



# Malibu East Dialogue

April 2000

Your Communication and Information Resource

## ***MECA adopts broad employment policy***

### **Board acts on employment policy**

*By Jack Winans*

At the March 14 special meeting, the MECA board of directors adopted a broad employment policy. The policy covering employment opportunity, harassment and discrimination is printed in full on pages 3 through 5. Although the business and corporate worlds have long been acquainted with the impact of federal law in this area, residential associations have historically lagged in this area. Malibu East is proud to be in the forefront of condominium associations extending this policy to their employ-

**For purposes of this resolution "persons involved in the operation of the Malibu East Condominium" shall mean employees, managers, supervisors, directors, and non-director committee chairs.**

ees.

The text of the resolution passed with regard to the adoption of this equal employment opportunity, anti-harassment and non-discrimination policy includes this list of all persons involved in the operation of the Malibu East Condominium — employees, managers, supervisors, directors, and non-director committee chairs.

Copies of the resolution will be kept on file with the signature of the above-named personnel attesting that they have received a copy and understand

### **ASCO news**

*By Sandy Chaet*

Sheridan Road will be resurfaced and new curbs and gutters will be installed sometime between April and June. After completion, additional planters will be installed.

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The city plans to purchase the empty lot on the southwest corner of Thorndale and Sheridan. Alderman Mary Ann Smith is working on an idea for a landscaped garden, a park and possibly a fenced-in dog play area.

There is intent to file an application for construction of a 15 story, 96 unit condominium with 127 parking spaces at 6151 N. Sheridan. This is the empty lot between El Lago and Tiara. ASCO is suggesting that this should not be approved and the lot be made into a park.

*ASCO is the Association of Sheridan Road Condo-Co-op Owners.*

**Our condolences to the family and friends of Jean-Pierre Sire and to the family and friends of former resident Scott Morgan.**



### **Dr. Bastani honored**

On Saturday, April 8th, Northeastern Illinois University will hold its annual Alumni Day Celebration. NEIU President Salme H. Steinberg and the Office of Alumni Affairs have chosen Dr. Ahmad Bastani as one of NEIU's Distinguished Alumni of 2000. Dr. Bastani will be recognized for his outstanding career achievement and humanitarianism. Dr. Bastani is a family practitioner at Sheridan Road Family Medicine in the Captain's Walk.

Dr. Bastani obtained his bachelor's in biology degree from Northeastern Illinois University, in 1984. He completed his medical school training at Rush Medical College in Chicago. Dr. Bastani serves on the faculty of the Northwestern University Saint Joseph Hospital Family Medicine Residency Program, where he previously served as chief resident. Dr. Bastani has extensive experience in providing medical care in developing countries, having worked in Guyana, Honduras and Africa. He is also an active board member of Health for Humanity.

*Source: P. Sawczak NEIU Office of Alumni Affairs*

# MECA board meeting notes

by Elaine Winans



## MECA special board meeting March 14, 2000

Attendance: 10 board members, 1 management representative and 10 residents  
Absent: Stuart Meshbom, Richard Strauss

### Open Forum

#### Resident comments and questions:

- 1) Why is one of the front doors closed; is this a security door? *It is a special size that has to be manufactured to order and will take several weeks. The doormen have been instructed to be very careful about people who come in at night after this security door (with buzzer) normally becomes the only entrance.*

### Commercial Unit

- 1) A motion was made and passed to change the bulbs in the CU to energy-saving light bulbs and install a light-sensitive switch for the lights near the windows. It is estimated that a \$3,000 investment will return an approximated \$6,900 in electricity savings per year.
- 2) Repairs will be made to the ceiling in the convenience store storage room.
- 3) The board will tour the CU again on Tuesday, April 4 at 7:30 p.m.

### Adoption of new policies

- 1) A new policy for MECA covering equal employment opportunity, anti-harassment, and non-discrimination policy was adopted by the board.
- 2) Full text of the new policy can be found on pages 3-5.

The meeting ended at 9 p.m. and went into closed session.

Please keep in mind that the meeting notes are not the official record of the MECA Board of Directors meetings. The official minutes are generally approved at the following meeting and may be viewed or copied in the management office.

## Zoning & Planning Committee

### By Sandy Chaet

A request to change zoning at 1039-49 W. Bryn Mawr from B2 to B4 was approved to allow the Francesca restaurant to obtain an incidental liquor license.

The AMOCO station at Hollywood & Broadway is planning a 1930's-look renovation.

The former Goldblatt's store on Broadway is converting to lofts for sale.

Community residents have requested changes in service of the 147, bus including Sunday service and later times on Saturday. Alderman Smith asks those concerned to write letters to Alderman Mary Ann Smith, 5533 N. Broadway, Chicago, IL 60640-1405, with this request. She will contact the CTA.

ShareCarGo!, a research project of the Center for Neighborhood Technology, was announced. It is an idea imported from Europe which allows you to be billed monthly for use of a "shared" car parked within walking distance.

## Resident Philip Deeter runs for leukemia

### By Jack Winans

Since 1998, MECA resident Philip Deeter has raised \$6,500 for leukemia by running in marathons and soliciting contributions. This year Philip plans to raise \$7,500 by running in a marathon in Vancouver on May 7<sup>th</sup> and attempting to complete his first Century Bike Race (100 miles) on June 4<sup>th</sup>. Anyone interested in further details about his fundraising efforts can contact Philip by leaving a message for him at the doorman's station.

## Balcony tips

Do you have a green thumb? Does your balcony sparkle with life and color?

Most of us would-be avid gardeners suffer from contending with too much or too little sun, from wind that rips the leaves off of our tender sprouts, from downpours that drown our pots and break our will to plant another season.

If you have the talent to make your balcony plot look like a corner of Eden, please share your secrets with the Dialogue. Along with your planting tips, we'd like to print a picture of your high-rise garden.



## We need old Dialogues

We are trying to establish a library of past copies of the Dialogue. If you have any copies from 1997 or prior, please leave them at the management office or the lobby desk for the Dialogue editor. If you would like your copies back, we will make Xerox copies and return them to you.

## **Equal employment opportunity, anti-harassment, and non-discrimination policy — notice to managers, supervisors, employees, directors, residents, contractors or agents regarding workplace responsibilities and the rights of employees**

### ***Statement of Policy***

It is the policy and practice of the Malibu East Condominium Association ("MECA") to provide and promote equal employment opportunities for all applicants and employees. MECA is firmly committed to maintaining a workplace based on our collective values which stress the quality of work and services, the importance of teamwork, and the need for all to treat each other with dignity, fairness, and respect. Therefore, it is the responsibility of any manager, supervisor, employee, director, resident, contractor or agent, to ensure that the concepts of equal employment opportunity, non-harassment, and non-discrimination are understood, abided by, and carried out by everyone.

### ***Prohibition on Discrimination and Harassment***

It is the policy of MECA to hire, train, promote, compensate, and administer all employment practices without regard to race, color, sex, sexual orientation, age, veteran status, marital status, religion, medical condition, national origin, disability unrelated to the ability to perform essential job functions, or on account of membership in any protected category under federal, state, or local laws. Harassment of employees or applicants because they are members or affiliated with members of any of the foregoing protected groups is also prohibited and will not be tolerated. MECA will take appropriate measures in response to any such incidents which are reported. Every good faith effort will be taken by MECA to fulfill the objectives of this policy.

MECA believes that every employee has the right to work in an environment totally free of harassment and discriminatory conduct, joking, or epithets. Such behavior does not advance the purposes of MECA; it is also morally wrong, and may subject MECA to legal exposure in certain circumstances. Toward that end, MECA's policy sets a standard of conduct that is higher than what federal, state, and local laws may require, as it forbids discriminatory or harassing conduct of the kind described in this policy even if the conduct does not rise to the level of a violation of applicable law. Consequently, any person who engages in these types of prohibited conduct will be subject to disciplinary action, up to and including termination, and/or other appropriate action.

### ***Conduct Constituting Prohibited Sexual or Discriminatory Harassment***

Sexual harassment (due to one's gender) is one of the forms of harassment forbidden by this policy. MECA prohibits certain sex-related conduct regardless of whether it amounts to unlawful sexual harassment, as such conduct is deemed to be inconsistent with MECA's policy of promoting tolerance, respect, and dignity in the workplace.

For example, and without compiling an exhaustive list, the following are illustrative of conduct that MECA condemns and prohibits under this policy regardless of whether the conduct is based on gender or results in an adverse employment action and regardless of whether the conduct is severe or pervasive enough to create an unlawful hostile environment:

- (a) It is prohibited for any person to condition a benefit such as a certain salary or promotion on the granting of sexual favors or the establishment or continuance of a personal relationship, or to imply to an employee that an award of such a benefit is conditioned upon the granting of sexual favors or the establishment or continuance of a personal relationship;
- (b) It is also prohibited for any person to state or imply that an employee's performance is attributable in whole or in part to the employee's sex or membership in any protected-group categories under federal, state, or local laws;
- (c) It is also prohibited for any person to state or imply that an employee's promotion in the corporate hierarchy has resulted from the granting of a sexual favor or relationship; and,
- (d) It is also prohibited for any person to engage in any type of conduct which has the effect of unreasonably interfering with another employee's work or creates an intimidating, hostile, or offensive work environment. You should be aware that the issue of whether behavior constitutes harassment or discriminatory conduct might depend on how that behavior is viewed by the employee who is subjected to the behavior. Any person who initiates or persists in such prohibited behavior assumes the risk of violating this policy in the event that the person who is the object of the behavior views it as offensive; accordingly, such a person may be subject to discipline even if his conduct might not have been intended as offensive.

### ***Conduct Constituting Sexual or Discriminatory Conduct, Joking, or Epithets***

For example, and without compiling an exhaustive list, the following are illustrative of conduct that MECA condemns and prohibits under this policy:

- (a) It is prohibited for any person involved in MECA's operations to bring any item to the work premises for purposes of an

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- offensive sexual or discriminatory joke or epithet;
- (b) It is also prohibited for any person involved in MECA's operations to use MECA's property, bulletin boards, documents, or e-mail or voice mail systems for purposes of an offensive sexual or discriminatory joke or epithet;
  - (c) It is also prohibited for any person involved in MECA's operations to deface MECA property or the personal property of anyone else for purposes of an offensive sexual or discriminatory joke or epithet;
  - (d) It is also prohibited for any person involved in MECA's operations to utter or utilize any offensive sexual or discriminatory jokes or epithets at work, or when referring to or about any other person, be they an employee or a non-employee;
  - (e) It is also prohibited for any person involved in MECA's operations to harass anyone else due to their sex, sexual orientation, race, color, ethnic background, age, national origin, religion, marital status, disability, or other protected-group status; and,
  - (f) It is also prohibited for any person involved in MECA's operations to bring to or display in the workplace any materials having an offensive content (such as pornography or due to a demeaning reference to another's protected-group status), or to circulate or disseminate any such materials through the MECA's internal mail or e-mail systems.

### ***Application of the Policy to Non-MECA Employees***

MECA's policy also applies to the dealings of any person involved in MECA's operations with non-employees such as residents, customers, vendors, and members of the public. Furthermore, the policy also applies to individuals who do business with MECA, who are present on MECA's premises, or who interact with any employee of MECA while the employee is on-duty.

### **Procedure upon occurrence of prohibited conduct.**

Employees who believe they have been subjected or exposed to discrimination or harassment prohibited by this policy have the right to have any such activity terminated immediately. Everybody involved in MECA's operations has a role in preventing discrimination and harassment. Everybody must avoid any conduct that reasonably could be interpreted as discrimination or harassment under this policy, and every employee should indicate when another person's conduct in the workplace is unwelcome. In addition, every employee should endeavor to protect other employees from discrimination and harassment. Employees are expected and encouraged to inform others in the workplace whenever their conduct is unwelcome, offensive, inappropriate, or in poor taste. Therefore, employees are required to come forward promptly and report any problems pursuant to this policy before the alleged offending behavior becomes severe or pervasive. In addition, employees should come forward with complaints about alleged problems or violations of MECA's policy at any time. Complaints need not be limited to someone who was the target of the alleged offending conduct. Anyone who has observed an alleged violation of the policy is also encouraged to report it to MECA.

### **Reporting procedures.**

If an employee experiences or witnesses any conduct that he or she believes is inconsistent with this policy, MECA expects the employee to notify immediately one or more of the people designated below. MECA has convenient and reliable mechanisms in place for reporting alleged violations of the policy. Complaints will be accepted in writing or orally. Complaints can be directed to multiple persons within MECA, including:

An employee's supervisor;  
The Property Manager,  
MECA's Management Company Supervisor; or,  
Any officer of MECA.

All complaints shall be treated in a confidential manner to the extent possible. Upon receipt of a complaint or in circumstances where MECA becomes aware of alleged offending conduct, a prompt, thorough, and impartial investigation shall be made concerning any alleged offending conduct. If the investigation leads to a determination that an individual engaged in conduct in violation of MECA's policy, appropriate corrective action will be taken immediately, including the possible termination of the employment of the offending party. In investigating complaints under this policy, MECA may impose discipline for inappropriate conduct that comes to MECA's attention, without regard to whether the conduct constitutes a violation of law.

### ***Prohibition on Retaliation***

MECA will not tolerate adverse treatment of any employee because he or she reports harassment or discrimination, or provides information related to such complaints. As this policy strictly prohibits retaliation of any form against anyone who complains of alleged violations of this policy, the prohibition against retaliation also applies to any employee involved in or cooperating with any investigation of alleged offending conduct under this policy. Thus, the Property Manager and/or the board of MECA and/or its officers are prohibited from making any personnel decision or taking any other adverse action against any employee because

the employee complained or cooperated in good faith with an investigation of alleged conduct prohibited by this policy. Any acts of retaliation will be considered a violation of this policy, and corrective action will be taken immediately, including the possible termination of any individual who engages in retaliation of any form, or other appropriate actions.

### ***Acknowledgment Of Receipt And Understanding Of MECA's Equal Employment Opportunity, Anti-Harassment, And Non-Discrimination Policy***

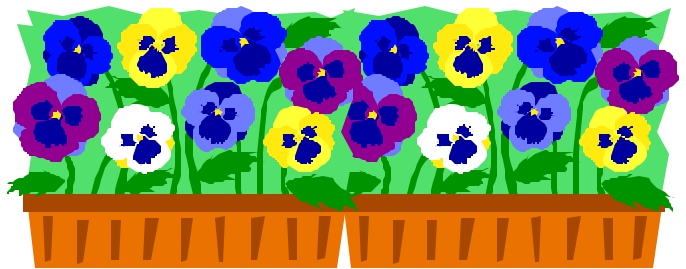
I acknowledge and certify that I have received, read and do understand MECA's Equal Opportunity, Anti-harassment and Non-discriminatory Policy. I understand that MECA has zero tolerance for discrimination or harassment based on one's sex, race, color, sexual orientation, age, veteran status, marital status, religion, medical condition, national origin, disability unrelated to the ability to perform essential job function, or on account of membership in a protected category under federal, state, or local laws. I also understand and agree to follow MECA's procedures for reporting complaints regarding any sort of sexual harassment or discrimination. I agree to abide by the terms of these policies. I understand that if I engage in any forms of sexual harassment or discrimination, or fail to comply with or implement these policies in any way, I may be subjected to discipline up to, and including termination and/or other appropriate actions.

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Signature Position Date

## **Balcony plants**

*By Barbara Lee Engel*

Purchasing flowers for your balcony garden need not be a complicated affair. Attempt to purchase flowers or flats of flowers that are not in bloom. Take a look at the planter's tag for the color and size of the flowers you wish to obtain. Planting with blooms puts a great deal of stress on each plant and may take a much longer time for the plants to bloom again.



When purchasing flowers, lift up one of the sections in a flat or look at the bottom of the container to check for ants or any other insects, and also look for mold. Since we live by the lake and have a higher problem with wind than our terra firma neighbors, try to purchase plants that have a stiffer stem. One example is Impatiens. Impatiens stems hold the water for the plant and are very easily bruised by the wind, whereas New Guinea Impatiens have a firmer stem relying more on the roots than the stem for its water storage.

Try to avoid pots that are less than six inches in diameter. These small pots, along with their companion plants, will be knocked over easily by the wind. Instead, if you have three small plants that you really want outside, such as indoor plants like ivy, cactus or ferns, place them (still inside their pots) into a larger pot. The larger pot should have soil inside to place the small pots onto about the depth of the small pots. Now surround each small pot with soil. Your plants will keep their moisture longer and be safer from the wind. These small pots can be removed in fall and placed back into your home.

One thought to consider when choosing and then planting your garden: Do not overplant! Do not put so many plants into one pot as if to make it look as if it has grown all year. This will lead to lack of height, lack of root space and lack of water for each plant as the summer continues into fall. It does more harm than good.

The south side of the building has a great variety of plants to choose from because of direct sunlight. Herbs, onions, peppers, tomatoes and even ornamental cabbage can be a creative approach to your garden and fresh for your kitchen.

For those who live with a northern exposure, our garden is just a little bit limited. The more common varieties for indirect sunlight are: ferns, Impatiens, Wax Begonias and Coleus.

I have also grown Pansies, Petunias, Yellow Tomatoes, Verbena and Lobelia. Lobelia is a thin flowering plant with a height of about six inches and brilliant blue flowers one inch in diameter. Verbena is an excellent choice, as it has about an eight-inch height, tending to fall or drape over the pot; its flowers are 1½ inches in diameter in colors of yellow, red, purple and white. Verbena on the outside of a pot and Dusty Miller or Dwarf Pansies toward the middle of the pot make an interesting respite upon viewing.

Caladiums in their many beautiful colors and Calla Lilies or Gloxinias are all perennials. These can grow on either side of the building but since they are perennials their bulbs and tubers must be removed from the balcony pots in late October and stored in a cool (35-40 degree), dry location to be replanted the following spring.

*Next issue: Maintenance. Barbara Lee Engel holds degrees in botany, horticulture and environmental biology and has been a contractor with Amlings as a floral designer and garden expert.*

# Community Calendar

by Rose Wandel



## BERGER PARK CULTURAL CENTER

6205 N. Sheridan Rd.  
312-742-7871

### A Shakespeare reading "My Name is Will"

Funny, romantic celebration of W. Shakespeare's poetry set in contemporary folk style.

1 p.m. Sunday, April 2 — FREE

### Walking Club

Tuesdays and Thursdays  
Starts April 4 – 9 a.m. – \$5

### Summer camps registration

Starts April 8 – 9 a.m.

### Kids Create

Arts, crafts, games, music, water play and more

Children, 4 and 5 years old

Limited enrollment

10:30 – 12 noon

June 12 – 23 — \$30

### Cultural Arts Camp

Computer fun, drawing, painting, creative dramatics, music and dance

Children, 6 to 12 years old

### Summer day camp

Field trips, arts & crafts, games

Children, 6 to 12 years old

Snack provided daily

Mon. – Fri., 12 – 5 p.m.

June 26 – Aug. 4 — \$110

### Census testing

April 3 6-7:30 p.m.

April 5 1-2:30 p.m.

April 7&10 6-7:30 p.m.

April 12 1-2:30 p.m.

April 14&17 6-7:30 p.m.

April 19 1-2:30 p.m.

April 21&24 6-7:30 p.m.

April 26 1-2:30 p.m.

April 28 6-7:30 p.m.

## CARE FOR REAL

### Looking for more members

ECC Office

1042 W. Bryn Mawr

773-334-5609

## ECC

### Edgewater Beautiful Committee

7 p.m. first Tuesday of the month

Broadway Armory

5917 N. Broadway

773-334-5609

## EDGEWATER PUBLIC LIBRARY

### CAPS 24<sup>th</sup> Dist. Beat #33SD

Come meet our beat police.

Wed., April 5, 7 p.m.

(1<sup>st</sup> Wed. of every month)

### Movie matinee

Seniors – every Tuesday, 1 p.m.

1210 W. Elmdale

312-744-0718

## GRANDMA PLEASE

### Special chat line

A no-cost telephone chat line connecting school-age children with an older adult volunteer, open for calls from 3-6 p.m., Mon-Fri. Youngsters discuss daily issues with a trained, caring grandma or grandpa.

## LOCAL SCHOOL

### Council elections

Elementary – April 5

High schools – April 6

## LOYOLA UNIVERSITY

### D'Arcy Museum

"Kultur Under Kaffee 2000"

Research in the humanities

The origin of the star of David

Lecturer — Dr. Joneath Spicer

Free to the public

Mon., April 17, 7:30 p.m.

Crown Center Auditorium

"The Life of Christ Through Art"

Contains photos of many of the museum's art works

Call 773-508-2679

## Academic conference

In partnership with the Dept. of Fine Arts and the Program for Women's Studies. Will cover art in European life, 1100-1700

April 15

Call for info and registration.

6225 N. Sheridan Rd.

773-508-2679

## Katherine Mullady Theater

"Candida" by George Bernard Shaw

A comedy concerning a

clergyman's wife forced to choose between her husband and a young poet

April 16, 2 p.m. – \$10

6525 N. Sheridan Rd.

## NORTH LAKESIDE CULTURAL CENTER

### Playwriting

Starts Monday, April 3

7-10 p.m. for 10 weeks.

### Memoir: Narrative non-fiction

10-week workshops

Starts week of April 3.

*Beginning*, Saturdays, 10-1 p.m.

*Advanced*, Wednesdays, 10-1 p.m.

### "Duet for One"

Play by Tom Kempinski

Opens April 6 for 10 performances through April 22

Thur., Fri., Sat. at 8 p.m.;

Sun., April 9 at 2 p.m.

No performance April 16.

\$12, members/seniors \$10

Reservations – 773-506-1933

### Keeping a journal,

Six-week workshop begins

Monday, April 10, 7-9 p.m.

## Music Consort

New four-week sessions begin the first Saturday of each month

### Learn to play a recorder

Saturdays, 9-10 a.m.

### Then join the Music Consort

Saturdays 10 a.m. to noon

6219 N. Sheridan Rd.

773-743-4477

## SWEDISH AMERICAN MUSEUM CENTER

### Egg decoration workshop

Pin-drop method

April 1 – 10 a.m. – noon.

Reservations required.

### Genealogy/Language:

April 29, 10 a.m.-noon

Members. \$8, non-members \$10  
Call to register

**Norbotten:**

An exhibit of wood carving and weaving by Lapland's leading contemporary artists – Toivo Lundmark and Asa Bergdahl.  
Opens Thurs., April 13  
6-8 p.m. through June 30.

**Concert:**

Folk and rock n' roll  
Two singer/songwriters from Sweden, performing with the Kvinnaboske Band  
April 2, 4 p.m.  
Members \$10; non-members \$12  
Food and cash bar available.

**Swedish Male Chorus:**

April 9, 2 p.m. – call for details

**Volunteers needed**

Call for info.  
5211 N. Clark St.  
773-728-8111

**WALDORF SCHOOL**

**Orientation**

Featuring programs in early childhood, parent-child (infant and toddler), first grade through high school.  
Friday, April 7-May 12  
8:30-10:30 a.m.  
Reservations needed.  
1300 W. Loyola  
773-381-1327

**WARREN PARK**

**Northtown Garden Society**

1st Tuesday monthly, 7:30 p.m.  
Call Rosemarie at 773-465-2276 or Liz at 773-743-5914.  
6601 N. Western

**WINDY CITY**

**BackGAYmmon CLUB**

Anyone, beginners to experts, may participate. No dues or need to bring backgammon set. Bring your own refreshments.  
Meets 2-4 p.m., April 2 & 16  
Gerber-Hart Library & Archives  
1127 W. Granville.

**Ongoing THEATER/SHOWINGS**

**ANDIE'S**

Thursdays  
Cimbalon and violin music  
5253 N. Clark  
773-784-8616

**CENTER THEATRE**

***"Is There Anything Going on Upstairs?"***

A jam of streetwise satirical jive  
Open run – \$15  
Fri. – 8 p.m., Sun. – 3 p.m.  
1346 W. Devon  
773-508-5422

**COFFEE CHICAGO**

**Open mike poetry night**

John Starrs host  
Fri. 7:30 p.m., \$3  
\$2 for open mike participants  
5256 N. Broadway  
773-784-1305

**GREEN MILL**

**Open mike**

Special guests, poetry "slam"  
Open run, Sun. 7-10 p.m. \$5  
4802 N. Broadway  
773-878-5552

**LIFELINE THEATRE**

***"Mrs. Piggie-Wiggle,"***

Recommended for ages 4-8  
Music and story give kids "advice" that being good is ultimately more fun than being bad.  
Sat. 1 & 3 p.m., Sun. 1 p.m.  
Through May 21.  
Advance reservations \$7 – or pay-what-you-can at door.

***"The Two Towers"***

Tolkien's fantasy of two hobbits.  
Through May 7 – \$18.50  
Fri/Sat – 8 p.m.  
Sun. – 3:30 p.m.  
6912 N. Glenwood  
773-761-4477

**NEO-FUTURARIUM THEATRE**

***"Too Much Light Makes the Baby Go Blind"***

30 plays in 60 minutes in grand Italian tradition.  
Program changes weekly  
Open run  
Fri./Sat.– 11:30 p.m.  
Sun. – 7 p.m.  
\$5 plus the roll of a die  
5153 N. Ashland Ave.  
773-275-6111

**MECA EVENTS/MEETINGS**

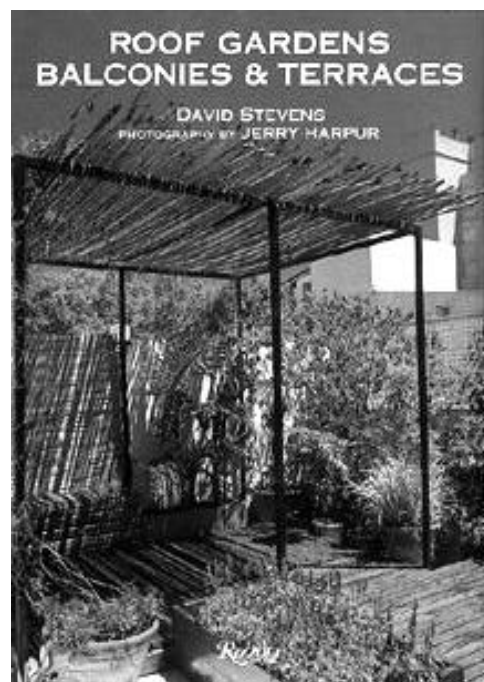
**Dialogue Committee meeting**

Wednesday, April 19  
7:30 p.m. — Community Room

**MECA board meeting**

Tuesday, April 23  
7:30 p.m. — Windjammer Room

Leave event and meeting notices at the desk for the Dialogue.



**Balcony gardening book review**

***Roof Gardens, Balconies & Terraces***

By David Stevens  
Photography by Jerry Harpur.

Taking into account confined space, challenging exposures and other issues the roof gardener must confront, this innovative book explores options for planning and maintaining a thriving, individually tailored garden. Chapters and drawings explain all aspects of how to create a dream garden above ground. Hardcover, 160 pages, 8-1/2 x 10-1/2, full-color photographs, full-color illustrations.

Suggested retail price \$35.00  
\$24.50 garden.com  
\$24.50 amazon.com  
\$29.75 Crown books



## What's happening around the building

by Vito Senese  
MECA Association Manager



There has been a lot of activity around the building beginning with spring clean-up to the beginning of the 2000 exterior balcony and fascia repair project. The building staff has also started painting the balcony railings on the units on the north side of the building. We are also making plans for the opening of the pool and tennis season by opening up the 4th floor deck when the construction schedule permits.

The 2000 exterior balcony and fascia repair project has started on the east

side of the building and will directly affect the units in the A and B tiers. Notices have been issued to all units in the A and B tiers regarding the removal of all personal items from the balcony as well as instructions NOT TO GO OUT ON THEIR BALCONY FOR ANY REASON DURING THE CONSTRUCTION. Additionally, units in the C and D tiers have also received notices because although they are not part of the 2000 project, they will certainly be affected by the work being done on the A and B tiers. Residents in the A, B, C

and D tiers will receive additional construction notices throughout the duration of the 2000 project. The association would like to thank you for cooperation and consideration during the 2000 project.

The 2000 balcony railing painting project on the north side of the building is under way, and currently the painting is being done on the M and K tiers. Any resident in the M or K tier who has not had their balcony railings painted can contact the management office to schedule a time to have the work completed. This year, the staff is available to paint the balcony railings any day of the week except Wednesday. We need to paint all the balcony railings on the north side of the building soon, so please help us by calling the office if we have not painted your railings.

Recently several residents have had questions concerning the rules regarding Saturday deliveries and as a result, please review the procedures on the next page.



### March 21st primary election *By Thomas C. Vaughan*

Malibu East Condominium is the sole occupant of the 22nd Precinct of the 48th Ward; therefore, for each election MECA residents have the luxury of voting in our lobby with our neighbors. This convenience and the building's political awareness usually results in better than average turn outs. The March primary continued that trend. Officially, our precinct had 587 registered voters and we saw 298 or 51% exercise their citizenship rights to direct the nomination of the political parties' candidates. Early estimates for the whole city have 32% voting on average. Of the 298 MECA voters, 257 opted for the Democratic ballot, 39 for the Republican ballot, and two for the non-partisan, advisory referendum-only ballot. *See the May issue of the Dialogue for further details.*

### Letter to the editor

*From Catheryne Juckniess*

This is in response to the article, "When are you really parked" in the March Dialogue.

I usually do wait patiently for cars parked in front of the door when I am proceeding to the garage entrance. However, not all cars have done any of the things that you have cited in the "if" part of the article.

Furthermore, I have been towed from that very spot, so if it says "No Parking," that is what it should be. Dropping someone off is fine, but do not park there, regardless. Some people must get to their units to receive an important call, or take care of a sick roommate or pet and would rather not wait for someone who has "parked" in front of the garage entrance (unless there is ample room to get by, which, in many cases, there is not). If this is OK, then someone owes me \$105 for the towing fee (which I did have my emergency blinkers on, but they still towed it).

### Dear Ms. Juckniess:

*Neil Warner  
Dialogue Assistant, Editor*

Perhaps the article did not adequately convey the tongue-in-cheek tone intended. What it attempted to imply, with a hint of sarcasm, was that people come up with many different excuses to explain why they have stopped — not "parked" — in front of the main entrance. Regardless of the excuse, the only legitimate reasons for stopping in front of the main entrance are to drop off a passenger or to pick up someone who is already waiting near the door. This is especially true if the person being dropped off or picked up is infirm or handicapped. As a general rule, if it takes longer than a minute or two to drop off or pick up someone, you shouldn't stop there.

No  
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### Saturday receiving room procedures

1. Deliveries must be scheduled with the management office by the preceding Friday at 12 noon, and can only be delivered on Saturday between 8 a.m. and 2 p.m. Residents requesting a Saturday delivery must give a time, not "in the morning."
2. All Saturday deliveries that cannot be carried by one (1) person must be accompanied by an authorization form signed by the Management Office. An alternate to this rule would be the use on one (1) grocery cart load or one (1) dolly load. The cart or dolly may be used only once.
3. The management office will provide to Receiving a list by Friday afternoon of all Saturday authorized deliveries.
4. Each unit is entitled to only one (1) scheduled delivery per Saturday, if the schedule permits. Once the schedule is full, no more deliveries will be permitted.
5. Retail deliveries of appliances or heating/cooling equipment required because of an emergency breakdown will be permitted on Saturday once a member of the MECA maintenance staff has gone to the unit to verify the emergency. The manager must be paged for authorization.
6. The freight elevator will not be locked off and will not be stopped on a floor longer than it takes to load or remove any items. Do not overload the elevator. Space should be left for other residents coming in with groceries, pets, etc.
7. No deliveries will be allowed that are unscheduled or do not match those described on the authorized form. Please give the resident a courtesy call to let them know they have an unscheduled delivery and give them the opportunity to reschedule it for the following week.
8. Moves into or out of the building are not permitted on Saturdays, Sundays or nationally recognized holidays. See Section XIX of the Rules and Regulations for instructions.

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