

HOW CENTURY VILLAGE IS BEING RIPPED OFF

REVEALED

Century Village
SCANDALS !

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FOREWORD

Scandals is a hard hitting revelation of the inner workings of the administration of Century Village, West Palm Beach, Florida. (UCO)

Century Village is a retirement community comprised of 7854 condominium units with a yearly budget of about seven million dollars. Scandals alleges mismanagement, deceit, incompetence and possibly fraud in the handling of village affairs.

Palm Beach County earned the nickname of “Corruption County” due to widespread fraud among not only civic administrations but also among the many condominium and homeowners associations.

The installation of John Carey as Inspector General to investigate and prosecute wrong doers in the county led to the discovery of corrupt officials in some municipalities where criminal charges were laid on corrupt officials. Sadly, the Inspector General's jurisdiction does not encompass homeowner or condo associations as they are considered to be private businesses.

Widespread fraudulent abuse in associations led to demonstrations by irate condo owners in the Miami Dade area which resulted in amendments to Florida Statute 718 which regulates condo associations. The statute does not apply to the United Civic Organization which manages Century Village affairs. UCO is registered as a not for profit corporation governed by Florida Statute 617, thereby escaping the oversight afforded by Florida statute 718.

Owners in Century Village find themselves in the unenviable position of being compelled to institute legal proceedings to resolve issues and disputes about the administration's actions.

The situation has resulted in an administration out of control who ignore residents objections and operate in secrecy.

SCANDALS is a series of articles revealing the sins of the administration in the hope that residents, once made aware of the situation, will take action to remove the irresponsible officers.

If you are an owner or are contemplating purchasing a condo in Century Village, this is a must read for you.

SCANDALS # 1

THERE ARE THOSE WHO CARE, AND THOSE WHO DON'T. Are you only around when it affects your pocketbooks and wallets? What about SCANDAL? Do you care about SCANDAL that affects your pocketbooks and wallets in the sneaky, silent manner that you don't even realize when someone else is in your pocket?

It happens here at Century Village all the time and you seem to just fluff it off. Will you even come to grips with the realization that you're being used; you're being taken like the shell game and you're even asked to wave a placard to indicate your approval? Does it really make sense? Not from where I stand it doesn't – not by a long shot.

Take, for example, the paving SCANDAL. Now, that's a SCANDAL – big time! Right before your eyes, like magicians, Israel and Black con you into buying a \$5,000,000 paving job that people in the know say is worth half that sum for the work that was actually accomplished, and shouldn't have even been done at that time.

And, now, the SCANDAL will continue because in hundreds of areas throughout the Village, the paved edging is breaking away, i.e., cracking up along the edges of roadways and walkways. This condition will only worsen and the broken away sections will get larger and larger. Then, with Israel's approval, Mr. Black – if he's in a position to do so – will sell you another bill of goods to do another paving repair job worth about a half of a million dollars or more. Should he become Treasurer again, he will do what he did the first time, -- and that is, rob every account of funds until we are nearly broke.

Further, the wearing surfaces of the roadways and sidewalks are beginning to ripple like washboards in certain areas and it won't be too long before refinishing will be necessary. Again, you're going to get backroom fantasies about the cost of petroleum products are going up and we had better buy now. The first time it was a lie, and the second time it will be a lie. This whole paving fiasco is a SCANDAL that the President, Mr. Israel, is responsible for.

Comments from CV residents

A VET

Thank you Eduardo, you are telling us the truth but how do we get these lamebrain fools in the village to see the truth. I am so tired of hearing them complain, complain, complain and yet they do NOTHING and say NOTHING. I get exhausted trying to explain things to them but they just don't listen.

Ann

Your scandal articles are enlightening, to say the very least. How do they get away with it? It's like a runaway freight train. Isn't anybody watching what they do all the time? I think you are right in that the president is the bottom line. He is ultimately responsible. What can we do to get this man out of office?

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Let's talk further about SCANDAL. If Israel performed at NSA as he has performed at CV, he would probably have been thrown out the door on his ass. He wanted to be an official at CV so badly, like he claims to have been at NSA, that he was willing to do something illegal, and it turned into a SCANDAL, because he secretly made it go away, i.e., you never knew what he did until Olga Wolkenstein unearthed documents alleging that Dan Gladstone and Contractor 1 st Priority were crooks and that you shouldn't be dealing with them. Even the insurance agency was defamed.

Because of what Israel did, Dan Gladstone lost the UCO presidential election, and it was by two votes. To what depths do you sink to be sure you win an election and meanwhile ruin a man's reputation together with the reputation of a construction company? Mr. Israel apologized just about 8 times in his retraction letter, but the monstrous damage was done and apologies could in no way repair the evil damage. That, people of Century Village, is SCANDAL

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I think if Dan Gladstone had become the president of UCO, things would have been a lot different. I truly think that he was capable of taking on any of the problems the village faces, especially when you know that he works 24/7 for people. I know he helped me when I was in trouble and all he asked me was if I was satisfied, which I was. Danny, hope all is well, we miss you.

THIS IS THE THIRD IN A SERIES ABOUT "SCANDALS" IN CENTURY VILLAGE.

Wi-Fi is another SCANDAL that has not occurred yet, but it will. In order to put another con job onto people, Mr. Israel told everyone, at more than one Delegate's meetings, that this Wi-Fi service would cost just about \$2.00 per month and it would bring CV into the modern age and the value of apartments would escalate. He painted a rosy picture including your being able to drop the company you now have for internet.

Let's lay out a few facts. There is a company that will install buried cable throughout the Village for \$1,300,000 and might allow us to pay it out, with interest, over a period of 5 ½ years -- a tidy sum. The monthly fee for service would be about \$2.00 per unit per month and it would in all likelihood increase after a stipulated period of time. However, you have to pay for the installation of the buried cable with a "service charge" which would increase the monthly fee to \$4.50 -- whether you use it or not and whether you own a computer or not. Double the cost or more? The SCANDAL is brewing.

Some more facts. There is also a company that will install, at the main clubhouse, a huge disc surrounded by 12 smaller discs that will send signals to every building in CV. And each building will have to have an antenna mounted on the side wall of their building to receive the signal needed. A router, which you will need, costs about \$80. The cost of the system, including 2,500 routers, is about \$560,000. As the need would arise, additional routers would have to be purchased and the cost would be \$80 each or more. The monthly fee for service would be about \$4.50 -- whether you use it or not and whether you own a computer or not.

Once again, this more than doubles the cost that Mr. Israel said it would be. It will be just like the roadway SCANDAL, -- all of the questions will be asked and smoothed over after the complete Wi-Fi installation and then it will be too late to do anything except complain. There is also a security issue that each company has, however, scammers know every trick in the book and your security code on your router could be compromised. No matter what they say, -- do you want to take that risk?*

** David Israel's plans for WIFI were defeated when the delegates voted against it. Subsequently; they were resurrected under a new name : BROADBAND. In this initiative residents were told that MANDATORY WIFI was part of the plan. This initiative failed due to the activities of the Messenger Club. But that's another story.....*

This is SCANDALS, PART 3A, a continuation of PART 3.

This added section is intended for you to understand much further what this Wi-Fi hokey-pokey is all about, and perhaps get you to think what the bottom line is REALLY going to cost you. Understand, once this slips through and is accepted, it is a long term deal and you won't be able to change anything.

The wool was pulled over your eyes regarding the \$5,000,000 paving contract, and the drainage contract, -- and they will lie to your teeth in order to get this Wi-Fi approved. Wi-Fi is good, yes, good, -- but for who? – David Israel! Is Wi-Fi right now a state-of-the-art technology? – not by a long shot it isn't.

So, why was the budget turned down by the Delegates? Two-thirds of the Delegates votes were needed to pass the budget and the vote fell far short of the votes needed. The budget was voted down because most of the Delegates did not want the Wi-Fi monies included, and that was the only reason. But, this is your present administration; -- they won't listen to the people of CV.

The original cost of Wi-Fi was \$1.00; then it was recommended that it be reduced to \$.50, but it wasn't. The president gave a long cock-and-bull story and then the cost was increased to \$2.00. (It was like selling a bucket of steam.) Some people were willing to go with \$2.00 per month. Then, the president increased the projected monthly cost per unit to \$3.00, and he guaranteed that that cost would be final. Sounds like the paving con job all over again. You may ask why? Consider the following items that the president won't talk about which, when applied, may raise the monthly sum appreciably.

INSURANCE – This amount has not been yet determined, however, you can figure \$.90 per hundred dollars of the value of the infrastructure.

TAXES – There is a 15% Communications Tax, which could be as much as \$.45 per month for each unit owner.

ROUTER – Initial payment is to be by the Unit Owner, and that amount is projected to be \$80.00.

INTEREST – Whatever the Wi-Fi company want to charge. It is not known at this time what the interest would be for a \$1,000,000 payback.

STORM DAMAGE – Any damage to the equipment due to hurricanes or other severe storms will have to be paid by the Unit Owners.

ROUTER REPLACEMENT – If your router goes bad for any reason, and they do have a life span, YOU will need to pay for it once again, and the price may escalate.

INSTALLATION COSTS – That cost will range from \$300,000 to \$1,300,000 depending upon which vendor is chosen.

PRESENTLY HAVE Wi-Fi – If your building already has Wi-Fi, you'll need to pay for it twice. Or, you can cancel what you now have and that may be problematic for individuals and their Associations.

INCREASES TO UNIT OWNERS – After a period of time, there will be increases – most especially if additional band width is required. Just like come-ons by TV and telephone companies, you will get increases after a period of time and those increases will be something you will be able to do nothing about.

PAYOUT FOR EQUIPMENT AND INSTALLATION – The payout for equipment and installation will be in the vicinity of 5½ years, according to a statement made by the president. Before you buy something on time payments, you should know what you're buying.

REPAIRS – There is not enough information forthcoming to be able to determine the final projected costs. If you demand that someone enter your home, - you're going to pay for service.

MAINTENANCE – DSL to cover first three years of normal maintenance. Not enough information has been made available to determine the projected final costs.

SECURITY – This is NOT guaranteed . . . unless you want to believe that the world is coming to an end.

This needs to be realized; -- the president wants Wi-Fi for himself. He couldn't care less about anybody else. It is for him, and he will lie and lie again to get his way, - like a child fist-pounding on the table that his Cheerios have gotten soggy.

He doesn't care if 85% of the people of Century Village don't want Wi-Fi. Nor does he care if a similar percentage can't afford Wi-Fi. He further doesn't care about snowbirds who would have use of Wi-Fi for just 2 or 3 months. He doesn't even care if you don't own a computer. That is just it – very simply, he doesn't care!

The president needs to know everything about everybody. He will spy on you because that's his entire existence, -- spying on whomever he can. Now think about this, -- the president can require the Wi-Fi vendor to provide him with names and addresses and router security codes of everyone in the Village, claiming that he can assist anyone who has forgotten their security code numbers, or lost it where they may have stored it. The president will then have access to everybody's very secret and private information. He will deny it, -- similar to the roadway scam.

Don't be fooled, -- because they are very good at fooling people. There are many, many questions, some of which cannot be answered at this time, and some that the president and the vendors don't want to answer.

After all is done and considered, you will probably be expected to pay somewhere between \$4.00 and \$8.00 depending upon a number of factors. Does anyone who votes for Wi-Fi, because they have lots of money, really care about someone at the poverty level who is collecting social security? The Finance Committee cares; the Officers' Committee cares; the Executive Board, well stocked by Israel people, does not care. But, with an overwhelming vote, -- the Delegates care, and that's what really counts. THINK ABOUT IT!

COMMENTS FROM RESIDENTS

JEAN

WHAT AN EYE OPENER. THANK YOU FOR SPELLING IT ALL OUT FOR US EDUARDO. EVEN THOUGH I WILL SAVE MONEY WITH MY AT&T INTERNET, I AM WORRIED ABOUT THE SECURITY OF THE SYSTEM. I ALSO HAVE FRIENDS THAT DO NOT HAVE COMPUTERS AND CANNOT AFFORD TO PAY MORE MONEY.

James

I originally believed what Israel had to say about Wi-Fi. He was convincing, but as you say, he was conning everyone. Does CV need another scandal? Thanks for putting a spotlight on the subject. I need Wi-Fi like I need a hole in my head.

THE SECOND BIGGEST CON

This is SCANDALS, Part 3B. It is strongly suggested that you peruse through SCANDALS, Parts 3 and 3A to get a real feel for what this Wi-Fi charade is really about. Insurance, taxes and maintenance are very real issues, to name a few, and need to be discussed at great length before anything at all is decided. Tap your neighbor on the arm and tell him or her that they've got to listen and pay attention, because if this Wi-Fi becomes a reality, we'll all be stuck with the consequences forever. And, guaranteed, -- we won't be very happy campers.

Take the \$5,000,000 paving fiasco, for instance. You cannot take it all back. It is history; the biggest con job this Village has ever seen. This was an over-priced paving job that is supposed to last just about 15 years – or maybe 17 years, if you get the professional opinion of paving gurus. Because of the numerous faults and defects in the job, we'll be lucky if we don't need major resurfacing in many areas in 5 or 6 years. Will you accept another con job? Wave your placard if you'd like to buy a "bucket of steam", or if they can convince you to buy a "short-circuit." Then they can convince you to purchase a "left-handed monkey wrench."

President Israel, together with his back-room henchman, Black, is known for his cloud, space-man, spy tactics as well as being able to place a shroud over people and hypnotizing them into doing whatever these ill-natured autocrats force upon them. DON'T LET IT HAPPEN; DON'T BE HERDED, DON'T BE CONNED!

Israel needs a legacy. He has been President just shy of four years and he has none. He needs this Wi-Fi badly. It's his baby. He has nothing else to present to you in his history to indicate that he has been even a mediocre president. NOTHING! The only thing that he can boast about is that he knows how to arm-chair his job and play with his computer to spy on people. What has he done for Century Village in four years for which he can be remembered?

The Wi-Fi issues have been spoken and written about numerous times before. Can you really absorb all of it? It is like reading 5 chapters of a 20 chapter book. Israel would like you to skip chapters 6 through 19 and go directly to chapter 20, -- sign right here. Like the paving job, he doesn't care what happens after it is a done deal. These backroom, secret dealings MUST STOP.

But, there are very real issues that need sensible and professional answers before you "sign here." For instance, Israel chose "certain" companies to handle the Century Village project and those companies were too small. And, that was a statement by a well-respected man in the communications industry, Mr. Lawrence Dambra. Mr. Dambra, at a scheduled meeting, stated that he would agree to do the necessary research and give to Mr. Israel the names of mid-tier qualified companies. The companies that Israel had chosen did not meet the specifications that were put forth. Also, they did not include BROADBAND for now or in the future. Mr. Dambra put a little salt on Mr. Israel's tail.

Bringing it further, Israel presented companies that did not have the equipment to complete the job in a certain period of time as required by the specifications. Mr. Israel again pouted.

It gets even more interesting. Israel was pushing DSL, and that company had an approximate \$10,000 error in their proposal. In addition, DSL was NOT a provider of BROADBAND. Are you getting a clearer picture now?

It is not particularly what is said about Wi-Fi systems, but what is NOT SAID. THIS is the SCANDAL. There are numerous questions that need to be answered before any proposals can be finalized. It would seem exceedingly clear that Israel does not want any of these questions to surface and he's afraid that professional responses could jeopardize his chances for Wi-Fi approval. Don't you think that there should be written provisions as to how UCO should be able to nullify the contract agreement for various reasons, in other words, a bail-out clause?

When “Hi-Fi” was first introduced it was “state-of-the-art.” You have some bucks and you got it. A little time goes by, and lo-and-behold, you have “STEREO” to take its place. Your predecessor becomes obsolete. Some people in the know will tell you that Wi-Fi is in its’ infancy, and you may want to be a little more patient, because in the not too distant future you’re going to see more sophisticated equipment, lower costs, better services, ease of use, less maintenance, and greatly expanded technology.

We need to touch upon just a few more matters that are important. A tower for Wi-Fi is needed, and it would be erected on Century Village property, about two miles from Palm Beach International Airport. You cannot simply say that you need a tower and put it up. You need permits, -- a permit from the Turnpike Authority, a permit from the county, another permit from the FAA – a minimum of four permits that would be needed. This part would be very time consuming, and it is very likely that one or more of these permits would not be granted.

The Bid Committee, in trying to do a thorough job so that many of the major issues could be addressed and perhaps resolved, was not ready at this time to begin any form of negotiations. However, Israel demands that we go ahead with this business NOW. Like a bratty child fist pounding – NOW!

On the Request for Proposal (RFP) form in the hands of a few of Israel’s “friendly” companies, he lists his name as the Century Village contact. Is this not perhaps a little too egotistical? Is this not perhaps being a little TOO friendly? And, you should know that also listed on the RFP as a contact person is the name of Israel’s back-room henchman, Black. Can you believe this? Another paving scam brewing right before your very eyes! Making Black a contact person is like allowing him to take complete charge of a \$5,000,000 paving job, and allowing him to borrow close to a million dollars. It would appear that Israel is setting up another opportunity to give Black a chance to put forth another “scam-like” proposition.

Now, the secret spy goes to work. The meeting conducted by Mr. Lawrence Dambra, the paid professional consultant, was Taped by Black, our channel 63 self-professed guru, and according to a reliable source, resulted in a tape with no audio and one that was too dark to view. This was a “read-my-lips” tape. Can you possibly believe this? Israel and his very inner, inner cohorts conjured up such methods and means to isolate themselves from anything that might show them in a bad light. They don’t want anybody to see and listen to the expert in Wi-Fi, - Mr. Dambra.

Let’s use just a little logic here. Rather than have Israel shove Wi-Fi down our throats, i.e., pay for it forever, whether you like it or not, -- let the individual associations get Wi-Fi for their own individual buildings. The costs involved are within reason according to reliable sources. The Associations have a right to their own destinies. A number of Associations have already gone this route and are well satisfied.

I am sure that, in the not too distant future, Wi-Fi will become like the introduction of talking movies. It will get better and better and better. But right now, -- in dollars, -- we really cannot afford Wi-Fi; the great majority of CV unit owners have no use for it; a great many people can’t afford greater expenses (refer to Demographic Data 2011 and Poverty Guidelines 2013 compiled by The Neilson Company); thousands of snow-birds couldn’t care less about it; many people don’t have computers and those who do, don’t know how to use them; the great worry about security by hackers - and this worry is very real (in his blog, Israel admits that part of the Wi-Fi system – security – cannot be guaranteed) and it goes on and on.

In recent years, -- this is what Century Village is all about, -- SCANDALS, -- over and over again. Just how bad can it get? Manipulation and misuse of funds, stealing, fraudulent dealings; dishonest methods, means and procedures; misrepresentations, deception deliberately practiced in order to secure personal gain; and the attempted ruin of a respectable community. It goes on and on, and like so many communities it will eventually die when “money” becomes a huge factor to consider and people can no longer afford to live under such adverse conditions. Enter the undesirables and then there will be a mass exodus from this Village.

What can you do? Well, step forward and stop the SCANDALS, -- that’s one of the first things that you can do. Step forward, -- demand to be heard. Refuse the “be brief” or the “you’re out of order” admonishments, tell the

woman with the gavel to “stuff it.” Scoff at “we’ll get security in here,” and don’t be intimidated by armed deputies. Tell the president and his knaves that the words “malcontents” and “dissidents” - words that they use to describe persons who have different views of this governmental dictatorship - are far beneath the recitations that should be used by a president who is supposed to respect his constituents and, in turn, be respected by them .

The Wi-Fi deal is an ongoing SCANDAL; which has been brewing from the very start. DON’T ALLOW IT TO BECOME THE SECOND BIGGEST CON TO COME BEFORE YOU!

COMMENTS FROM RESIDENTS

Anonymous

What I've been reading is devastating. Right before everyone's eyes. the president and the once treasurer spend millions of our dollars without anybody's permission. Frankly speaking, I don't understand how it is possible to do what they did and get away with it. Isn't what they did a felony? I truly need to know what can be done now to either get these two men out of office or punish them in some way for their actions. Is the attorney general's office supposed to know about things like this?

ONE WHO KNOWS ALL THE FACTS

I thank you anonymous for having the where with all to accept the truth. Eduardo, has apparently gone through great lengths to enlighten the residents of Century Village, yet it is only a select few who GET THE MESSAGE.

Everything you have been reading on this blog is factual. It is only the simple-minded members of the David Israel clan that refuse to accept reality. They have the same mentality as the skin heads who refuse to accept the holocaust.

David Israel and his followers are a disgrace to the human race.

In an earlier time they would have all been taken out and horse whipped, but, because of our advances in society, they have to resort to this blog.

George Loewenstein

When I ran for UCO president, The reporter refused my articles critical of the administration. In fact Bob Marshall the then president fired my wife who was in the reporter staff. So, to get out our message we published our own paper and hung it on delegates doorknobs. To give these exposes wide circulation, other than the limited on on this blog, I would suggest a similar method so that the whole village will know what is going on.

George Loewenstein Past UCO President

Scandals Part 4

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Some of the SCANDALS require extensive research, and as such, when presented, may become lengthy in order to deliver what you need to know. I ask for your indulgence, and I welcome any and all comments that you may have with respect to this subject matter.

Another Century Village SCANDAL. You really should care because it affects your pocketbooks and wallets.

When Century Village was first designed some 40 years ago, Architects and Engineers had to be involved, not only with the design of buildings, but also all exterior areas. Streets, walkways, lawn areas and planting areas were designed for positive storm drainage, i.e. the contour of the land was sloped in various different directions to catch basins and area drains. Inasmuch as the land was so flat, a swaled system was introduced to be sure that the perimeter roadways were drained by the quickest manner possible. The roadways drained to the swales and the swales to the catch basins. The engineers had to be sure that the pipe sizes below grade were of the proper size to deal with the heavy rain storms that are common in Florida. All went well and the system worked for decades.

As time went by, land settled and so did paved areas causing low areas and ridged areas. The original drainage design became faulty by time, weather, landscape work, traffic, construction and other factors. Thus, standing water, at various depths, after storms.

So that appropriate sums of money could be set aside for major road repairs in the future, an engineering firm was consulted to analyze the surface storm drainage system as well as sub-soil drainage conditions. They recommended regrading the swales so that drainage would work as originally designed; telescoping existing piping and repairing pot holes. The telescoping pipes revealed that drainage piping was working. Pot holes were eventually filled. The swales were not touched.

Someone at UCO, under the direction of the president, then decided to ignore the engineer's recommendations to re-grade the swales and came up with an area drainage system extending about 30 feet out away from the shallow basins using a French drain (6" or 8" perforated pipe) system. These drains were arbitrarily placed where certain non-professionals thought that there were problems of roadway drainage.

- Architects and Engineers were not consulted or called in to design any of this drainage work;
- No sums of money were approved by the Delegates to perform any of this work;
- No bid proposal documents were sent to any contractors.

Triton Associates, the contractor that did this storm drainage work, was paid a total of \$192,135. That breakdown relates to one drain extension at a cost of \$1,700; 20 French drains at a cost of \$5,622 each, and 13 French drains with drainage pits at a cost of \$6,000 each. Certain documents are missing resulting in a difference of \$195. This company had no formal contract describing all of the work to be performed. After certain work was performed, UCO kept on increasing the scope of work without a formal contract.

All sums paid were taken from the roadway reserve account without approval of the Delegates to shift the money. There were six separate payments made to Triton Associates, none of them approved by the Delegates, but they were acknowledged by Israel, the President of UCO.

The original bid received from Triton Associates had a cost of \$4,191.75 for each drain. For reasons unexplained, that cost increased to \$6,000 per drain. Nothing is documented. For the work done for \$5,622 per drain and \$6,000 for other drains, the price for the work would appear to be extremely exorbitant.

The re-grading of the swales, a recommendation by the engineers, was not done. That work could have solved the roadway drainage problem.

The new paving was then put down, and now that created new problems with drainage. Again, no Architect or Engineer was consulted before the paving work commenced. Now, a Vice President of UCO, involved in this entire fiasco, want to have three more drains installed and has requested that \$18,000 be placed in the budget for 2014.

To be sure, this is a SCANDAL all right, -- right under your noses. The UCO President, so it appears, seems to think that he can do whatever he wants to do with our money. This is a serious infraction involving the abuse of power, and he should be held totally and completely responsible. The officials in some organizations would tell him that he has been dishonest and ask that he take his personal things and leave the building.

Scandals Part 5

It is SCANDALOUS for the President!

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Some of the SCANDALS require substantial research and, as such, when presented may become lengthy in order to detail what you need to know. I ask for your indulgence and I welcome any and all comments that you may have with respect to this subject matter.

The recall petition pertaining to the president, Israel, was another SCANDAL. The way it was handled was a sham, and it was politically motivated. Israel was guilty of at least one of the charges put forth against him, but by that political motivation, it was discarded into the pile of other charges. That one charge alone could have had Israel recalled.

When you are a sitting President; when you control the microphone, when you have the gavel; when you gather together cohorts who've been promised perks; when you can present a written defense of the charges against you and the plaintiffs can't, -- then you know it's a SCANDAL.

Is it SCANDALOUS for the President, Israel, to control the UCO Reporter? It is a fact that he controls what goes into the paper and what is deleted, -- all by his orders given to the co-editors. To corner the news media with "Do as I say or you're fired", is a charge that the President will deny, but go ahead and try to have something published. It will be well scrutinized and you can expect that if you're on the permanent "dissidents and malcontents" list, you will be refused publication.

I don't really need to expand on the above SCANDALS; they speak for themselves. It is one of the basic principles of governmental operation that leads you to these certain matters that you can consider to be SCANDALOUS!

Difficulty and Great Scandals

President Israel has brought into UCO a man, who never has the fortitude to speak out when in the presence of groups of people. What does he do subversively in the backroom to undermine other people's activities and positions?

Since this man never puts his name to anything, -- the President, Israel, is totally responsible for all of this man's devious actions. This is what you'd call a back-room, ill-conceived SCANDAL.

President Israel allowed a Property Manager and self-appointed Project Manager to run rampant and totally out of control. Any Corporate Manager will tell you that this is irresponsible and in some corporate environments would even be labeled a SCANDAL. This man was responsible for a project that depleted our Treasury by \$5,000,000.

What this man did and didn't do is most suspicious, and criminal acts may even be looked at. Ultimately, who is responsible, - yes, the UCO President, Mr. Israel. That is a SCANDALOUS act, and in some companies, the President for sure would be fired without a golden handshake.

It is difficult to go into great detail about ALL of the SCANDALS and/or SCANDALOUS actions that occur practically on a daily basis. This – part 6 – is shorter than most of the others but should certainly give you food for thought.

COMMENTS FROM RESIDENTS

Olga Wolkenstein

Eduardo, As I recall - from memory -

Ed Black, -Cue Ball gave a speech at the delegate assembly asking for a one million line of credit by telling the delegates it was needed in the event of a hurricane. Of course this was a BOLD FACE lie because we have hurricane insurance.

And you are absolutely correct, HE NEVER INFORMED THE RESIDENTS THE LOAN WOULD COST \$6,270.00 and that we needed collateral for any money taken from the loan.

I suspect, because (THE BALLS) were not forthcoming with this information, the delegates approved it. Approximately 19 delegates, including myself voted against it.

Mucho Gracias for the update.

Don

You know, Mike, it doesn't matter if absolute and positive proof is placed right before your eyes, you will say it's "innuendo and character assassination."

It is so unfortunate that you're not understanding of what Israel has done to this Village. He has crippled it. He has made people hate one another. He has manipulated your money and my money.

This man that you worship lies about everything. Look at history and you will clearly see not so much as to what Israel has done, but more importantly, WHAT HE HAS NOT DONE.

Scandals Part 7 (Most Damning Yet)

NOTICE; Many of the thousands of Unit Owners may have read SCANDALS, PART #7; also many have not, while others may have forgotten what they read; and, if you happen to have missed it entirely, --- it is repeated herein below exactly as originally posted. All of the dollar amounts shown have been verified from available public documents. However, please realize that certain documents under Israel's and Black's control are mysteriously missing and are probably in the "Cloud" that Israel keeps top secret with his own code, or destroyed by them to avoid evidence of criminal activity.

SCANDAL Brought on by a very poorly run government, namely, the President of UCO, David Israel and Treasurer at the time, Ed Black.

An engineering company was brought in to evaluate and report on the condition of the roadways and walkways. The report basically stated that the roadways were in such a condition that we could perhaps get another 2, 3 or 4 more years out of them before a resurfacing would be necessary in certain areas. Refer to Scandal 1 for specific details involving the entire paving operation. The money SCANDAL began.

In a plot to intermingle monies from all UCO sources, the Treasurer, Black, came up with a "Do you want to buy a bridge scheme". He was blocked in being able to take all the monies from various accounts and putting it into one pot. If all of the monies were in one pot, it would be nearly impossible to determine what monies were coming from each account to pay for paving.

UCO had, in Roadway Reserves, a little less than \$3,500,000 at that time and was well on the way to having enough money to do all of the paving based upon what the engineers report had stated. Previously, the general thoughts at UCO had been to have the total amount of money in hand in the Roadway Reserve account before doing any paving work. Black convinced Israel to make the decision to do the paving now. Mr. Israel's decision was very wrong, but he didn't care, because he wanted to be the President remembered for doing the "great" paving job. As it turns out, the paving job is horrendous. Again, refer to Scandal 1 for specific details.

Israel backed Black's plan to convince the Executive Board that if you didn't continue with the paving at this time, it's going to cost UCO about a million dollars more because of re-mobilization costs and, in addition, the cost of petroleum products used for paving was going up in price. That statement was a bare-faced lie. Black's fingerprints are all over it. The Executive Board bought that story....incredible! Again, President Israel backed this plan. He sanctioned an erroneous statement.

In order to have sufficient funds, Black wanted to take out a line of credit from a bank in the amount of \$1,000,000, but he didn't tell everyone what that ultimate cost would be, -- like, -- if you wanted to borrow \$100,000 of that money, you had to put up \$100,000 collateral a dog chasing its' own tail. That deal was absolute craziness. You should know also that there was an application and processing fee for this line of credit -- several thousands of dollars that Black never explained to anyone.

Delegates, who are supposed to be intelligent, were conned and they didn't even know it! They were buying a bridge to nowhere.

So, in order to have enough money to do the paving work, Black, with sanctions by Israel, raids and takes money from every account that UCO has leaving them nearly empty.

Transportation----- \$ 207,500

Cable -----\$ 438,384

General (Dues) -----\$ 103,772

Irrigation----- \$ 218,000
Security----- \$ 70,000
Ambulance -----\$ 976
Reporter -----\$ 32,000 **

TOTAL----- \$1,070,632

** This money was earned by the Reporter staff and NOBODY had a right to touch it.

Then, the Pied Piper gets all of these loons to follow him to the edge of the cliff. NOBODY CARED! Nobody, except the incoming new Treasurer, Dorothy Tetro, who found that UCO was dangerously close to a bankruptcy condition. After Israel and Black raped the accounts, there was a TOTAL of \$21,000 left in the reserve accounts. That sum was like one grain of rice in a Chinese meal.

All kinds of documentation from UCO files based upon the illegal shifting of money is missing ... GONE!

The first section of paving, quoted at over \$2,000,000, had NO DELEGATE APPROVAL. You need to follow the money trail to get to the bottom of this SCANDAL.

To fully understand this SCANDAL and how it worked, you need to know the comment of a CPA who stated that what Israel and Black schemed was to "permanently borrow" funds from UCO accounts in which case they could be accused of "Unauthorized tampering of Corporation Funds", in that the Delegates never approved using more than \$1,000,000 from other accounts to perform paving work.

A law enforcement officer is reported to have stated that trusted officers have a fiduciary responsibility to guard against misuse of corporation funds, and in this case, grand larceny and embezzlement issues need to be looked into to be sure that the using of UCO funds without approval was not done with criminal intent.

There was a Letter of Agreement as to how the paving contractor was to be paid, and there are invoices. You should know that David Israel, the UCO President, signed the checks using the monies from the nearly depleted accounts. Israel is a part of this money scheme orchestrated by Black. Because of what Israel and Black conjured up, which was nothing but a sophisticated shell game, there came a time when after all the UCO bills had been paid, the balances were dangerously low. The alarms went off. This is when Dorothy Tetro beat Black in an election for the Treasurer's job and he left her to figure out how to make payments. Her tireless efforts paid off – she was able to solve the problems.

It is beyond the comprehension of the average person as to how two trusted UCO officers could bring such a SCANDAL to our front door. Can we learn a good lesson from all of this? . . . of course we can, but realize that there are crooks out there ... watch out for SCANDALS!

There may be more to this SCANDAL that needs to be exposed. This information is being researched, and if the data can be supported, this SCANDAL, Part 7, will have an addendum. When the new Treasurer, returned from vacation she found that certain payments were made in her absence and there seems to be a discrepancy in the figures. Part 7 will continue.

Scandals Part 7A

Secretive and illegal dealings

Your attention is directed to SCANDALS Part 7. In the last paragraph of that factual accounting, I made mention of the possible need for a SCANDALS Part 7A in order to complete SCANDALS, Part 7. Additional data has been uncovered which emphasizes the backroom, secretive and illegal dealings that the President, Mr. Israel, pulled right in front of your noses. He might have been trained to do just that.

Understand clearly, -- monies were used for paving roadways and sidewalks that were never approved or budgeted by the Delegate Assembly, otherwise known as the UCO Board of Directors. Budgeted monies have been approved by the Delegate Assembly for a specific use. Approval for use other than as budgeted is necessary. Accountants have required documentation for any change to the budget and this information should be available from minutes of a meeting when changes are approved.

Dorothy Tetro, the elected Treasurer of UCO went on vacation toward the end of May 2012 to about the middle of June 2012. While she was away, the President, Mr. Israel, under a cloak of secrecy, -- electronically transferred \$80,000 into the Road Reserve account; \$30,000 taken from the Ambulance account and \$50,000 from the General (Dues) account. This electronic transfer has a paperwork trail dated May 31, 2012, and it is signed by David Israel and Robert Marshall. It is clear that Mr. Marshall agrees with everything that Mr. Israel dictates.

It appears to be very clear that all of this backroom secret dealing was the work of Mr. Black, who, you may have observed, never puts his signature to anything involving dollars.

So, the total amount of money raped from these seven accounts now comes to \$1,150,632. That's correct, -- over a million bucks.

It was Black's convoluted scheme to use every single cent that he could manipulate out of these accounts, and he was bold enough to do so because he had the backing of the President, Mr. Israel, himself.

Frequent payments were being made to the paving contractor, each payment \$100,000 or more and at times the UCO Road Reserve checking account would have been overdrawn by thousands of dollars without the infusion of these illegally transferred dollars,. This was the shell con game -- the repetitive shifting of monies to make up short-falls; to offset negatives.

And, there is Mr. Israel looking out at all the Delegates with a shellacked smile on his face and saying nothing about the illegal shifting of over a million dollars of our money and the keeping of these dealings top secret. He's looking right at you and lying to your face about how well the paving job is going. What do you do with such a person, -- elect him again?

Folks, this is more than just a SCANDAL.

I hope, as your friend, I never have to say: I told you so

Scandals 7B

NOTICE: Many of the thousands of Unit Owners may have read SCANDALS, PART #7A; Bear in mind as you read this scandal that these two UCO officers, Israel and Black, UCO's President and Treasurer (at the time) respectively, were entrusted to guard against the making of any illicit deals that could cause harm to Century Village. Yet their scheme went ahead and they executed a sophisticated con game right before your very eyes.

SCANDALS,PART #7B reveals how this con game went down.

“So what if they steal, as long as it’s not too much.”

When Israel and Black schemed to get every nickel from all of the UCO accounts to pay for the paving contracts, they came to realize that they couldn’t permanently borrow enough money from these already depleted accounts to make the paving payments. So, what Cue-ball and Black-ball did was to go to Bank Atlantic (which is now BB&T), and ask for a loan – IT WAS A \$750,000 LINE OF CREDIT.

People were beginning to wise up to the scam, but it was too late; the Delegates were conned into approving it. They were convinced by Israel and Black that we would probably never really need to draw down on the line of credit because, they said that “WE HAVE PLENTY OF MONEY.” We didn’t have “plenty of money”; that statement was a LIE straight to your face.

What was not told to anyone was that if you wanted to draw down, say \$100,000.00, against the Line of Credit, you needed to satisfy the Bank’s requirement of putting up that same amount of money - \$100,000.00 - as collateral. Who in their right mind would do that? Even the Bank advised against it. But, that is what Israel and Black agreed to; and Israel signed those bank documents. But, it doesn’t end at that point, -- there were closing costs comprised of Documentary Stamps, Loan Processing Fee, Courier Fee, IRS Income Transcript Fees, lender’s Attorneys’ Fee and Costs, all of which were NON-REFUNDABLE whether you borrowed any of the loan monies or not. These fees came to \$6,270.00. UCO’s attorney may or may not have been paid in addition for his services. Israel and Black wouldn’t tell you about these bank fees because they needed to have it kept top secret. NOW, THIS IS A SCANDAL!

Doing back-room business is the Israel/Black way of pulling the wool over your eyes, -- and the sad, sad part about it is that they know they can do it and nobody is going to questions what they’re doing.

As it turned out, Dorothy Tetro became the Treasurer and was miraculously able, with professional assistance, to figure out how to make everything work without borrowing any of the Line of Credit monies. The books are open to anyone who wants to look at them. You should know, however, that Israel may require you to put your request for records in writing, state the Florida Statute under which you seek such information, and state the reasons why you want to view this information. These are Cue-ball/Black/ball secrets – top secret information.

It doesn’t really matter whether you mishandle \$10.00 or \$10,000.00, you can still be arrested and incarcerated.

Cue-ball, Black-ball and No-balls want Dorothy Tetro out of office because she is unquestionably honest and she knows much too much about what one officer and two former office holders have done that involves MONEY. She is following the money trail, and she’s apparently getting very close.

The cost of the Line of Credit, \$6,270.00, signed by Israel, was just supposed to go away, -- disappear. You’ll never know anything . . . “forget about it,” as the crooks say. And, with the Israel/Black premise of all the money in one pot, about \$7,000,000.00, and you not knowing where it is going at any one time because of concealed records, or lost records, or inconsistent records, or you need a letter with reasons for wanting to know, -- well – use your heads, -- use your common sense, -- the money was DISAPPEARING, and you’ll never be able to prove what happened to it.

Crooks do this kind of thing all the time. Con jobs, a specialty. Sixty Minutes on TV picked up these kinds of things all the time. If criminals know that they can get away with stealing and robbing, then they’ll do it. Century

Village, -- a lot of dead brains out there who say: “so what if they steal, as long as it’s not too much.” IN-CREDIBLE, ABSOLUTELY INCREDIBLE.

What Israel and Black conjured up was an illegal shell game done right before your very eyes. Marshall just shook his head up and down. Follow the money trail . . . it’s a SCANDAL.

Paving Scandal #7C

THE UCO PRESIDENT MUST BE HELD RESPONSIBLE:

PAVING, PAVING, PAVING. That is discussed repeatedly, and it should be. Why?

Because well over five million dollars of OUR money was used to perform this work. And, since they now took all of the monies and mingled them into a single account, they can use whatever amounts they want without accountability.

They, Israel, and his back-room button pusher Black draw down from that mishmash single account and hire contractors to make repairs. Repairs everywhere without any of the Delegates knowing what is going on. So, when engineers are eventually called in to assess the condition of the roadways parking areas and sidewalks, they’ll have to say that everything is in fairly good condition. Trickery and fraud right before your very eyes. Instead of spending \$5,350,000, it will be closer to \$6,000,000, and the need for repairs will become more constant.

Be prepared for another con job. Israel and Black will conjure up a sneaky plan to sell you more paving. Only this time, a good deal of the existing paving will have to be removed in order to cope with severe drainage conditions that were never addressed the first time the work was done.

Well, what happened? Why are the roadways, parking areas and walkways deteriorating prematurely? I was there every day that the work was being performed – voluntarily – and as a Registered Architect (Ret., Florida License #6796), I can tell you what I observed. Because there are literally hundreds of omissions and deficiencies in the work and how it was conducted.

If you consult with any professional who knows anything at all about paving, you will find that there may be strong suspicion of money changing hands because there were no controls set in place to prevent it from happening. Who was ultimately responsible? Israel, of course, the UCO President was totally and absolutely responsible, and Israel used Black to con everyone into believing that what they were doing was correct. Israel knew, or he should have known, how to handle a job like this with a complex scope of work, and he wouldn’t accept anything anyone had to say. Would you allow a cafeteria worker to do the accounting for General Motors? This is not like Israel saying something like “So, I made a mistake.” This is not a \$500 job or a \$5,000 job or even a \$500,000 job, we are talking about well over \$5 million and counting. It’s criminal to think that “It’s done with, so forget about it.” You have to wonder – “Are they going to do the same thing again?” And, the additional work of scarifying, milling and striating and provisions for positive draining, will eat up a good additional million dollars.

I had offered my professional services to Israel, pro bono, and he said that he would get back to me. He never did? Why? I would interfere with his egotistical agenda and Black’s schemes. Huddled in a corner one day were Frank Cornish, Dom Guarnagia and Roger Carver (the UCO CAM when this project was under way) in a heavy conversation about the ongoing paving job. I listened intently and then offered some constructive criticism to some major problems. They were working for Israel, and what I had to say went in one ear and out the other.

Where I come from, a President doing what Israel did would be immediately fired and the entire matter investigated by the Attorney General’s office for possible indictments.

WITHOUT QUESTION, -- ISRAEL HAS GOT TO GO, -- AND WITH HIM BLACK.

Scandals - Part 8 - Redux

Prohibited use of the Blog that was originally established for Century Village, except for those chosen people who have been selected as “members”, is a SCANDAL!

Mr. Israel, otherwise tagged Cue-ball, has stated numerous times to everyone who had two ears and in writing to everyone who was able to read, -- that THE BLOG is, in fact, “OUR VILLAGE BLOG.” (once known as the Century Village Blog). He said, in fact, again and again that anyone can go onto it and voice whatever they had to say, save harsh language, was his cry. JUST ANOTHER BOLD-FACED LIE has surfaced. LIES, LIES and MORE LIES. HOW MANY MORE LIES CAN YOU TAKE?

He, Cue-ball himself, takes a PUBLIC BLOG, which was the “Century Village Blog” and is now, by his own language “OUR VILLAGE BLOG” and, like a fist-pounding Dictator, makes a determination that it is HIS blog, and only HIS. If I’m not mistaken, that’s what Hitler did in Germany.

Cue-ball is prevaricating. He very secretly maintains that it is HIS PERSONAL BLOG and that a person is supposed to be able to “Leave your comment” in a prepared blog box. Underneath the “comments” box it says “Comments on this blog are restricted to team members.” Well now, define a “team member.”

A small group of inquisitive unit owners decided to see how easy it is to become a so-called “team member.” Here is what was uncovered: If you’ve EVER looked cross-eyed at Israel or stuck your tongue out at him ... it comes back to you “sorry, you can’t become a ‘member’.”

Or, maybe you were seen by the Secret Agent Man or his Chief Back-Room Con Man talking to a “malcontent” or a “dissident”, or some other cute name originated by Israel, ... no, you can’t become a “member.”

Perhaps you voice your opinion at a Delegates’ meeting that the Dictator deems is in opposition to his views, sorry, we’re limited to 100 members ... but, we’ll keep you on our “waiting member list” ... you’re number 292”.

Or, any one of the Dictator’s very selective group of Blog Administrators, including Black-ball and others who don’t like you because you didn’t wave your placard at a Delegate meeting when you were supposed to ... sorry, you can’t become a “team member.”

How about you want to print something in the UCO Reporter, THAT ISRAEL ALSO FULLY CONTROLSSorry, it can’t be published because you mentioned Israel’s name in a derogatory way, and you can’t become a “team member” of the secret blog clan either. Okay, let’s assume that you never did anything that would give the Dictator a reason to prohibit you from becoming a “team member” on the blog that is labeled “OUR VILLAGE BLOG.” So, you became a so-called “team member” and then you post, or want to post something that irritates Mr. Cue-ball - - you automatically and effectively immediately become dis-enrolled ... scratched from the secret 100 list. You’ve fallen out of favor with the Dictator. This recently happened to a now-serving Vice-President. Hard to believe, but true.

So, Mr. Israel, or if you prefer, Mr. Cue-ball, you’ve created a second blog entitled “OUR VILLAGE – PART 2.” In your posting, you state that the person making application will need to produce his or her name (which no doubt will be investigated), an address (which no doubt will be verified), a telephone number(s) - (which no doubt will be checked). And, you cannot sign your blog entry as “Anonymous,” --- that is strictly prohibited (pseudonyms, however, are OK).

Note well: Mr. Cue-ball states in writing that you need to have a “membership” in this “OUR VILLAGE – PART 2” which is an extension of “OUR VILLAGE BLOG.” Refer to paragraphs herein above to see if you can become a “member.” He eventually may want your fingerprints and, I am surprised to know that this is not already required. He already will have your e-mail address.

Really now, it's Israel's EGO . . . he is self-centered and egotistical without question; it's Israel's POWER . . . he is the president and I think that he believes he can do any freaking thing that he wants to, whether it's legal or illegal, no difference to him; it's Israel's CONTROL . . . he has an inner need, like an adult-child, to secretly control everything for his own selfish benefit.

So, one might express, - - who give a fiddler's f--- about the blog that the Dictator secretly declares to be his own? It is not worth a speck of your time. THIS blog, I like, because you can willingly express what you have on your mind and you can see it in print without editing, save cursing and swearing, - - and you don't even have to mention your name if you don't want to . . . Anonymous is okay.

Making it extremely difficult or impossible to voice your opinion on "YOUR VILLAGE BLOG" is a SCANDALOUS act of a dictator and his back-room cronies.

Someone once said, I think it was my Mother: "What you say means a lot, -- put your mind to it and you can make things happen, -- don't let things just happen to you." I say, "DON'T BE AFRAID, - - YOU CAN TELL ISRAEL, AND HIS GROUP OF BRAINLESS COHORTS WHO CARRY HIS TRAIN, THAT HE CAN'T TELL YOU THAT WHAT YOU HAVE TO SAY IS "OUT OF ORDER", OR "BE BRIEF", AND FURTHER, THAT YOU HAVE A RIGHT TO VOICE YOUR OPINION ON "OUR VILLAGE BLOG. " Be prepared, -- he may consult with our UCO lawyer before he answers you, and he'll chalk it up as a UCO expense.

This entire administration is a huge SCANDAL. Don't just sit there and be afraid; if you have anything to say, come right out and say it.

COMMENTS FROM RESIDENTS

Attorney, Retired

I read with great interest the blog entitled "OUR VILLAGE BLOG." Somebody please explain to me how is it that that named blog was taken away from the people of CV and became private? I know that some lawyers challenged the title "Century Village Blog" because CV was used in such context that it violated something to do with registration & W.P.R.F. Then the name changed from "Century Village Blog" to "Our Village Blog" but it's use remained the same, which was for any CV resident to be able to make a posting. How then, did this person you identify as "Cue-ball" take over and make it private? By the way, the name "Cue-ball identifies the president of UCO to a T.

From experience I know that you can't take the name "Our Village Blog," which is not registered, with the connotation that the word "our" used together with the word "Village" denotes everyone in CV, - and then declare that the blog is private. Such a misconception, due to private membership requirements, is denying that "Our Village Blog" belongs to everyone in CV. It is cause for a demand in a name change, unless the specific requirements change. It is actionable and you can seek relief.

Olga Wolkenstein

To Retired Attorney,

I can answer your question. When David Israel - cue ball- became President of UCO, he fired Carole Szepezi who was the administrator of the Q&A which was a legitimate Century Village Resident Blog. He then started his OWN blog using the Century Village name. Some residents complained about the use of Century Village and he was forced to change the name. But, the blog belongs to HIM ALONE and he has complete control of it.

Being an Attorney, your thoughts are welcome on this matter.

Scandals 9

SECRETS, LIES AND DECEPTION

A common occurrence at UCO is concealing and hiding anything and everything, and doing it without reservation. Challenge UCO, and they will talk about you in a very libelous way on Israel's BLOG; slander you whenever they get the opportunity; write about you at will in the UCO Reporter; chop you down at a Delegate's meeting where they literally control the speaker system, and the President denigrates your reputation by shouting "sit down – you're out of order".

Let's take a look at the Master Insurance Policy, for instance, in which UCO, in compliance with the Bilateral Agreement, is supposedly doing you a tremendous favor by soliciting bid proposals on your behalf from insurance agents.

Ed Ross believed, because of information that he received from reliable sources, that there were improprieties involved in the receiving of bid proposals, including but not limited to, bid rigging. The entire secret bidding process appeared to smell. And, this was really of concern because in many budgets as much as 40% could be attributed to master policy premiums.

So, Ross, being most inquisitive, hand-delivered a letter dated February 24, 2011, to UCO, requesting the opportunity to review and perhaps copy the three insurance bid proposals that were submitted (Brown & Brown, Plastridge and The Mack Group). That request was ignored – no response by e-mail, U.S. mail, telephone or fax. A second letter dated March 4, 2011, making the same request, was hand-delivered to UCO. Again it was ignored. Ross detected something was definitely wrong.

The Insurance Committee, composed of ten or more members, normally require bid proposals to be sealed, stamped on the envelope when received so that they are not delivered late and disqualified, - and then all of them opened at the same time on a specific date, at a specific hour, at a specific place – at a meeting of the Insurance Committee who were duly notified of the bid opening. This never happened. None of it happened. Bids were not date stamped; they were opened separately on different days, and in secrecy.

There were no Insurance Committee minutes taken at the time of the bid opening. Think about that one for a moment. A certain bid was opened secretly on a late Friday afternoon and it was approved secretly over that following weekend. Something was very wrong, for sure. It appeared that a certain bid was allowed to be "fixed" by the Insurance Committee leaders. To be very blunt, at the very least, there was bid manipulation,

Ross was then forced to consult an attorney in order to obtain these requested documents, under Chapter 617 of the Florida statutes. There were more delays, more stalling by the insurance committee chairperson by executing a letter which basically denied Ross the access to public documents under the ploy of needing agents' permission to do so. The sealed bids were, indeed private, so that one bidder could not see what another bidder was submitting. However, once they were opened, under the law, they became public to any Century Village resident who is part of the insurance program, and most especially to a delegate, who, in fact, is a member of UCO's Board of Directors.

So, again, these bids, tainted by a lack of proper procedures, were kept secret. It appears that UCO feels that they are above the law. It became necessary for Ross' attorney to send a second letter to the insurance chairperson and told her, without equivocation, that her reluctance to comply with state law could bring her before a judge.

You want information that you're entitled to receive? UCO makes you go to an attorney. Ask Mr. Black and Mrs. Dowling, - they experienced the same thing. They requested information which they were rightly entitled

to, and they were refused. This was UCO's standard way of telling you – "GO AWAY". They had no choice but to seek legal counsel.

On September 30, 2011, some eight months later, the insurance chairperson hand-delivered a copy of three bid proposals to Ross' attorney. The attorney's letters had requested a copy of the ORIGINAL bid proposals and insurance committee minutes.

Again, secrets and flagrant lies. The Brown and Brown insurance bid proposal given to Ross was not the original proposal, but rather, the third proposal submitted by Brown and Brown. Page after page in the proposal clearly reveals that it could not have been possible to submit such information at the time that the bids were originally due. Mr. Ross has absolute proof that the final bid proposal submitted by Brown & Brown as a conjured up fabrication and made to look like it was supposed to be the original. It was faked, and this is why the bid proposals were kept so secret.

So, after continuously beating the previous insurance chairperson into the ground, the President appoints someone new to take over the Insurance Committee. But that is the UCO way, - to smite flat anyone who causes the slightest quiver in the river of deception. And now, at this time, you have something that appears to be rotten to the core.

Their cry at UCO is – "We don't lie about anything. Come into our offices and we'll show you whatever you want to see." That statement, in itself, is slurring the truth. After eight months, you really have to ask, - "What were you hiding? If you didn't do something illicit or illegal, you would have produced the documents immediately."

So, why do hundreds, if not thousands of people distrust UCO? This insurance fiasco is a typical example of the dominance, egotistical attitude and control, and their secrecy and deception behind closed doors. And, you know what? We let it all happen.

Are you a delegate who is a member of UCO's Board of Directors, or are you conforming to peer pressure? Don't just play follow the leader. Think before you vote. Judge for yourself - you have a right to do that!

The Answer!

Our democratic way is not broken.

Answer to Lanny Howe:

I can appreciate everything that you have to say, after all, you have an opinion, and you must be heard otherwise our democratic way will be broken. Alright, let's agree about one thing, -- you're an Israel and a Black supporter, a loyal supporter, as a matter of fact. And, I don't mean a jock-strap (I'm kidding, I'm kidding with you).

I would strongly suggest that you have another look at SCANDALS, Parts 7 and 7A. Is there anything in either of these articles that is not true? Everything has been researched. Can you make the statement that the truth has been stretched? It is stated in plain old unadulterated King's English so that no one can spew "What did he say?".

You say that you are "NOT" focusing on the "FAIRNESS or UNFAIRNESS" of pulling money from the different funds. Well, then, you are missing the entire point. Do some research and you will find that what Israel and Black did was a blatantly criminal act according to professionals who know the definitions of unauthorized use of corporation funds. What they did was totally secret. Nobody knew what they were doing with your money and mine, and everybody else's. Nobody approved the shifting or the manipulation of monies. If this was WPB or PB County money, the Attorney General would have been all over it and the con game authors would be heading for the hoosegow or, at the very least, not preparing to run again for office.

Israel and Black were so worried that all of this secret manipulation of money could surface, and they wouldn't be able to answer questions about paying lots of bills, that they decided instead to borrow money via a line of credit, and that was another matter that fell flat because it was another con.

Alright, let's talk about the UCO Reporter. All of the money the Reporter gets is earned ad revenue; no money comes out of any unit owner's pocket there is no assessment. Nobody has a right to put their hands in your pockets, -- don't you agree? That's what Israel and Black did. Without anyone's permission they took the Reporter money to satisfy the scheme they had going. Surely you must agree, -- it is unethical to do that, to say the very least.

Now, you want to know how Dorothy Tetro was able to pull it all together after all principles of money management were violated. It is complex, very complex, When Dorothy took over, there was a mere \$21,000 in the Reserve Funds. The UCO accountant stated that to meet expenses, there should be two months of funds available in each operating account as a safety net. Dorothy had no choice but to bring these accounts down to one month's of available funds She, no doubt, relied heavily on a large chunk of money that Seacrest Services had received from the Associations and was forwarding to UCO on a quarterly basis.

If Israel and Black were left alone to delve into all of the remaining operating accounts no bills would have been paid, and your Paradise would have been broke. . . like BANKRUPT!!

I have to chuckle as to your last paragraph regarding the Reporter. I think that you're joshing me. . . you wrote that with tongue in cheek. Israel IS the Reporter. He controls everything there is with respect to its' functioning and existence. Myron and Joy were compelled to conform or they're out. Look what happened to Jean Dowling when she tried to deliver the truth to everybody. Israel threw her out! What you don't know is what is going on after UCO working hours. When he talks to you, he paints a very rosy picture, but beware because this Secret Agent Man is probably doing something else that will blow your mind.

You ask some pretty good questions and to fully respond is difficult because there is just so much you can put onto this Blog. You also bring up some good points and you deserve factual responses. But, I don't want to say that you're naïve as much as to say that you seem to be somewhat out of touch with the facts that are out there.

COMMENTS FROM RESIDENTS

When facts are put right in front of your face, there is no real need for sarcasm, such as your statement – "Did she (Dorothy Tetro) wave some magic wand?"

For your information, and that of the people you praise, -- DOROTHY TETRO WORKED DAY AND NIGHT TO STRAIGHTEN OUT ALL OF THE MISHANDLING AND MANIPULATION OF UCO MONIES THAT WERE UNDER THE CONTROL OF BLACK. You would be much better served if you kissed her ring finger rather than insult or otherwise criticize her.

Gorge September 6, 2013 at 1:28 PM

What a horror story. The people leave these gangsters in office. I don't get it, not at all. In order to do what they did, was the UCO lawyer consulted? I'm beginning to wonder what else these guys did with our money.

Lanny Howe September 6, 2013 at 3:09 PM

Thank you, Eduardo. I have said what I wanted to say and have nothing to add except that my comment about "waving a magic wand" was NOT a slur on Dorothy Tetro, whom I think has done a good job as treasurer and at more than this. The "magic wand" comment (which, come now, was really was only light sarcasm compared with what I've seen on this blog!) was in response to YOUR assertion that the terrible, dangerous mess got cleaned up virtually overnight, a rather hard thing to believe.

EDUARDO September 6, 2013 at 7:53 PM

And I thank you for being understanding and flexible in your thinking.

I must make comment to you once again that what Israel and Black did was so terrible, and I mean bad, bad, - that Dorothy Tetro had to spend many a day and night trying to put things back together and make it all work, and it took a long time. I'm sorry if I painted a picture that it was done overnight. She really worked at it and consulted with several professional people so that a soft landing could be accomplished, otherwise there would have been panic.

Some upstanding, knowledgeable people said that you've got to face it, - you've got bankruptcy staring you in the face. "You've got to act quickly and be careful." No, she didn't do it all alone, - she had some professional assistance.

Lanny, from reports I get, - you're one of the good guys. But, I think you need to be tuned up to the absolute truth about what has transpired. I'll do my very best to answer any and all of your questions....you'll hear the truth and nothing but the truth. EDUARDO

Kathy

It seems to me that Israel and Black are freely able to con everybody. I don't get it. This con game was like stealing \$6,270.00 out of our pockets because for that money, we got absolutely nothing in return.

The biggest question I have is, who has that money that the Delegates and the Executive Board and the other officers don't even know about; is it the bank or is it Israel and Black?

SCANDALS 10

AND THE SCAM CONTINUES UNABATED THE BIGGEST SCANDAL OF ALL TIME IN CENTURY VILLAGE.

Scam? What scam? The WPRF/Benenson Capital scam, that scam. Why is it a scam,?

because the people of Century Village have literally been cheated out of their money, -- just like the pea and the walnut shell game, that's how.

Can you be more specific? Of course. ALL MAINTENANCE AND REPAIR WORK ACCORDING TO THE MILLENNIUM AGREEMENT AND AMENDMENTS THERETO, ARE THE FULL RESPONSIBILITY OF UCO, WHO REPRESENTS 309 CORPORATIONS, OR 7,854 UNIT OWNERS, I.E., THEY MAKE FULL PAYMENT FOR OPERATING EXPENSES.

OKAY, ALL CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT WORK ACCORDING TO THE MILLENNIUM AGREEMENT AND AMENDMENTS THERETO, ARE THE FULL RESPONSIBILITY OF THE MANAGEMENT COMPANY, OR WPRF/BENENSON CAPITAL, I.E., THEY MAKE FULL PAYMENT FOR SAME.

THOSE ARE THE ABSOLUTE FACTS.

Is there an argument there? Yes. There always has been, but nobody dares to bring it up;

that is not only sheepish and cowardly but extremely costly to Unit Owners, --- like e x t r e m e I y.

The Management Company dictates to UCO that everything done, whether interior or exterior, to the Clubhouse and adjoining property are maintenance and repairs and considered Operating Expenses, whether it's changing a door lock worth \$50. or replacing an entire air-conditioning system worth \$800,000.

Of all the years the Millennium Agreement has been in existence, never has the difference of opinion as to whether an item of work is Maintenance and Repair or as a legally defined Capital Improvement been taken to Arbitration.

The Millennium agreement provides for Dispute Resolution (Arbitration), 4 pages, so why are the people of CV so afraid to move on it....there is nothing to lose and everything to gain. Millions of dollars have already been lost by sitting back and doing nothing.

But, everybody says that it's up to the President; no it isn't! It's up to the people, in fact, it's up to the Board of Directors, commonly known as the Delegates, to instruct the President.

Look at the records for the past 16 plus years. There has never been a matter brought to arbitration because of a dispute as to who pays for CV work. We are talking about millions of dollars, and because the Management Company plays the Millennium Agreement interpreter, the Judge and the jury, -- and under threat of shutting down everything if they don't get their way, ---

That is the SCAM and more appropriately, -- the SCANDAL.

One previous UCO President let it all happen with nobody caring about what he was doing.

One other UCO President was receiving monies on the side that amounted to thousands of dollars and then merely faded away. Even another UCO President conjured up his own secret side deals and caved in to Management, and eventually he had to get out of the Village or face legal consequences. And now the present UCO President, with all the pertinent records in hand must have something going or he would have immediately

stepped up and acted, and did what a President should do for all of the Unit Owners fight for what is right and known to be true. Ask ---- what private deal has he got going? Any reasonable thinking person would be compelled to ask that question.

Just stop and think.... THINK!!! What right does a WPRF attorney have to state in writing that the intended new air-conditioning system is not a Capital Improvement; that it's Maintenance and Repair, or what the attorney wants to call an Operating Expense. To put that in writing reveals that she knows absolutely nothing about architecture and engineering, and recognized standards. And, the UCO President says nothing and does nothing.

Is this a joke is an \$800,000. Joke?

Somebody, like a Committee Member, who really doesn't know anything about anything, says, --- "Well, it's always been that way, so why change it now?" This is the mentality we have today, and when the costs to every Unit Owner goes so high, history reveals that they just get up, deny everything, and leave rather than fight for truth and justice.

THE SCANDAL OF CENTURY VILLAGE OF WEST PALM BEACH. This happens right

before your very eyes, and the leader, the UCO President, looks the other way and does nothing. He dictates to the zombie-like, hypnotized Delegates. This is a story for "60 MINUTES."

A SCAM is a SCAM is a SCAM. Give this entire matter to a first year law student and we, the people of CV, will win.....guaranteed.

SCANDALS 10-A – JUST WHAT IS A CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT?

Read SCANDALS 10, -- about Capital Improvements and who pays for them. This subject matter needs to be expanded. The truth must come out and you must take notice. Are you stupid; are you just plain stupid, -- a nit-wit? Well, if you're not, then stand up and scream "Of course I'm not stupid." Then band together and do something to stop not only those who are stealing from you, but also those who can do something about it and won't. We are talking about one hell-of-a-lot of money. If you wish to travel back in time, -- the monies stolen from you could have purchased both club houses.

Let's get right down to it . . . THE PURE FACTS.....What is a CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT?

A Capital Improvement is the addition of a permanent structural improvement or the restoration of some aspect of a property that will either enhance the property's overall value or increase its useful life. Capital Improvements can be applied to buildings themselves and individually to structural components, which also include, heating & ventilating, plumbing, electrical, fire protection, security systems and elevators. Capital Improvements enhance the value of the property in the nature of a betterment; extends the useful life of the property; improves the efficiency of the property; improves the quality of the property; it is the addition of upgrades or modifications to the property; and improvements that put property into a better functioning condition; ameliorates a material condition or defect in the property; and provides addition of new or replacement components and material sub-components to the property.

(This information was retrieved from several sources, including but not limited to: CPA's, IRS, Investopedia Wikipedia, The American Institute of Architects, The Society of American Registered Architects, American Bar Association, and others.)

Stay with me. According to the Millennium Operating Agreement, all Capital Improvements are to be paid one hundred (100%) by the Management Company (WPRF/Benenson Capital). That is in print . . . a fact. So, why are we paying for Capital Improvements over and over, with no end in sight? We're talking about millions of dollars.

It is because the Management Company is big and powerful and there're willing to spend huge sums of money to defend their position, whatever that may be. You should know that if we disagree with their conclusions, we reserve the right, under the Millennium Agreement, to bring the matter to Arbitration, also known as Dispute Resolution.

Why won't the president of UCO, David Israel, bring the matter to arbitration? An experienced person in this type of scenario will tell you that the president is a gutless person, or that there is something going on that greatly benefits him for remaining mute. Is he involved in a criminal act of some type? Why won't he act on behalf of the people in CV? He needs to be forced by a judge..

Why don't you pick up the phone and call Mark or Irwin Levy. Ask either one of them the interpretation of a Capital Improvement as it applies to CV. They won't discuss it with you. They'll refer you to their attorneys. Ask them where it states that Management interprets and makes final conclusions relative to the Millennium Agreement. There is nothing that gives them that power.

This is a SCAM. It is the biggest scam that has ever been put forth upon the Village. And, who wrote the Millennium Agreement? It was the Management's group of lawyers who were all friends with one another and the UCO attorney who was forced to roll over. But, in their secret way to favor the Management Company -- they made mistakes in the Millennium's language. They won't acknowledge their mistakes because it exposes their jeopardized position, and we're talking about millions of dollars of which they become responsible. The Statue of Limitations relieves them of monetary responsibility, but we can still recover heavy sums, and furthermore, protect our future from their ongoing scam.

Charge the UCO office and tell Israel what needs to be done . . . done NOW. Or, have him dragged before a judge, and we'll see if he ignores the law as he has done in Century Village.

SCANDALS 11

When you conceal items involving money, in my opinion, it's the same as stealing. Concealing things in Century Village seems to be commonplace among people who control the money, and the good guys continue to wear blindfolds, earplugs and duct tape over their mouths. To put it bluntly, nobody seems to give a fiddler's #\$\$%@ as to what is going on. Only when it becomes ridiculously expensive to live in CV, will the moaning and groaning start and then finger pointing. Let's have a look at one particular issue ... PAVING!

On 9-4-2017, Donald Foster, LCAM, the CV Property Manager, reported: "Paving – Federal Maintenance made repairs to walkways and bus stops at various sections. New job list was submitted to contractor for estimate. Walkway, bus stop, and roadway maintenance is an ongoing project," Patching of walk ways, bus stops and roadways, has been going on secretly for a considerable period of time. Logically, one has to ask" "Why is that? All of the paving is only about 5 years old." If the paving was done PROPERLY, it should last between 12 and 15 years under normal wear and tear. Obviously, it isn't going to last because it is and has been cracking up, wash-boarding, the surfaces are prematurely deteriorating; it is coming up because of lack of bonding, improper heating of bituminous concrete, perhaps improper rolling, and lack of proper preparation of existing pavement.

When Dorothy Tetro was the CV treasurer, she set up seven individual accounts relating to the budget. In the event there was an emergency, you couldn't use any of the dedicated money unless you got the delegate's approval. Everything was above board and nothing was concealed. When Ed Black took over the treasury, sanctioned by David Israel, all of the monies were moved into a single "Reserve" account. Israel and Black could use the "Reserve" account money for anything they wanted without anyone's approval. The goal was concealment of the facts. Get out the blindfolds, earplugs and duct tape over the mouths of the good guys who turn their backs.

So, what does all of that mean? It means that when the walkways and roadways fell apart prematurely, Israel and Black took the money, whatever amount of money, and repaired these areas. Where are the competitive bids? Where are the bidding documents? Where are the invoices? Who explains why the work is necessary? No doubt, hundreds of thousands of dollars have already been spent on re-paving the new paving job and this should not have been necessary Consult any architect or engineer and you'll get the same response.

Mr. Foster states that the "walkway, bus stop and road-way maintenance is an ongoing project." He tries to wiggle out of a serious statement by using the word "maintenance." Patch paving a 5 year old re-paving job is hardly maintenance; it's a cover-up for a failed paving job that was improperly performed.

Mr. Foster no doubt ordered patch paving to be done so that when the walkways and roadways are inspected by the defendant's professionals, it can then be reported that nothing appears to be wrong with any of the "original" work. You don't need a private detective to figure this one out. Right before your very eyes, the paving contractor will spread dirt free of pebbles and rocks on a large roadway patch so that it will not look new. The dirt swept around will make the new patch blend in with the existing roadway. There is a word for that ... deception.

Mr. Foster, with the approval of Israel, and Israel's but-ton pusher Black, are spending your money. In reality, the paving contractor, M & M Paving Contractors, should be paying for all of this work from day one of walkway, bus stop and roadway failures to present date and beyond because they knew, or should have known, that failures were going to occur rapidly due to labor and material deficiencies. Inasmuch as Israel and Black permitted a single page contract for a paving job costing over five million dollars and disregarding their fiduciary responsibilities, and their actions and non-actions creating an extremely poor paving job, then they should be responsible for the cost of all patch repairs past and future. Israel and Black need to be stopped cold in their tracks and be held fully responsible for concealing the facts and causing extreme monetary damage to the people of Century Village.

By the time enough money is saved for a new paving job throughout the Village, the patch paving "ongoing project will probably exceed a half million dollars. Hey you! — With the blindfold, earplugs and duct tape over your mouth, who are you going to blame, Vivian Walsh or Kurt Weiss? A better questions — when patching of the patching of the re-paving job comes about — who do you hold responsible — anyone that Israel and Black Names.

I remember what an elderly woman at the Hastings pool once said — "I don't care if they steal, as long as they don't steal a lot." God bless women over 90.

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