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FROM THE LOFT



What an election.

I guess since I write this article that I can write about the election. Not really about the election but about what is happening to our country.

The United States is still the best, most free, most powerful, most beautiful and affords the most opportunities to its citizens than any other place in the world. It is still our country. It will not remain that way if we continue to find ways to stress our differences rather than build on our common heritage. Using hyphens to identify ourselves is very dangerous to the unity of our country. Americans should just be Americans, not German-Americans, African-Americans, or any

other type or hyphenated American. Does the hyphen mean that our allegiance is also hyphenated? Hyphens can only divide.

In the last few years we have seen three events that have really divided the people of these United States of America. The trial of O. J. Simpson was a case where the blacks and the whites, looking at the same event, arrived at different conclusions. There was absolutely no compromise in the opinions of the two positions. They were as far apart as the East is from the West. The second event was the impeachment of Sick Willie (AKA President Clinton). There was no doubt that he had a lewd and lascivious relationship with an intern. There is also no doubt that he lied to a grand jury. The division of the country was strictly along party lines. Right and wrong did not enter into any resolution of the case. Nor did right or wrong rule in the decision of O. J. Simpson.

Now we are engaged in yet another controversial event. This one pits, again, democrats against republicans with neither side seeing beyond their own point of view. Again, this is a very divisive issue with emotions running high. I will tell you I am very concerned that we would have people with a strong preference for their party deciding the "intent" of the persons vote they are trying to "recount". I think this would lead to all sorts of mischief. I also know that the more you use a card reader to read cards, the

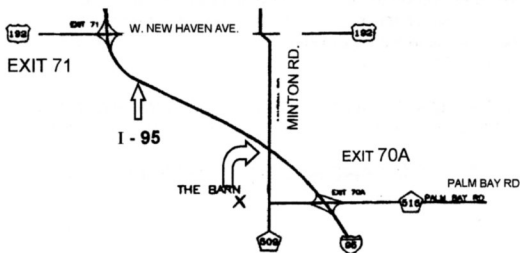
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more holes that will fall out and the more confusion that will be introduced into the whole process.

If a person can not understand the simple instructions printed on the ballot, explained by the precinct worker and by observing the ballots as published in the newspapers. If they are that uninformed or dumb, they should not be voting in the first place. It is only by being an informed voter that we can elect people to office who will lead our country. Selecting our public leaders by the ballot box is not something that should be taken lightly. Being informed and reading the ballots and the instruction printed thereon is a responsibility of the voter. Let's not try to interpret the intent of the voter by later looking at a ballot and deciding who or what he was voting for. I think any thinking person can see where that will lead us. We do not want to even visit there.

Examples of where this divisiveness can lead are all around us. Consider the Israeli's and the Palestine's. They are full of hate toward one another and there is no end to the fighting. The Protestants and the Catholics are in the same mode in Ireland. Is that the path we want to take? I don't think so. We need to pull pack from the path we are on and consider if the road we are on will take us to the destruction of our great nation. It would be wonderful if this were black and white and we all could see the issues. Instead, both sides think the issue is just for their side and totally wrong for the other side. The media is feeding on these issues and causing many of the problems. In fact, in the issue of the election, they caused the problem by the early projections. We can not and must not let the liberal media destroy our nation. Lets call a halt to this madness and tell the lawyers and media to go home and let the laws of Florida be the unifying force in this election. You know we have all done things we wish we could change but could not. If a person made a mistake on their ballot it is their problem and they must learn to perform better in the future.



HAPPY HOLIDAYS FROM

THE BARN DANCERS



**JOE & BETTY
MANN**

We would like to wish all square dancers a merry holiday and a happy New Year. The Barn Dancers are getting into the holiday spirit. Work is underway on our Christmas float. We would like to invite everyone to come out and watch the Christmas parade on Saturday, December the 2nd in downtown Melbourne. We expect to have over 5,000 lights on the float and are hoping we do not blow out the generator before the parade is over.

On the 15th of November, in our pre-Thanksgiving celebration, we stuffed ourselves with some of the best turkey, dressing, side dishes, and desserts imaginable. I can report, however, that stuffing yourself with turkey and dressing is not conducive to good square dancing. I don't believe I have seen so many people break down in squares and still laugh like someone had just told a great joke. I think they laughed even harder than they did when we had our joke night.

November was the month in which we also celebrated Veteran's Day. We have many members of our club who have served their country in the military services and on the 8th we recognized these people for their service. I would also like to thank all other veterans for serving their country and making it possible for us to listen to this recount issue being rehashed on television night after night.

Happy Birthday wishes go out to Jane Riddle on December the 23rd, almost a Christmas baby. We would also like to wish all Brevard square dancers

BEST WISHES AND HAPPY DANCING.

Joe Mann

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DALE McCLARY
Otis Lutz

CUER
VERA SMITH

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Early Rounds at 8:30
Dance till ???



PROMENADERS DECEMBER REPORT



A Blessed Merry Christmas & a Healthy Happy New Year to you & yours. The Promenaders continue to do well. We're averaging 4-5 squares each week, & we're hoping the attendance will continue to grow as our winter visitors return. Come join us each Thursday night at Trailer Haven Hall, Caller - Dale McClary, Cuer, Wayne Guice. A beginning square dance class is held each Thursday at 6:45 - 8:00 PM, followed by Plus dancing and Rounds at 8:00.

Special Dance for December:

December 14 -Anniversary Christmas Dinner Dance.

A sign up sheet will be provided. Come join us for this festive affair.

TOYS FOR TOTS DANCE - December 03 - Barefoot Bay - 7:00 PM.

Please bring an unwrapped Toy, and support this dance.

NEW YEAR'S EVE DANCE - Dec. 31 - BARN

Banner Raids:

11/18 - Promenaders to Allemanders to Retrieve

11/28 - Promenaders to Silver Squares to Raid

Welcome back to the following members: Dot Wiles, Ken Fuller, Vic & Barbara Moss, Don & Irene Stoderl, Steve & Nel Rizzato & Stan & Margaret.

Our Halloween Dance was lots of fun! **Gerry Musante** won 1st prize in the Costume contest, followed closely by **Bill & Pat Ludwick**. Congratulations to **Dale & Carolyn McClary** on the birth of their second grandchild born on Oct. 24, weighing 8 lb. 6 oz. Named James Dale. Dale is beaming these days and has already started teaching him calls.

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Wayne Guice is teaching Beginners Round dance classes at 6:30 - 8:00 each Wednesday night, followed by phase 3 - 8:00 - 10:00 PM. New location - Carver Community Bldg. located at Swan & Avocada St, off Lake Washington Rd. in Eau Gallie. Everyone welcome.

Congratulation to **Pat Ludwick** for all the nice prizes she won through Publishing Clearing House. She won a Panasonic clock Radio - AM, FM, RCA AM-FM Radio cassette player, Oster - Juicer & Extractor, Mr. Coffee 10 cup percolator, Farberwear Toaster with wide slots, Reed & Barton -silver tray. We're happy for you Pat.

PROMENADERS BIRTHDAY FOR DECEMBER

05 Ed Litwhiler
07 Nel Rizzuto
19 George Woodruff

ANNIVERSARIES

08 Jerry & Dottie Aubrey 26 Stan & Jean Wyckoff

In closing I would like to add that this will be my last time writing for the Barn Owl. I have been writing this article for the Promenaders for the past 7 years I have enjoyed doing it very much & feel that I have gotten to know each one of you a little better and made many lasting friendships. I feel at this time that I would like to pursue other interests. I wish to thank **Otis & Linda Lutz** for giving me the opportunity to write in the Barn Owl. I will look forward to seeing you in a square & on the Rounds, and of course getting my Yellow Rocks.

May God richly bless each one of you with good Health & Happiness in the coming New Year.

Vona Brown 723-9467
e-mail vobrown@Juno.com

We certainly will miss Vona's articles and her sharing her kind words with us. Vona's special caring will be missed by all of our readers. We do hope she will re-consider her decision and maybe if all of our readers were to encourage her, she may do the article for yet another year.

Otis and Linda Lutz

WHERE TO SQUARE, ROUND A

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY
<p><u>MELBOURNE</u></p> <p>CAMPFIRE DANCERS Chapter 082 4th weekend (STARTS ON A FRIDAY EVENING)</p> <p>THE BARN Class – Phase II & III Rounds 5:00 - 7:00 PM Phyllis Williams</p>	<p><u>BAREFOOT BAY</u> BAREFOOT BAY TWIRLERS 7:15-7:45 Early Rounds 8:00-10:00 Plus Dance Dale McClary, Caller Jim Runnels, Cuer Information 254-0150</p> <p><u>ROCKLEDGE</u> SPACE TRACKERS McLarty Rec. Center Barton Blvd. 7:30 - 10:00 Class Whit Brown, Caller Information 452-2679</p> <p><u>MELBOURNE</u></p> <p>YELLOW ROCKERS "THE BARN" 3820 Minton Road 6:30 – 8:00 class 8:00 - 10:00 Plus Dance Jerry Reed, Caller Vince Furtado, Cuer Information 722-1664</p> <p>LINE DANCING GPBSC 10 -11:30 AM Glenda Ortiz Harney, Instructor Information 253-1564</p>	<p><u>MELBOURNE</u> SILVER SQUARES 1300 S. Airport Blvd. 7:30 - 10:00 Plus Jerry Reed, Caller John Swindle Caller Vince Furtado, Cuer Information 768-2217</p> <p>"THE BARN" Line Dancing 10:00 - 11:30 AM Glenda Ortiz Harney Info 253-1564</p> <p>BARN DANCERS New classes 7:00-8:30 Class 8:30 – 9:30 Mainstream Otis Lutz, caller Information 722-1664</p> <p>THE BARN Class – Phase IV & V Rounds 4:45 – 6:45 PM Phyllis Williams</p>	<p><u>MELBOURNE</u> "THE BARN" Line Dancing 10:00 - 11:30 AM BEGINNER LINE DANCING Sylvia Schell 777-3649</p> <p>FUN WORKSHOPS 7:00 – 8:00 Otis Lutz Instructor</p> <p>FUN DANCE BARN DANCERS 8:00 – 9:30 Otis Lutz Caller 722-1664</p>

New square dance lessons start every 10 weeks on Tuesday at 7:00 PM.

AND LINE DANCE IN BREVARD

SDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<p><u>URNE</u></p> <p>0:00-11:30 E DANCE</p> <p>OP</p> <p>uctor</p> <p>RS</p>	<p><u>BAREFOOT BAY</u></p> <p>BAREFOOT BAY SPINNERS Community Center 12:45 - 2:45 Mainstream Dale McClary, Caller Information 254-0150</p> <p><u>ROCKLEDGE</u></p> <p>Canaveral Squares McLarty Rec. Center Barton Blvd. Round Dance Class 7:00 - 9:00 PM Vera Smith, Cuer</p> <p><u>MELBOURNE</u></p> <p>PALM BAY PROMENADERS "Trailer Haven" 7:30 rounds 8:00 - 10:00 Plus Dance Dale McClary, Caller Wayne Guice, Cuer Information 984-9393</p> <p>THE BARN SWING LESSONS 6:30 - 7:30 John & Laura Beers 727-2457</p>	<p><u>ROCKLEDGE</u></p> <p>CANAVERAL SQUARES McLarty Rec. Center 790 Barton Blvd. Plus Dance/Rounds Lessons 7 - 8:30 PM 8:00 - 10:00 Plus/Rounds Callers Skip Cleland, Jennifer harmonizing Vince Furtado, Cuer Information 635-8125</p> <p><u>MELBOURNE</u></p> <p>"THE BARN" 3820 Minton Road A2 FUNSHOP/DANCE 7:30 - 9:30 PM Jerry Reed, Caller Information 633-1306</p> <p><u>ROCKLEDGE</u></p> <p>COUNTRY WESTERN DANCING KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS HALL 3435 S FISKE BLVD. Line and Couples Dancing MC and Instructor Curt Wiysel Teach 7:30 to 9:00 PM Requests 9:00 to 11:30 PM Phone 631-5759</p>	<p><u>ROCKLEDGE</u></p> <p>SPACE TRACKERS McLarty Rec. Center Barton Blvd. 7:30 - 8:00 Rounds 8:00 - 10:30 Plus Whit Brown, Caller Guest Caller 2nd & 4th Information 452-2679</p> <p><u>SATELLITE BEACH</u></p> <p>ALLEMANDERS Satellite Beach Civic Center 8:00 - 10:30 Plus 1,2 & 3rd Saturdays John Saunders, Caller Vince Furtado, Cuer Information 676-5741</p> <p><u>MELBOURNE</u></p> <p>SATURDAY NITE LIVE Special as set up by callers/cuers Call for Information 722-1664</p> <p>Last Saturday of the month is SWING NIGHT 7:00 to -</p>

BANNER RAID CONTACTS

Allemanders	Bob & Pat Earl	321-676-5741
Barefoot Bay Spinners	John & Terry Kavorkian	561-664-5534
Barefoot Bay Twirlers	Georgia Gallo	561-664-6402
Buckles & Bows	Jean Gaskins	321-892-6420
Barn Dancers	Paul Drimmel & Jane Riddle	321-751-9848
Canaveral Squares	Asa Clark/Rosalie Turner	321-633-4447
Kiss-A-Me Squares	Paul & Thelma Marx	321-933-4787
Palm Bay Promenaders	George & Carolyn McCollough	321-726-9874
Pirates (Apopka)	Tony Brownell	321-568-6254
Saturday Night Steppers	Steve Ekin	561-567-2803
Silver Squares	Richard & Doris Lukens	321-242-1953
Space Trackers	Mary Lou Coyle	
Sunshine Strollers	George Springer	561-466-7923
Treas. Coast Squares	Charles & Joyce Sweeny	321-664-5221
Wagon Wheels	Phyllis & Bob Randall	321-892-9792
Yellow Rockers	Candice Klein	321-724-5174

Please supply your E-Mail Address to include here.

BREVARD COUNTY CLUB PRESIDENTS

Club	President	Telephone
Allemanders	Dick & Eleanor Beck	321-638-2380
Barefoot Bay Spinners	Hal & Marge Brooks	561-664-8372
Barefoot Bay Twirlers	Fred & Joan Clement	561-664-4705
Canaveral Squares	Jean & Cecil Faulk	321-635-8125
Dixie Diamonds	Jerry & Del Reed	321-633-1306
Barn Dancers	Joe & Betty Mann	321-729-8503
Orange Blossom Sqs	Betty Weckerle	561-562-5966
Palm Bay Promenaders	D.J. Mitchell	321-984-9393
Silver Squares	Russel & Eileen Miller	
Space Trackers	Judy Frye	321-268-4450
Yellow Rockers	Paul Taylor	

Please help us keep this information correct. When you change officers, or have a change for the summer, please call us with the information. We will gladly make the changes.

JANET McBRIDE

THE YODELING QUEEN



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**All profits from these performances will go to the
YOUTH SQUARE DANCE CLUB**

AL GORE I AM

By Steve Conley

Can we count them with our nose?
Can we count them with our toes?
Should we count them all by hand?
If I do not like the count,
I will simply throw them out!

I will not let this vote count stand
I do not like it, AL GORE I am!

Can we change these numbers here?
Can we change them, calm my fears?
What do you mean, Dubya has won?
This is not fair, this is not fun.
Let's count them upside down this
time.
Let's count until the state is mine.

I will not let this vote count stand
I do not like it, AL GORE I am!

I'm really ticked, I'm in a snit!
You have not heard the last of it!
I'll count the ballots one by one
and hold each one up to the sun
I'll count, recount, and count some
more!
You'll grow to hate this little chore.

But, I will not let this vote count stand
I do not like it, AL GORE I am!

I won't leave office, I'm staying here,
I've glued my desk chair to my rear!
Tipper, Hillary, and Bubba too,
all telling me that I should sue!
We find the Electoral college vile!
RECOUNT the votes until I smile!

We will not let this vote count stand
We do not like it, AL GORE I am!

How shall we count this ballot box?
Let's count it standing in our socks!
Shall we count this one in a tree?
And who shall count it, you or me?
We cannot, cannot count enough!
We must not stop, we must be
tough!

I do not want this vote to stand
I do not like it, AL GORE I am!

I've counted till my fingers bleed
And still can't fulfill my counting
need.
I'll count the tiles on the floor.
I'll count and count and count some
more.
And I will not say that I am done
Until the counting says that I have
won!

I will not let this vote count stand
I do not like it, AL GORE I am!

What's that? What? What are you
trying to say?
You think the current count should
stay?
You do not like my counting
scheme?
It makes you tense, gives you bad
dreams?
Foolish people, you're wrong, you'll
see!
You're only care should be for me!

**I WILL NOT LET THIS VOTE
COUNT STAND!
I DO NOT LIKE IT, AND AL GORE
I AM!!!!!!**

Barn Owl Round Dance Report



With the joyous Christmas season upon us and with a brand new year fast approaching, what better time to say how very important our dancing friends are to both K.O. and myself! Whenever I return home from a dance K.O. is waiting to hear about the activities and to learn how everyone is doing and getting along. We say a special thank you to dear Linda and Otis for providing the marvelous facilities and for their constant behind-the-scenes work to keep everything in good order and operating properly. We say a big thank you to the square and round dancers who are such an important part of our lives and have been so dear to us for so many, many years.

Yes, gang, K.O. and I feel truly blessed to be a part of the square and round dance activities. Our best wishes go to each of you and we look forward to continuing on with you all in 2001!!!

Phyllis

BARN DANCERS YOUTH CLUB

The Youth Club performed at the Melbourne Festival on November 18th and were very well received. We continue to meet on Saturday morning at 10:00 to 11:30 for practice.

We have incorporated the BARN DANCERS YOUTH CLUB as a non-profit organization and we expect to be awarded the 501C3 status in the very near future. All paper work has been submitted and we will be able to soon apply for grants to help the club to receive state funds for travel. What this means is that any donations to the youth group would be tax deductible.

If you would like to work with the young dancers please feel free to join us on a Saturday morning.

MARKET RESEARCH

(What It Can Do For Us)
December 2000



**JERRY & DEL
REED**

How many times have you heard "We need to get more dancers?" There are many clubs that feel they need to increase the number of dancers at their club. They wonder where all the dancers are. It is good to know there are clubs that are growing by adding new members from classes. It is also sad to know there are clubs losing dancers that are not being replaced. A serious question is what can we do?

In the last two issues of The Barn Owl we provided a book review by Jim Mayo of an excellent book called "Bowling Alone". This book provides scientific research into the social involvement over the past few decades. The conclusion of this research is that social involvement in all group

social activities has been declining due to various factors. This research shows clearly that the decline in the number of dancers over the past two decades has NOT been due to any internal issue but reflects the overall decline among ALL social activities.

The decline in the number of dancers has been blamed on many issues, among them are: the creation of the CALLERLAB program lists, the music, the clothes, the length of classes, too much to learn, and on and on. The good news is that we now know that the reasons for the decline are not internal.

We also know that since the overall attitude of non-dancers has changed so drastically we need to change the way we recruit new dancers. In the past people were eager to join all kinds of groups, including square dancing. We have, in the past, recruited new dancers by "word of mouth". Friends would bring friends and square dance clubs would grow. Some clubs would grow so much that they would have to turn people away. This is no longer the case, due primarily to the change in attitude of people toward social groups.

The next question is what should we do now? Clearly we need to change how we recruit new dancers. The old methods do not work like they used to. The answer to this question is not easy nor is it clear. We simply do not know enough about the current non-dancer to determine the best way to recruit them in the numbers we would like. There is good news, however. That good news comes in the form of the professional market research being done by the CALLERLAB Foundation For The Preservation and Promotion of Square Dancing.

This research is being conducted by a professional market research company known

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as StarWorks based in Ann Arbor, MI. The research has included an Internet Survey of 1500 participants and Focus Group Surveys in three cities. The Focus Groups have been completed in Charlotte, NC; St. Louis, MO; and Portland, OR. In each city three groups participated in the survey. There were two groups of non-dancers and one group of people who have stopped dancing. Preliminary analysis of these surveys indicates that non-dancers have a positive view of square dancing and would be willing to join the activity. The surveys also indicate we have problems concerning some of the "political" issues in the activity. Such "political" issues as debates about the style or color of the club dress, debates about what will be served at the annual club party night, or discussions about who will be the club officers are typical of the issues some of the ex-dancers expressed. Some new dancers are turned off by these debates and discussions to the point that they leave the activity simply because they do not want to be part of a group which cannot decide such issues in a civil manner.

This research is the result of a tremendous outpouring of financial support for the Foundation. This type professional market research is expensive and has only been possible through the very generous donations by dancers just like you. The foundation recently approved and began implementation of a long-range marketing plan known as "The Phoenix Plan (A New Beginning)".

This plan is a long-range plan to develop market strategies to increase the number of dancers in the activity. One of the major goals of the plan is to develop close ties among all organizations involved with the activity. Eventually sponsorships by major corporations will be sought. This type sponsorship will provide the financial support needed to implement a nation wide advertising campaign designed in accordance with the market research being conducted now.

This is an exciting time for square dancing. We are at a crossroads for the activity. We can help revive the activity to preserve it for the next generation. We can help preserve the very full heritage and tradition of this wonderful activity. There are few, if any, activities which offer the social interactivity, physical exercise and mental stimulation offered by square dancing. It is an activity that is enjoyed in a clean, safe, healthy, and enjoyable setting. The "social capital" (as defined in the book *Bowling Alone*) gained by attending a square dance class, joining a club or attending square dance festivals is difficult to duplicate in any other activity. Our challenge is to develop ways to spread the word about the tremendous benefits of this activity to the non-dancing public.

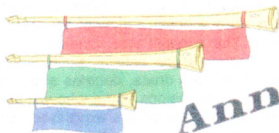
The Foundation needs your help, either in the form of a monetary donation or in the form of volunteer efforts. Please look for a way to help. Ask Jerry & Del how you can help.

WE NEED YOU!!

Bye for now and see Ya in a square!!!

Jerry & Del Reed

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