

Effect of Aging

What happens when we age? Diapers become obsolete, we discover that we know everything, we discover that we don't know everything, time begins to accelerate, trivial issues become major problems, finally, we make telephone calls to vent our frustrations.

The following are comments made by an aged "gentleman" who could no longer control himself after reading a "Letter to the Editor." How would you like to have your wife subject to the following verbal harassment?

1. Your husband is a "Horsesa...." and you're no better.
2. Your husband is a liar because he doesn't know Milt Robbins.
3. The caller has lived here for 30 years and you have only lived here for 5 years.
4. The caller is going to bring charges against you and your husband.
5. CM is the worst Board President ever.
6. You and your husband are no better than Pamela Grundke and her husband because, as members of Residents Voice, you are bringing down property values in the Village.

After a telephone call like that, it would be difficult to find a common ground to start from. Why is it that the ones who scream the loudest are usually the most vulgar?

Insanity

It's that time of year again, Version 1, Version 11 and Version 111. The Budget Process. Meetings are held over a few months period of time for the directors of all the mutuals to put together a "Wish List," aka "The Budget" for the following year. This process will tell us how much more our monthly assessments will cost us for the next year.

The different projects have a certain dollar figure attached to them and they will be classified under different categories such as Reserves, Maintenance & Construction, Landscape, etc., etc. Adding the projected cost of each category will give us a total dollar amount of the new "Budget," as well as the increase in our monthly assessments for the next year.

This year United projects an increase of \$20-30 per manor per month for each united owner. I understand the first projection was \$29 per manor per month and the second iteration was \$20. I have no information on the final dollar projection, however considering the tough economic times and the perilous state of "Social Security Benefits," a \$20 increase seems extravagant and outrageous.

It is time to pull in our belts, make wiser spending choices and become cost conscious. "STOP THE INSANITY!"

This United Board has spent hundreds of thousands of dollars of our money on the "Investigation Into Third's Lawsuit." Cost to us was \$300,000 plus. I was informed by a United Director that the United Board never intended to file a lawsuit. It was merely an investigation. I ask you this, "Why spend that much money for an un-