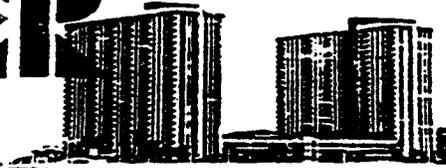




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For and about the residents of the Summit

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GOLF LIFE AT THE SUMMIT

How it started and where it's at.

By Stu Bart

Years ago when the paint on the new Summit was still tacky we flew in with a flock of other snow birds, to our new winter vacation home. Later, when I asked some people on the pool deck if there were any golfers around. All I got were shoulder shrugs. A guy sunning himself on one of the lounges sat up and said, "I'm Norman Edelman and I play golf - I think." Another head popped up, and an ex-Jerseyite said, "I'm Milt Scott and I too play golf. Would you like to join us?" That was the beginning of my golf life in South Florida.

I'm not talking about country-club life, I'm talking about an itinerant peregrinating golf group who play more courses than touring pros. In retrospect, they were fun days.

After five years or so at the "Summit Gypsy Golf Club" we became sedentary. We joined a "golf club" and a lot of new golfers joined our group.

By May or June the two stalwarts Norman and Milt would keep the California Club warm and ready for play when we return the following fall.

If you are not a golfer I would like to explain a few golf terms:

A tap in is a putt short enough to miss one handed. (That's after taking two strokes).

What is a trap? It's a deep depression filled with sand, filled with golfers in a state of depression.



What is a par? A score achieved by a player who had a few great shots in his round but somehow managed to hit them on the same hole. There are golfers who are arithmetic deficient. They call "par" but don't add the unplayable lie or the mulligan.

What is a whiff? The preferred term for this occurrence. "It's a warm up or a practice shot. Sometimes it's called a "do over" because his partner's shoe laces made a disturbing noise.

What is a birdie? A good drive, a topped shot that rolled up on the green and a five foot gimme. The only birdies some players will even see are the little monsters who use the greens as a bathroom.

What is a bogie? The number of shots needed to finish a hole by a golfer of average skill and above average honesty. Two strokes more than par is a double bogie. Three strokes more than par is a blow-up.

Golf marches on! The Summit golfers are now bigger and better(?), The same golf course every Monday, Wednesday and Friday. The same confusion in trying to make a happy foursome. The same confusion as to which foursome tees off first, and so on. Same confusion with the mathematics. Everything settles down at Patti's lunch tables, then settles down on the deck chairs to review the day's game and to talk about that great shot and that great putt.

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR NEWLY ELECTED BOARD OF DIRECTORS.

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

By John LaMarche

The elections are over and once again I have been chosen to serve on the Board of Directors for two more years. Thank you. The board members have also given me the opportunity to serve as Board President for this coming year. I look forward to the challenges both positions bring. The election also marks the end of 2005. We had an enormous amount to deal with in one year but I would like to concentrate on the future, 2006.

The year began on a very positive note with the hiring of Ms. Ellen Vitrella as the new manager for The Summit. Ellen has 25 years experience in condominium management and I have yet to ask her a question or pose a problem to her that she has not been able to handle. I am looking forward to some wonderful improvements with Ellen's leadership.

Our home is a mess, with the pool deck ripped up, the fences still down, the landscaping still not back to normal, the rest rooms on the pool deck still unfinished and the remains of the hurricane damage, but we are working to solve these problems. It seems that it will cost in around \$125,000.00 to replace the fences and the board will probably have selected the fence company to do the work by the time you read this letter. Much of the landscaping cannot be repaired or replaced until the fence is in because the fence replacement would trample the new flowerbeds.

The concrete people hope to be out of here by the end of February. The new bathrooms are now taking shape and they look great. The contract is back for the beach elevator and is waiting the approval of the engineering committee and the board so that project can begin.

Bids are now being accepted for the replacement of the cooling towers on the roof of each tower along with a new roof for the café. The roof of each tower must also be replaced and the bids are coming in for those also.

I would like to tell you that 2006 is going to be a quiet year but with all the projects, this is going to be an active place. I am looking forward to the day when the projects are finished and we can take a deep breath. Until then, I hope you can bear with us for these necessary repairs.

Our beautification committee has many projects in the works that will help to make this a better place to live. New signs, new lamps for the pool deck, new furniture for the restaurant and card rooms are only a few of these projects. Your committee is working hard to make the changes that so many have requested and we have needed for years.

I would be remiss if I did not thank the board for all of their help and support for the past year. A special thanks goes out to Keith Dewberry who served on the board for two years. He was our secretary and did an excellent job. Keith, thank you.

I would also like to welcome Helen Pulchasky to the board. Helen has been very active on the beautification committee and I know she will do well as a board member.

The board and I have a lot of big decisions to make during 2006. I am hoping that we can work together constructively to make The Summit a great place to live.

*It is better to keep your mouth shut
and appear stupid, than to
open it and remove all doubt.*

FROM THE MANAGER'S DESK

My name is Ellen Vitrella. I have lived in South Florida most of my life bringing twenty four years of experience in management to The Summit. During my building inspections, I have been able to personally meet many of the residents listening to concerns and making notes.

The priority at this time is securing the property. In order to get the best possible product for the best possible price without just settling, the Board and Committees did diligent research and had to be patient waiting for proposals.

We have put together competitive bids for the work that is necessary to complete repairs and/or replacements from hurricane Wilma. Contracts can now be signed and the work can begin. We appreciate everyone's understanding regarding the construction mess, especially the way the property looks with dumpsters near the entrance. Please feel free to call me or complete a "Condominium Resident Request Form" if you have any concerns. I appreciate the opportunity to serve your community.

HIGHLIGHTS OF SUMMIT BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETINGS THREE MEETINGS

December 12, 2005 - 7:00pm

Certification of Quorum was not available. Meeting adjourned at 7:20pm.

December 12, 2005 - 7:30 pm.

Sam Fox made a motion to accept the Annual Budget for the fiscal year 2006. *Motion passed.*

December 12, 2005 - 7:45pm

The following Committees gave their reports: Legal; Personell; Communications; Landscaping; and Beautification and Architecture Committee.

New Business: (A). Fencing Bids. Recommended a committee to work on this with an engineer overseeing the bids.

(B). Harold Levine made a motion to purchase a new golf cart for \$3,500. - *Passed unanimously.*

(C). Bill Share made a motion to accept the letter of agreement from Auditor Zand, Fischer & Muroff for 2005 audit. *Motion passed.*

(D). Cooling Towers North and South; Cafe roof and Property fountains need to have bids. No motions made. Meeting adjourned at 8:45pm.

FROM THE EDITOR'S DESK

By Irv Rosenkranz

Recently, I have been approached by a concerned unit owner who suggested that after 23 years wearing my editor's cap I should start training someone to carry the "torch" when the day comes when I will be unable to produce my beloved "Summit Observer" on time. I told this person that indeed I had been asking many Summiteers who I thought might be interested to become the next editor. The usual reply was, "No thanks, you're too tough an act to follow" or a variation thereof. I offered to teach them how I managed to produce the "Observer" at their convenience. Once again the usual reply was, "Thanks a lot but no thanks!"

I would love to continue editing the "Observer" as long as possible but I find it at present more difficult than ever. Also, I have neglected my personal writing and need the time to "catch-up." It's time for a new editor, new ideas and perhaps a new "look."

I am at present residing temporarily at Forest Trace (the former famous Grossinger's of Catskill Mountains). My phone number is 954-578-0385 should you wish to contact me for any reason.

I wish to thank my dear friend Stu Bart for his inimitable Front Page articles plus many more interesting and humorous items printed during his 15 years as Associate Editor of the "Observer." I'll let you in on a little secret. Stu can no longer use his computer because his vision has deteriorated quite a bit. Lately he has hand written his articles and now dictates them to his wife Gloria. That's what I call devotion to the Observer and the Summit!

I also wish to thank Marilyn Borkin, our Intellectual Editor who has not missed an interesting quote for at least six years and Dr. Sylvia Herz, Your Personal Psychologist who has not missed submitting an interesting article for at least ten years. Sam Fox also supplied us with many many humorous and serious articles for lo, these many years. Last, but not least all the contributors, much too numerous to mention, who helped make the "Observer" the best little condo Newsletter in South Florida. I also wish to thank Robyn for her patience and cooperation "rounding up" late but important articles.

My loyalty to the Summit and the Observer will never end. However, as we all know battling Father Time is a no-win situation. I thank God for blessing me with a long life but the time has come for me to concentrate on my next important project. Please understand that I must do what I must do. *I love you all!*

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The first couple to be shown in bed together on prime time TV were Fred and Wilma Flintstone.

This article is for those whose level of maturity qualifies them to relate to it . . .

1975: Long hair

2005: Longing for hair

1975: KEG

2005: EKG

1975: Moving to California because it's cool

2005: Moving to Arizona because it's warm

1975: Hoping for a BMW

2005: Hoping for a BM

1975: Going to a new, hip joint

2005: Receiving a new hip joint

1975: Rolling Stones

2005: Kidney Stones

1975: Being called into the principal's office

2005: Calling the principal's office

1975: Screw the system

2005: Upgrade the system

1975: Disco

2005: Cosco

1975: Parents begging you to get your hair cut

2005: Children begging to get their heads shaved

1975: Passing the driver's test

2005: Passing the vision test

Just in case you weren't feeling too old today, this will certainly change things . . .

The people who are starting college this fall across the nation were born in 1987.

They are too young to remember the first space shuttle blowing up on lift-off.

Their lifetime has always included AIDS.

Bottle caps have always been screw off and plastic.

The CD was introduced the year they were born.

They have always had an answering machine.

They have always had cable.

They cannot fathom not having cable.

They cannot fathom not having a remote control.

Jay Leno has always been on the Tonight Show.

Popcorn has always been cooked in the microwave.

They don't know who Mork was or where he came from.

They never heard: "Where's the Beef," "I'd walk a mile for a Camel," or "de Plane, Boss, de Plane."

They don't have a clue how to use a typewriter.

They do not care who shot J.R. and have no idea who J.R. even is.

Submitted by Bill Share

INTELLECTUAL CORNER

The mystery personality with reference to the "Two Faced" remark by his opponents was:

ABE LINCOLN

Congrats to the following Summiteers who named him correctly: Gigi & Milton Greene and Pat Shanbom.

Those of you who tried for the correct answer but did not succeed should try again with this quote contest, because we appreciate your participation:

In December of '05 a Federal judge ruled that a Pennsylvania School District cannot teach "Intelligent Design", which now has potential to discourage other attempts across the U. S. to challenge the Theory of Evolution in the classroom.

Our famous person showed his evidence to other scientists that natural selection or evolution can better explain life's complexity than "Intelligent Design." The scientist embarked on a voyage to South America in 1831, and during the extensive trip with Captain Fitzroy they arrived at the Archipelago of the Galapagos Islands on the HMS Beagle. He was amazed with the various species of plants and animals, and remarked, following his observations that "It is not the strongest of the species that survive, nor most intelligent but the one most responsive to change." Earlier on, in 1802 William Paley had suggested that only a supernatural creator with human intellect prevailed, negating the natural selection theory. Our subject scientist published his famous book, "Origin of the Species" in 1859. Enough hints have been revealed so that you may be able to easily name the author of the quote.

Though we arrived on the Galapagos over 158 years later than our mystery personality as divers seeking a new adventure, we had the ability to swim underwater, utilizing scuba equipment, with fierce appearing hammerhead sharks of Wolf Island. I may sound casual about this, but it was not without apprehension that my husband and I were privileged to meet the famous sharks with the peripheral eyes at the end of the hammer -- which makes me wonder if they are farsighted since the eyes are so far apart. Of course you can tell that I am not a scientist. But we made it back alive. We waited for the second dive as I wanted to see if all our buddies survived the first dive, coward that I was.

Now that I have wandered away from our subject, do not forget to notify me and identify the well known person who stated the above underlined quote. And of course, please leave your answers at the Observer box in the office. Meantime, I'll be seeing you in all the familiar places.

Marilyn Borbin

FOR SALE . . . THE SUMMIT

One bedroom apartments \$45,000.--\$100,000.

Two bedroom apartments \$156,000.

Three bedroom apartments \$240,000.

The Summit will be building in 1982 a twin Five Star complex with 567 units set on 2 1/2 acres of ocean front property, with inspiring views of the ocean and the intracoastal. All apartments have unobstructive views. They were lined up at the trailer in the sand to buy this new Five Star Condo.

1982 cost of first class stamps, \$.20, regular gas \$1.30, New York subway \$.75 (now \$2.00) Most of the old timers feel that we have deteriorated to a one/two star old condo building.

You don't realize what we have in property and apartment size until you look at all the new and converted buildings, and the prices they are asking. Everyone has an unobstructed view compared to the new apartments that look into another apartment across a narrow street.

What's happening in our local Hollywood neighborhood.

1. Makeover of the Broadwalk \$14 million.
2. New Diplomat Hotel \$800 million.
3. Restoration of the local beaches \$40 million.
4. New downtown Hollywood and Young Circle park \$14 million.
5. Johnson Street and Broadwalk new casino hotel \$100 million.
6. Slot machines in Broward County.
7. Hollywood beachfront placing power lines underground \$8 million.

And the Summit is right in the middle of this! There is no more vacant beach property left to build on, and with a tremendous demand to buying on the beach!

2006 Average Summit apartment prices:

One bedroom \$250,000 - \$350,000.

Two bedroom \$550,000.

Three bedroom \$700,000.

I must compliment all Board of Directors, past and present for the continued maintenance of the Summit. Lets look forward and now upgrade back to that Five Star Condo for the 21st century. Tell your Board of Directors what you want. Send a email to the Summit office suggestion box.. Yes, it will cost more but 567 apartments contributions will be small compared to the upgrading that will take place. This is our home, let's upgrade now! - *Henry Tishman.*

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The greatest highway hazzards: People under 18 driving over 75, and people over 75 driving under 18. (How true, how true).

UNIQUENESS OF EACH INDIVIDUAL

The following quote is adapted from a passage by the great philosopher and sage Martin Buber:

"Every person born into this world represents something that never existed before, something original and unique. It is the duty of every person to know and consider that each person is unique in the world in a particular character, and that there has never been someone like them before."

I chose to share this quote with you since it is critical to know and fully comprehend that each person is not only unique but completely different from you and therefore has different reactions to a similiar situation. Relationships of many varieties are often torn apart due to "unrealistic expectations" often translated into: "how can he do such a thing," "how can she 'say' what she said, or to think the way he/she does is unacceptable, and I just 'can't take it' anymore."

Enough said. A word to the wise is sufficient.

*Your Personal Psychologist,
Dr. Sylvia Herz*

A SENIOR CITIZEN'S LAMENT

Thought I'd let my doctor check me 'cause
I didn't feel quite right.
All those aches and pains annoyed me, and
I couldn't sleep at night.
He could find no real disorder, but
he wouldn't let it rest.
What with Medicare and Blue Cross,
it wouldn't hurt to do some tests.
To the hospital he sent me,
though I didn't feel that bad.
He arranged for them to give me
every test that could be had.
I was fluoroscoped and cystoscoped,
my aging frame displayed.
Stripped upon an ice-cold table while
my gizzards were x-rayed.
I was checked for worms and parasites,
for fungus and the crud.
While they pierced me with long needles
taking samples of my blood.
Doctors came to check me over, probed
and pushed and poked around.
And to make sure I was living,
they wired me for sound.
They finally concluded
(their results have filled many a page).
What I have will someday kill me . . .
my affliction is OLD AGE!

RED SKELTON'S RECIPE FOR THE PERFECT MARRIAGE

1. Two times a week, we go to a nice restaurant, have a little beverage, good food and companionship. She goes on Tuesdays, I go on Fridays.
2. We also sleep in separate beds. Her's is in California and mine is in Texas.
3. I take my wife everywhere ... but she keeps finding her way back.
4. I asked my wife where she wanted to go for our anniversary. "Somewhere I haven't been for a long time," she said. So I suggested the kitchen.
5. We always hold hands. If I let her go, she shops.
6. She has an electric blender, electric toaster and electric bread maker. She said, "There are too many gadgets and no place to sit down." So I bought her an electric chair.
7. My wife told me the car wasn't running well because there was water in the carburetor. I asked her where the car was; she told me "In the lake."
8. She got a mud pack and looked great for two days. Then the mud fell off.
9. She ran after the garbage truck, yelling "Am I too late for the garbage? The driver said "No, jump in!"
10. Remember: Marriage is the number one cause of divorce.
11. I married Miss Right. I just didn't know her first name was Always.
12. I haven't spoken to my wife in 18 months. I don't like to interrupt her.
13. The last fight was my fault though! My wife asked, "What's on the TV?" I said, "Dust."

Can't you just hear him say all of these? I love it ... this is the good old days when humor didn't have to start with a four letter word, just clean and simple fun.

Submitted by Sam Fox

IMPORTANT!

Go to the condo office and pick up a package of

FREE GARBAGE BAGS

These bags are the appropriate size for the chutes.

HELP US KEEP THE GARBAGE ROOMS CLEAN!

CLINGING TO LIFE

Today, dear Lord I'm 90 and so much I haven't done.
I hope, dear Lord you'll let me live until I'm 91.
But then if I've not finished with what I want to do,
Would you please let me stay a while until I'm 92.
So many places I want to go, so very much to see.
Do you think you could manage to let me make it to 93.
The world is changing very fast, there is so much in store,
I'd like very much to live until I'm 94.
And if by then I'm still alive, I'd like to stay till I'm 95.
More plans will then be in the air, so I'd like to stick, and see what happens to the world when I'm 96.
I know, dear Lord, It's much to ask, and it must be nice in heaven.
But really I would like to stay on earth till I'm 97.
I know by then I won't be fast and sometimes very late.
But it would be so pleasant to be around at 98.
I will have seen so many things and had a wonderful time
So I'm sure that I will be willing to leave when I'm 99.

Submitted by Ann Meyers from Forest Trace.

IF I HAD MY LIFE TO LIVE OVER

I'd like to make more mistakes next time. I'd relax. I would limber up. I would be sillier than this trip. I would take fewer things seriously. I would take more chances. I would climb more mountains and swim more rivers. I would eat more ice cream and less beans. I would perhaps have more actual troubles, but I'd have fewer imaginary ones.

You see, I'm one of those people who live sensibly and sanely hour after hour, day after day. Oh, I've had my moments, and if I had to do it over again, I'd have more of them. In fact, I'd try to have nothing less. Just moments, one after another, instead of living so many years ahead of each day. I've been one of those persons who never goes anywhere without a thermometer, a hot water bottle, a rain coat and a parachute. If I had to do it again, I would travel lighter than I have.

If I had my life to live over, I would start barefoot earlier in the spring and stay that way later in the fall. I would go to more dances. I would ride more merry-go-rounds. I would pick more daisies.

Contributed by a person who claims the writer of this article was over 85 years old.

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Many years ago in Scotland, a new game was invented. It was ruled "Gentlemen Only...Ladies Forbidden." ... thus the word GOLF entered language.

**SUMMIT SOCIAL CLUB
PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

By Joe Garbis

January 5th, was a momentous day for the Summit Social Club. At our biannual membership meeting a decision was made to elect co-presidents. I would be president in the fall/winter season and Al Adelson would assume that role during the spring/summer season. We believe this will be the best arrangement for an active year-round social club.

All officers and directors were elected as follows:

- AL ADELSON & JOE GARBIS Co-Presidents
- KEITH DEWBERRY Vice President.
- ROZ KATZ Secretary
- LARRY WERBIN Treasurer
- DIRECTORS: Morris Berlin, Phyllis Finston, Lisa Levine, Renee Lewis, Charles Puchalski, Betty Thornton.

I wouldn't dwell on our past accomplishments so far this year, but I will tell you about the future events:

MARCH 7th

BARBECUE ON THE POOL DECK

MARCH 18th

DELI SUPPER DANCE

APRIL 16th - EASTER SUNDAY

**EASTER PARTY ON THE POOL DECK
MUSIC, EGG AND MATZO HUNT AND
EASTER BONNET PARADE**

OH YES, AND DON'T FORGET MOVIES WITH
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Summit residents
to my office
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We have them!*

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For an appointment.

Ted Aronsky

In Memory of My Mother Balbina Bialer, SIXTY YEARS AFTER THE HOLOCAUST

By Doris Bialer Kemp

Mother, It is sixty years since you were murdered,
But it feels like yesterday to me.
With despair, I see history repeating itself.
The old hatred is back.
New generations of Germans,
Our new generations, my daughter,
Who never knew a grandmother's hug,
Her son, who is learning what happened to my family.
We were young then, we rebuild our lives,
We build historical museums, we gave lectures.
With all new discoveries, new sciences,
With all the miracles of technologies.
We still need a miracle of tolerance.
We, The survivors of the Holocaust,
Shout to the world, when will you learn the outcome
of hatred?
We, who contributed to all fields of civilization.
Why are we still your scapegoats?
My beautiful mother, so unselfish and giving
Murdered in prime of your life,
How I missed you all these years!
How I tried to the last moment to save you!
Now, In the dawn of my life,
I am back with you at Aushwitz again.
I am asking now, like we both asked then,
Where is civilization? How do you fight evil?
Is it controllable. Will civilization survive?
Will humanity ever outgrow the beast? If...
It will take a hundred years.
My father once said: "A black sheep can poison a
flock,
But could be brought to the right track."
Can it?...My hope is fading.

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