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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Oftentimes I come away from meetings or gatherings where the speaker expressed thoughts which stick in my mind.

Words and phrases from a recent meeting swirled around in my head, and I wondered how I could convey them to others to change a situation or make a difference in other people's lives.

As an example, I had heard the word synergy before but, at one particular meeting I attended, its use gave it a much different meaning - - **people with the same goals or common affiliation have the potential to achieve tremendous results.** Or, simply put, synergetic people work together!

Why don't we all get on the same wave length and get in tune with each other? Wow! think of the power we could have if we exercised that potential. Everyone would work together to benefit our community. Let's give it a try and watch the results.

Since an important part of the P.O.A.'s goals involves keeping Villagers informed - - not only about our organization but about any matters which pertain to their retirement - - we converted to a new format for our monthly Bulletin enabling us to reach all residents.

To make its contents more readable, we wanted copy prepared by computer. For a time, this meant "farming out" the computer work.

Now, the P.O.A. has made the leap into the computer age by purchasing its own computer which makes the job much easier for our editor.

More and more, the computer becomes a necessity for personal as well as professional purposes.

I, for one, am lost around the technology of electronic equipment. A VCR and fax machine are the extent of my entry into this modern age.

Our grandchildren are exposed to these things early in life and operating them becomes second nature to them. They can even create greeting cards for special occasions.

And their parents have all the modern equipment for communication and access to data at a touch of the keyboard.

The idea of being able to exchange e-mail with our family is very appealing. Perhaps I will give more thought to overcoming my aversion to things electronic.

While computers remain one of the most wondrous and helpful of inventions, we are blessed with the greatest computer every designed - - our brain. Yet we are told repeatedly that the average person uses only a small portion of it.

So it would seem we don't need technology to create the environment we all want in our everyday lives. Now, if everyone showed consideration of and kindness to others and obeyed the golf cart rules and traffic laws, that would be an excellent use of synergy.

Dorothy Hokr

PREPARING FOR JULY FOURTH

As we approach this all-important holiday, we would do well to ponder the consequences for the men who guaranteed our right to freedom by signing the Declaration of Independence.

The following has been taken from a video tape by Paul Harvey in which he recounts the fates of those brave men who signed a pledge of "OUR LIVES, OUR FORTUNES AND OUR HONOR."

Stating Americans know so much more of the how and why of our beloved Republic better than the who, he first points out the 56 men who signed this treasured document were not poor men nor were they terrorists. They were prosperous land owners and educated men - 24 were lawyers and jurists, nine were farmers, owners of large plantations - who wanted release from the tyranny an ocean away.

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NOTICE OF P.O.A. MEETINGS

Board of Directors 1st Tuesday

May 6th - 7:00 PM
June 3rd - 7:00 PM
Charlie Chaplin Room

General Meeting 3rd Wednesday

May 21st - 7:00 PM
Paradise Recreation Center

Membership signups prior to meeting

Entertainment by: The Village Choralettes

50 - 50 Drawing

Refreshments served during the social period following the meeting.

P.O.A. meetings are open to all residents of THE VILLAGES.

QUOTE OF THE MONTH

One tells as few lies as possible simply by telling as few lies as possible, not by having the least opportunity to do so.

- Kafka



MOTHER MEANS...

...the memories and thoughts I'll always treasure of happy childhood days gone by and joys beyond all measure.

...a special smile and tender, loving care, good advice and a listening ear when I have thoughts to share.

...the magic touch that makes a house a home, and loving thoughts that follow me wherever I roam.

...a lot of things that words cannot define when she's the wonderful mother I'm so lucky to call mine.

"Strength and honour are her clothing; and she shall rejoice in time to come. Her children arise up, and call her blessed."

Proverbs 31:25,28

HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY



God bless you when it's Mother's Day and each day all year through.

God grant that faith and hope and love will always come to you.

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THE VILLAGE CHORALETTES TO ENTERTAIN AT MAY P.O.A. MEETING

With Joan Weintraub as director, the Village Choralettes appear by invitation at area nursing homes and before clubs and other groups in The Villages.

The group, composed of "women who just love to sing," was formed just six years ago and numbers 53 voices today with a waiting list of women wanting to join.

They practice every Monday with a hiatus in the months of June and July. When they resume in August, they commence work on their Christmas program.

Their repertoire consists of patriotic medleys, show tunes and, of course, the "golden oldies."

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THIS IS A TEST - - - - BE HONEST!

How many people listed below can you identify by their occupation without looking at the answer on page seven?

Mohammed Ali
Elizabeth Taylor
Mae West
Karl Wojtyla
John Dillinger
Sammy Davis, Jr.
Al Capone
Joe Frazier
Gypse Rose Lee

DATES AND EVENTS IN THE MERRY MONTH OF MAY

DATES:

- 6 - P.O.A. Board Meeting
- 8 - V-E Day (1945)
- 11 - Mother's Day
- 15 - Peace Officer's Memorial Day
- 17 - Armed Forces Day
- 21 - P.O.A. General Meeting
- 26 - Observance of Memorial Day

EVENTS:

- First pro baseball game played (1871)
- 1st astronaut in space (1961)
- Hindenburg Airship exploded (1937)
- U.S.D.A. created (1862)
- First Academy Awards (1929)
- N.Y. Stock Exchange organized (1792)
- Rabies treatment perfected (1884)
- Lindberg started for Paris (1927)
- American Red Cross founded (1881)
- Ben Franklin invented bifocal (1785)
- Brooklyn Bridge opened (1883)
- Golden Gate Bridge opened (1937)
- Sir Hillary conquered Mt. Everest (1953)
- Joan of Arc burned at stake (1431)
- U.S. Copyright Law passed (1790)
- Irving Berlin born (1888)

EARLY DATES IN JUNE

- 3 - P.O.A. BOARD MEETING
- 6 - D-Day (1944)

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PREPARING FOR JULY FOURTH (continued)

Instead of remembering **GEORGE WASHINGTON** for the earth-shaking, history-making episodes in his life, you will long remember the cherry tree fiction.

You have more memory of his kite flying than of **BEN FRANKLIN'S** statesmanship.

JOYCE KILMER was a great military hero, but you are more likely to remember his poetic tribute to trees.

The best men from each of the colonies sat down together in the Pennsylvania State House (now called Independence Hall) on June 11 to draw up the Declaration of Independence.

THOMAS JEFFERSON finished the draft in 17 days; and Congress adopted it in July.

This pact was later referred to as "a partnership between the living and the dead and the yet unborn."

The names of the men who signed this pledge were kept secret for six months because King George III had denounced all rebels in America as traitors for which the punishment was hanging.

These men knew the full meaning of the pledge of **OUR LIVES, OUR FORTUNES AND OUR HONOR** and that they were risking everything.

All other world revolutions, before and since, were initiated by men who had nothing to lose. Our founders had everything to lose and nothing to gain except one thing. Liberty for all.

Here is the documented fate of those brave 56 men.

CARTER BRAXTON - a wealthy Virginia planter and trader - saw his ships swept from the seas. To pay his debts, he lost his home and all of his properties and died in rags.

THOMAS LYNCH JUNIOR - a third generation rice grower and aristocrat - sailed with his wife for France to regain his lost health, but their ship never reached France and was never heard from again.

THOMAS M. KEAN, of Delaware, was so harassed by the enemy he was forced to move his family five times in five months. He served in Congress without pay - his family in poverty and in hiding.

Vandals looted the properties of **ELLERY, KLIMER, WYNETTE, HALL, WALTON, HAYWARD, RUTLEDGE** and **MIDDLETON**.

THOMAS NELSON JUNIOR, of Virginia, raised \$2 million on his own signature to provision our allies, the French fleet. After the war, he personally paid back the loans, wiped out his entire estate and was never reimbursed by his government. In the final battle for Yorktown, he urged General Washington to fire on his own home which was occupied by Cornwallis. It was destroyed.

The Hessians seized the home of **FRANCIS HOPKINSON** of New Jersey. **FRANCIS LEWIS** lost his home and everything destroyed, and his wife was imprisoned where she died within a few months.

RICHARD STOCKTON was captured, mistreated and his health broken to the extent he died at 51. His estate was pillaged.

THOMAS HAYWARD JUNIOR was captured when Charleston fell.

JOHN HART was driven from his dying wife's bedside. Their 13 children fled for their lives. His field and grist mill were laid waste. For more than a year, he lived in forests and caves, returning after the war to find his wife dead, his children and property gone. He died soon after of exhaustion and a broken heart.

LEWIS MORRIS saw his land destroyed and his family scattered.

PHILIP LIVINGSTON died within a few months from the hardships of the war.

JOHN HANCOCK may be best remembered for his sweeping signature. One of the wealthiest men in New England, he stood outside Boston one terrible night of the war and said: "Burn Boston, even though it makes John Hancock a beggar, yet the public good requires it."

Few of the 56 men were long to survive. **Five** were captured by the British and tortured before they died. **Twelve** had their homes from Rhode Island to Charleston sacked, looted, occupied by the enemy or burned. **Two** lost their sons in the Army. **One** had two sons captured. **Nine** died in the war from its hardships or from it more merciful bullets.

These men had everything to lose. But they considered liberty so much more important than security that they pledged their lives, their fortunes and their sacred honor, and fulfilled their pledges. They paid their price and freedom was born!

This video, which was a Lynne Harvey Production and its distribution funded by Husqvarna Forest & Garden of Charlotte, North Carolina, is available for loan for individual or group viewing by contacting the P.O.A. at 750-5469.

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REPORTS FROM OUR LOCAL GOVERNMENTAL AGENCIES

A REPORT ON STATUS OF CURRENT TOWN PROJECTS BY LADY LAKE COMMISSIONER LEE HOKR

The plans for the **New Town Hall and Police Complex**, if approved by the staff and commissioners, will be ready for public presentation at the Monday, May 5th commission meeting, after which the project will be submitted for bids. This process should take 30 days and, after the contractor has been selected, a date and time will be set for the ground breaking.

We hope the **C-25 and 441/27 connector road** project will be under way by that time. It is being contracted by the County and should begin early this month.

After 16 years of hard work and negotiating, the **Old Dixie Highway** construction should also be under way this month. Yours truly will celebrate the day I see the bulldozing begin.

With the help of our Librarian, Marilynn Nesbitt, and our staff, plans have been finalized for renovating our present Town Hall for a **new Lady Lake Library**. This project cannot begin until the town is in its new facilities which should happen in the summer of 1998.

Our new **softball field**, located by the driving range, is nearly completed. A golf cart path from the Villages to the ballfield has been promised by the developer at no cost to the town, and we hope its construction will begin soon.

We will soon have a **tennis court complex** by the Town Hall. This has been a much-needed facility for both our young and adult population who are not residents of The Villages.

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COMMENTS FROM LAKE COUNTY COMMISSIONER WELTON CADWELL

Due to the high juvenile crime rate and the tragic events of the last few years, the County Commission has charged the Lake County Parks & Recreation Advisory Board with researching what could be done to help meet the ever-growing challenges facing law enforcement, education, parents and, most importantly, the youth of Lake County.

The advisory board consists of nine volunteers, including representatives from each commission district, the School Board, the Water Authority, the League of Cities, and one "at large" representative. The program they are bringing forward represents an unprecedented effort by the County, the school system, and the community to help not only with a problem, but also help us reach our own goals and the vision we have set forth for Lake County.

To nourish our communities, enabling all residents the enjoyment of a safe, abundant, and healthy lifestyle.

The Advisory Board is recommending an after school enrichment program for the 1997/98 school year which will be available at a minimal cost to students of Groveland, Tavares and Eustis Middle Schools. The program will operate Monday through Friday, from early afternoon until 6:00. Middle School students will be surveyed as to what activities they would like to have offered; and those surveys will be used to determine what activities are offered in addition to homework and tutoring sessions. An advisory committee made up of representatives from each school (teachers, parents, principals and students) will be formed to assist in coordinating the program.

While this is a pilot program that will require fine tuning and developing, it is a very important first step in assuming a responsibility to all of our citizens, including our children.

SIMON SEZ

Don't you wish grandparents would not allow under-age children to drive their golf carts or strap them in where golf bags go?

SUMTER COUNTY GOVERNMENT BY BENNY STRICKLAND, DISTRICT 1 SUMTER COUNTY COMMISSIONER

Sumter County is home to 40,953 residents who enjoy a relaxed rural lifestyle. It was established in 1853 from Mosquito County and was named after General Thomas Sumter, a Revolutionary War soldier from South Carolina.

Sumter is home to a diverse citizen population of descendants from early Florida settlers, those from many other parts of the country who found it to be an appealing place to spend retirement years, and those who chose to leave urban areas to raise a family in a wholesome environment and who often commit themselves to a long distance commute to a more urban area for work.

Sumter is governed locally by five elected independent Constitutional Officers and a governing Board with each commissioner residing in one of five geographic areas of the 561 square miles in the county. Only 24% of the population lives within one of Sumter's five municipalities.

County services are available at the Villages Government Office Building located on County Highway 466. Other county services are available at the county seat in Bushnell.

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
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TEN YEARS AGO THE MAY 15, 1987 ISSUE OF THE ORANGE BLOSSOM SUN..

... officially announced the construction of the Orange Blossom Hills Golf and Country Club on Watertower Circle as a permanent facility. The article stated that, under the "new Membership Regulations and Fees, **EVERY OBG RESIDENT WILL BE A MEMBER OF THE COUNTRY CLUB AT NO COST.**" Then the following explanation of fees was offered.

A NON-MEMBER GREEN FEE would be \$18 for 18 holes and \$10 for 9 holes. Cart rental fees would remain at \$6 per person for 18 holes and \$3 for 9 holes. The following four types of memberships would be offered and "tailored to the golfing needs of all our residents."

NON-RESIDENT MEMBERSHIP. \$1,000 per year for husband/husband and wife with a \$5 green fee for 18 holes and \$3 for 9 holes plus cart rental. Non-resident members would be entitled to restaurant, pool and charge privileges and could make reservations three days in advance.

RESIDENT SOCIAL-GOLF MEMBERSHIP - FREE. Resident members could play the 18 hole course for an \$8 green fee and \$6 for 9 holes. Use of the restaurant, bar and pro shop were included, and there is **no trail fee** for using their own carts. Reservations could be made one day in advance.

RESIDENT SOCIAL-POOL-GOLF MEMBERSHIP. \$100 per year per family with green fees of \$7 for 18 and \$5 for 9. Members would be entitled to restaurant, pro shop, pool, jacuzzi and charge privileges. Reservations could be made two days in advance. "Again, there are **no trail fees.**"

RESIDENT FULL MEMBERS. \$200 per year per family. Green fees of \$5 for 18 and \$3 for 9. "No trail fee and members enjoy all privileges and can make reservations up to three days in advance."

GUEST FEES FOR MEMBERS. Resident members were allowed to invite guests to play and use the member's cart at no charge. Green fees were to be determined by the classification of membership: guests of **Type 2** members - \$8; guests of **Type 3** \$7 - guests of **Type 4** - \$5 for 18 and \$3 for 9.

The old type of (country club) membership which required trail fees would expire at the end of the year, but would still be available until new memberships are offered. It was suggested the less active player would probably be better off paying green fees and/or playing the executive course until new memberships are available.

A mid-August completion date was estimated and plans were being made for the grand opening celebration.

(The above information was taken from a clipping provided by Bob Conner.)

Note: Trail fees were initiated in 1989 for play on the Silverlake and Hilltop executive courses. They are still in effect today except for those residents who, by out-of-court settlement reached through action taken by the P.O.A. to restore reduced services, were grandfathered exempt from trail fees based on property closing dates.

The country clubs and their golf courses were excluded from the sale of amenities to the Community Development District (C.D.D.). As developer-owned property, fees for their use can be increased at will.

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A HUMOROUS LOOK AT DIFFERENT KINDS OF GOVERNMENT

The following examples of the different kinds of government appeared in a newspaper column many years ago.

COMMUNISM: You have two cows. The government takes both and gives you part of the milk.

SOCIALISM: You have two cows. The government takes one and gives it to your neighbor.

FASCISM: You have two cows. The government takes both and sells you the milk.

NAZISM: You have two cows. The government takes both and then shoots you.

BUREAUCRACY: You have two cows. The government takes both, shoots one, milks the other, then pours the milk down the drain.

CAPITALISM: You have two cows. You sell one of them and buy a bull.

The columnist was asked what happens in a democracy and it was defined as follows.

DEMOCRACY: Everyone has two cows, then a vote is taken and whatever the majority decided to do, you do, and that's no bull!

ALTERNATIVE THERAPIES: Challenging the Mainstream

This is the third part of an article submitted by Nelson Kraucak, M.D., of the Life Family Practice Center in Lady Lake, on the subject of acupuncture as an alternative therapy.

Besides the several thousand doctors who include elements of various non-M.D. practitioners on a case-by-case basis, Dr. Mark Anderson (an internist in Greenwich, Connecticut) directs some patients to homeopaths or acupuncturists for pain that has not responded to conventional treatment. "Patients ask about these things and, so long as they really want to try them and keep in touch with me afterward," he says, "I go along."

Insurers too have begun to take notice. Several pay for acupuncture, biofeedback and massages, if prescribed by a physician. One company (American Western Life of Foster City, California) covers a wide range of treatments under a pioneering wellness program. Twenty others even cover Dr. Dean Ornish's yoga, meditation and diet program for reversing coronary heart disease. Says Ornish: "When you compare the cost of an angioplasty to the cost of this program, the insurers are saving \$5.55 for every dollar they spend. Moreover, 90% of the people recommended for bypass have been able to avoid it." Chiropractors, long the whipping boys of the medical establishment, are licensed to practice in all 50 states; and their services are covered by Medicare, Medicaid, workers' compensation and, in all but 10 states, by private insurers.

But one big question remains: Does all this newfound establishment attention mean nonconventional therapies really work? Critics say a definitive scientific answer must await well-designed experiments involving many patients. Up to now, most of the studies have relied on personal observation and anecdotal testimonials from satisfied patients.

The official position of the A.M.A., chief antagonist of alternatives, is that a patient's improvement or recovery after alternative treatment might just be incidental. That attitude seems suitably skeptical, but many aspects of alternative medicine appear to be based on more than mere coincidence.

Common sense dictates that people will rarely follow a course of action unless - - at some level, for whatever reason - - they meet with some success. Some alternative treatments have impressive histories going back to antiquity. Both practitioners and patients have experienced enough quantifiable results to warrant serious investigation. Moreover, there have been a number of speculative but sound scientific studies indicating that something is going on.

Acupuncture is just one example of a therapy once considered bizarre that may indeed have some scientific basis. A linchpin of Chinese medicine for thousands of years, it is based on the belief that inserting needles at various bodily points representing specific organs will balance a nebulous "life force" and influence the course of various diseases.

While there is no hard evidence that such a force exists, quite a few reputable researchers - - including those at the Menninger Clinic in Topeka, Kansas, New York City's Mount Sinai School of Medicine and Stanford - - draw a parallel between it and the bioelectrical-magnetic fields that permeate the human body and are believed by many scientists to play a role in disease.

(Additional information on this interesting subject can be found in future issues.)

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By Angie Monnens

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A GOLFER'S OBLIGATIONS

The question of whether or not a golfer is legally responsible for hitting a ball out of bounds and breaking someone's window is maybe yes and maybe no.

According to a recent article, different attorneys have different answers.

1) Some say you are completely responsible because you hit the ball.

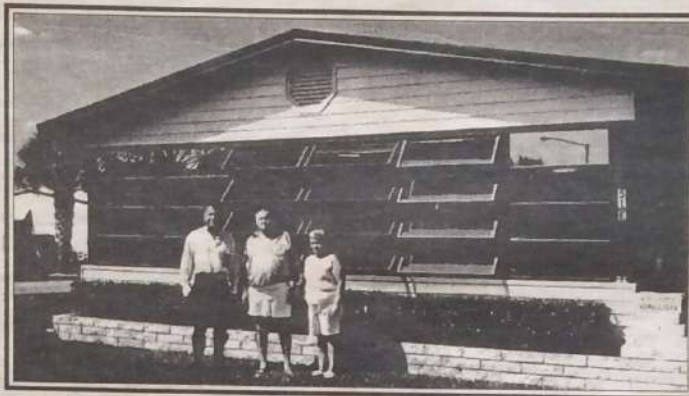
2) Others say the homeowner is completely responsible for taking the "assumed risk" of living next to a golf course.

3) Still others say you and the homeowner share the responsibility for the broken window - - meaning you would have to pay partial damages.

The consensus is that if you break a window, you have a moral responsibility to own up to your mistake and pay for the damage your ball caused.

In most instances, your homeowner's insurance will cover the damage. Still, a Kentucky small claims court judge recently ruled that a golfer "has no duty to hit the ball straight." And - - that there is no negligence as long as the golfer was sober, did not intentionally hit the ball out of bounds and "exercised reasonable club selection."

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- 1 - TEASPOON SALT
- 1 - CUP WHITE VINEGAR
(USE 1 1/2 IF LARGE HEAD)
- 1 - CUP SUGAR
- 1 - TEASPOON CELERY SEED
- 1 - TEASPOON MUSTARD SEED]

SHRED CABBAGE - ADD SALT - LET STAND ONE HOUR - DRAIN.

SHRED PEPPER AND CARROT AND ADD TO SLAW.

COMBINE OTHER INGREDIENTS AND BRING TO BOIL FOR ONE MINUTE.

WHEN COOL, POUR OVER SLAW.

PLACE IN GLASS/PLASTIC CONTAINERS TO FREEZE.

THAW BEFORE SERVING.

NOTE: STORING IN SMALL QUANTITIES MAKES IT CONVENIENT TO THAW EXTRA SERVINGS WHEN NEEDED.

BUMPER STICKER OF THE MONTH

MY OTHER CAR
IS A GOLF CART

Community Development District meetings are, by law, open to the public. A schedule can be obtained by calling 753-4508.

Residents are encouraged to attend those meetings where decisions are made which affect their district.

TO JOIN THE P.O.A.

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MORE ABOUT DOGS

There has been a lot said and printed about dogs of late. All of which reminded me of an old saying: "It's not the size of the dog in the fight that counts, its the size of the fight in the dog."

This brings me to the fact that the P.O.A. is a bit of an **underdog** in our community. While underdogs usually are looked upon favorably for their efforts, such is not the case in The Villages.

The P.O.A. is treated as an anomaly and its existence totally ignored by the developers except to undermine it.

Have you ever seen any information about the P.O.A. in The Village Sun or on VNN? No. Yet every other organization in The Villages is featured at one time or another.

Have you ever asked yourself why? There can be no other reason than the

MEMBERSHIP CARDS

If you have not yet received your 1997 membership card, please be patient.

We attempted a new procedure whereby new and renewal members who remitted by mail box or drop box were asked to include a self-addressed, stamped envelope, but only a few did so.

Our Treasurer is attempting to find members who will deliver cards for us. In the interim, please plan to pick up your card at any regular meeting held on the third Wednesday of each month.

Anyone who would be willing to volunteer to deliver membership cards in their immediate area should contact Carol Menci at 750-3937.

fact the P.O.A., as the **watchdog** over residents' rights since 1975, is the only organization which ever has or ever will stand up to the developers when those rights have been placed in jeopardy.

The one reason they have offered for this unfair, undemocratic treatment is that "the P.O.A. is litigious." Yet legal counsel has never been sought except when efforts to negotiate or mediate problems have met with indifferent refusal.

In addition to the deliberate snub by the developers, the C.D.D. refuses to recognize the P.O.A. as the representative of residents when individuals request its intervention as the only means of solving their problems.

Never underestimate the **size of the fight in this dog** because, as long as we have the support of our residents and Florida statutes, the P.O.A. will prevail no matter what blocks are placed in its way.

Anyone who would be interested in the true story about the P.O.A. should read the 1996 edition of our 21 years of history. It can be obtained by calling 750-5469.

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