

# Malibu East Dialogue

December 2000

Your Communication and Information Resource

## Massive election turnout at MECA

### No recount necessary for the 22nd precinct

by Thomas C. Vaughan

Malibu East Condominium is the 22nd Precinct of the 48th Ward and on Nov. 7 we again voted in our lobby. Our precinct has 596 registered voters and we saw 513 or 86% exercise their right to participate in this national election. It was unusual to see this year's heavy early turnout with a line forming at the 6:00 am opening and running through the morning. Most voting was completed early in the day with no late rush. Our polling place closed at 7:00 pm with no one showing up to vote in the last 10 minutes. Some earlier years we have had a policeman mark the end of the line at closing time and walk with the last person through the process until the last timely voter had completed their ballot long after closing. It still didn't help, as the last official business wasn't completed at our precinct until 10:00 pm.

For the presidential race, Al Gore received 71.4%; George W. Bush 24.7%; Ralph Nader 3.4%; Libertarian Harry Browne 0.5% of the presidential votes cast. Neither Reform candidate Pat Buchanan nor Natural Law candidate John Hagelin received a vote and 10 voters choose not to cast a presidential vote.

MECA resident Carol Ronen is our state senator and received 100% of the votes cast, having run unopposed. Harry Osterman received 82.2% of the vote over Republican Paul Bonilla's 17.8% for state representative. For our 9th Congressional District representative, Jan Schakowsky received 79.3% of the vote over Republican Dennis J. Driscoll's 20.7%.

In other races: Devine 80.0% vs. Gaughan 20.0% for State's Attorney of Cook County; and Moore 76.2% vs. Mynard 23.0% for Clerk of the Circuit Court. The non-binding advisory referendum on prescription drugs for seniors received a 92.4% yes vote.

Our condolences to the family and friends of Alma Ahring

Our now infamous judicial butterfly ballot was cast by over 40% of the voters. Some candidates who currently sit on the bench appear for reten-



tion only whereas new candidates sometimes run unopposed or run against a nominee from the other party. For the Supreme Court, Thomas R. Fitzgerald ran unopposed, and Supreme Court Judge Charles E. Freeman received 242 or 73.6% of the votes cast for retention.

For the appellate court retention, Gordon and McNulty received in excess of 83.0% for retention, while Tully received only 63.6%. The Democrat Hall received 76.8% over her Republican opponent McNamara for a new appellate court judgeship.

Of the 74 circuit court judicial retention choices, the top three "Yes" getters at 80% were Carole Kamin Bellows (238), Ellis E. Reid (228), and Frank Orlando (223). The three highest "No" votes went to David G. Lichtenstein with 111 or 42.7% negative, John E. Morrissey with 90 42.5% negative, and Cynthia Brim with 80 "Nos" or 33.9% of the votes cast.

Working as election judges for the 16-hour day were MECA residents John Chester, Adeline Kalant, Betty Mayian, Emily Miskell, Virn Rose, and myself. Voter registration for future elections can be accomplished during weekday business hours at the Board of Election commissioner's offices at 69 West Washington (the Brunswick Building across from the Civic Center). Periodically, the board also has registration booths set up at neighborhood locations in Chicago. Watch for publication of such opportunities.

### MECA facts

State of Illinois  
City of Chicago  
Chicago 48<sup>th</sup> Ward  
U. S. Congressional 9<sup>th</sup> District  
State Legislative 9<sup>th</sup> District  
State Representative 17<sup>th</sup> District  
22<sup>nd</sup> precinct registered voters

Governor George Ryan  
Mayor Richard M. Daley  
Alderman Mary Ann Smith  
U.S. Rep. Jan Schakowsky  
State Senator Carol Ronen  
State Rep. Harry Osterman  
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### MECA laundry room questionnaire

What changes or improvements would you propose for our laundry room. Please fill out this form and leave it at the door-man's station or the management office. Check each item "OK" or comment. Please include your name, unit and phone number.

#### SPACE

- 1. \_\_\_ Airflow \_\_\_\_\_
- 2. \_\_\_ Lighting \_\_\_\_\_
- 3. \_\_\_ Seating \_\_\_\_\_
- 4. \_\_\_ Decorating \_\_\_\_\_
- 5. \_\_\_ Magazine Rack \_\_\_\_\_
- 6. \_\_\_ Bulletin Board \_\_\_\_\_

Other \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

#### EQUIPMENT

- 7. \_\_\_ Was hers \_\_\_\_\_
- 8. \_\_\_ Dryers \_\_\_\_\_
- 9. \_\_\_ Tables \_\_\_\_\_
- 10. \_\_\_ Tub \_\_\_\_\_
- 11. \_\_\_ Change Machine \_\_\_\_\_

Other \_\_\_\_\_  
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#### SIGNAGE, RULES AND REGULATIONS

- 12. \_\_\_ Need more signs \_\_\_\_\_
- 13. \_\_\_ Show signs in pictograph as well as English \_\_\_\_\_

Other \_\_\_\_\_

#### COMPLAINTS

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#### SUGGESTIONS

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### 48<sup>th</sup> Ward announces "Four-Plus-One" program

by Jack Winans

The beautiful new Willow coffee shop at Thorndale and Winthrop was the scene of 48<sup>th</sup> Ward Ald. Mary Ann Smith and Commissioner of Housing Jack Markowski's presentation of a pilot program designed to offer financing to owners of Four-Plus-One multi-unit rental buildings for façade improvements.



Ms. Smith, Jack Markowski, Mike Chioros

ECC President Barbara Stanley, ASCO President Sheli Lulkin and building owner Michael Chioros presented the practical particulars of the program.



Ms. Stanley, Ms. Lulkin

Three prototypes will be selected for matching 2-for-1 grants of up to \$200,000 for façade improvements. Also, up to ten buildings will be provided with 50/50 grants of up to \$16,000 per building for landscape improvements.

Most of the neighborhood's "Four-Plus-One" rental apartment buildings were built during the 1960s replacing smaller properties with very plain cube-shaped brick buildings close to the lot line with little green space.

The buildings do offer a viable economic residential resource. They have a high occupancy rate, and owners have little incentive or financial resources to update their properties. This program is designed to encourage owners to improve the exterior appearance of their buildings while maintaining affordable apartments.

The program is sponsored by the City of Chicago Department of Housing (DOH) with the cooperation of the 48<sup>th</sup> Ward, the Edgewater Community Council (ECC) and the Association of Sheridan Condominium Owners (ASCO) and will be administered by ECC.

Call Clare Tobin, ECC, at 773-334-5609 for more information.



Left: The Willow  
Above: Mike Hecht,  
Willow owner

## Francesca's Bryn Mawr

by Betty Mayian

Finally, the long-anticipated Francesca restaurant has come to Edgewater. When you get to Kenmore and Bryn Mawr, look southwest at the old Bryn Mawr Hotel. The 1927 Gothic Revival exterior has been lovingly restored to its former glory by Thom Greene of Greene and Proppe Design, Inc. Enter and you'll find that the interior is warm and quietly softened by a rich canopied ceiling. The gentle design was created by Nancy Warren of Warren Architects.

Since its opening, Oct. 4, we have dined there once in a large group, and with friends several times. Each time the food has been fabulous with service to match. It is a perfect place to dine quietly or with a party in the private dining room — or even to sit at the charming bar. In all, there is seating for 160. It is within walking distance for most of Edgewater, although we found street parking to be quite good at lunchtime. Valet parking is available at a nominal cost; and the Sheridan bus stops a short block away. The residents of the Edgewater Beach Apartments should be there quite a bit since it is literally at their doorstep. Once the word gets out to the condos on Sheridan Road, going to Francesca's may require a long wait, so try it soon. Reservations are accepted.

So far our only disappointment is in not being able to sample everything — and yes, we've tried. The menu has some dishes listed in the appetizer/salad/pizza/dessert sections that are staples, plus daily write-ins. The pasta and secondi dishes are rotated daily as the chef creates from the freshest items available in the market. Appetizers are plentiful and generous enough to split. We appreciated the lenticchie al spinaghi (warm lentils with sautéed spinach and goat cheese). Also try the vegetable misto con gorgonzola. The large salads are fresh and creative. We've tried the Roman-style pizza called quattro stagioni. Its thin crust was generously covered with prosciutto, artichoke, mushrooms, olives, and an egg mixed over the pie at your table. It was both surprising and tasty. None of the six pizzas

on the menu are the standard ones like New York, Chicago, or even California style, they are from the regions of Rome, Tuscany, Umbria and Lazio — where most of chefs Scott Harris and John Boudouvas's food ideas originated. Ravioli ricotta and gnocchi ala banosa both are superb in their light tomato basil sauce. The grilled chicken breast in the ensalata Caesar is great.

One main course dish we all agreed was superb was pollo di petto con sassi (the chicken dish of that day). The brandy sauce included roasted red pepper, artichoke and black olives, all topped with goat cheese. Delightful. Or try the scampi Francesca with wild mushrooms, tomatoes, spinach in lemon balsamic or the pesce (fish) of the day. If you have room left, try the popular chocolate chip banana bread pudding or the marscapone cheesecake with raspberry sauce or the brownie with caramel gelato or its famous tiramisu. Selections of gelati and sorbetti are listed as well. Espresso or cappuccino can top off the fine meal.

Keeping the food interesting and exciting is a priority at Francesca restaurants. This, the eighth in their collection, is no exception. The time to support quality restaurants coming into Edgewater is NOW, and it is in our backyard — so to speak. It was suggested that I use a ratings symbol to quantify these reviews. For my first attempt at rating my reviews, I want to give Francesca's Bryn Mawr 4½ dinner settings out of 5. It certainly is my favorite.

### Francesca Bryn Mawr, Italian

1039 West Bryn Mawr, 773/506-9261

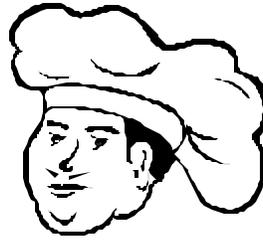
Lunch: Mon-Fri 11:30 am-2:00 pm

Dinner Sun-Thu 5 pm-10 pm, Fri/Sat 5 pm-11 pm

**CLOSED** Thanksgiving, Christmas

Eve, Christmas Day, Easter

Reservations are accepted for lunch and dinner



## Timed walk light

by Jack Winans

An experimental timed walk-light has been installed at the busy Edgewater intersection at Glenlake and Ridge. Rather than a flashing red hand, a digital counter shows the number of seconds you have left to negotiate the intersection. Please notice this enhancement when you are in that neighborhood and comment to Ald. Mary Ann Smith at 784-5277. Would you like to

see  
this  
type  
of



walk-light at our intersection, Sheridan and Glenlake?

## New restaurant

The Thai Grill opened after our November issue went to the printer.

### The Thai Grill, Thai

1049 W. Granville, 773/274-7510

Open 7 days a week

11:30 am-10:00 pm

**CLOSED** Thanksgiving, Christmas Day, Easter

# Community Calendar

by Rose Wandel



## BERGER PARK CULTURAL CENTER

Live at 6205

**Mad Shak Dance Co.**

Dec. 1 – 7 pm, FREE

**Annual holiday concert**

Students from the Chicago Studio of Professional Singing, donation of non-perishable food items requested for admittance.

Dec. 18 – 7 pm

6205 N. Sheridan Rd.

312-742-7871

**A Shakespeare reading**

*“The Life of Timon of Athens”*

Dec. 17 – 1 pm, FREE

## BROADWAY ARMORY

**Billy Goat Experimental Theater Co.**

Classes for all ages – free.

3 pm Tuesdays

5917 N. Broadway

312-742-7502

## EDGEWATER CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

**Children learning enhancement program**

**Need volunteers**

For ages 6-12 from low-income households. Designed to improve learning capacity through “fun” arts activities to increase attention span, improve the ability to follow instructions and enhance interaction skills.

Broadway Armory 2:30-5:30 pm weekdays.

**H-Rail for seniors**

For 2000-01, seniors may apply for assistance for housing repairs and improvements if your income is under \$35,150. Priority for the handicapped. Service available to qualified owners and renters.

**Care For Real**

Volunteers needed

Call for information

ECC Office

1042 W. Bryn Mawr

773-334-5609

## CONGREGATION EMANUEL

**Book fair and bake sale**

Dec. 3

**Hanukkah workshop**

With potter Marty Cohen

Dec. 3

**White elephant sale**

Dec. 10

5959 N. Sheridan Rd.

773-561-5173

## EDGEWATER PUBLIC LIBRARY

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

Come meet our beat police.

Wednesday, Dec. 6, 7 pm

1210 W. Elmdale

312-744-0718

## NORTH LAKESIDE

### CULTURAL CENTER

**Holiday Arts Festival**

Story telling and music of African, Jewish and Mexican traditional themes — Kwaanza, Chanukah and Los Posadas. Artists displaying and selling their works.

Dec. 2 & 3, noon to 4 pm

Open house for this presentation the balance of Dec.

**Mark Valenti**

Pianist performing classical and traditional holiday classics.

\$5, \$3 members/seniors

Dec. 10, 3 pm

**Writers Reading From Their Work**

Memoir writers in the NLC writing studio share their work.

Dec. 17, 3 pm – free

**Bonnie Tipton Long**

Ongoing neighborhood music

consort. Learn to read and play the recorder.

Saturdays 9-10 am

6219 N. Sheridan Rd.

773-743-4477

## ST. GERTRUDE’S PARISH

**Christmas Bazaar**

Crafters wanted

Dec. 2 & 3

1420 W. Granville

773-764-3621

## SWEDISH AMERICAN MUSEUM CENTER

**Contemporary Swedish Silver**

Ongoing exhibit of modern silver design.

Tue.-Fri. 10 am-4 pm

Sat./Sun. 10 am-3 pm

\$4 adults, \$2 seniors/students

Children under 12 free

5211 N. Clark St.

773-728-8111

## Ongoing THEATER/SHOWINGS

### BOXER REBELLION THEATRE

*“Museum”*

A quirky 1976 play about the last day of an exhibit.

\$12, \$10 seniors

Thru Dec. 9

1257 W. Loyola

773-465-7325

### HEARTLAND STUDIO THEATRE

*“Schadenfreude”*

Comedy revue that tries to take the “high road.”

Open run, \$5

Fri./Sat. 10 pm

7000 N. Glenwood

773-728-8111

### LIFELINE THEATRE

*“The Story of Ferdinand”*

A bull who preferred smelling the flowers to locking horns with his friends.

Thru Dec. 10, \$7 or donation

Sat. 1 pm & 3 pm

*“The Silver Chair”*

An adaptation of a C. S. Lewis story — a magic door to Narnia.

Fri./Sat. 8 pm, Sun. 5:30 pm

6912 N. Glenwood

773-761-4477

### NEO-FUTURARIUM THEATRE

*“Too Much Light Makes the Baby Go Blind”*

30 plays in 60 minutes.  
 Open run, \$6-\$11 (roll of a die)  
 Fri./Sat. 11:30 pm, Sun. 7 pm  
**Jokes and Their Relation to the Unconscious**  
 Comedy resurrected with the help of Freud, Milton Berle, Kant, Aristotle and other famous people.  
 Thru Dec. 9  
 Fri./Sat. 8 pm, \$10 seniors, \$8 students with a joke  
 5153 N. Ashland Ave.  
 773-275-5255

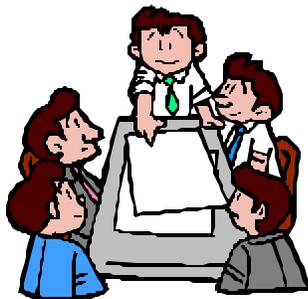
**PEGASUS PLAYERS**

**"Ev'ry Time I Feel the Spirit"**  
 The life of Marian Anderson.  
 Thru Dec. 17, \$15-\$25  
 Call for tickets and time  
 The O'Rourke Center  
 Truman College  
 1145 W. Wilson  
 773-878-9761

**MECA EVENTS/MEETINGS**

**MECA board meeting**  
 Tuesday, Dec. 12  
 7:30 pm — Windjammer Room  
**Annual holiday party**  
 Wednesday, Dec. 13  
 5:30 pm — lobby  
**Dialogue Committee meeting**  
 Wednesday, Dec. 20  
 7:30 pm — Community Room  
**Thursday Afternoon**  
**Discussion group lunch**  
 Thursday, Dec. 14  
 Meet at 11:45 am — lobby  
 Reservations 561-1661  
**Hanukkah lighting**  
 Thursday, Dec. 21  
 5:30 pm — lobby

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



**Congratulations**

by Jack Winans

Last year we noted that a number of residents had floor mats in front of their unit doors. We explained that this is definitely a no-no and I am happy to say that a recent survey found only three mats. Perhaps the owners of these mats are unaware that:



- Hallways (even the area in front of your door) are community property and belong to the association, not to individual residents.
- Rugs, umbrella stands, etc. are objects that become a hindrance to the cleaning crew.
- Rugs are a hazard to the blind and also to residents and firemen if the hallway becomes obscured with smoke during a fire.



Please keep this in mind during the coming winter months when the streets become sloppy and dirty and you are tempted to place a rug outside your door. Your neighbors will appreciate your compliance with this rule.

**MECA garage rates**

*Effective Jan. 1, 2001*

**New monthly rates**

1 <sup>st</sup> motorcycle	\$37.50
1 <sup>st</sup> single self-parking	91
1 <sup>st</sup> tandem parking	86
1 <sup>st</sup> valet parking	75

**Monthly surcharges**

Preferred	\$20
2 <sup>nd</sup> vehicle	20
3 <sup>rd</sup> vehicle	35
4 <sup>th</sup> vehicle	60

**Guest parking rates**

Up to 1 hour	\$2
1 to 2 hours	3
2 to 4 hours	6
4 to 6 hours	8
6 to 12 hours	13
12 to 24 hours	16
Weekly	64

**Parking coupons**

\$30 value for \$25  
 \$50 value for \$45  
 \$60 value for \$50  
 Available in MECA office in \$1, \$2 and \$5 denominations.



**NOTICE:** There are no new third or fourth vehicles permitted while there is a waiting list for second vehicles.

See our new garage manager, Paul Rosado, to sign up or to check the status of the waiting list or for any



## What's happening around the building

by Vito Senese  
MECA Association Manager



The work recently done on the north brick wall was completed in order to stabilize the wall, which has shifted away from the building. Upon the recommendation of our structural engineer, the necessary work was completed as quickly as possible. The final plan to repair the wall will be discussed and approved over the next few months. Once the final plan is approved, the repairs could begin in the spring of 2001. All the owners and residents will be updated as the project moves ahead.

A and B tiers should contact the management office if they have any questions or concerns regarding the current condition of their balcony and/or the exterior walls.

The construction on the south side of the building has begun and will continue through the end of December, weather permitting. The work on the south side of the building will be confined to the break phase of the project and there will be four stages working at the same time. When the work is halted

### SPECIAL NOTICE

**Residents with cars parked in the garage are requested to be very cautious and reduce their speed when exiting the garage onto Glenlake Avenue.**

**Be aware of our residents going to the dog walk and vehicles going westbound on Glenlake.**

All residents with cars parked in the garage are requested to be very cautious and reduce their speed when exiting the garage onto Glenlake Avenue. Drivers should be aware of our residents going to the dog walk and vehicles going westbound on Glenlake.

The construction on the east side of the building is behind schedule due to weather delays and will need to be completed early in 2001 as weather conditions permit. Golf Construction is in the process of "winterizing" the unfinished work and should be finished by early December. All the residents in the

due to cold or inclement weather, it will not resume until the weather improves.

I would like to thank all the board members, residents, owners and staff for a fantastic year because without their cooperation and hard work, we could not have had such a successful year. I feel extremely fortunate to be able to work with such dedicated and professional individuals, and I am looking forward to our continued success in the year to come. I want to extend my best wishes to everyone for a happy holiday season and a healthy and happy New Year.

## Thoughts while walking

by Jack Winans

Due to health concerns including obesity, my doctor recommended daily walks. I didn't anticipate, but do enjoy, the great side-benefit from 30-plus-block-long walks of having more time for thoughts and introspection than I've had in many years. Nothing esoteric or profound, but I thought you might find some of them amusing.

Why can we grow a seedless watermelon but can't develop a pod-less locust tree?

If chemists can make perfume that lasts for hours, why can't they make a gum whose flavor lasts more than five minutes?

There's hundreds of deodorants for the bathroom. Why isn't there one for the popcorn smell in the microwave that lasts for days.

### Other side-benefits of walking:

Seeing acquaintances you haven't seen in years.

Spotting a rare black squirrel.

Finding a pair of "prairie style" homes.

Watching the progress of neighborhood construction.

Seeing the seasonal changes, block by block.

And best of all, watching the flab slowly melt away as your leg muscles harden.

## Notice to snowbirds

If you are going to be out of town for the winter season, keep up with MECA events by having the Dialogue mailed to your winter home. Leave your name, unit number, winter address and MECA phone number at the doorman's station or at the management office in an envelope addressed to the Dialogue editor. Also include the **dates** of your **departure** and **return**.



## 'Meet our new residents' party a success!

by Grace Bergbom

What a pleasure it was to meet many of our new residents, and it was gratifying to learn that they feel safe and happy living at Malibu East, our so-called city within concrete walls. It indicates that our board of directors is doing an excellent job of managing this huge building. We hope our new residents will make time to attend some or all of

the monthly board meetings. It will give them the opportunity to ask any questions they may have.

Fortunately, the refreshments were plentiful, because the gathering was large. I would be remiss if I failed to mention that Dorothy Doherty, a new resident, contributed homemade cookies, and Marrisca Michael, a longtime resident, also brought baked goodies, as she

often



## 'Meet the manager' night

by Rose Wandel

Vito Senese, Malibu East Association Manager, had asked the residents to come and "meet" him — and we did. Vito presented some facts about Malibu East that many of the residents didn't know. Some present were new people and some have been here for many years. Vito explained that the building was built by the Dunbar Corporation about 1970, and at the time a set of by-laws were written which set the rules and regulations for our condominium building. Along with the yearly update of the Illinois Condominium Property Act, these two documents are our "bible." He explained that the Board of Directors has the obligation plus a fiduciary obligation to see that these rules and regulations are followed in the running of the building and thereby making sure that all owners are protected, as well as having everyone feel that they are an equal member of the "community." The board of directors



selected a management company that looks after the financial affairs of the building (collecting monthly assessments, watching the financial portion of record keeping, advising and seeing that the wishes of the board are adhered to).

Vito's duty is to carry out the wishes of the board according to the rules set up, and to see that the employees in the building are doing their jobs. Vito has been working for Malibu East for about two years. He has been doing this type

of work for 13 years and says he enjoys working for and with our building.

He further explained some of the topics that come up most often — the outside construction, matters of plumbing, the windows in our units, baseboard heating, hot water tanks, etc. Many of the residents had questions regarding these matters, and he was able to answer them. He asks that people who have questions either come into the office

or call so that some of their problems can be resolved. He explained about our responsibilities regarding the "common areas," the "limited" areas, and our individual units. It was an enlightening session and it is hoped some of our neighbors were able to resolve their questions. We thank Vito for taking the time to have this visit with us.



### Care For Real

For many years Mary Churchill has generously administered the MECA drop-off box for the Care For Real charity. She has had to discontinue her charity work this year due to health concerns.

Those of you who would like to continue this tradition, please take your in-code non-perishable food items and undamaged toys to Care For Real's office at 5459 N. Broadway or call 773-769-6182 for pickup.

They are open Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 9 am to 1 pm and Saturday from 10 am to 1 pm.



### Flu shots

Many Malibu East residents took advantage of the Red Cross flu shot program in our Community Room



In the "nick" of time

### Asian longhorned beetle update

A new weapon in the beetle war will be available to beetle catchers and inspectors in nine months. A team at the Oak Ridge National Laboratory have developed a handheld acoustic sensor that can hear the beetle



Glenn Allgood



larvae as they munch. Project Manager Glenn Allgood says, "If the sound frequency matches, then—bingo!—you've caught a beetle." The USDA will also soon use the device to spot infected imported crates from China.

Source: *Scientific American*, Dec. 2000

### The Floor Representative Committee is on the move!

by Ila Chaiken

We have a nucleus of good people who have signed on to represent their floors. We are in need of additional people to represent the rest of the floors. What is required? Our planning committee has decided to meet every other month. These meetings will be a time commitment of an hour. We will do our best to hold the time frame. In addition, time to meet any new neighbors, give out information packets and perhaps answer any questions. From time to time the management office may ask the representatives assistance with a project they are involved with, again a minimum of time is expected. Please joining your neighbors on other floors and become a representative for your floor. Call Wes Shriver, Chairman, 728-7066.

A big thank you.

### How remote are you?

by Jack Winans

Dave Barry defines the middle class as "anyone who has five or more remote controls." I think that he underestimates the middle class. How many remotes do you have?



TV	___
VCR	___
Cable box	___
Stereo	___
Ceiling fan	___
Window blinds	___
Garage door	___
Car lock/alarm/start	___
Other	___
Total	___

Do you think that there is a correlation between the number of remotes you own and your weight? Add up your remotes and divide your weight by the total of remotes. If the resulting figure



Richard "Braveheart"

### What's your excuse?



Dear Etta Kitt,

I've heard them all — excuses for not doing the right thing, for not being a good neighbor. I've listed a few for you, but I see many more infractions of the rules and examples of poor behavior that just burn me up.

#### Cart in passenger elevator

1. The passenger elevator is closer to my unit.
2. The dogs bother me in the freight elevator.
3. I have to wait too long for the freight.

#### Dog in passenger elevator or laundry room

1. It's OK, I'm carrying him.
2. I have permission from the management office.
3. He's afraid of other dogs.

#### Passenger in freight elevator

1. It's closer to my unit.
2. I was in the laundry room.
3. I went to the store.

#### Dog urinating by the front door.

1. They all do it.
2. He's old.
3. His feet are tender.

What can I do, as a concerned resident, to make people realize that this community is only as good as they are willing to be?

#### Dear concerned,

First of all, I commend your attitude, which is a concern for the building and non-confrontational. We have many new residents who just are not aware of the rules and of the implications of ignoring them, and many longtime residents who just take the easy way until it has become habit.

A mannerly statement of the rule to the offender with a big smile can go a long ways toward changing behavior without forcing a showdown of wills. Remember, try to create a good neighbor; don't back someone into a corner where they have to be defensive. Don't be the judge and jury, be a mentor.

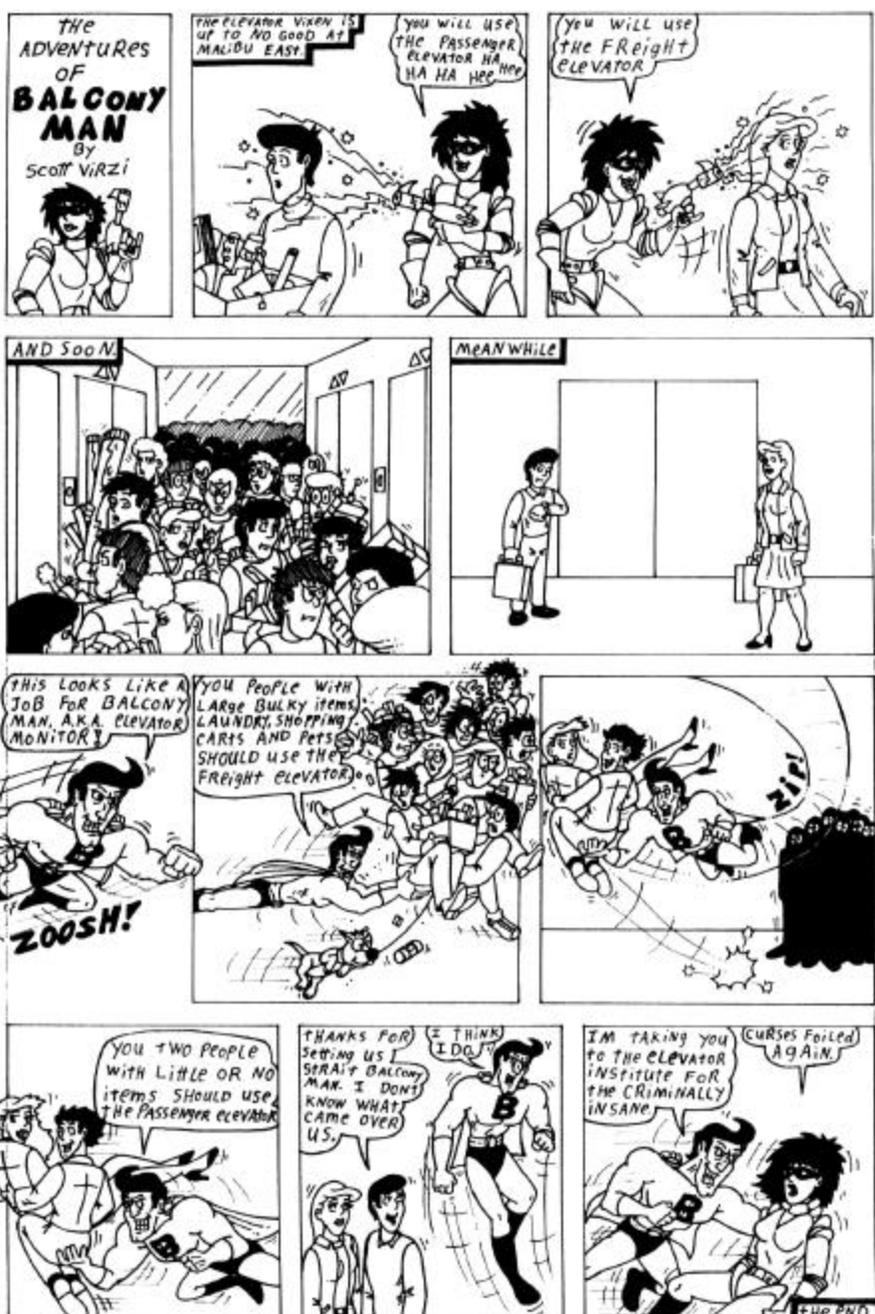
### 'Town Crier' announcement

We welcome all new residents to our building, including:



If you have information concerning talented or famous MECA residents, please contact the Dialogue.

## Balcony Man by Scott Virzi

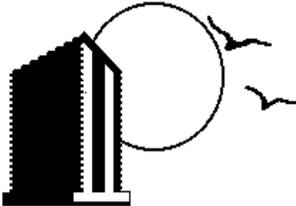


# Reach 500 units here plus 42 more condominiums!



## MECA MARKETPLACE

*Advertisement design FREE!  
Clipart and layout included*



Malibu East Dialogue  
Malibu East Condo. Assn.  
6033 N. Sheridan Road  
Office 773-271-1732  
Editor 773-761-5792  
E-mail



## Postal Mart

**"We Ship Anything Anywhere"**

5250 N. Broadway (773) 561-4600 Fax 561-1096

Be an early bird, don't wait to send those Xmas Gifts.  
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