.

Good Neighbors Association purchasing new tables for the Veranda Room

By Doris Paino
President

Greetings, good neighbors.

Well, it is August already, and before you know it the Snowbirds will be flying back.

Right now things are pretty quiet. When I sit at my table in front of the gift shoppe, and look at how few people are at the Coffee Corner, (less than a dozen people), it amazes me as to how few people take advantage of the amenities here.

Don't forget the Good Neigh-

Good
Neighbors



President Doris Paino

bors raffles at our meeting Thursday, Aug. 9. As you know by now, we have twenty \$25 cash prizes and one \$50 grand prize from the Coffee Corner,

plus vendor prizes.

We need unwanted gifts for our straw draw in October. Please see what you have and drop them off at the gift shop.

The Good Neighbors Association will be replacing tables in the Veranda room and the kitchen.

Currently, heavy, metal tables are used in the Veranda Room and they can be difficult to move or rearrange.

The new tables, already used by Coffee Corner, Bingo and the Entertainment Committee, are lightweight

but still sturdy.

"Even a woman can move them," I say.

Good Neighbors will be purchasing five tables for the Veranda Room and two tables for the kitchen.

Finally, please support the gift shoppe. If you need a small, inexpensive gift, you can find one there. The shop is open Monday to Friday, 9 a.m. to Noon.

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Lambda members collecting school supplies for students who could use a little help

By Dave Beaven

Summer is almost over. At least for the school kids anyway.

Although we're all way past our school days, we shouldn't tune this part of life out totally. After all, the schools are training tomorrow's leaders.

To support our local students, we'll be collecting school supplies at our monthly meeting on Aug. 10 at 7:30 pm. Members are encouraged to bring in paper, pencils, notebooks, rulers, etc.

Our pool party in July was lots of fun. Good food, good company and a cool pool made for a great time. We'll



be doing another pool party 6 p.m. on Aug. 4 at the West Activity Center.

There will also be a game night on Aug. 25 at 7 p.m. in the East Activity Center. Pick from cards, board games, dominoes or checkers. There should be something for everyone.

Keep an eye on our Webpage for additional events that are added as the month goes on.

Lambda is a social club for our gay and lesbian residents of On Top of the World. We are an informal group that gets together for various activities. Regular events include cocktail parties, dine-outs, game nights, and movie nights. Also, we have a group, the Mall Walkers, which meets weekly to walk at Countryside Mall for an hour.

We look to expand our circle to all our gay and lesbian residents in the OTOW community, but we also welcome participation by other OTOW

residents who would like to meet their gay neighbors. There are people from many different backgrounds and areas here at OTOW. Lambda is just one more reflection of that.

Lambda meets monthly on the second Friday at 7:30 p.m. in the Crafts Room downstairs in the East Activity Center.

If you are interested in finding out more about the club, visit our webpage: <http://lambdaclearwater.blogspot.com>.

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Library closes for a month and writer says goodbye after eight years of reporting

By Joan Tannahill

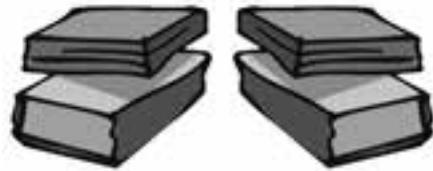
It's August and the library is closed for the whole month!

We hope everyone checked out enough books to get them through the month.

If you run short of reading material, and visit a book store, remember we like donations. If you happen to make a purchase from a magazine rack, we like magazine donations, too.

We will be back Sept. 4. That's a mark-your-calendar-date. We'll see you then.

If you run across any new au-



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thors that you have enjoyed let us know. We are always looking for authors who are unknown to us, whether they are

authors we have just overlooked or authors who have only published one or two books. We do appreciate input from our patrons on new books and authors.

While we don't have a date yet, we are planning on a fall book sale so start saving books for us.

Remember, we never throw away a book. Some go into our system, some go on our sale shelves, and if we feel we can't use them, we donate to worthy organization. It is definitely a waste not, want not situation.

This column is my swan song for the library. After eight years of writing

the library column, I was beginning to feel a bit stale, then my son decided to relocate in the Midwest. I didn't want to be down here without family, so back to hot summers (and they think it's hot down here) and cold, snowy winters.

I have enjoyed doing the column and being associated with the library, but there always comes a time to move on. I will miss OTOW and the wonderful people here and will certainly miss Florida as I watch the snowplows go down the street. Best wishes to all and especially to the person who fills my shoes in writing this column.

Jesters looking for actors, singers, stage hands for next show

By John Kannaly

During the summer, the Jesters creative team has been putting the finishing touches on a fun-filled show featuring country and western, Rock & Roll, Broadway shows and unbelievably funny comedy skits.

The costumes will bring back memories, excite and dazzle you.

If you can dance, sing, work backstage, sell tickets, or help out in any way, please contact us on the second Wednesday of September at our general meeting, 7:30 p.m. in the East

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Please contact John Kannaly at 669-3988 for any additional information you may need.

Remember, let's get together - "Jest For Fun."



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Club members encouraged to volunteer for opening of new academic school year

By Jane Lee

If you have been thinking about joining the Always Educators' group, now is the time to come on board.

School doors open on Aug. 20 and we need lots of volunteers to help students find their classrooms, to help new students with lunch trays, and just to help in any way that we can to make the opening day easier for the children and their teachers.

As you might recall, we have adopted Skycrest Elementary School this year as our way of contributing to the community. Hopefully, we can get enough volunteers from On Top of



Always Educators

the World to make a difference in that school's success.

Once the teachers get to know their students, and to identify needs, we can help with tutoring or any other chore that a teacher requests.

There also will be needs to help in the office, the library, or the teacher's workroom.

Before anyone can help, though, keep in mind that you must be registered as a volunteer. Go to Skycrest Elementary School very soon and fill out a volunteer application. You must have a driver's license, or similar document, to prove who you are, as well as the application.

The address of the school is at 10 N. Corona Ave., Clearwater. The phone number is 727-469-5987.

Another thing you might like to do is to volunteer at the Stavros Insti-

tute in Largo. We wrote a story about this in the July issue of the OTOW newspaper. Volunteers will be getting information about this program this month also. Call Karen Brighton at 727-588-3746 for more information after Aug. 13.

The group meets the third Thursday of the month at the West Activity Center Rainbow Room at 11 a.m. The next meeting will be Sept. 18 since the August meeting conflicts with the opening day of school on Aug. 20.

For more information, contact Jane Lee at 727-709-9470.



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We will help any member with Windows XP or Windows 7 instruction from 9-10 a.m., on Fridays. Our club offers free Wi-Fi in the EAC, and a computer equipment recycling service to members for a small, modest fee.

The computer lab is located opposite the large card room. By joining our club, you can ask all your computer questions in a relaxed, friendly environment, and your questions may help others with similar situations. You are also encouraged to share your own past computer experiences - both good and bad.

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Baby Boomers enjoying baseball this summer

By Katarina Tepesh

Our Baby Boomers group thoroughly enjoyed the Fourth of July fabulous fireworks and free concert at Coachman Park.

This is an annual event not to be missed!

The night before, for a small fee, baseball fans first watched the Clearwater Threshers at nearby Bright House Field, followed by terrific fireworks.

Recently, some of us watched the Tampa Bay Rays baseball team beat Miami followed by a ZZ Top blues-rock concert all at Tropicana Field.

We are taking advantage of free Tai Chi available three times per week at the East Activity Center until Sept.



Baby Boomers

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In addition, Bob Charpentier walks every morning at 8 a.m. around our community.

The purpose of our Baby Boomers group is for On Top of the World

owners to meet and socialize by attending cultural events and do group sports activities within the Tampa Bay area.

Our Baby Boomers group is an informal, all-volunteers group. All of us participate with ideas and follow through on organizing events. In addition to meetings, we communicate via email, Facebook and Channel 96/720.

We have two monthly meetings: first Wednesday and third Thursday in each month. Therefore we are meeting on Aug. 1 and Aug. 16 at 6 p.m. at EAC Veranda Room, followed by a Happy Hour at the Varsity Club or Cody's.

For more information, send an email to Katarina at katarina2379@gmail.com.



Philosophy Club

What's Your View?

By Bob Reis

Our club is currently enjoying presentations, which are followed by a question and answer period.

The discussions give you the opportunity to express your own views.

We also have "Open Discussion" meetings. With this format you have the opportunity to suggest a topic of special interest to you.

Join us on any Tuesday. You don't have to be a member of our club to attend. You're welcome even if you just want to listen, Tuesdays 10-11:30 AM, East Activity Center Veranda. Any questions? Call Bob Reis at 798-2443.

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Meals on Wheels gets a new volunteer - anyone else out there want to deliver a smile?

By Carl and Betty Leiby

Yes, we had one gentleman volunteer to brave our very hot summer weather delivering meals.

You might be surprised how many men are involved in Meals on Wheels. The old saying, "Doctors, lawyers, merchants, chiefs" – we've had them all over the last 20 years.

Our Snowbirds have gone home, so additional volunteers are still needed to help deliver meals to our home-bound neighbors. The time required is from 10 a.m. to Noon. The clients enjoy meeting their neighbors who help in this very special way.



Meals On Wheels

Don't let your elderly friends and neighbors become reclusive. There is help available!

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Neighborly Care bus, adventure awaits them in the form of companionship at dinner, plus entertainment in the form of bingo on Tuesday and Friday, and cards and musical entertainment other days.

Meals on Wheels can give assistance to residents arriving home from the hospital and needing help with meals, plus a caring neighbor to check on them Monday through Friday.

Our On Top of the World clients love their volunteers, who bring delicious warm meals planned by the Neighborly Care Network dietician. It is a well-balanced meal with an in-

teresting variety each month. A main entrée, vegetables, salad, bread, fruit, milk and often a dessert are included (only \$5.25/meal, billed monthly.)

Service to take seniors to Senior Day Care, and transportation to doctors' offices are also available.

The Neighborly Care Network has many additional services available such as skilled nursing, physical therapy and home health aides.

For services, phone the Neighborly Care Network at (727) 573-9444. To volunteer for this rewarding service at OTOW, call Carl and Betty Leiby at 791-3861.



Where Did I See That?

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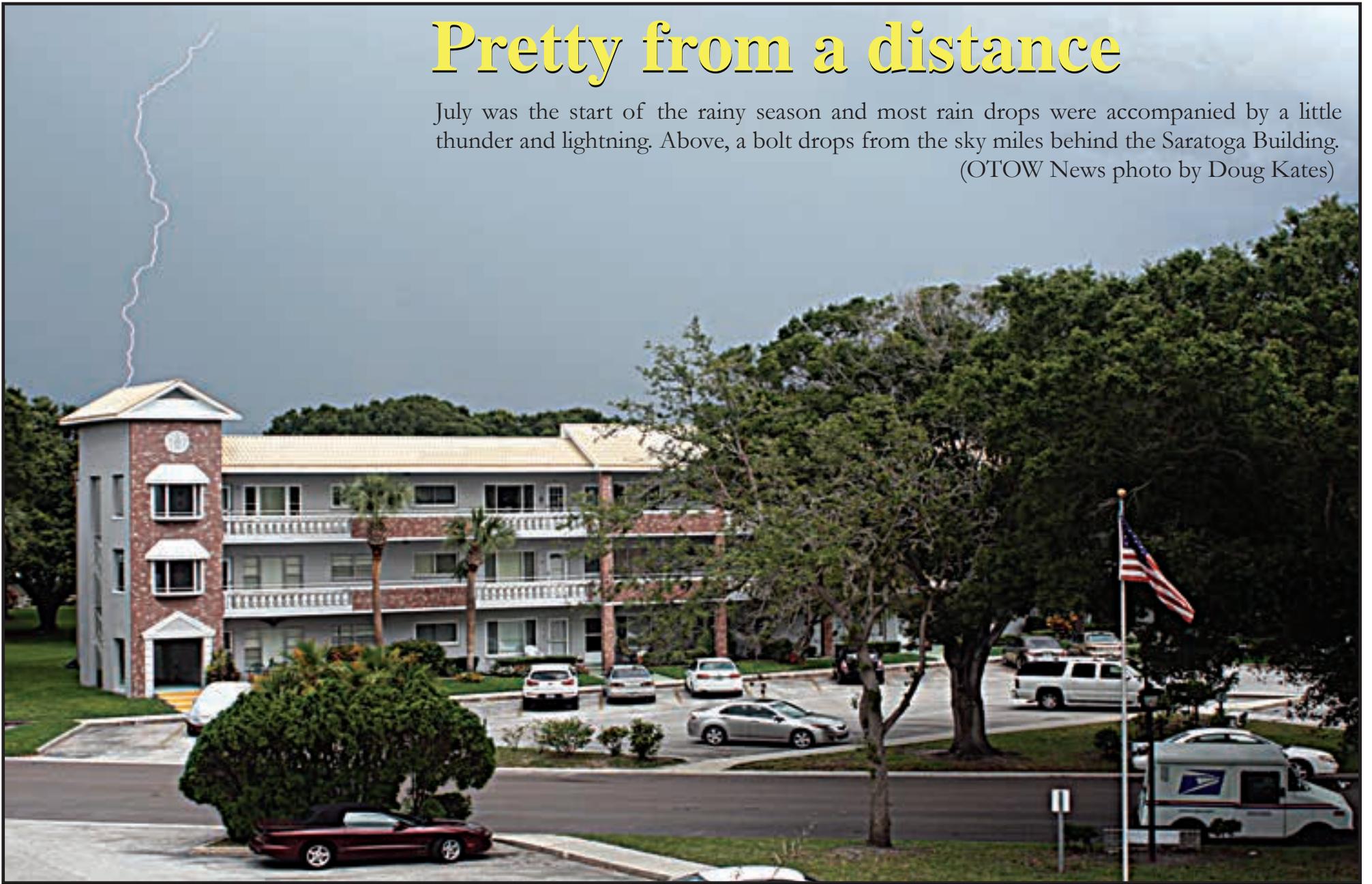


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Greyhound Club

By Bill Sharpsteen

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This is Kuby, a georgous male greyhound, who was the 146th greyhound Bill Sharpsteen had fostered over the past 9+ years. Bill has fostered 347 greyhounds overall.

switch from a raw diet to dry food, and house breaking very quickly. It turns out they love retirement just like we do

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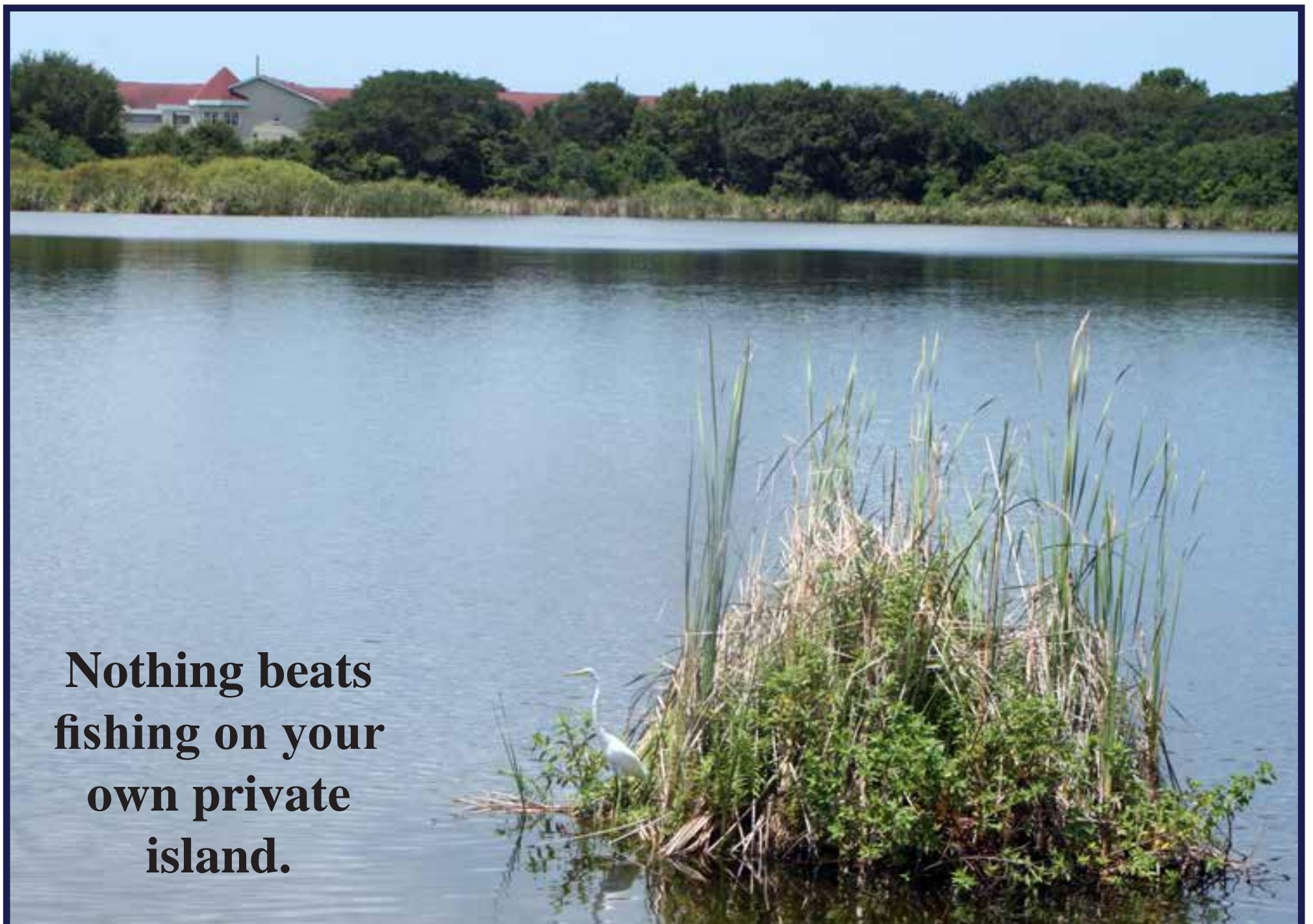
Greyhounds truly are 45 MPH couch potatoes or living room speed

bumps! Some adopters put pictures of their new adopted 'babies' On-line at GoldCoastGreyhounds.com under the photo gallery.

Always remember, we get together every third Friday in Safety Harbor. We set up at Second Avenue and Main Street to show off the greyhounds for adoption. We also continue to visit several ALF's in the county each month to bring cheer to their residents with our "Gentle Giants!"

Watch for notices on our OTOW Greyhound Club meetings starting again this November. Our first Greyhound calendar was such a hit we plan to do another one for 2013. Let me know if you want to reserve one for a donation of \$10.

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But then I think, since I'm going to be near the mailbox when I take out the garbage anyway, I may as well pay the bills first. I take my checkbook



Marge Mayer

Marge's Humor

off the table and see that there is only one check left. My extra checks are in my desk in the study, so I go inside the house to my desk where I find the can of soda I'd been drinking. I'm going to look for my checks, but first I need to push the soda aside so that I don't accidentally knock it over.

The soda is getting warm, and I decide to put it in the refrigerator to keep it cold. As I head toward the kitchen with the soda, a vase of flowers on the counter catches my eye – they need water. I put the soda on the counter and discover my reading glasses that I've been searching for all morning. I decide I better put them back on my desk, but first I'm going to water the flowers.

I set the glasses back down on the counter, fill a container with water, and suddenly spot the TV remote. Someone left it on the kitchen table. I realize that tonight when we go to watch TV, I'll be looking for the remote, but I won't remember that it's on the kitchen table, so I decide to put it back in the den where it belongs, but

first I'll water the flowers.

I pour some water in the flowers, but quite a bit of it spills on the floor. So, I set the remote back on the table, get some towels and wipe up the spill. Then, I head down the hall trying to remember what I was planning to do.

At the end of the day: the car isn't washed, the bills aren't paid, there is a warm can of soda sitting on the counter, the flowers don't have enough water, there is still only one check in my checkbook, I can't find the remote, I can't find my glasses, and I don't remember what I did with the car keys.

Then, when I try to figure out why nothing got done today, I'm really baffled because I know I was busy all stinking day and I'm really tired.

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On Saturday, Aug. 11, at our annual Summer Dinner-Dance, we'll be featuring a summer feast catered by Marguerite.

The cost is only \$20, so remember to reserve early because no tickets will be sold at the door.

As usual, at this August Moon event, you may BYOB, and the social hour starts at 5 p.m., followed by dinner at 6 p.m., with music provided for



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Our Aug. 12 Sunday-In-the-Park

will feature a movie. Remember that our Sunday events are free to residents and start at 2 p.m. The movie has not yet been selected, so let us know what you'd like to see.

Yes, we will have our usual 50-50 and free refreshments.

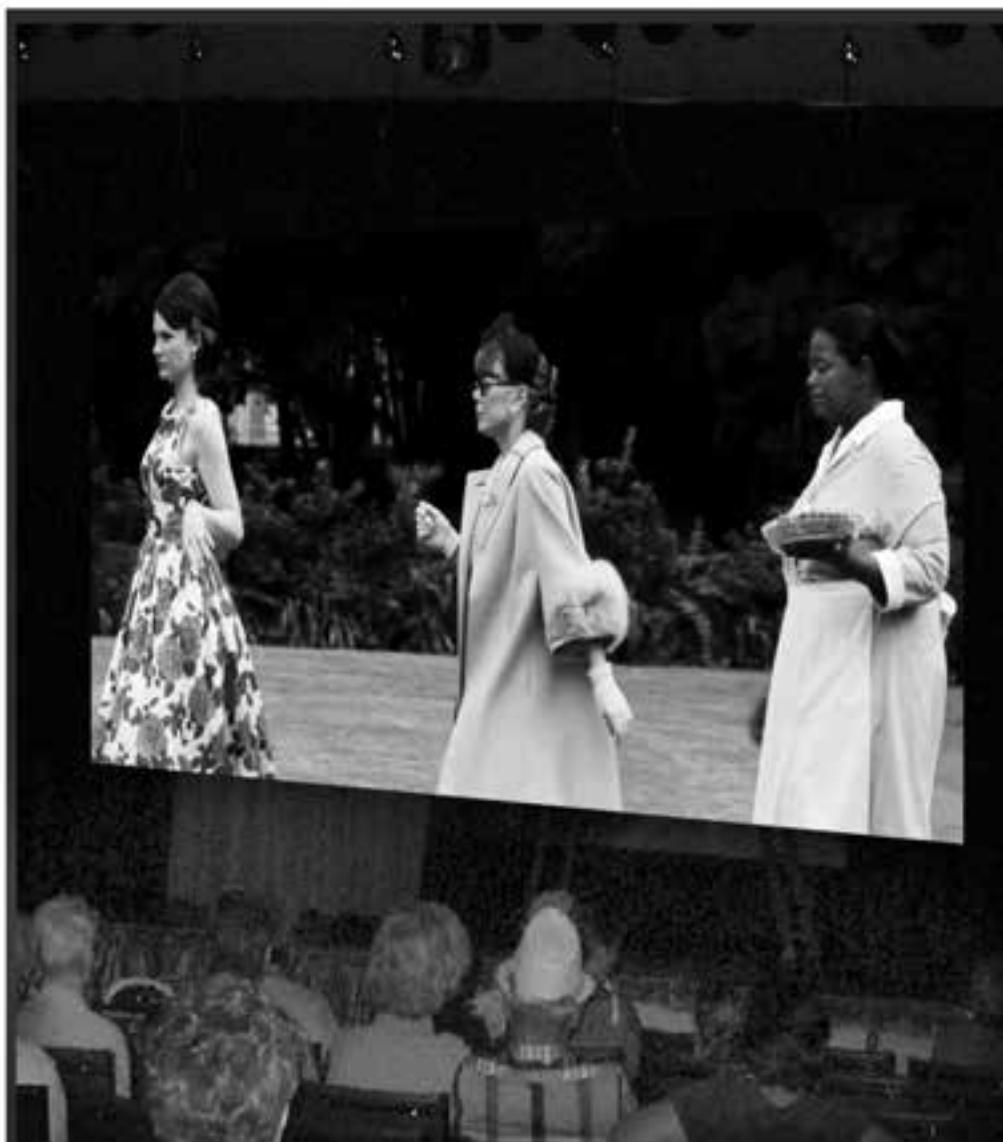
We have two trips scheduled this month. The first is a trip to the Trop, to see the Rays vs. Kansas City Royals on Wednesday, Aug. 22 at 11 a.m.

As we said before, it's the third annual Senior Prom Day and will cost only \$39. See Brad Day to reserve your place at the game.

The second trip is to Mosi to see The Mummies of the World on Thursday, Aug. 30, leaving at 9 a.m. from the East Activity Center. The reservation cutoff date is August 15.

The trip includes transportation, the Mummies Exhibit, a box lunch, an I-Max movie, and all the fun for only \$47. See Audrey Jones for details.

We'll be at the East Activity Center to also tell you about our marvelous fall line-up of events on Mondays between 8:30-10:30 a.m. so stop by and say "Hi!" We look forward to seeing you at our summer events.



Sunday-In-The-Park

Once a month we invite you to join us for a **FREE** Sunday Afternoon of fun, entertainment, and refreshments.

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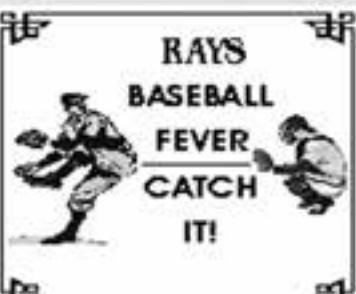
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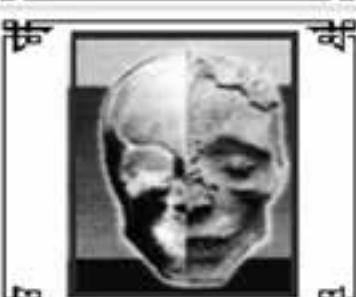
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The key to a successful game this summer is keeping the ball straight

The rainy season in Florida is upon us and with it comes lush fairways, beautiful greens and the golfer's worst nightmare - thick Bermuda rough.

For Thursday League golfers, who play the ball as it lies (USGA Rule 13), this rough requires skill, concentration and maybe a little luck.

Straight hitters should fare well, but miss the fairways and you might find yourself nestled down a few inches, making it difficult to get a solid strike on the ball. In general, if you do miss fairways, the course plays two to three strokes more difficult.

The league continues to play every Thursday, but wet conditions occasionally limit our players to walking only.

Week 29 competition was won by Bruce MacPherson, while Ron Parham placed second and Kim Norried was third.

Bruce MacPherson won four skins, Ron Parham collected two and Gary Bronson, Don Baker and John Maloof cashed in on one skin each.

Thursday Golf

Week 30 saw short game master, Bruce MacPherson, repeat as champion. Gary Bronson was second and Paul Meyers took third place. Bruce collected three skins, Gary and Paul were next with two skins each. Don Leamy and Rich Raley rounded out the group with one each.

Week 31 saw Ada Culbertson beat out a tough field to take first place. Paul Meyers finished second and Pete Dominguez was third. Bruce MacPherson captured two skins. Paul Meyers, Don Leamy and Pete Dominguez had one each.

Our league plays every Thursday at 11 a.m. with sign in prior to 10:45. We play the course to a Par 67 using the USGA Stableford format. Men play from the blue tees where available.

The league welcomes all OTOW residents male and female. For information call Paul @ 727-474-2344 or email blackdoggolfer@aol.com.



Week 31 winner Ada Culbertson and John Maloof.

Summer golfing is really green!

By Peter Milner

The last three weeks of June and the first week of July have been wonderful for golf.

Of course, the monsoon season put a damper on play, but our course came out the better because of the regular watering it got for about a week.

Everything is green and growing. I haven't seen green grass in July like we have now for a long while. The plugging and sanding of the greens made them play really well.

Our July event on the 18th was regular tournament play, as will be our August event on the 15th.

The new check-in and sign-up system is doing well, and members have been very supportive.

Men's Golf

Please remember that the windows close at 7:30 a.m. sharp. Don't miss your window of opportunity to sign up for the following week and play on your assigned foursome on the present week.

Before we know it, our golfers who have gone to other places for the summer will be back and the weather will cool down a bit. Believe that?

Your officers are on the job and are available to answer any questions, and for the most part, will

have the right answers pertaining to questions about our association.

If you know friends who are interested in joining our Men's League, please bring them over, introduce them and encourage them to sign up and join the fun.

Our esteemed treasurer and past president, Russell Caughey, is always available to take their dues money.

Remember to play by the rules and you will better appreciate this wonderful sport of golf. If anyone has anything they would like me to mention in my monthly articles, please let me know.

Keep your head down and hit 'em straight.



By Dominic Contorno,
Director of Golf
Congratulations to Don Baker on getting a hole-in-one on the 15th hole.

Don is going to put this into his record book. Don was playing with Pete Cosgrove and Gary Bronson.

The great shot came on May 10. The club used was a 9-iron. I'm sure Don polished that club up when he got home. Great shot, Don. Let's see another one soon.

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Congratulations to Diane Moxley for a great hole-in-one on the ninth

hole of the 18-hole course. It must have been a great shot for that hole.

Every day someone talks about how tough the ninth hole green is on the course. Well, Diane never even putted - she only used a 3-iron. Diane's shot was June 16. Let's see another one as soon as possible.



In the OTOW Billiards Room, the men are not always superior

By Gail DuCharme

On any given day you can see Terry Wittman in the pool hall.

She might be playing pool against a male or female opponent.

Terry grew up in the Bronx, where she was known by her friends as a “tomboy.”

In the Italian community Terry was called “maschiaccio.”

Terry played against the boys in all the typical boy-games. She also played tennis in high school. She was a competitor.

Today, Terry is involved with every aspect of the Ladies Que’T Billiards Club and has been since its inception three years ago.

Terry is usually the first one to come over to a new person and welcome them to the room, answer their questions about the various clubs or any of the rules regarding playing in the pool hall.

Terry has been playing against men for several years. This is nothing new. She is, so to speak, one of them.

Terry has competed in the men’s Scotch Doubles, Men’s Singles, 9-Ball and various tournaments in the men’s and women’s clubs. She



Que’T Billiards Club

was the first to bring another woman into the men’s competition and encourages women to compete with the men in the hope that one day there will be mixed teams competing against each other.

On April 17, Terry competed against men in the Men’s 9 Ball Tournament and took first place.

Nice shooting Terry!

Anybody who has met Terry knows she shines in the men’s league and is an asset to the Ladies Que’T Billiards Club as one of our valuable instructors. Every Wednesday evening Terry donates her time to our club by instructing, coaching or playing in a tournament.

Terry is a competitor, an athlete and exudes positive sportsmanship. She wants every-



Terry Wittman

one to have a good time just playing for the fun of it or while competing in tournaments.

We salute Terry Wittman as an exemplary competitor and person.

Seven different teams take Scotch Doubles honors

Denny Balderson ends session with three straight wins



From May through June, Bob Eads, above, was on two different winning 8-ball Scotch Doubles teams.

From the end of June to the start of July, the Monday Night Men’s Billiards Club had only one eight-ball winner.

On June 25, Denny Balderson started a three-tournament winning streak with a victory over Tony Baker. Then, over the next two weeks, Denny defeated Howard Wilson twice to keep the crown.

Howard, Terry Wittman and Larry Wells all collected third place finishes over those weeks.

In May and early June, the Men’s Billiards League held three prior 8-ball round robin tournaments.

On May 28, Tony Baker defeated Denny Balderson for the title. On June 18 there were two flights. Denny Balderson won the Flight A championship, followed by Tim Rush in second. In Flight B, Roy was the champion, John

Fier was second.

On June 4 there were two more flight champions. Tony Baker won Flight A. Marc Schell was second. In Flight B, John Shearer was the champion and Terry Wittman was second.

In Scotch Doubles 8-ball action, recent results were the complete opposite. There were seven different team winners in seven weeks.

Champions in May were the teams of Bob Eads and Ted Eads, and Tony Baker and Ray Diguilio.

In June, the titles went to the teams of Denny Balderson and Tony Baker, Mario Rodriguez and Ray Diguilio, and Larry Wells and Bob Eades.

In July, champions were Tim Rush and Howard Wilson, and Tony Baker and Mario Rodriguez.

Here's proof - men do dance!



Line Dancing

By Julie Narancich

Summer is the perfect season to throw a bash starring everyone's favorite frozen dessert – ice cream!

The line dancers will be gathering for an Ice Cream Social on Tuesday, August 7 at 12:30 p.m. before line dancing at 1 p.m.

Our wonderful social committee members, Helen Crombie and Loni Bentley, have planned this delicious event and we are all looking forward to it.

By the way, Helen showed up to line dancing on Tuesday, July 3, wearing a beautiful patriotic dress she had made herself. What a talented woman!

Last month, we highlighted Frank Lee, Bob Mayer and Alex G. Miller, who are devoted members of the line dancing group. We wanted to share their picture this month. It is great to see the three of you every Tuesday and Saturday. Thank you



From left to right are Frank Lee, Alex G. Miller and Bob Mayer.

again gentlemen for your skills and your love of dancing.

Please join us every Tuesday at 1 p.m. and Saturday at 8:30 a.m. for two hours of fun and fitness in the East Activity Center auditorium. The be-

ginner lessons start at 1 p.m. on Tuesdays and 8:30 a.m. on Saturdays for 30 minutes.

The beginner lessons are extremely helpful. We welcome everyone and bring your friends. Line

dancing is great for men and women of all ages.

For any questions regarding Line Dancing, please contact Mary Becker at 253-4874 or Julie Narancich at 574-323-4100. Hope to see you soon!



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A \$35 payment (by check) will be required at the time of service.

Year-round Snowbirds enjoy traveling in the summer



Snowbirds Club

By Lillian Ginn

Year-round Snowbirds at On Top of the World are still traveling!

We “year-round Snowbirds” are still managing to have some really, really good times without our migrating members.

On July 3, a bus picked us up at the East Activity Center and transported us to Tampa to board the Yacht Star Ship. We were treated to breakfast and lunch, both of which were delicious, and we had a six-hour cruise back to Clearwater.

It was very interesting seeing the coastline of Tampa Bay, the Skyway Bridge, and the inland waterways of Pinellas County.

Oftentimes, our captain would point out interesting places to us, and we also managed to see some dolphins.

Besides all this, people were invited to play free bingo and enjoy karaoke!

A bus picked us up at the Clearwater Marina and brought us home to On Top of the World. The weather was beautiful, and we had a most enjoyable day. The trip was so delightful that we will do it again on Wednesday,



In the front row, left to right, are Lillian Ginn, Marge Jacobs and Sandy Sanborn. In back are Margo Robson, Ann Maglio, Madeline Nawrocky, Sue Fleming and Bette Byrnes.

Nov. 7. Get your tickets early.

As I mentioned last month, our very successful trip to Biloxi is going to be repeated on Aug. 26. The last trip sold out, so don't wait to buy your tickets or you may be disappointed.

Our new monthly member meeting will be Monday, Sept. 10, at

11 a.m. in the Starlite Room. We will announce our exciting schedule of events for the 2012-13 season. Upcoming events include Ed Fletcher's Dinner Theater on Oct. 26, and the Snowbirds Welcome Back party featuring “At Large” on Nov. 18. Snowbirds line dancing with Dolly Foland

resumes on Oct. 17.

Visit the Snowbirds Club information and ticket sales desk at the EAC on Aug. 2, 6, and 9 to purchase tickets and pick up a free OTOW map.

Or you can contact Sandy Sanborn at 727-216-7922 or visit our Website at www.snowbirdsofotow.com.

Excitement builds as election nears

By Rosemarie Totaro

Absentee ballots have arrived, and the party primary vote will take place on the 14th of this month.

The taxes will be rising, particularly in the six unincorporated areas; this will not be good news for our complex.

There are two candidates running for the County Commission – Janet Long and Charlie Justice. They have come to our meetings and understand the issues of the rising cost on

people who live on fixed incomes.

Parties are the fun part of being active in politics, and we all enjoyed a steak barbecue at Jack Killingsworth's (he is a candidate for Superintendent of Elections) and Dan Farrell's party (he is the legislative candidate.)

Since Jessica Ehrlich's opposition withdrew, the Democrats do not have candidates opposing each other.

We'll be calling you to help raise more money! The Club had a briefing on the Obama campaign and other

candidates' races.

Our meeting on Thursday, Aug. 23, will be at 2 p.m. in the Starlite Room. Call Hal Leichhardt at 727-238-4980 for information.

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Democratic Club

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Bonesavers

Do you want to save your bones?

Come join our class which meets 8-9 a.m., Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays in the East Activity Center lower level, opposite the library.

We use hand weights and ankle weights in exercises that were developed by Tufts University in an effort to prevent further bone loss. We never do floor exercises. There is no charge for this class.

For further information, call Libby at 727-669-1486.

Free Tai Chi

Our beginner lessons are now free.

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Ruth teaches you step by step, naming each move, and shows you how it is used in the beginner's form. Every move can be modified, based on your body.

I teach the Yang style, the most popular in the world.

Men, come meet Will and Mike.

Questions, call Ruth at 727-726-0336.

Yoga

Yoga with Ann meets 11 a.m. to noon on Tuesdays and Thursdays in the East Activity Center.

Wear something comfortable. Bring a mat. Cost is \$5.

Yoga makes life simple and free from worry through meditation, relaxation and correct breathing.

For more information call 724-3864.

8 a.m. exercise class continues through summer

Ladies, come join us all summer at 8 a.m. in the East Activity Center lower gym. Monday, Tuesday and Thursday mornings. Our workouts include stretching, building balance and coordination, improving flexibility, strengthening the body's core and a cardio workout. Bring a towel or mat because we do floor exercises to tone and tighten our abs, as well as working all major muscle groups.

Also, bring your hand weights to our strength training/weight lifting classes on Wednesday and Friday mornings while we work on improving muscle tone. As always, our classes are free. If you have any questions, please contact Barb Sundberg at 847-946-4214, or Julie Narancich at 574-323-4100.



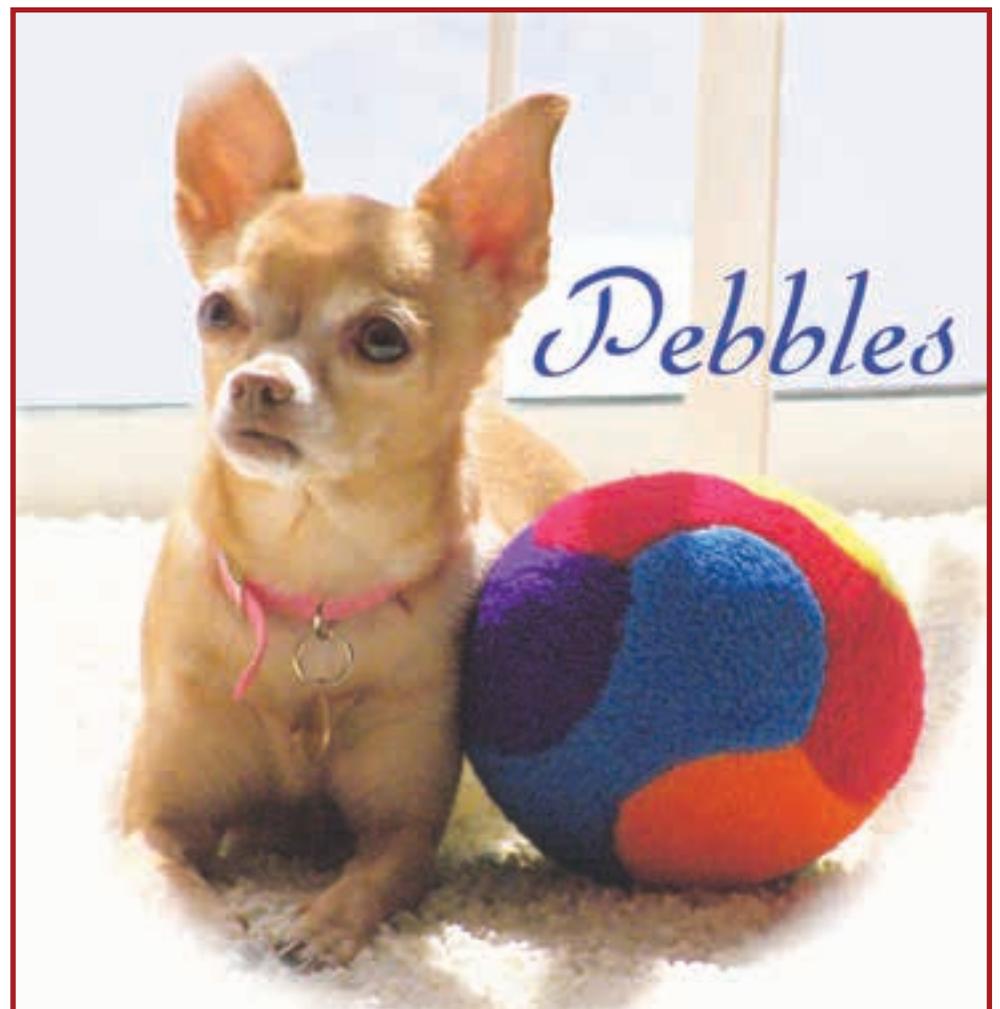
Pebbles is a Chihuahua and she turned 12 years old in April. We have had her since she was 6 weeks old. Her given name is Darby's Dixie Chick, but we have always called her Pebbles because when she was a puppy she looked like a little stone.

Pebbles can have a very sassy personality when she wants something, but she also likes to just lie in my husband's lap for hours. Her next favorite place to lie is any patch of sunlight in a room. If we can't find Pebbles, we look for the sunshine and we will find her.

Pebbles is a great traveler. We take her with us whenever we travel to see our children, who are spread out across the country.

Pebbles is a wonderful companion, and since our children do not live nearby, Pebbles makes sure we never feel lonely. We are so happy to have her in our lives.

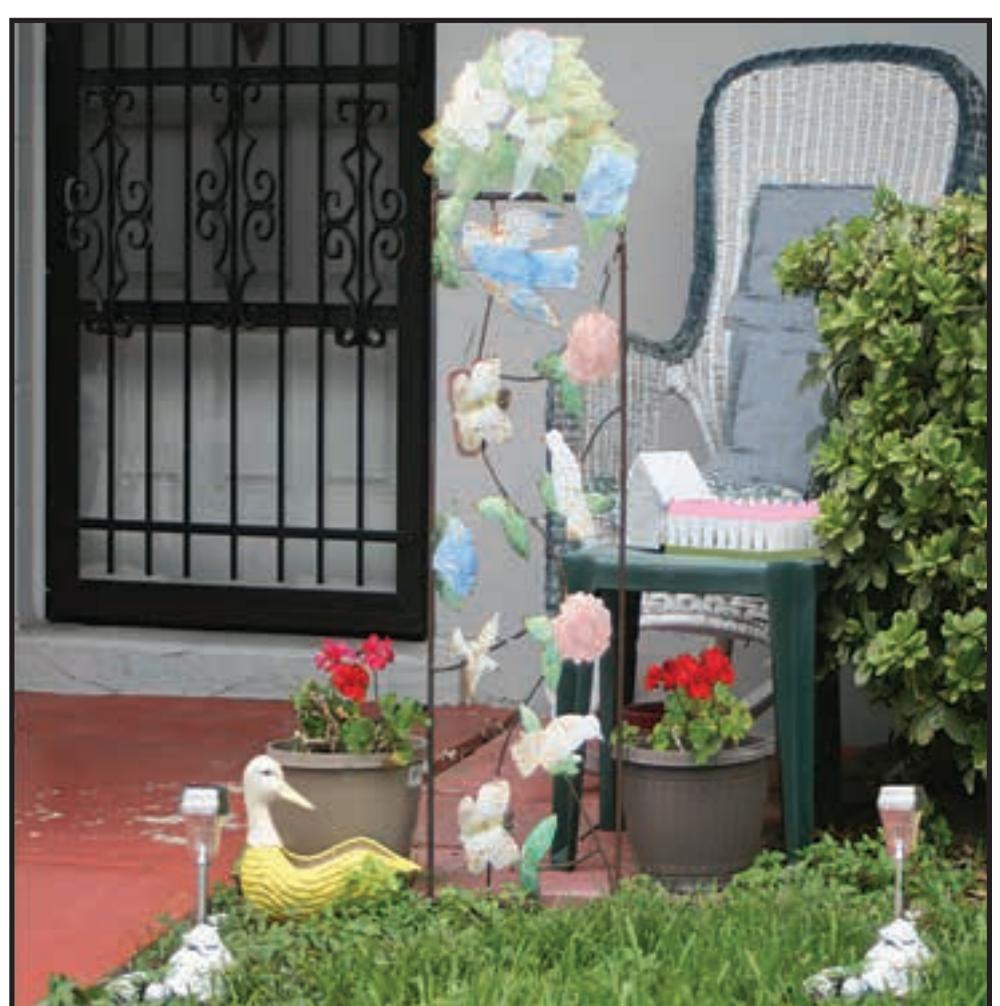
The proud parents are Dean and Patti Darby of the American Swiss building.



Each month OTOW News, Walgreens and Pet Supplies Plus are going to feature a "Pet of the Month." Any pets living at OTOW are eligible to enter. One pet will be featured each month. To enter your pet in the contest you must have one perfectly clear, large color photo of your pet, along with background information (maximum 200 words). Only one pet per household can win each year. The winner will receive (1) 8x10, (2) 5x7 and (4) 4x6 photos from Walgreens on the corner of Belcher and Sunset Point roads, and one \$10 gift certificate from Pet Supplies Plus in the Bayside Bridge Plaza on McMullin Booth Road. If you are the winner this month, just bring this newspaper and an original pet photo to Walgreens to receive your prize, and stop into the newsroom to claim your Pet Supplies Plus gift certificate. To enter, email your pet's best photo and information to: bootss@tampabay.rr.com. Include your name, your pet's name and the building you reside in. Good luck!

OTOW NEWS PHOTO SEARCH

Find 10 Differences In The Two Photos Below (answers will appear in next month's newspaper)



OTOW-TV celebrates digital upgrade with community trivia contest

By Doug Kates
Editor

If you haven't watched OTOW-TV on your digital or analog television set, you might want to get started!

For a limited time, OTOW-TV will be airing a community trivia contest which will have viewers asking themselves, "Where Did I See That?"

The trivia contest is set to begin at 5:30 p.m., Thursday, Aug. 2 and continue at the same time Aug. 9, 16 and 23. The contest will return Sept. 6, 13, 20 and 27 before a decision is made whether to keep the contest going or not.

When the trivia contest starts, viewers will be shown three pictures from inside the OTOW community, like the one shown at the right.

The first person, or group, to identify where all three pictures were taken, will win a generous prize donated by Domino's Pizza. The prize includes two large pizzas, two 2-liter Cokes, two desserts and 14 chicken wings.

There is no reason to attempt this contest on your own - get a group of friends together, watch as a building, or view as a club or group.

Does the contest sound too tough? Then put on your sneakers and go for a walk, or a drive, in our beautiful community. You might stumble upon an



Where Did I See This?

answer.

Pictures will appear on TV for two minutes, but will also be available for further review at the OTOW Press Association Website:

ontopoftheworldnews.com/clearwater/news.html

Submitted answers must include the building name or building number where each photo was taken. No other means of identifying the location of a picture will be accepted.

Answers must be submitted via email to the OTOW-TV email address: otowtv@gmail.com. Your email entry must also include your name, phone number and address.

No answers will be accepted in person at the newsroom, by telephone, or by any OTOW employee.

The first correct response emailed to the TV station will be the winner.

In some cases, it may take hours or days before a winning entry is submitted. The winner will be announced on OTOW-TV on Friday morning or at the earliest possible time during normal business hours.

OTOW employees are not eligible. Only one winning entry will be accepted per email address for the season. The winner must visit the OTOW newspaper newsroom to pick up a certificate for the prize.

OTOW-TV went back on the air in 2011 and could be viewed by residents with analog TV sets on channel 96. This past June 28, the station was upgraded and now anyone with a Bright House digital converter can watch the station on channel 720.

OTOW-TV will provide residents with up-to-date schedule information, news from the management company, taped shows from local clubs, and much more.



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Family reunion takes place at some of the most spectacular areas of the American West

Our annual family reunion took us to Las Vegas last month. What happens in Vegas stays in Vegas!

From there we traveled to Phoenix/Scottsdale to enjoy a kick-off pool party and meet our fellow traveling buddies before heading through the Sonoran Desert to Montezuma Castle National Monument, one of the best-preserved cliff dwellings in North America before arriving in Sedona, spectacular Red Rock Country.

We took a jeep for a rip-roaring ride into Dry Creek Basin before arriving at the historic railroad town of Williams, Ariz., right on old Route 66, and gateway to the Grand Canyon.

The next morning we walked to the train depot to board the Grand Canyon Railway. Once at the Canyon, our bus took us up along Desert View Drive featuring jaw-dropping views of the Grand Canyon. Then we entered Navajo Country, where we made a stop at the Code Talkers Exhibit in Kayenta.

There we learned how the Navajos were one of America's greatest secret weapons in World War II and why GIs were ordered to protect the Navajo Code Talkers with their lives.



We also saw why Monument Valley is a favorite location for movie directors. (John Wayne led the U.S. Cavalry along the magnificent mesas.)

That evening we had a poolside pizza party and watched the sunset over the Grand Canyon. The next day, we took a six-place airplane over the North and South rims of the magnificent Canyon. It was an awesome view.

The next day we signed up for a float boat adventure down the Colorado River, a cruise on spectacular Lake Powell to Antelope Canyon, with views of the Glen Canyon Dam and the Rainbow Bridge, one of the most photographed geological wonders in the American West.

Photos by Jim and Barbara Sundberg



Awe-inspiring geological formations can be found at Utah's Bryce Canyon.



An airplane tour of the Grand Canyon is needed to fully show its true magnificence.

We were awestruck by the towering cliffs and massive canyon walls of Zion Canyon; then we hiked the Virgin River cut through the sandstone and the Emerald Pools, with its splendid views and waterfalls.

Leaving Zion, we drove along the Mount Carmel Highway for more spectacular formations like the Great Arch of Zion and the distinctive Checkerboard Mesa.

Our last two days were spent at the magical Bryce Canyon, where we hiked up and down these narrow trails and secret hideaways, all carved out of stone by Mother Nature.

Finally, we put on our cowboy

boots and Stetsons for a cowboy farewell dinner filled with good food and great fun. Afterwards we walked down to the Bryce Canyon Country Rodeo to watch bronco busters and cowboys test their skills in the wildest competition to hit the West.

Needless to say, we missed all the excitement around OTOW from Tropical Storm Debby. Thanks to our neighbor, Michael Crittendon, for moving our car up off the flooded street in front of our unit.

Birthday wishes are extended this month to Herbert Greicha on the 27th. Enjoy your special day, Herbert!



A portion of Monument Valley, where director John Ford made many of his movies.

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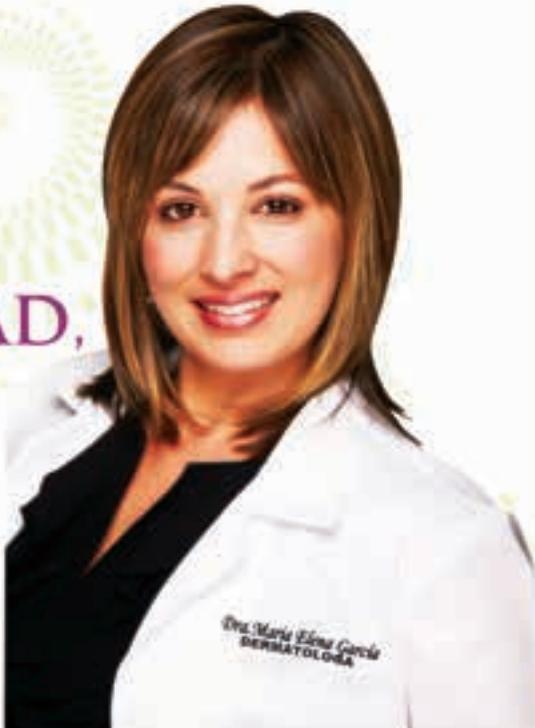
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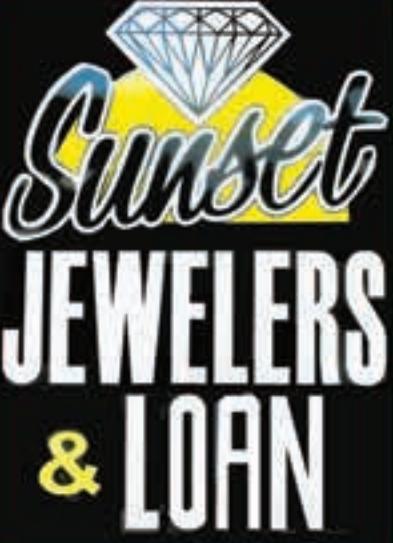
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Folks from U.S. and overseas come to Ga. for Bat Mitzvah

We were recently in Georgia for our granddaughter Sarah's Bat Mitzvah. The guests came from Florida, Georgia, New York, California, Oregon and Israel for the celebration.

It was a wonderful day for Sarah along with family and friends to witness her religious maturity. (The accompanying photo of the family was taken by one of the guests.)

The fun continued during the week with a trip to the Georgia Aquarium and the CNN building.

We have new neighbors on the Ecuadorian side of our building. Ron and Dottie Kilgore are from Tennessee. Dottie was born in Wauchula and Ron in Alabama but raised in Fort Lauderdale. They met 40 years ago on a blind date.

Ron and Dottie have two sons, one in St. Louis, Mo., and the other in Woodstock, Ga. There are five grandchildren: four boys and one girl.



The Kilgores are both still working. They manage a retirement community in Tennessee and are hoping to transfer to the Clearwater/Tampa area.

Ron's parents and an uncle have lived at On Top of the World for 27 years. That was the main reason for choosing our community in which to reside. Welcome to the neighborhood!

"Till We Meet Again"



Reporter Marguerite Laskowski and family and friends were on hand for the Bat Mitzvah of her granddaughter (fifth from the left) recently in Georgia.

Fourth of July celebrated with colorful, festive cookout

July came in with a bang for us, making the Fourth quite bearable rather than miserable like most of the country. We really celebrated it with a picnic under the huge tree between our building and our next-door neighbors. A goodly number (18) showed up to share the end of the day, our offerings of good food and fellowship.

Both Gary Bronson and Mike Mikulski brought their gas barbecues for our own meats. Roger Nicoll brought the building's long tables from storage and helped us set up several other smaller tables, some with umbrellas, and many chairs. Bob Hurt brought his guitar and accompanied our singing of three patriotic songs, as well as his usual favorite music.

We really looked festive with balloons and a tall flag flying out at the



curb to welcome everyone. With tables set with appropriate colored cloths and decorations, we were soon off to a good start to enjoy all the foods we brought, except the cooler full of watermelon that remained forgotten on the ground!

Marella Cassels welcomed

everyone to the occasion, led us in a blessing, and introduced a new couple, Joe and Suzanne Lomascolas, who recently bought a unit for themselves or to rent after improvements. They are delightful to talk with.

Hilda and Jim Hamilton have returned from their 10-day camper travels to visit family members. They especially enjoyed eating in New Orleans restaurants.

Having met Beverly Gruber in the core the other day, I learned that she and her husband Larry are painting the unit that Evelyn Middleman left to them. They still live in their home in Tampa, but plan to move here in the future. She said that they look forward to being our neighbors. Beverly has just retired after 35 years service in the Hillsborough County Clerk's Office, where she and Evie first met.

Thanks to the special someone who donated a beautiful clock to our first floor core.

Lo and behold, I find the avocado seed I planted years ago in my back patio area has grown not only very tall but has produced a real avocado!

We have learned that some newcomers missed hearing of our picnic until it had started. Of course, they could have joined us, even late. But it is important that everyone read the bulletin board at least once a week. Our large notice about the picnic was posted at least a week in advance, if not two or more!

Incidentally, we had small bottles of soap bubbles to help us celebrate the Fourth. Our newcomers, Suzanne and Joe, tell us that they watched the fireworks (from Clearwater) from a friend's third-floor apartment on the west side of OTOW.

Paul Thompson was given a surprise 90th birthday party on Saturday, July 7. It was held on the private second floor of the Bon Appetit Restaurant in Dunedin. Members of Paul's Clearwater Community Concert Band and spouses and personal friends in our Saratoga home were invited.

His daughters and family members were the hosts and were present for the special occasion, many having come from some distance. He was given a great rousing song for our well-wishes with his cake.

OTOW recommends residents get their windows properly sealed now

With the advent of a very rainy summer, some residents have discovered their replacement windows weren't properly sealed.

As a result, rain water got into the interior portions of their condos and caused minor damage.

On Top of the World reminds residents that silicone sealants are no longer approved as a caulking or waterproofing device in this community. If you hire a licensed contractor to seal a window, the contractor must use an acrylic urethane or polyurethane sealant.

In response to this uptick in window sealant leaks, Mike Moody Painting will assist residents with sealant issues. You must call first to get an assessment and quote.

Properly sealing your replacement windows is a much better alternative than inviting the next rain storm into your home.

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Mosquito season is here

Ouch! I just came in from outside while talking to my neighbor, Sally Szpak; we both smacked so many mosquitoes that we felt like we were in a war zone.

I actually saw one wobbling through the air so full of a transfusion from some poor soul that it looked like a bloated blimp looking for a crash landing. Not a pretty sight, if you get the drift.

Many of our residents on Finlandia Lane experienced firsthand the effects of Tropical Storm Debby last month. It was scary watching the water creeping up over the road, into the parking lot and onto the sidewalk!

Lena Garrett has such a green thumb, although she disagrees with me and says it is just dirty fingers from digging around in the dirt!

Lena has an avocado tree that is flourishing with blooms this year (which she planted about three years ago), tomato vines that are making me drool, a fig tree that was one of my dying cast-offs (which is now growing upright and proud), and a yardstick that has grown three inches that she was using as a stake for something else that looks suspiciously healthy!

From one of her daily walks, she brought me a handful of figs from a tree she had planted a few years ago. I cannot tell you how delectable and sweet they were.

Just a friendly reminder to everyone to please use the trash room to dispose of their junk mail instead of putting it in the bins next to the mailboxes. Not only is it unsightly, but a gust of wind through the corridor can send papers blowing everywhere.

That's all for now folks. Remember to keep a song on your lips and love in your heart.

Birdwatchers will want to check this out

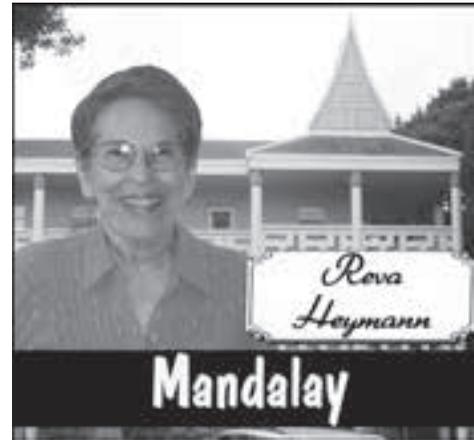
OTOW birdwatchers, have you ever seen a black ibis?

Everybody here has seen flocks of white ibis, the zoo has a flock of scarlet ibis (or did when I was a docent there) and there are occasional storks, roseate spoonbills and quite a few egrets but I had never seen a black ibis until just a few days ago.

I was very surprised to see a black bird that had to be an ibis since it had the curved beak and was stabbing the grass in search of bugs to eat like the rest of the flock.

We have had to say "goodbye" to George Rauch who decided it was time that he moved into an assisted living facility. We will miss George.

He has been a very friendly neighbor who always had a big hello



for everyone and was the one who took on the task of putting out a flag to alert people that the mail was in to save them an unproductive trip downstairs.

On the other hand, we have been able to welcome back Helen Frantz who has been away for about two years.

She had been determined to come back following rehab and live on her own.

She has had a lot of support from her family, her church and her neighbors. In particular, Juanita Brumett has been a terrific friend, visiting her, taking her to building lunches, etc. We are glad you are back, Helen!

As everyone at On Top of the World knows, tropical storm Debby dropped a ton of water on this area. For a short time, there was so much in back of our building that one of the neighbors called it "Lake Mandalay."

There was debris (leaves, twigs and even branches) all over Netherland and there were five or six cars on World Parkway that must have gotten abandoned because of water covering the street.

Former resident pooch returns 'home'

As you all know, I'm on the first floor and I try to keep you posted with unusual things that I discover.

I constantly check that the water is flowing from the little white PVC drain pipe which handles the discharge from the ACs above me as well as mine, but because of my broken shoulder, I have not checked it as often as I usually do.

Well, I put my little stick into the pipe and low and behold lots of "gunk" came out of the pipe. Not just water but all kinds of "gunk." In all the years that I have lived here, I never saw anything but water come out of that pipe.

If that pipe had closed up, I would be the one who has the mess. So, **please**, regularly check your little white PVC drainage pipe and make sure that it is open and the water is flowing. A word to the wise should be sufficient.

Lilli and Tony Scheifen have just returned from a month-long car trip across our nation. They toured many interesting places as they traveled through Mississippi, Louisiana, Texas, Arizona and Nevada.

The first stop was Biloxi, Miss., for a "little luck" at the slots. Then they moved on for their first visit to Texas to see the sights in San Antonio.

They enjoyed the San Antonio River Walk (also known as Paseo del Rio), which is a network of walkways along the banks of the San Antonio River, one story beneath the streets of downtown San Antonio. Of course they visited the Alamo and had the privilege



and pleasure of having some fantastic Tex-Mex meals.

Then on to Tucson and Phoenix to visit Tony's nieces; and off to Vegas where they did "touristy" things like seeing shows and trying their luck at the slots. After a leisurely trip home, Lilli said she thinks she needs to sleep for a week. Tony is already thinking about where their next visit will be!

We have some new residents who happened to bring with them a former resident. Some of you may remember original España resident Doris LeBlanc and her dog Brandy. Well, Brandy is now 13 years old and is back at the España.

How did Brandy get to return to España? It seems Brandy has been living with Doris' daughter Michelle and her husband Walter Steiner, who now own Doris's condo.

Michelle and Walter have both recently retired and moved to the España.

After 33 years, Walter retired for the fifth time (including the Navy and a consulting firm in Washington). They come from McLean, Va., and have three adult children.

Michelle told me that when they arrived at España, Brandy walked around the condo and behaved as though she never left. King told me that Brandy told her old friend King that she is glad to be home.

Carole Keough's daughter Liz and her two sons visited her from Newport News, Va. It was an interesting time for the boys before they settled down for the fall. They enjoyed scuba diving, jet skiing and they rode rented scooters on Clearwater Beach.

Carole's third grandson couldn't come because he was a little busy, having been just commissioned an Ensign in the U.S. Navy. He is on a six-month tour of duty aboard a Navy destroyer and is now in Dubai.

Carole's son, Bob, and his family live in Countryside, so they had only a short drive to Carole's, where they all had a great visit. After Carole's company left, she rested for a while and has now just returned from a family reunion at Folly Beach, Charleston, S.C. Now you really need a rest, Carole!

Now that I am recovering from my (second) operation on my shoulder, I want to again thank you for the cards, visits, phone calls and goodies. This is certainly a building comprised of thoughtful and considerate people who believe in the phrase "It's nice to be nice." Thank you again!

ID/ACTIVITY CARD RENEWAL HOURS

Recreation/OTOW ID cards are available at the West Activity Center every Monday morning from 9-11:30 a.m., except holidays.

Each person must present proof of residence to validate his/her own card. Proof may be a Florida driver's license, a Florida I.D., electric or cable bill, bank statement or check, or a cancelled, stamped envelope which shows name and OTOW address.



Bible Study Club

Bob Reis, President

The OTOW Bible Study Club is a non-denominational Bible study group to explore the word of God, and how it relates to our everyday lives. Our teacher, Woodie Tully, brings 45 years of Bible teaching experience to help understand the Scriptures.

The club meets each Tuesday evening at 7 p.m. in the Veranda Room of the East Activities Center. Occasionally we use a third Tuesday evening for refreshments, music and singing.

We welcome everyone to our club. You do not need to have any knowledge of Scripture to join, and there are no club fees required. We are not a church; those attending are from a variety of denominations.

Every first-time guest receives a complete copy of the Bible to keep as their own.

For more information, call either Bob Reis, 798-2443, or Woodie Tully, 399-1773.

New residents share a 'rock 'n roll' pastime

Our New neighbors, Donald and Marian Leamy, have a wonderful pastime: dancing and going to Rock and Roll shows.

Don and Marian are from Glen Mills, Pa. They have been married 21 years and met at a single's dance.

Don and Marian also love to cruise. They have been on nine cruises. Many of the cruises are Rock and Roll trips. There are usually six to seven groups on the ship performing 50's music.

Don loves to wear a tuxedo every night on the cruise. He has seven different colored tuxedos. Don usually has a special dress made for his wife in the color that closely matches his outfit. He searches and finds material that comes close to the color (see photo).

This year, instead of a cruise, Don and Marian decided to rent a place in Florida for a couple of months. Don's friend knew someone who had a condo at On Top of the World for rent.

As soon as Don and Marian got settled in, they realized how much they liked OTOW. They started to look for a place to buy. It did not take them long to find just what they wanted and purchased in Rila Renaissance.

Don and Marian are already



enjoying the line dancing, monthly dances, golf and all the shows that are offered in OTOW.

Don has one son, one grandson and two granddaughters. Marian has two daughters and two grandsons. Marian's 17-year-old grandson graduated from high school in June.

Don and Marian, we are very happy you have moved into our building. We welcome you here!

I hope all of our neighbors enjoy the rest of the summer. There are still many trips offered by the OTOW clubs as well as dances and "Sunday in the Park" activities.

Please remember to periodically check the bulletin boards in the lobby. There is usually important news



New residents Marian and Don Leamy.

from our building captain and the OTOW Association.

I would like to have an article from our building every month. If you have any news for our column, please leave a note in the white mailbox under the bulletin board. News could be about a birth, a new pet, a fascinating and interesting story. If you know of an interesting trip that we would like to read about, I would like to interview you.

Many of our neighbors have interesting stories to tell.

Revisiting Wallenda's breathtaking Niagara Falls wire walk

Wow — it's August already, and summer has been pretty calm and quiet with the exception of tropical storm Debby. She stirred things up for a few days with the strong winds and "gully-washing" rains.

The Capistrano building weathered the storm with only a few problems: a few items blew into the breezeways but there were no major problems that we know of.

Julia and Sam Contella had a leaky window which kept them mopping for a while. Fortunately, On Top of the World maintenance personnel were on the job right after the storm making sure things were all right.

Lately some of our Capistrano residents have been relaxing, cooling off, getting some exercise and socializing around the pool with an evening swim at the West Activity Center. OTOW pools are among the finest in the area.

During June, an interesting event in the cities of Niagara Falls U.S. and Canada took place. Nik Wallenda, of the "Flying Wallenda" family fame and a resident of Sarasota, walked across the brink of the Horseshoe Falls on a cable stretched from Niagara Falls, N.Y. to Niagara Falls, Ontario.

The event was televised nationally and perhaps many of you watched in



awe as did hundreds of thousands of people at the site.

Newspersons from around the world gathered to record the historic high-wire walk across the Falls.

Throughout history, several stunt men and women have crossed the Niagara gorge successfully downstream of the famous cataracts. Wallenda was the first to cross at the gorge at the brink of the Horseshoe Falls, spanning a distance of 1,800 feet.

Wallenda spent over a year planning and raising funds for the walk and obtaining final approval from the New York and Canadian governments for the June 15 event. ABC carried the event on national television beginning at 10:15 p.m., June 15.

Practice sessions took place during the month of May and early June on a two inch diameter practice cable stretched across a parking facility at the Seneca Niagara Casino in Niagara.

The placement of the actual cable across the gorge was done with a simple rope attached to the cable and flown across the gorge by a helicopter and the cable winched over by a crane. Each end of the cable was equipped with a two-man tram which could quickly traverse the cable should Wallenda get in trouble.

The big day finally arrived with hundreds of newspersons and over 100,000 spectators. Many large screen televisions were set up on the streets of the city of Niagara Falls for spectator viewing.

At about 10:12 p.m., Wallenda met with his family, boarded a scissors platform which elevated him to the wire, waved to the crowd and stepped out on to the cable and the 1,800 foot walk across the gorge.

The roar of the falls drowned out the noise of the crowd as he gently stepped his way toward Canada, several times disappearing into the mist. You could see on television the winds whipping the mist. A marker on the cable indicated the border line between

the U.S. and Canada, and as he crossed the line into Canada, those watching let out a great cheer.

A few steps later, Wallenda did a fist pump and threw a kiss to the thousands awaiting his arrival on the Canadian shore. As he neared the end, he trotted the final 13 feet and into the arms of his waiting, welcoming crew.

The cheers of the thousands of spectators on both sides of the border drowned out the roar of the falls.

As he stepped onto the scissors platform, two Canadian customs agents greeted him and asked ceremoniously for his passport and reason for entering the country. Wallenda smiled, produced a soggy passport and responded "to inspire people" — and inspire he did!

Pictures of the walk are available on the Internet by searching for Nik Wallenda Niagara Falls walk.

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While in New Hampshire, "baby brother" Gerry Lamothe visited his two older sisters, shown here, who are 89 and 93 years of age.

New England vacation a good chance to catch up on family

Hope you all are staying cool enough now that we are in the middle of summer. Of course you can always go to one of our two lovely pools here at On Top of the World.

The first part of July, Diane Kendrick and Gerry Lamothe flew to Nashua, N.H., to visit his goddaughter. They also visited Gerry's 93-year-old sister and took her with them as they visited another sister, this one 89 years young. She lives in Hampton, by the ocean.

"Baby brother" Gerry is thrilled that his two sisters still live alone independently (see photo, above).

While in Maine they enjoyed some lobster and even brought some home for friends.

This trip was partially a trip for Diane to recuperate from her surgery.



She came home eight days later, while Gerry stayed for the whole month.

Have you ever realized that Maine is the only state name with just one syllable?

Our weather is changing all the time; however, in 1932, Niagara Falls froze completely solid because winter was so cold that year.

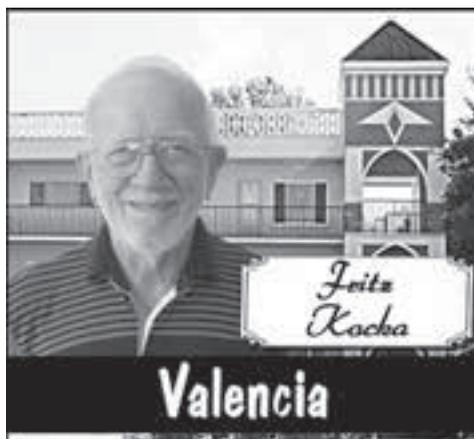
Not your typical slow summer

Normally our summers are a little slow at On Top of the World, but such is not the case this year. Activities in the area surrounding OTOW have been buzzing.

In addition to our recent holidays with music and fireworks, we have organizations in our area hosting dinner specials with background music, and numerous parks with cool shady woods with barbeque grills.

Why not take in some shows that are put on by professional and learning actors? It is amazing the amount of talent we have here in Clearwater.

We at the Valencia celebrated the Fourth of July on the 5th by meeting in the core and driving to Hella's in Tarpon Springs. The food and service were excellent. It was a very pleasant way for 26 wonderful people to spend an afternoon honoring our flag.



I understand the bakery was also visited before we left.

The ladies and men's luncheons were held July 12. The ladies went to Lucky Dill Deli. They all came home with doggy bags. The men went to Rumba's at Gulf-to-Bay and Keene.

Mama sez: You only live once, but if you live it right, once is enough.

Family visits are highlight of the summer so far at Azores

Lots of visiting going on at the Azores. Nora Bill had an extended visit from son David, who recently left Kazakhstan and dropped in to visit his mom before going on to Baghdad. His visit was a double blessing since Nora had broken her foot and needed a little help getting around. Sometimes these kids show up at just the right time. Good luck, David. We appreciate your service.

Later this year, John and Dolores Parham plan to spend time with family in New York, then on up to the beautiful little city of Rockport, Maine, where they will enjoy the New England hospitality. John tells me the main attractions of the area are the lobster feasts, along with fried clams.

Petie Fornuto recently had another birthday. This called for a family celebration. Her two sons Anthony and John arrived with their wives Tracy and Janet. The celebration was brightened by her five grandchildren. A super birthday party and the promise of another family visit in August. Petie, you are one lucky lady. Happy Birthday!



Marie and Tom Pirrello enjoyed two weeks in Longboat Key. This has become an annual family reunion, with family arriving from California and New York. Hope you had a great time!

I wish to thank someone for a job well done. During our recent blow, our electricity was never interrupted. In the past, a blow with only a fraction of the intensity of this one would have had us in the dark for a day or two.

I believe someone figured out that tree limbs and electric wires need generous separation. Thanks, guys!

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THE WAY WE WERE A look back at the OTOW News

(Part 39: August, 1974)

By Dolores Burm and Elaine Gotler

- Last month's July 4th dance attracted 305 OTOW citizens. Informal attire was the rule for this rousing time in the auditorium.
- An Orange Bowl Holiday from Dec. 30 to Jan. 2 was being planned with a trip to Ft. Lauderdale. Itinerary includes staying at Schrafft's Inn, dinner and a Starlight cruise aboard the "Paddlewheel Queen," seats for the King Orange Jamboree Parade, and tickets for the 41st annual Orange Bowl Classic. Four days and three nights for only \$115.
- Thanks to the cooperation of Mr. Colen, the shuffleboard players added six more courts. Also, floodlights were hooked up in July, making night play possible for the 163 members of the Shuffleboard Club.
- 26 buildings reported news.

See you in September!

Couple's son is recipient of prestigious Presidential Award

Our Independence Day celebration could be considered a success, and there were only six hot dogs left over!

To a backdrop of patriotic march music, Milt Arnold, with a catch in his voice, recounted how telling the truth and a simple turn of fate spared him being in the midst of the Battle of the Bulge during his army service in World War II. Louisa Crawford included that her father had fought in that battle. Her husband, Jim, is a Vietnam veteran.

From the White House Office of the Press Secretary came a recent release announcing that President Obama has named 97 math and science teachers as recipients of the prestigious Presidential Award for Excellence in Mathematics and Science Teaching. Among those educators receiving the award at a ceremony in Washington, D.C., was Donald Pata, son of Larry and Linda Pata of American Gothic.

Don Pata has taught high school physics in Michigan for the past 13 years. Before that he taught science and math in Ghana, West Africa, while serving in the Peace Corps.

For the past three years, while teaching all levels of physics from Conceptual to College Preparatory to Advanced Placement, Pata has also taught inquiry physics to physics teachers in his area and serves as the Science Department Chairperson



and a member of the school's Leadership Team.

After school, Pata serves as the faculty advisor for the district's First Robotics Team and has conducted summer workshops where he trains teachers in the Modeling Method, a methodology for teaching high school physics.

He has been a presenter at many local, state and national conferences and has been published in "The Physics Teacher" magazine and the "Michigan Science Teachers Association Journal."

In addition to our barbecue, in July residents participated in an early dinner at Norton's Diner in Dunedin. Another early dinner is being planned for Thursday, Aug. 23, at Cheddar's Casual Café in Clearwater. Dinner will be at 4:30 p.m. Check the bulletin board for a sign-up sheet and directions.

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NOTE: The OTOW Newsroom will be closed Aug. 25 – Sept. 3



AN INNOCENT QUESTION

By Pete Ferrero

A parent quickly realizes,
That little ones bring big surprises,
Not only in the things they do,
But in the questions they ask you.
So it was with lifted head,
Our grandchild to our daughter said,
With all the innocence of five,
“Mom, what happens when we die?”

A woman full and firm with faith,
She did not pause or hesitate.
Looking deeply in her eyes,
She gave to Kaycee her reply.
When we die, we fall asleep,
And put ourselves in Good God’s keep.
Then, when we wake up again,
We find ourselves up in Heaven.

It’s better than the best of places,
And there we’ll see familiar faces,
Of those we love, who died before
And have been given their reward.
There we’ll hear the angels sing,
And fly through clouds upon their wings.
God is there, past gates of pearl,
It’s greater, dear, than Disney World!

Kaycee’s response was more than clear.
“I can’t wait ‘till I get there!”
Mom teared up and with a smile,
Told her it should be a while.
The day will come, there is no hurry.
Love God, be good and don’t you worry.
The sun shined brightly on that day
And Mom and kids went out to play.

There is a lesson for us here.
We have no need to fret or fear.
Just as a child told by her mother,
We have the promise of Another.
By God’s Word, we have been told,
When we are too weak or old,
His home for us waits up above.
All He asks of us is love.



TRUE

By Madeleine Wanda

We can be too young or too old,
Too weak or too bold,
Too hot or too cold,
Everyone’s feelings will unfold.
Some people are artists
Great scholars achieve greatness
It takes all kinds to make our world;
In some way, we all have to toil.

SMALL PROBLEM

By Madeleine Wanda

I have a problem with the bus
On and off I want to cuss,
The good driver, his name is Gus,
Helps me on and off without any fuss.
I’m as contented as can be
No more am I just ninety-three,
The Good Lord watches out for me
Where I live, I feel very free.



I am submitting two of my poems that a professional poetry company used in a book published under the title “Our 100 Most Famous Poets.”

—Alma W. Hudson

THE ALL-AMERICAN GIRL

By Alma W. Hudson

She’s really something special
This lady whom we know
She’s busy, busy, busy
Her life is all aglow
She dates a group of foreign friends
She’s in a constant whirl
She loves Italians, Greeks and Poles
This All-American Girl
When eating out with special dates
She chooses foreign dining
Chinese, and Mex and Cuban
To her gourmet taste refining
Her dancing partners all must be
The epitome of terpsichory
She loves the Scotch, the French, the Finns
But she can’t dance with Siamese twins
But, how she tangoes, swings and sways
In fancy South American ways
And Spanish dancers by the score
Guide her across the polished floor
Yes, she’s just an All-American Girl.

ABIDE

By Alma W. Hudson

Abide with me a little while
So I can see your tender smile
The play of shadows on your face
The twinkling eyes, oh, just a trace
Of hidden magic that I see
So, darling, please abide with me
It’s your sweet comfort that I need
On which my hungry soul can feed
To fill me with your truth and love
The pure clean message of the Dove
Whose sweetly gentle voice is heard
In whispers like a sacred word
But, oh the truth I’m finding there
The truth that drives away despair
And makes my silent heart rebound
With new sweet happiness I’ve found
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Forever dear with me abide.



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'Dog days of summer' sometimes prove to be anything but

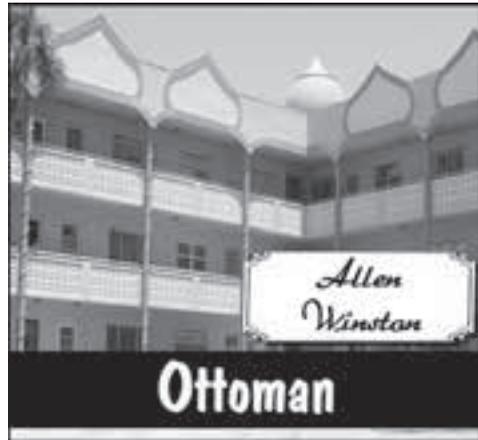
Everyone knows that the "dog days of summer" occur during the hottest and muggiest part of the season. Webster defines "dog days" as a period of stagnation or inactivity.

August is supposed to be as slow as barbecue cooking on the grill, or as languid as a lazy day floating in the middle of a pool. It's a time for long naps on the couch, and/or pulp fiction on the beach.

But August also has had its "moments." Babe Ruth died in August. So did Elvis Presley (at age 42) and Marilyn Monroe (at age 36, from an overdose of sleeping pills).

Dr. Martin Luther King made his now famous "I Have a Dream" speech this month, and apartheid opponent Nelson Mandela was arrested in South Africa, also this month.

The six days of rioting in the Watts area of Los Angeles occurred in August, while the Berlin Wall was born this month.



Woodstock, the three-day music festival in upstate New York, turned the 1969 "summer of love" into a cultural touchstone.

Richard Nixon resigned his Presidency as a result of the Watergate scandal this month. And the "Son of Sam" was captured this month.

Princess Diana died in a high-speed car crash in Paris, and the bodies of three young civil rights workers were

found murdered in Mississippi, both events occurring in August.

The first atomic bomb was dropped on Hiroshima, and the second on Nagasaki, both in August.

Gold was discovered in Alaska this month, and Bill Clinton became the first sitting President to give testimony before a grand jury in which he, the President, was the focus of the investigation (remember Monica Lewinsky).

V-J Day commemorated President Truman's announcement that Japan had surrendered to the Allies, and the 19th Amendment to the U.S. Constitution was ratified, granting women the right to vote, both events occurring during the month of August.

August is also one of nature's favorite months (sarcasm). "Brownouts" and occasional power outages make major cities, and sometimes whole states, go dark from the month's oppressive heat.

Wildfires scorch tens of thousands

of acres throughout the West, while tornadoes ravage the Midwest.

Hurricane Katrina almost permanently wiped out the city of New Orleans, while Mt. Vesuvius's eruption did destroy the city of Pompeii.

Krakatoa's explosion was heard 2,000 miles away, with tidal waves 120 feet high killing 36,000 people, while five cubic miles of earth were blasted into the air up to a height of 50 miles.

Hurricanes, earthquakes, tornadoes, wildfires, all help make our eighth month of the calendar year anything but stagnant and/or inactive.

And from now until Election Day we are going to be bombarded with political ads on TV and political mailers in our mailbox.

August will be hot and humid. And it will have its moments. Remember, it's true that we don't know what we've got until it's gone. But it's also true that we don't know what we've been missing until it arrives.

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Casa Verde likes to dine out — here's where

Every month the residents of Casa Verde dine out at some restaurant in Pinellas County. This has been a tradition for many years.

Mirza Cogan and Ruth Kahl find a restaurant that they believe most people will enjoy; they post this on the neighborhood bulletin board; residents sign up indicating that they plan to attend, and then Mirza and Ruth contact the restaurant with the number attending. This gives everyone in the building a time to socialize and a time to catch up on the latest news.

I thought that it would be fun to find out what everybody's favorite restaurant is, why it is a favorite, what they like to eat, and how often they eat out.

Mary Dicke eats out about once a month and her favorite is chicken at Kally K's. Charlotte Kay eats out three to four times a week and she likes the filet steak at the Texas Cattle Company.

Pat Kiddoo's favorite place to eat is Salt Rock Grill in Indian Shores Beach; she likes the coconut shrimp. Pat also likes the Normandie Farm in Potomac, Md. She says that the popovers, coconut horseradish, French décor and fireplaces there make it a very special place to go.

Mary Petroff likes the fried chicken at the Beachcomber on Clearwater Beach, and she favors The Carvery in London for its excellent roast beef and royal atmosphere.

Jimmy and Bette Manard eat out weekly, and they order seafood the most. Jimmy likes Island Way Grill



and Bette likes The Living Room in Dunedin for lunch. When traveling to the UK, Jimmy especially likes the food and the atmosphere at the local pubs.

Jean and Fred Wilson both like Island Way Grill, but he also likes Outback and Jean likes the Black Pearl in Dunedin. They like veal and seafood. Their favorite restaurant is Le Mont in Pittsburgh because it means home to them. They have many memories after the Steelers games watching fireworks from the restaurant and looking over three rivers.

Ruth Kahl also likes the Outback. She feels that they have the best steak in the world. Larry Kahl likes a Bob Evans Restaurant.

Another couple who eats out weekly is Heidi and Fred Maisolle. He likes Kally K's and she likes Red Lobster; they both like chicken.

Gary and Darlene Ordway like steak and ribs. Gary likes Cody's, while Darlene's favorite is Applebee's. Gary says the best steaks are at the Ranch Restaurant — his most favorite in the world.

Leon and Lani Trahan like to eat breakfast at Panera's at least once a week. You can tell they are newlyweds, since they agree on one place!

Louise Smith likes the chicken and fish at the Beachcomber on Clearwater Beach. She also likes any restaurant that serves Chicago-style thin crust pizza. The Bambini's like the filet mignon at Cody's and the fried shrimp at Caddie's on Treasure Island.

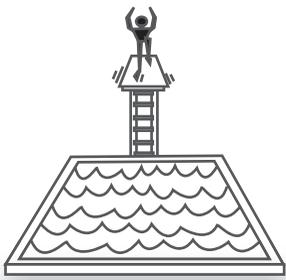
Bill Lee loves Mexican food, but he has lived in Pinellas County over 30 years and he still can't find a Mexican restaurant as good as Consuela's in Monterey, Calif.

Jane Lee's favorite restaurant is Bern's in Tampa. She loves the tour that they give of the kitchen and the wine cellar after your dinner and the dessert room upstairs where you sit in a wine keg with your party, and where you can pick up the phone and request your favorite song from the piano player.

The Otts eat out daily. Their favorite restaurant is Mystic Fish and Seafood Grill in Palm Harbor. They like the steak, chicken, and fish there. Their favorite restaurant, though, is O'Keefe's on S. Ft. Harrison Ave. in Clearwater. They like the great music there on Wednesday and Saturday nights.

One of the questions that I asked was "Why is this restaurant your favorite?" Most said because of the food; the cost, location, and atmosphere were tied, and the service seemed to be least important.

I guess this is since most of us have time on our hands, we don't mind if the service is a little slow.



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OTOW Press Association

There will be no Press Association meetings in July. The next Press Association meeting will be held at 1:30 p.m., Thursday, Aug. 2, in the East Activity Center card room.

Residents report on their fun summer trips

To be sure, the quiet around our domain these last six weeks was due to the fact that our Snowbirds are now happily enjoying their summer retreats.

However, many of our "year-rounders" have taken off on their own little jaunts – as well as some rather larger, exciting vacations, which deepens the quiet.

Judy Boley, for one, made a long weekend visit to her sister-in-law Eunice to help celebrate the same's birthday. It was the weekend of Tropical Storm Debby, and she found herself compelled to stay a little longer because the Sunshine Skyway bridge was closed. The storm didn't hamper them from enjoying very good food and lots of laughter.

Don and Kathy Rice enjoyed a Caribbean cruise (a gift from their son) on which they celebrated their 50th anniversary. We all here give our heartiest congratulations and hope they enjoy many more.



Maureen Davis will by now have returned from an exotic Eastern Mediterranean cruise with an extended tour of Turkey. I believe there were 20-some relatives and friends in this gang. Maureen, with two others, went early, taking in the sights of Rome.

Bloomington, Minn., will never be the same since Connie Saylor went for a week's visit with our Snowbird Ginny Tousignaut. Golf, playing the games at the casino, and shopping at the famous

mile-long shopping center made for much laughter and noise, which we could almost hear here at On Top of the World!

Speaking of laughter and glee, no one ever had a broader grin expressing the joy of having a visitor as had Dorothy Hartnagle. Her daughter Dorothy came for her annual visit and it proved to be most enjoyable.

I myself had two lovely daughters come to give me aid as well as TLC during the convalescence from a total knee replacement. The first to arrive was Karen, who flew in from King of Prussia, Pa.

Upon her departure, namesake Virginia arrived from Todd, Pa., to take over seeing to my needs. I have done exceptionally well due to their care and to the well-wishes and offerings of help from my wonderful neighbors.

The monthly luncheon took place at Countryside Pizza and was well-attended and, as usual, most enjoyable. Hope to see you all at the next one.

Good Samaritan helped out during Debby

I know we're not supposed to write about the weather in our columns, but I felt much better after hearing that one very responsible gentleman from our building checked on some of our older singles on Sunday, June 24, when the rain and wind were so ferocious.

I won't mention his name because, as of this writing, he is out of town and I haven't had an opportunity to thank him for his concern. But it is reassuring to know that we have residents who will check on their neighbors.

I hope everyone enjoyed the 4th of July. I remember the parades on the 4th in the small town in Nebraska where I raised my kids. You saw everyone in town there. I loved the classic and antique cars, and the people driving the cars had such fun.

A belated happy birthday to Betty Uher. She said she received quite a few cards from friends. Best wishes, Betty.

Shirley Crowder and Ray "Scotti" Scott returned from a tour of Spain and Portugal. Shirley said they really had a great time.

Some of the places they visited were Gibraltar (Shirley said it was beautiful), a farm where olives were being pressed to make virgin olive oil, a flamenco dance, and fields of sunflowers, which is a major industry there.

One of the funniest things that happened was when Shirley went to her



hotel's front desk to request a washcloth and tried to demonstrate what she needed to the female clerk, who spoke no English. Following Shirley's broad, sweeping gestures, the clerk's eyes lit up and she said, "Oh, toothbrush!"

I had heard from a friend who had visited Germany that European hotels have only towels but no washcloths. I guess you have to take your own. We're glad you are back and had a wonderful and safe vacation.

Jim and Dee Hinthorn entertained out-of-state family members in early July, including their 10-year-old twin grandsons. This included a three-day trip to Disney World.

Dee said they had to wear ponchos the first two days there because of the rain. They stayed dry except for their shoes. But 10-year-old boys will have fun anyway, even if they have to slosh through the water!

Daffynitions:

Adult – A person who has stopped growing at both ends and is now growing in the middle.

Committee – A body that keeps minutes and wastes hours.

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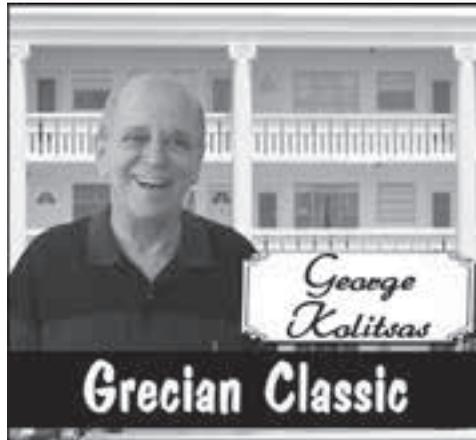
Residents keep active with trips, cruises and birthdays

Greetings to all of the residents who will be reading this article as well as the Snowbirds who will be reading this by e-mail or however you receive the monthly publication.

Although many have fallen prey to the summer doldrums, some of the ladies of Grecian Classic aren't letting any grass grow under their feet (as lush as the grass is in the complex).

The groundskeepers are doing a terrific job. But I digress. On June 18, a birthday luncheon was held at the Sand Pearl on Clearwater Beach to celebrate the 85th birthday of Joyce Mehas (see photo). Pictured with Joyce (front) are Grecian Classic residents (from L to R) Marsha Orrell, Margo Robson and Gay Hunt. Also attending from Miami were (back row) Peter Mehas and David Schlosberg.

On June 21, Travel Club members Gay Hunt, Joyce Mehas and Share Anthony enjoyed the trip to the new Dali Museum as well as the Chihuly Glass Collection Exhibition, both in St. Petersburg, and enjoyed lunch at The Hangar.



Margo Robson, Gay Hunt, Joyce Mehas and Share Anthony spent a glorious day aboard the yacht *Starship*, traveling from Tampa Bay to Clearwater along the Intercoastal. The trip was sponsored by the Snowbird Club and took place July 3.

People, how about that newly resurfaced parking lot on the Australia Way side of the building, huh, huh? The Snowbirds are in for a big treat when they return this year.

For those of us who are spending the summer here at home, why not take



Joyce Mehas (center, front) celebrates her 85th birthday with friends and family. (L to R): Marsha Orrell, Margo Robson and Gay Hunt. Coming up from Miami were (back row) Peter Mehas and David Schlosberg.

advantage of the trips offered by the Snowbird Club and the tickets sold by the Entertainment Committee, at the

East Activity Center on Monday and Thursday from 8:30–10:30 a.m.? That's all, folks!



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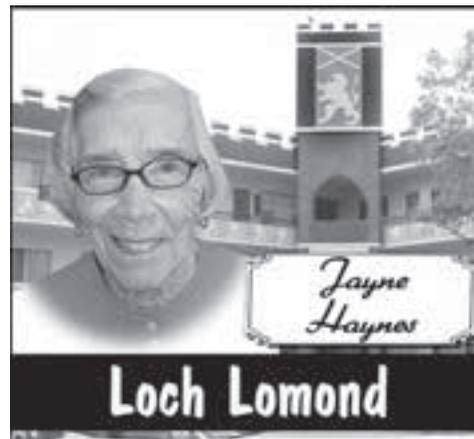
It's ID card punch time again, and while many are away, this is a favorable time to go to the West Activity Center on Monday mornings.

Several of us went directly from our early exercise class and, having our IDs and another needed item (driver's license, bill with address), we moved through the process very easily. In fact, we enjoyed brief visits with a number whom we seldom see, a great bonus, for "doing our duty."

Those IDs are being asked to be shown more than they used to be, so it's a good idea to have a little case or wristlet and always carry them. Most of us are becoming used to carrying our phones now, so tuck that ID in and be prepared for pool, clubs, etc.

Speaking of phones – I'm finding my new Smart Phone is a real challenge. But I can dependably place a call and answer and return voice mail, but so much more to become familiar with or comfortable with. And the 12-year-olds don't give it a thought; it's second nature to them.

When traveling to Atlanta, I still had to take my shoes off, and I do set off the body scanners for no reason that I can understand, but I'm used to the



"pat down" routine now and try to just allow time for it. Of course, if I were under 12 years old, the "shoes off" rule changed as I returned – youngsters under 12 can keep their shoes on.

The Atlanta airport has enlarged their international area, so when leaving your plane and heading for baggage pick-up, you have to be alert for separation of domestic versus international pick-up. I'd been prepared for that, and all went smoothly. And, of course, a week in Atlanta with family and friends is always great.

What does one do in Florida "in the heat," many residents ask. Well, many of us stay here most of the

summer and survive very, very well. After all, we survived throughout America before air-conditioning.

The beaches and theme parks are readily available. And the activity centers at On Top of the World carry on each day from 8 a.m. to pool closing time.

Most activities continue all year, though with fewer people. The folks who man the Coffee Corner serve their great coffee and pastries, and the many who come to socialize look forward to it. The Gift Shoppe is open, and card groups and exercise groups continue.

Your newspaper staff puts out its issues faithfully, and Ruth has even begun more Tai Chi groups.

Terry and Mike Mikulski have inspired amazing growth with the Sunday afternoon Wii bowling players – our numbers grow each week, and with the help of Good Neighbors, we have been able to get more equipment. Come any Sunday, 2 to 4 p.m. in the card room.

We miss our "traveling friends" but we have a wonderful time right here at OTOW.

Keep in touch. Enjoy your travels. Share with us when you return.

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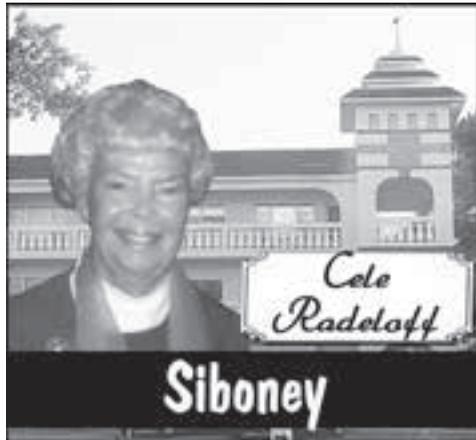
Remember that old saying, "When it rains, it pours?" Well, that's what happened on my birthday, and what a Sunday it was! But it didn't prevent Audrey Decker and me from attending church and then breakfast at Acropol's. And the restaurant was packed.

I always speak of my wonderful neighbors, and here's another example why I brag about them. Doris Prekopa, who lives two doors away, made dinner for seven of us (for my birthday).

We started with a champagne toast and a huge fruit bowl filled with watermelon, blueberries, strawberries, etc., then a delicious Honey Baked ham dinner with pineapples, cherries, asparagus, applesauce, chutney, two types of potato salad and ending with coffee and an ice cream cake.

Everyone had seconds, and the plates came back empty – proving how much they enjoyed everything. I'm so very grateful to Doris for all her hard work and to my six neighbors for attending.

Although we were few in number, we all enjoyed our building luncheon at the Golden Coin. The fruit plate Agnes Krepelka ordered looked delicious. Audrey Jones discussed some of the upcoming shows she has planned for the Entertainment Committee, and



we're all looking forward to an exciting season.

Tropical Storm Debby played havoc with our core decorations, but Audrey Decker and I replaced the patriotic streamers, with a little help from our taller neighbor, Jewell Goldstein. Thank you!

We have a new neighbor, Pat English. Welcome to the Siboney. Hoping to interview her for next month's column.

Did you read that interesting article in the Tampa Bay Times by Esther Gropper, a wise young lady of 93? She felt that cheerful people live longer. She also recommended: "Find companionship. Exercise the body every day. Use your brain, Keep your sense of humor. Dress well every day.



These thoughtful Siboney Building residents threw a birthday dinner for building reporter Cele Radeloff recently. L-R: Agnes Krepelka, Ethyle Lee, Audrey Decker, Audrey Jones, Linda Mathewson and Doris Prekopa.

Find a theme song and sing or hum it. Offer a cheerful greeting. Have a conversation starter and plan your day, every day. Get out of the house as much as possible and enjoy life!"

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Yes, the 'living is easy' for many of us here at OTOW

Hello! Summertime and the living is easy! At least it is for us at On Top of the World, because we do not have lawns to mow. The mowers making their rounds are music to my ears because it is a reminder I am retired and enjoying other forms of exercise, like swimming and dancing.

We are very fortunate to have gotten an ample amount of rain, without damage as other areas have had. Our Snowbird friends in the Midwest are having such drought, and it is sad to hear that the corn crops and their gardens and flowers are withering.

Evelyn Berg recently enjoyed a visit from her oldest daughter Nancy and son-in-law, Art, from Massachusetts.



They spent two weeks here taking day trips every other day. They went to see all points of the compass, enjoying sites that are unique to Florida. They had a wonderful time, and so did Evelyn. It is

so hard to say goodbye, but Evelyn will visit Massachusetts later this year.

Linda Whitten hopped a flight to attend a dance recital in Massachusetts whereby not only did her two granddaughters dance, but her daughter was also a dancer. Linda also participated in the "Relay for Life for Cancer — Team Sara Smiles," named after her granddaughter, who is cured from cancer since 4 months old.

Linda's husband, Norm, took a later flight to Massachusetts, and they both attended and worked a booth, as they do every year, for the June 23rd Swampscott Yacht Club Harbor Fest and Spring Boat Parade. They enjoyed the battle of the bands, the

Strawberry Festival, and being with friends and relatives.

Also, Linda and Norm celebrated their 44th wedding anniversary with a surprise to Linda to visit and tour the church retreat where she and Norm met — Rolling Ridge — and a lovely dinner afterward.

To top it all off, they had their annual family reunion and enjoyed everyone and all they did immensely.

Did You Know? If you have green moss growing outside your condo, you need only take one part Clorox to nine parts water in a spray bottle and spray right before it rains. It is an instant fix.

Residents enjoy their Midwestern vacations

Again, the "Dog Days of August" are upon us. I thought this was an interesting perspective:

In August

*When the sun is strong
And the day is hot,
We move around
At a peaceful trot.
We don't wear much
In the way of clothes,
And we squirt ourselves
With the garden hose.*

Alice Markus has returned from a trip to Chicago to visit her three daughters. While there, she attended a wedding shower for her grandson and his bride. Alice enjoyed meeting her family as she was raised in Arizona where she has family. She said her stay in Chicago was delightful, but it started getting warmer the day she was leaving. So she was glad to be back at On Top of the World.



Carol Anne Futej returned from a three-week vacation visiting family and friends in Cleveland, Ohio and surrounding areas. The Girard side of the family celebrated Carol and Wanda Patrick's Aunt Corinne's 100th birthday. Her only health problems are recovering from a broken hip and being hard of hearing. Carol said Cleveland was as hot as Clearwater but not as humid.

A note from Linda Dallao – If anyone has Bibles, devotionals or other Christian inspirational books they no longer need, would they consider donating them to the mission she is working with for the homeless and others being rescued.

If so, the materials can be dropped off at her apartment, or call her at 725-0410 and she will be happy to pick them up.

If you have been wondering when we are having our next building outing, keep watching the bulletin board. Carol has been on vacation for three weeks, but there will be one soon.

I can't believe that summer is more than half over. Where do the days go? No big holidays in August, so just enjoy the lazy, hazy summer days! And remember to put the news in the box for September.

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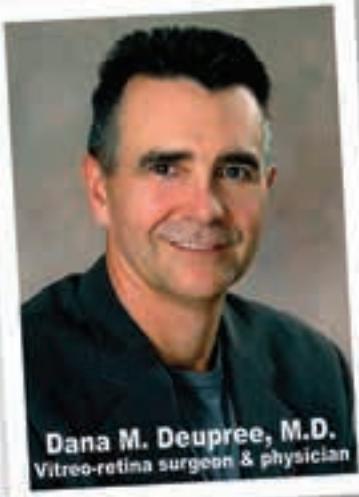
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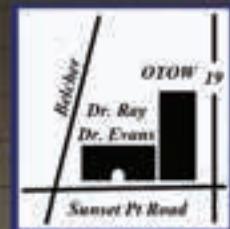
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It's the Dog Days of Summer - stay hydrated!

European trip includes visit to 100½-year-old mom

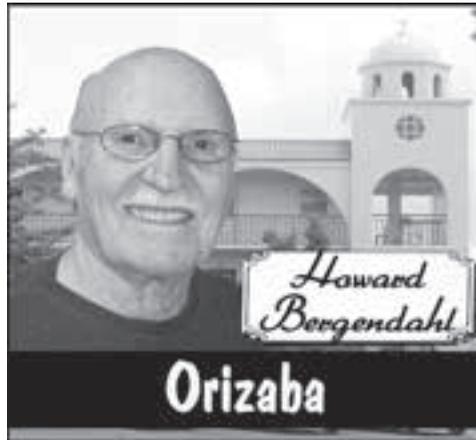
August has snuck up on us and we are in the full throes of summer, but we are not as hot as many sections of the country.

I made a recent visit to New York, to attend the graduation of my grandson from high school, and it was hotter there than in Clearwater.

Speaking of travelling, Filip and Dusita George have just returned from an extended trip through Europe with a major stop in Romania. The main reason for the Romania trip was to visit with Filip's mother, who is now one hundred and a half years of age (see photo). Odd that after one hundred we start using half-years again!

The couple visited with family members and finished up with an extended stay in Spain. They visited Barcelona, Madrid, Toledo and Escorial (the burial place of Kings and civil war heroes).

The stay in Spain was an enjoyment of the architecture, the always active La Ramba and, of course, watching the beautiful Flamenco dancers. A beautiful country with a terrible economy that we all hope will improve soon.



Filip and Dusita enjoyed the countryside, the cities and watching the sword making in Toledo, but they were happy to return to On Top of the World.

W.C. Fields was once asked what he does with all his money. He



Filip George in Romania with his mother.



Typical Spanish architecture (above and below) observed by the Georges on their trip.

replied, "I spend half on gambling, alcohol and women, the other half I just waste away."

Birthday wishes go out to Fay Howell, Tony Brandolino, Al Corcoran and a special acknowledgement to Andy Grillo, who is joining the "90s Club." Andy is trying to catch up to Fannie Battista, but she keeps moving further away.

Remember, today is the oldest you have ever been but it is also the youngest you will ever be, so enjoy it while you can.

Photos by Filip and Dusita George



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Susan Rose shows off her latest trophy and Black Belt certificate. Susan is not your ordinary athlete. She is 70 years old and fighting cancer.

(OTOW News photo by Doug Kates)

This lady knows all the right ‘moves’ to participate in championships at age 70

Hi, I'm back. Hope you all had a nice, safe Fourth of July. I spent it with my friends here, barbecuing.

I would like to introduce you to a very interesting and courageous lady. Her name is Susan Rose and she goes to my church, Light of Christ.

My two grandchildren are both involved in Tae Kwon Do and they both enjoyed hearing Susan's story, so I decided I wanted to share it with all of you.

At age 57, Susan got interested in Martial Arts when her 4-year-old granddaughter took it up and attended competitions. At age 8, her granddaughter became a Black Belt.

Now, 13 years later, at age 70, Susan is a Black Belt, herself.

Susan is only 62 pounds, but if you're ever in a tight spot, you'd want her protecting you. Don't let her size fool you.



Susan knows how to push hard and she is an inspiration for never giving up.

At age 64, Susan competed and officiated at the U.S. Open World Martial Arts Competition at Disney's Coronado Springs.

She was the oldest competitor.

Susan said it was a great experience joining 2,500 others

in martial arts, plus she enjoyed a weekend of comradeship and competition with people of all ages.

Three years ago, Susan continued to study Tae Kwon Do in Dunedin with Paul Castricone, a sixth-degree master. It was at this time she achieved the rank of Black Belt, but it didn't come without sacrifice.

There is a financial sacrifice to participate in the Martial Arts, but Susan worked at tournaments to offset costs.

Susan has also had another sacrifice to fight through to stay active in Tae Kwon Do. She has cancer.

Susan lives with many health issues, but says God is allowing her to deal with any setbacks. She said staying active in her church, her faith, her participation in martial

arts, Tai Chi and exercise programs, and God's blessings, have given her the continued will to live and help others.

Just recently, Susan won another first place trophy and shortly upon returning home she kept her appointment with Moffitt doctors.

Susan won't let anything get her down. Her faith is strong.

She also participates in Tai Chi and Ge Gong, other forms of ancient Chinese martial arts. It is relaxing, stress relieving, promotes better health, and gives her the opportunity to make a lot of friends.

Now it is almost Olympics time and soon we will be hearing many inspirational stories from young athletes from around the world.

Well, here's an inspirational story from a young athlete I met and I'm sharing it with my world.

July Fourth celebration featured great food, unique game

A couple dozen or more Bohemian folks had a hot doggie of a time on the Fourth of July. It was a hot day, but they celebrated on “the shady side of the street.”

There is a nice big shady spot under a nice big ol’ oak tree about 3 p.m. where friendly folks like to hang out and indulge themselves in some social interaction (top photo).

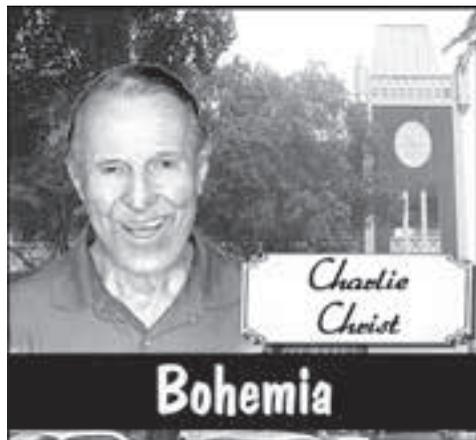
The day featured food and frivolity involving mental abilities as well as verbal exchanges. To explain: The men and ladies were divided into teams and given the task of puzzle solving in the shortest amount of time.

Well, it was a slam dunk for the ladies because anyone knows they have had more experience and communicate faster than the men in activities involving finger dexterity and artistic scenes; i.e., men perform faster and more efficiently when strength, logic, and monetary tasks are involved.

Plus, the men gave them a handicap by taking time-outs for brew breaks and such. So, the ladies won. Big deal!

Some of the ladies also got their pictures taken for the newspaper (bottom photo). Wonderful, have a ball ladies — we’re very happy for you. But just wait ‘til next time, baby!

Now on to another important event. Get this, gals. Who did the cooking? Well, the most important part, anyway. It was the one and only Jerry DeLisle and Jim Schelling twosome who rose to the challenge and toiled



over a hot stove in the insufferable heat to deliver the finest cuisine to a hungry horde of celebrating Bohemians—the hot dogs!

Jerry and Jim were congratulated by all as they munched their “doggie” along with other goodies donated by neighbors. Also on hand was another man, Mike Lane, whose casserole dish was a big hit.

Dessert was good ol’ American apple pie, compliments of our own building association. Following this festive occasion, it was reported that the few celebrants remaining were observed viewing the fireworks from the third floor. How about that!

Our next “biggie” is scheduled for Sept. 4, when we observe a belated Labor Day — same place and time. Hope to see a lot of you there when we welcome our Snowbirds once again!



Taking it easy and cooling off “under the oak” at the July Fourth cookout are Bohemians (L to R) Jerry DeLisle, Jim Schelling, Mike Lane, Utta Lane and Carol DeLisle.



Showing off the award for winning the July Fourth cookout puzzle game are (L to R) Rose Lozowski, Shirley Golding, Betty France and Fran Leichhardt. Not shown: Carol DeLisle.

Crews responded quickly, efficiently in wake of Debby

(Ed. Note: Jean’s story about a Viennese Villa couple’s dolphin encounter can be found on the front page.)

Summer is skipping along like a smooth stone on a calm pond.

Boothbay Harbor, in Maine, has a skipping stone contest. Lots of Sandy Koufax wannabes in the mix.

Tropical Storm Debby washed our buildings, cars, streets and walks quite well. Some folks nearly had “waterfront property” for a day or so then back to normal, thanks to a great drainage system and busy Parkway crews. Hats off to them for a job well done!

Each year on Flag Day, the 4th of July, and Veterans Day, Steve Mazurek makes sure Old Glory is “front and center” at Viennese Villa. This is something Steve does, and we all want to thank you for doing so.

Now maybe think about a flag pole like the Americana building has across the street. It’s lit by night by the street lamp. Next meeting, maybe...

The dog park continues to be a social mecca, especially in the cool of



the evenings. Pooches and their “staff” enjoy the camaraderie the park offers.

It was mentioned we might clean out the storage rooms in late fall when our Snowbirds return. Storage is limited and this would help everyone. Maybe have a tag sale as other buildings do.

By the way, our son Mike, turned the “big 50” on July 31. Was quite the lobster feed...

Have a happy and safe August and remember to e-mail fresca@maine.rr.com with any news fit to print.

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Resident celebrates birthday at the beach with her family

Our annual 4th of July barbecue was a real success. Twenty-eight neighbors attended, and they all left filled to the brim. The food and decorations were great, and we were able to try so many different dishes.

It was great to reconnect with neighbors once again and meet our newest neighbors. Many thanks to Mary and Chris Casey for our shopping needs, Gino Trafficante for the great cooking, and to all the volunteers who helped set up. Can't wait 'til we do it again. There's nothing like a good old-fashioned potluck!

On June 12, Betty Benvenuti celebrated her birthday, and she termed it "a wonderful day." Her two sons, Roy from Massachusetts, and Mike from Georgia, flew down for the celebration. It was great for the brothers, who had not seen each other for two years.

While here, they stayed in a hotel on Clearwater Beach and everyone – grandchildren and great-grandchildren included – gathered there for the celebration. Betty was gifted with a 32-inch TV. What a nice surprise!

As always, the days flew by and soon they were gone. Betty has great memories that will last forever.

Welcome to our newest neighbors, Rob and Esther Siedel, and Linda Fields.



They have relocated to the Ecuadorian side of the building. Welcome aboard!

When walking at night, please remember to wear light-colored clothing and carry a flashlight. It is difficult to see after dark, and please stay to the side of the road.

Chef Joe says, "Let's eat!" Several of our neighbors have discovered the Family Church at 2289 Hercules for a great meal. This is every Wednesday from 5 – 6:20 p.m. Chef Joe prepares a delicious home-cooked meal for the price of \$5. Everything is included, from salad to dessert, and there's no tipping! Enjoy a night out of the kitchen. All are welcome.

That's about it for the "dog days." Keep cool and keep safe.

Corrections to the July Brahman report

Concetta "Babe" Aiello, the 99-year-old woman featured in the July Brahman news column, is actually the mother of two OTOW residents, and not a resident herself, as was reported in the story. Additionally, the photo that ran with the story was inadvertently cropped to exclude Concetta's daughters. They are identified in the photo below as Marianne Wolf, left, and Jann Tarshis, right.



Correction to the July Royal Chateau report

This correction concerns the news item on new building mailboxes, which appeared in the July Royal Chateau report. "Our sincere thanks to Jean Gitlin, Marilyn Lane, Jack and Lois Linnett, Eileen Hawk and Linda Myers, who spent countless hours and months working to have a new mail box drop installed and the painting of the mail in-boxes. Thanks again for a job well done, from the residents of building 76." — Leane Webb

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Aug. 16, Aug. 23, Sept. 6, Sept. 13, Sept. 20 and Sept. 27.

If you didn't get a good look at the three pictures, you will be able to see them again by visiting the OTOW News Website:

<http://www.ontopoftheworldnews.com/clearwater/news.html>

No contest entries will be received in writing and no entries will be accepted at the OTOW newsroom. The only way to enter is by email.

OTOW employees are not eligible.



Do you know where you would find this scene?



MONTHLY CALENDAR

AUGUST 1-31

1	Wed	6:00 PM	S	Capistrano Bldg Meeting
1	Wed	6:00 PM	V's	Baby Boomers Meeting
2	Thur	1:30 PM	C	Press Association Meeting
3	Fri	2:00 PM	S	Travel Club Meeting
4	Sat	6:00 PM	S	Lambda Club Pool Party
5	Sun	2:00 PM	C	Wii Bowling (every Sunday)
9	Thur	9:30 AM	A	Good Neighbors Get-Acquainted Coffee
10	Fri	7:00 PM	A	Irish Club Meeting
10	Fri	7:00 PM	CR & K	Lambda Club Meeting
11	Sat	5:00 PM	A	Entertainment Committee Dance
12	Sun	2:00 PM	A	Entertainment Committee-Sunday in the Park
13	Mon	2:00 PM	S	German Interest Group
13	Mon	10:30 AM	Starlite	Entertainment Committee Meeting
14	Tue	6:00 AM	Starlite & Sunrise Rooms	Primary Election
16	Thur	6:00 PM	V's	Baby Boomers Meeting
16	Thur	6:00 PM	S	Valencia Bldg Ice Cream Social
19	Sun	6:00 PM	Starlite	Karaoke
20	Mon	9:30 AM	A	Free Ear & Eye Screening
21	Tue	11:00 AM	R	Retired Educators Group
23	Thur	2:00 PM	Starlite	Democrat Club Meeting
24	Fri	5:00 PM	S	Casa Verde Bldg Potluck/Meeting
25	Sat	6:00 PM	CR	Lambda Club Activity Night

CALENDAR KEY

A	Auditorium	CL	Classroom	R	Rainbow Room (W)
C	Card Room	K	Kitchen	S	Sunrise Room (W)
CR	Craft Room	L	Lecture Room	V	Veranda

HAVE A SAFE AND HAPPY SUMMER!



NOTE: The OTOW Newsroom will be closed Aug. 25 – Sept. 3

DAILY CALENDAR

MONDAY

East Activity Center

7:00 AMCoffee Corner
 8:00 Ladies Exercise Class
 8:00Bonesavers Exercise Class
 8:30Entertainment Comm. Ticket Sales
 9:00Water Exercise Class
 9:00Computer Help
 9:00 Slimnastics
 10:00 Aerobics
 11:30..... Duplicate Bridge
 11:30..... Contract Bridge
 1:30 Shuffleboard
 1:30Tai Chi Yang (Beginners)
 2:30 Tai Chi Yang (Ongoing)
 5:00 Jim R's Poker
 6:00 Ron's Poker
 6:00 Contract Bridge
 6:30Bingo

West Activity Center

8:30 AM Exercise Class
 9:00 Photo IDs
 10:00 Men's Exercise Class
 12:30 PM...Gym closed 12:30-2:30 (cleaning)
 12:30 Mahjong
 5:00 Mahjong
 6:30 8-Ball Tournament

TUESDAY

East Activity Center

7:00 AMCoffee Corner
 8:00 Ladies Exercise Class
 8:00 Ladies 18-Hole Golf
 9:00 Jewelry Making & Stone Polishing
 9:00Water Exercise Class
 9:00 Horseshoes
 9:00Caring & Sharing Group
 9:00Computer Help
 9:00 Slimnastics
 9:30 Ladies 9-Hole Golf
 10:00 Aerobics
 10:00Philosophy Club
 10:30Ballroom Dance Class
 11:00..... Yoga
 12:00Library
 12:00 PM..... Ceramics
 1:00 Poker
 1:00 Canasta
 1:00Line Dancing
 5:30Dominos
 6:00Pinochle
 6:30 Bob B.'s Poker
 6:30 Tom's Poker
 7:00Bible Study Club

West Activity Center

8:00 AM West pool closed 8-9 for cleaning
 8:30 Exercise Class
 1:00 PM..... 9-Ball Tournament
 2:00 Chess Club
 6:00 Mahjong

WEDNESDAY

East Activity Center

7:00 AMCoffee Corner
 8:00 Ladies Strength Training/Weightlifting
 8:00Bonesavers Exercise Class
 9:00 Water Exercise Class
 9:00 Good Neighbors Veterans Project
 9:00 Good Neighbors Craft Workshop
 9:00 Veranda Consignment
 9:00Computer Help
 9:00 Slimnastics
 10:00 Cribbage
 10:00 Aerobics
 11:30..... Duplicate Bridge
 1:00 PM..... 500 Card Game
 1:00 Double Deck Pinochle
 1:00Painting Pals
 1:30Tai Chi Yang (Beginners)
 2:30 Tai Chi Yang (Ongoing)
 5:30 Lela's Poker
 5:30Pete's Poker
 5:30Sheila's Poker
 6:00 Contract Bridge
 6:00 Baby Boomers Movie Night

West Activity Center

8:30 AM Exercise Class
 10:00 Men's Exercise Class
 1:00 PM..... Mahjong
 6:00Don's Poker
 6:30 Ladies Que't Billiards Club

THURSDAY

East Activity Center

7:00 AMCoffee Corner
 8:00 Ladies Exercise Class
 8:30Entertainment Comm. Ticket Sales
 9:00 Jewelry Making & Stone Polishing
 9:00Water Exercise Class
 9:00Computer Help
 9:00 Slimnastics
 10:00 Aerobics
 11:00..... Yoga
 12:00 PM..... Bob B's Poker
 12:00 Contract Bridge
 1:00 Drawing Class
 1:30 Shuffleboard

5:00Pinochle
 6:00 Ron's Poker
 6:00Larry's Poker

West Activity Center

8:00 AM West pool closed 8-9 for cleaning
 8:30 Exercise Class
 12:30 PM ..Gym closed 12:30-2:30 (cleaning)
 2:00 Chess Club
 6:00Pinochle
 6:30Scotch Doubles Pool Tournament

FRIDAY

East Activity Center

7:00 AMCoffee Corner
 8:00 Ladies Strength Training/Weightlifting
 8:00Bonesavers Exercise Class
 9:00 Jewelry Making & Stone Polishing
 9:00Water Exercise Class
 9:00 Ceramics
 9:00Pinochle
 9:00Computer Help
 9:00 Slimnastics
 12:00 PM.....Library
 1:00 Mahjong
 5:30 Lela's Poker
 5:30Pete's Poker
 6:00Larry's Poker
 6:00 Contract Bridge
 7:00Hand & Foot Canasta

West Activity Center

8:30 AM Exercise Class
 10:00 Men's Exercise Class
 1:00 PM..... Chess Club
 6:00 5 & 10 Poker

SATURDAY

East Activity Center

8:30 Computer Club Meeting
 8:30Line Dancing
 11:30..... Duplicate Bridge
 12:00 PM..... Min's Poker
 12:00 Putting
 1:00Casual Bridge
 1:30Tai Chi Yang (Beginners)
 2:30 Tai Chi Yang (Ongoing)

SUNDAY

East Activity Center

2:00 PM..... Wii Bowling

NOTE: The tennis courts are being resurfaced and are closed. They are scheduled to reopen in September.

DUPLICATE BRIDGE LESSONS

Duplicate bridge lessons will resume in November. Please make your reservations by calling Walter at 727-791-4574.

Anyone interested in playing fun poker contact Roxie. 474-5040



Pinochle EAST SIDE Fran Milanec

June 12
6710 (1st Place)..... Gwen Nolan
6500 (2nd Place)..... Chet Czczot

June 14
6930 (1st Place)..... Gene Karlin
6670 (2nd Place)..... Chet Czczot
Double Pinochle..... Jeanne Sanders, Ann Reed
Took All Tricks Gene Karlin & Clayton Hancock

June 19
6900 (1st Place)..... Gene Karlin
6580 (2nd Place)..... Charles Christ

June 21
6900 (1st Place)..... Brad Day
6430 (2nd Place)..... Julie Hofmaster
Double Pinochle... Al Lacher, Fran Milanec

June 25
6200 (1st Place).....Maxine Murray
5570 (2nd Place)..... Bill Jacobson

June 28
6340 (1st Place)..... Clayton Hancock
6320 (2nd Place)..... Fran Milanec

July 3
6830 (1st Place).....Al Lacher
6630 (2nd Place)..... Clayton Hancock
Double Pinochle..... Fran Milanec
Round House.....June Sweeney

July 5
6100 (1st Place)..... Fran Milanec
5910 (2nd Place).....Joan Wolf
Double Pinochle.....Al Lacher
Took All Tricks Jeanne & Clayton

July 10
6760 (1st Place)..... Gene Karlin
6720 (2nd Place)..... Clayton Hancock

Duplicate Bridge

Mondays, Wednesdays & Saturdays
Walter Balderson, Director
(Top leaders listed for each playdate)

Monday, June 25
N/S: Paul Streigle, Walter Caithness
Bob Ferguson, Mary Lou Ferguson
E/W: Carl Heymann, Reva Heymann
Thelma Wishnek, Kay Ralston

Wednesday, June 27
N/S: Bob Ferguson, Mary Lou Ferguson
Beverly Gibbo, Nita Akers
E/W: Liz Bohl, Reva Heymann
Lu Erskine, Georgia Jensen

Saturday, June 30
N/S: Bob Ferguson, Mary Lou Ferguson
Paul Streigle, Walter Caithness
E/W: Orletha Van Etten, Bob Zeman
Jean Rhame, Dorothy Ehlers

Monday, July 2
N/S: Walter Caithness, Paul Streigle
Bob Ferguson, Mary Lou Ferguson
E/W: Thelma Wishnek, Kay Ralston
Georgia Jensen, Trish Burch

Wednesday, July 4
N/S: Bob Ferguson, Mary Lou Ferguson
Beverly Gibbo, Nita Akers
E/W: Betty Sagun, Evelyn Reece
Walter Balderson, Dorothy Ehlers

Saturday, July 7
N/S: Bob Ferguson, Mary Lou Ferguson
Jana Packer, Walter Balderson
E/W: Kay Ralston, Thelma Wishnek
Carl Heymann, Reva Heymann

Monday, July 9
N/S: Walter Caithness, Paul Streigle
Bob Ferguson, Mary Lou Ferguson
E/W: Thelma Wishnek, Kay Ralston
Orletha Van Etten, Joan Moore

Wednesday, July 11
1. Bob Ferguson, Mary Lou Ferguson
2. Evelyn Reece, Dorothy Ehlers
3. Beverly Gibbo, Jana Packer

Saturday, July 14
N/S: Bob Ferguson, Mary Lou Ferguson
Paul Streigle, Walter Caithness
E/W: Georgia Jensen, Lou Erskine
Carl Heymann, Reva Heymann

Monday, July 16
N/S: Walter Caithness, Paul Streigle
Bob Ferguson, Mary Lou Ferguson
E/W: Nita Akers, Liz Bohl
Thelma Wishnek, Kay Ralston

Wednesday, July 18
1. Beverly Gibbo, Ella Van Dorn
2. Bob Ferguson, Mary Lou Ferguson
3. Evelyn Reece, Dorothy Ehlers

(Continued in next column)

(Duplicate Bridge continued from previous column)

Saturday, July 21
N/S: Paul Streigle, Walter Caithness
Bob Ferguson, Mary Lou Ferguson
E/W: Betty Sagun, Karen Russell
Jean Rhame, Ella Van Dorn



Contract Bridge

Regina Dietrich

June 4
Julie Solfronk.....3100
Verna Olson.....3080

June 7
Julie Solfronk.....3840
Nancy Savelle3530

June 11
Julie Solfronk.....3630
Verna Olson.....2220

June 11 (PM)
Irene Rust.....2410
Jane Child.....1870

June 14
Marilyn Miller.....4320
Nancy Savelle4070

June 18
Verna Olson.....2870
Julie Solfronk.....2550

June 21
Verna Olson.....3130
Nancy Savelle2470

June 25
Nancy Savelle5040
Verna Olson.....2890

June 27
Julie Solfronk.....4740
Regina Dietrich2910

June 28
Julie Solfronk.....4740
Van Jones4590



EUCHRE PLAYERS

We play at the East Activity Center in the small card room Thursdays from 1-4 p.m. Those interested in Euchre can call 726-5945. Leave a message with your phone number.

To All OTOW Clubs and Organizations

OTOW BULLETIN BOARD REGULATIONS

Notices may not be larger than 5 1/2 x 8 1/2. The only exception to this rule is the one monthly event summary schedule of the Entertainment Committee. No commercial or enterprise notices allowed.

(Use an ad in the monthly OTOW News) OTOW organizations and clubs using this bulletin board for announcements are expected to supply their own thumbtacks, one for each of the four corners of the notice. Do not remove tacks from other postings. Staples are not permitted, removal damages the cork surface. Improperly posted notices will be removed. Posting time limit is one (1) month.

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East Side.....9:25 to 9:45 a.m.

Wednesday Morning

Publix (Sunset & Belcher)

Paradise/West Side.....8 to 8:20 a.m.
East Side.....8:25 to 8:45 a.m.

Thursday Morning

Publix (Sunset & Belcher)

Paradise/West Side.....8 to 8:20 a.m.
East Side.....8:25 to 8:45 a.m.

Friday Morning

Super Wal-Mart

Paradise/West Side.....8 to 8:20 a.m.
East Side.....8:25 to 8:45 a.m.

Tuesday Afternoon

K-Mart & Countryside Mall

Paradise/West Side.. 12:30 to 12:50 p.m.
East Side..... 12:55 to 1:15 p.m.

Wednesday Afternoon

Publix (Sunset & U.S. 19)

Paradise/West Side..... 11 to 11:20 a.m.
East Side..... 11:25 to 11:45 a.m.

Thursday Afternoon

Publix (Sunset & U.S. 19)

Paradise/West Side..... 11 to 11:20 a.m.
East Side..... 11:25 to 11:45 a.m.

Friday Afternoon

Super Wal-Mart

Paradise/West Side..... 11 to 11:20 a.m.
East Side..... 11:25 to 11:45 a.m.

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- This service is provided to our residents at no charge.
- Thank you, but the driver is prohibited from accepting tips.
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- Medical devices may be restricted due to passenger load.
- Eating and drinking on the bus is prohibited.
- Shopping bag limits and size restrictions are at the driver's discretion.
- Shopping time is 90 minutes and begins at the first drop off.
- If space allows, residents with current Activity cards may catch a one-way ride home on the bus.
- If you create a safety hazard or cause unsafe distractions to the driver, you will not be permitted on the bus.
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- Reservations are first come, first served, and may only be made 24 hours in advance.
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This Classified section is a service to the OTOW community. There is no charge to residents for this service. Items must be priced under \$500 and copy must be 20 words or less including phone number (or four column lines). Submitter's name and building name must be included, but will not be published. *If the submitters' name and building is not included with the ad, it will not be accepted for publication.*

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Ladies' bowling ball \$15; roll-top desk, medium size \$60; rocking chair \$50; large china cabinet, Bassett, like new \$150; large blinds, 89" wide, new \$30. 744-8466

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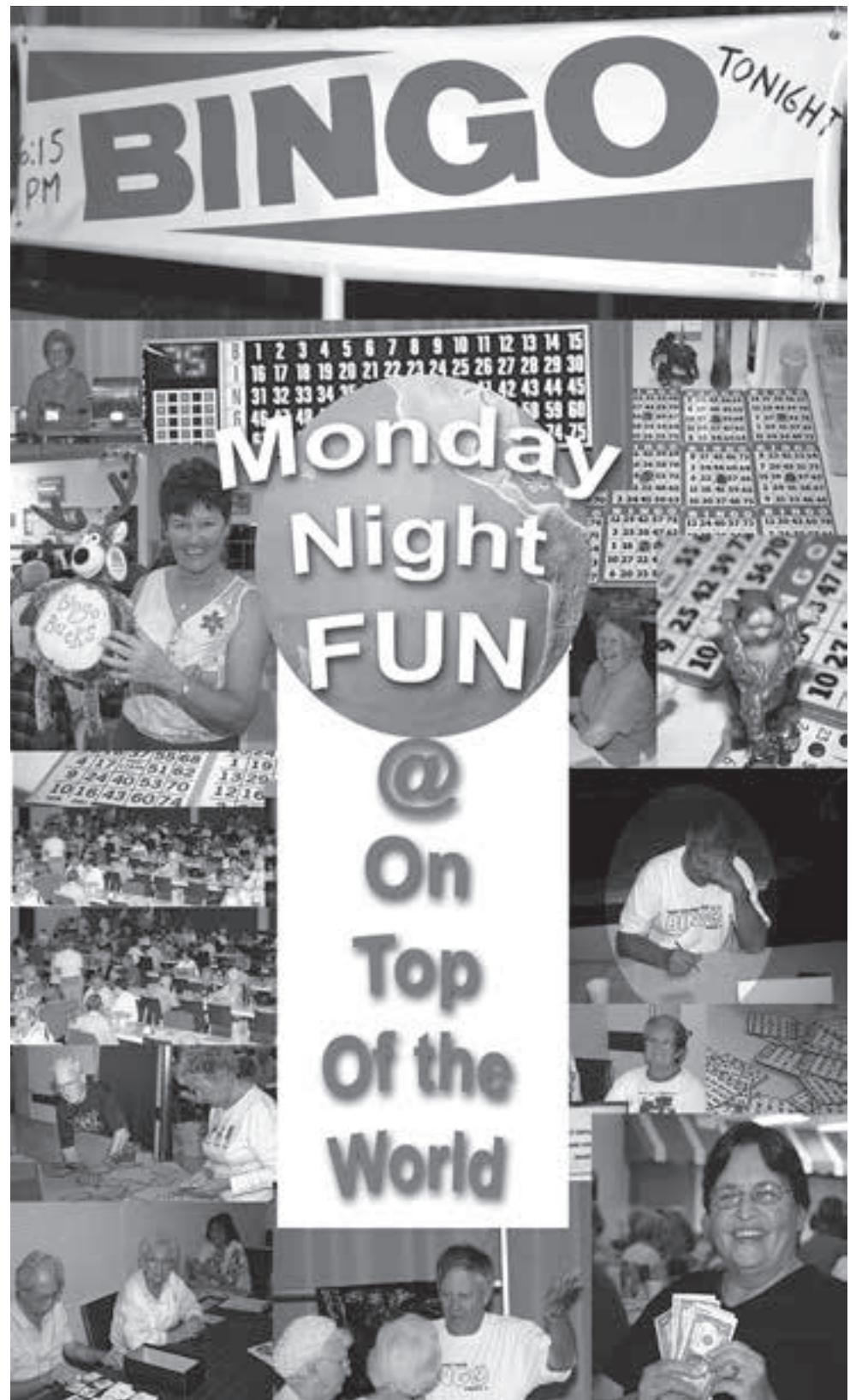
Card table & 4 matching chairs \$30; Xerox small business shredder (on wheels) \$30. 614-9433

Weight-lifting equipment: weight bench with barbell; incline bench for sit-ups, all are in top condition. 712-0017

WANTED

Sofa and loveseat wanted, light colors. 768-3424

Free sewing machine wanted; free ladies' bicycle wanted. 669-1629





Parkway's Doug Oktavec has his hands full as he collects and removes storm debris from in back of the Villa Riviera Building.

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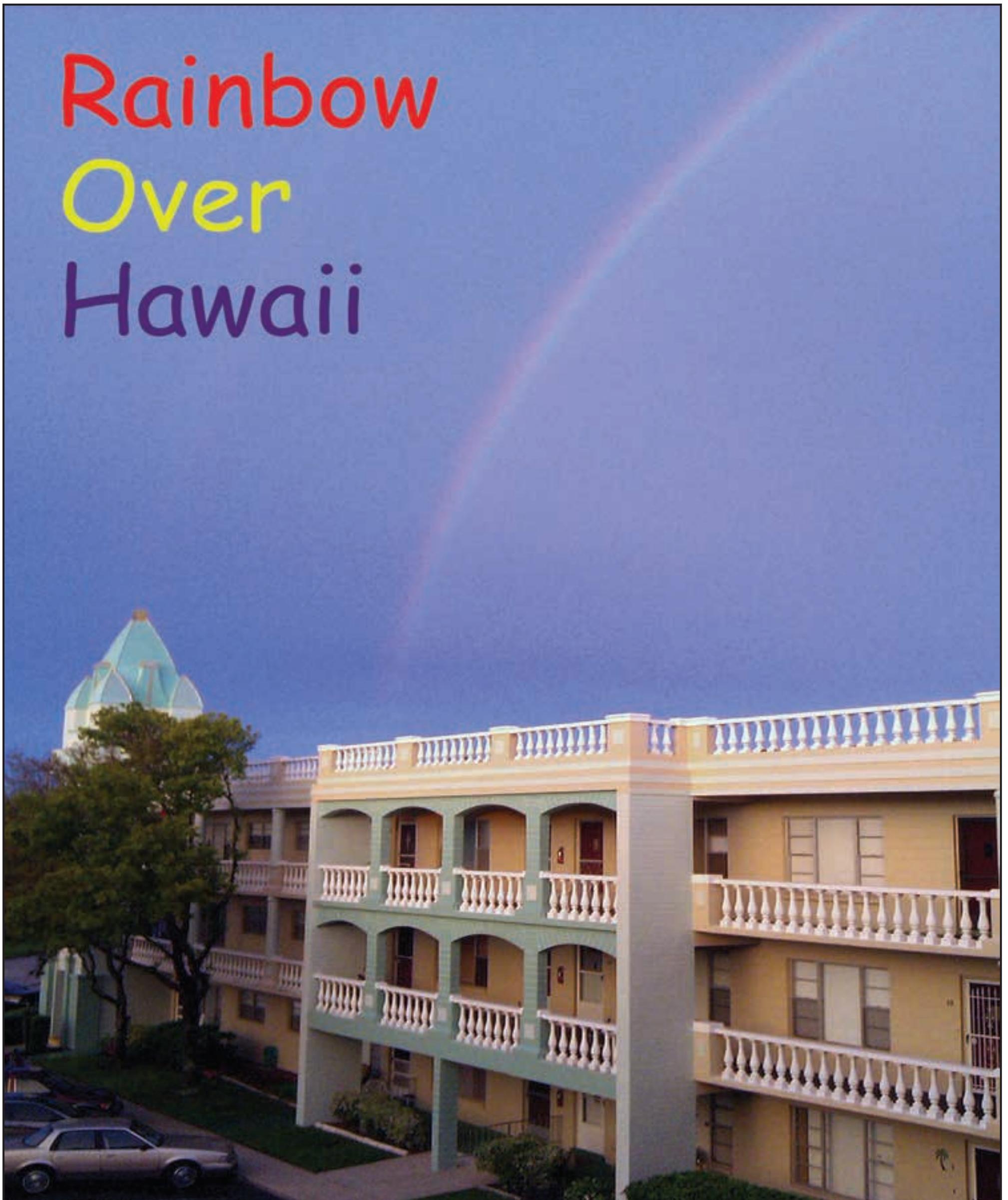
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On Top of the World resident Dave Lindeman took this picture of his building after a rainstorm in July. Appropriately, his building is Hawaiian Towers and Hawaii is known for its rainbows.