



# The City News

City of Atlantis  
260 Orange Tree Drive  
Atlantis, FL 33462

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**FEBRUARY 2008**

## THE MAYOR'S CORNER

Dear Residents,

It's difficult to express how much of a pleasure it is to write this column each month. Although I usually come down to the wire in getting it submitted in time (Sorry City Hall), this monthly process causes me to pause and reflect on the issues at hand and the quality of the work that we have done for you in the previous month. Summarizing our monthly activities on one page is difficult to accomplish, but what I have come to recognize is that, despite the circumstance, the level of dedication and loyalty exhibited by the City Staff in doing their business is nothing short of spectacular. For this reason, I encourage you to please communicate any comments, concerns or complaints to City Hall regarding any matter that relates to the City. It is this communication that allows us to respond to your needs, and it is this communication channel that ensures that we continue to represent you in the best way possible.

It's a great time to be an American, and although some of us get tired of the rhetoric associated within an election year, this year we exercise our inalienable rights in voting for those that will govern us. With the highly publicized campaign for the next President of the United States, to the not so highly publicized selection of those who you will select to lead the City of Atlantis, it is imperative that you exercise your right to vote. I recall the day when my mother, who immigrated from Cuba, went to vote for the very first time. I thought she was sad but it turns out that they were tears of joy associated with having a right to express her voice. It is something that she frequently describes as the cornerstone of our Nations success. Let's get out and Vote!

For all the "Love Birds" out there...have a Safe and Happy Valentines Day.

Serving you proudly,  
Mayor Manny Fernandez

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### NOTICE

**EASTER EGG HUNT  
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**2008 DECALS AND  
DIRECTORIES ARE  
AVAILABLE AT THE  
POLICE DEPARTMENT 24/7.**

**ATLANTIS BLOOD  
DRIVE INFO INSIDE**



# Blood Drive Sponsored by Community Blood Center

**Feb. 22nd 2008**

**Time: 10:00 am—3:00 pm**

**Atlantis City Hall**

**260 Orange Tree Drive**



*All donors receive a mini physical  
Including iron, cholesterol and blood  
pressure.*

*Free Gifts as always!!!!*

*The Atlantis Police Department is  
providing coffee and cookies .*

**Aurelija @ 561-767-0276 Community Blood Ctr.**

**Jude @ 561-965-1700 Atlantis Police Dept.**

**ATLANTIS CITY COUNCIL NEWS**

The January Council meeting was called to order on January 16, 2008 at 7:30 PM.

Resolution 08-01, Appointing the Supervisor of Elections as a member of the Canvassing Board, passed 4-0.

Resolution 08-02, a Resolution Regarding the Collection and Use of Social Security Numbers, for vendors and employees, passed 4-0. This resolution helps to protect the social security numbers of individuals unless needed for identification or other search purposes.

Resolution No. 08-03, Resolution Authorizing the Mayor to Sign an Interlocal Agreement for Solid Waste Disposal Services, passed 4-0. This is so the Solid Waste Authority can apply and receive Federal Grants for recycling of waste. passed 4-0.

Resolution No. 08-04, Authorizing the City Manager to open new appropriate bank accounts at Wachovia,

to take advantage of better interest rates and services, also passed 4-0.

Miscellaneous Business: The Presentation of the Audit for 2006-2007 was made by Holyfield & Thomas. As usual, Atlantis was given the highest rating for its systems of internal controls. The Utility Department added \$300,000 to its cash balance. Many capital projects of significance were performed during the year. A total of \$635,000 in capital projects included the addition of security cameras at all the city entrances; a fountain waterfall feature at the Congress Avenue entrance; and an upgrade to the generator and fuel storage for city hall and the police department.

Attorney Trela White noted how efficient the audit team had been. The Mayor and Council thanked management for another job well done. Council voted to accept the Audit 4-0 . We're very lucky to live in such a well run and financially stable municipality!

William Mitchell

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**POLICE DEPARTMENT NEWS by CHIEF ROBERT G. MANGOLD**

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**TRAFFIC ENFORCEMENT**

**JANUARY 2008**

<b>Total Enforcement:</b>	<b>178</b>	<b>Total Parking:</b>	<b>1</b>
<b>Citations:</b>	<b>170</b>	<b>Citations:</b>	<b>1</b>
<b>Written Warnings:</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>Written Warning:</b>	<b>0</b>

**CRIME STATISTICS**

**DECEMBER 2007**

<u>Major Crimes</u>	<u>Residential</u>	<u>Commercial</u>
<b>Battery</b>		<b>3</b>
<b>Burglary (Structure &amp; Vehicle)</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>
<b>Theft (Grand &amp; Petit)</b>		<b>3</b>

**Chief Mangold's column continued (Page 7, 8).....**

**CITY COUNCIL FILING:**

Filing for City Council groups (seats) (1,3,5) opens at noon on Tuesday, January 29, 2008 and closes at noon on Tuesday, February 12, 2008. Group 1 is currently held by Fred Furtado, Group 3 by David Cantley and Group 5 by Frank Austino.

Councilmembers are elected for a two-year term..Qualifications to serve include being at least 21 years of age, a registered voter and a resident of Atlantis. Candidate packets are available from the City Clerk, Monday through Friday

8:30 am to 4:30 pm, beginning January 29th.

The municipal election is scheduled for Tuesday, March 11, 2008.

**ABSENTEE BALLOTS MUST BE REQUESTED BY MAIL, PHONE OR IN PERSON FROM THE SUPERVISOR OF ELECTIONS, 240 S. MILITARY TRAIL, WEST PALM BEACH, FL 33415. PHONE NUMBER (561) 656-6200.**

**ATTENTION RESIDENTS:**

The City of Atlantis will be celebrating its 50th birthday in June 2009.

We are establishing a committee to explore what events and celebrations would be most feasible

to mark this momentous anniversary.

If you would be interested in being part of this committee, please contact City Hall at 965-1744.

Let's all get together and make our 50th year a year filled with fun and excitement and one we will all remember.

**WHEN WILL THE SPLASH PAD RUN?**

FRIDAY FROM 4 PM TO DARK

SATURDAY FROM NOON TO 4 PM

SUNDAY FROM NOON TO 4 PM

**KINTZ PARK FACILITIES**

**CLOSE AT DUSK**

**ONLY THE TENNIS COURTS**

**REMAIN OPEN UNTIL 9:00 PM**

**WELCOME NEW RESIDENTS**

Joseph Fernandes, 101 Turnberry Dr. 967-1921  
Dan S. Holfca, Jr., 115 Driftwood Circle  
Jeanne Ray, 513 S. Country Club Drive

**Deaths:**

Libby Orlen, 300 JFK Drive, #101  
L. Thornton Owen, 10D Atrium Circle  
Mary Porter, 332 Orange Tree Drive, 1A

**PET OWNERS**

Please be considerate of your neighbors when walking your pets. Do not allow your pets on another's property and please pick up after them.

The City and your neighbors will be very grateful.

# Atlantis Easter Egg Hunt



**DATE: Saturday, March 22, 2008**

**Time: At 10:30 AM**

**Place: Kintz Park  
301 Glenbrook Drive**

Bring your own picnic lunch, blanket and/or lawn chairs.

An Easter basket is needed to collect eggs.

Ages from 1 - 12 years old.

Age groups will be divided for egg hunt.

Volunteers are needed, please call Leslie Leckrone 969-1590  
or Jennifer Kintz, 357-9390.

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**Name of child (children):**

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**Ages:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Address:** \_\_\_\_\_

**VERY IMPORTANT INFORMATION:**

- Warm weather is returning. It's the time of the year when residents get their pools ready for swimming season. Please remember – if you are going to have your pool resurfaced or cleaned, you will need to allow the chlorine level in the water to diminish before draining. Swimming pool water can drain into the storm drains ONLY if there is no chlorine detected in the water.
- Please remember that lawn and landscape debris should not be placed on or blown into storm drains, as the storm drains flow directly into the City's waterways. Do not discard any type of vegetation into the canals and lakes as the debris could block the normal flow of water. Keeping lakes and canals clean is everyone's responsibility. Call the Atlantis Police Department to report violations by contacting the non-emergency dispatch center at 965-1700.
- Did you know that almost all electronic components such as televisions, cell phones, and computers contain lead? Because of this, you should not dispose of these items with your normal household garbage and trash. These types of electronic devices must be disposed of in a manner that is kind to our environment and is consistent with the Florida Department of Environmental Protection Standards. The Solid Waste Authority has Household Hazardous Waste drop-off locations conveniently located throughout the county where you can safely dispose of these items. The locations close to Atlantis are

**SWA Central Transfer Station – 1810 Lantana Road – Lantana**

**Household Hazardous Waste Collection Facility 6161 Jog Road – West Palm Beach**

- Do your part to help keep the waterways in the City clean –
  - Use a commercial car wash or wash your car on a lawn or other unpaved surface to minimize the amount of dirty, soapy water flowing into the storm drain and eventually into the local waters.
  - Check your car, boat, motorcycle, and other machinery and equipment for leaks and spills. Make repairs as soon as possible. Clean up spilled fluids with an absorbent material like kitty litter or sand, and don't rinse the spills into a nearby storm drain. Remember to properly dispose of the absorbent material.
  - Recycle used oil and other automotive fluids at participating service stations. Don't dump these chemical down the storm drain or dispose of them in your trash.
- The health and vitality of our canals and lakes are important. These waterways provide critical habitat for fish and other wildlife. Please help maintain the quality of our waterways by following these important tips:
  - Treat lawns with pesticides only when and where there is a problem.
  - Use fertilizers sparingly
  - Wash your car or your boat on your lawn using biodegradable soap.

Please remember – Pesticides, herbicides, fertilizer, paint, motor oil, gasoline or any other hazardous materials should not be dumped, placed or poured into, on or near any storm drains, canals or lakes. Contact the Solid Waste Authority at 687-1100 for information on the correct way to dispose of these items. Report illegal dumping to the Atlantis Police Department by calling the non-emergency dispatch number at 965-1700.

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**CHIEF MANGOLD'S COLUMN (Continued):**

The following information is provided by Officer Michelle Ferrara. Officer Ferrara has attended a number of training courses, such as Child Sexual Exploitation and Protection of Children Online, both offered through the Federal Office of Juvenile Justice, which makes her our resident expert.

**Cyber Crime; a Parent's Guide to Internet Safety**

Dear Parent(s),

Our children are our Nation's most valuable asset. They represent the future of our country and hold our hopes for a better Nation. Our children are also the most vulnerable members of society. Protecting them against the fear of crime and from becoming victims of crime must be a National priority.

While online, computer exploration opens a world of possibilities for our children. They can be exposed to dangers as they hit the road exploring the information highway. There are individuals who attempt to sexually exploit children through use of the internet. Some of these individuals gradually seduce our children through the use of attention, affection, kindness, and even gifts. They are often willing to devote considerable amounts of time, money, and energy in the process. They listen and empathize with the problems of children. They are knowledgeable to the latest music, hobbies, and interests of children. They attempt to gradually lower children's inhibitions by slowly introducing sexual context and content into their conversations. Others will immediately engage in sexual explicit conversation with our children.

Some of the signs that your child might be at risk online:

- Your child spends large amounts of time online, especially at night.
- Your child receives phone calls from men that you do not know or is making calls to numbers that you do not recognize.
- Your child receives mail, gifts or packages from someone you don't know.
- Your child turns the computer monitor off or quickly changes the screen when you come into the room.
- Your child becomes withdrawn from the family.

Things you can do to minimize the chances of an online exploiter victimizing your child:

- Communicate and talk to your child about sexual victimization and potential online dangers.
- Keep the computer in a common room in the house, not in your child's bedroom. It is more difficult for a computer sex offender to communicate with a child when the computer screen is visible to a parent of the household.
- Utilize parental controls provided by your ISP or use blocking software.
- Always maintain access to your child's online account and randomly check his/her email.
- Understand, even if your child was a willing participant in any form of sexual exploitation he or she is not at fault and is the **VICTIM**.
- Instruct your children:
  - A. To never arrange face-to-face meetings with someone that they have met online.
  - B. Never upload pictures of themselves onto the internet to people they do not know.
  - C. Never give out identifying information such as name, address, school or phone number.
  - D. That whatever they are told online, may or may not be the truth.

**Should any of the following situations arise in your household via the internet you should immediately contact the Atlantis Police Department:**

1. Your child or anyone in the household has received child pornography.

**Police Mangold's Column (Concluded).**

2. Your child has been sexually solicited by someone who knows that your child is under 18 years of age.
3. Your child has received sexually explicit images from some who knows that your child is under the age of 18.

**If this should occur, keep the computer turned off in order to preserve evidence for future law enforcement use. Do not attempt to copy any of the images or text found on the computer.**

Although you may feel that a computer does not belong in your home, and you forbid your child from going online, you must understand there are dangers in every part of our society. By educating your children of these dangers and taking the appropriate steps to protect them they can still benefit from the wealth of information online.

Please understand there are no jurisdictional boundaries when it comes to cyber crime especially those involving children. Pedophiles can enter your home through the computer and victimize your children. This does not mean that the pedophile lives in this city. He/she can live anywhere and still target your children.

**Next month: Cyber tips for kids and great age-appropriate websites for your children to learn of the dangers of online predators.**

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**Concluded from Page 6 (Very Important Information)**

The South Florida Water Management District has printed materials available regarding information on how you can help protect our most valuable resource **WATER**. Contact SFWMD for more information. Their office is located at: 3301 Gun Club Road, West Palm Beach, FL 334-6. The phone number is 686-8800, or you can go to their website at: [www.sfwmd.gov](http://www.sfwmd.gov).

Thank you for your consideration of the environment.

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## POLITICAL SIGNS

Now that election time is near, both the municipal election in March and the presidential election in November, it is important to remember the City code when it comes to campaign signs and their placement.

Code Section 11.6-4(2) states that: "Political signs, with a maximum height of four (4) feet from ground level, which must be removed within forty-eight (48) hours of the election day or political event for which they were placed.

This means that political signs may be placed in the city, that are no more than four foot off the ground

and they must be removed within 48 hours of the election - whether it is the municipal election or any other election.

Signs may Be placed on private property with the owners permission. Signs may not be placed on public property or rights-of-way.

Keep in mind that Atlantis relies heavily on its natural surroundings and beautification efforts to retain its unique character. This concern is reflected by the active and objective regulations of the appearance and design of signs.

## NEW WATERING RESTRICTIONS

Beginning January 15th, residents in Palm Beach County may irrigate one day a week. Residents may choose from one of two “watering windows” on their designated irrigation day. You may **NOT** water during both time periods.

On properties less than 5 acres, residents with an **odd** numbered address (ending in 1,3,5,7,9) lawn watering is permitted on **Mondays** from 4-8 am **OR** from 4-8 pm.

On properties less than 5 acres, residents with an **even** numbered address (ending in 2,4,6,8\*) lawn watering is permitted on **Thursdays** from 4-8 am **OR** from 4-8 pm

\*Residents without a numbered street address, and those that irrigate both odd and even addresses, should follow the Thursday schedule.

**When can I water my newly planted landscaping and sod?** For Palm Beach County, new plantings, sod or landscaping in place for 30 days or less can be watered:

- From 2 am to 8 am, Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Thursdays, Saturdays and Sundays, on properties less than 5 acres. Irrigation is not permitted on Fridays.

- From 12:01 am to 8 am on Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Thursdays, Saturdays and Sundays on properties more than 5 acres in size. Irrigation is not permitted on Fridays.

New plantings, sod or landscaping in place for 31 to 60 days can be watered:

- From 2 am to 8 am on Mondays, Wednesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays, on properties less than 5 acres.

- From 12:01am to 8 am on Mondays, Wednesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays on properties more than 5 acres.

These rules permit new landscape watering only. Homeowners should keep documentation on any new landscaping, such as a dated receipt of purchase, in case they are required to prove the date of installation.

Notify the Police Department in Atlantis if you have new plantings.

**Can I hand-water my lawn?** Yes. You can hand water stressed plants for 10 minutes per day using a single hose with an attached automatic shut off nozzle.

**What other low-volume watering methods are allowed?** Drip, bubble and micro-jet systems that apply water directly to root plant zones may be used any time. However, a voluntary reduction in use is encouraged and any low volume system should not produce water runoff. Watering cans are also low volume and can be used anytime.

**When can I wash my car or boat?** Anytime. Vehicle washing is not restricted. When washing a car, park it over a non paved or porous surface to limit water runoff, and always attach an automatic shut off nozzle to your hose. Limit boat rinsing to 15 minutes after it has been in salt water.

**When can I use a pressure washer?** Anytime. Pressure washing is not restricted. Use low-volume equipment that produces water pressure of 1,000 pounds per square inch to 4,000 pounds per square inch. Channel runoff water onto the grass or another non-paved surface.

**Is there a way I can get permission to change my watering day or time?** Yes. You may apply for a variance from water restrictions. The instruction and application forms are online at: [www.sfwmd.gov](http://www.sfwmd.gov). Your application will be reviewed by South Florida Water Management District staff, and approval or denial is based on criteria listed in the [Water Shortage Plan Rule](#). For more information, visit or call 800-432-2045.

**What happens if I don't follow these restrictions?**

Residential and commercial water restrictions are mandatory and will be enforced by the Police Department. A warning will be issued for the first violation. A \$25.00 fine will be levied once a warning has been issued. Failure to cure the violation will result in progressive fines of \$75, \$125 and \$250 thereafter.

**THE LITERARY SOCIETY**

of the Atlantis Golf Club meets on the third Wednesday of each month at the Atlantis Golf Club. We invite all to attend and have fun.

We review books, have a fruit and danish continental breakfast, meet interesting authors, get to know each other and generally add to our enjoyment of Atlantis living. The cost is \$5.

All you need to do is to call Pat at 561-966-7600 and let her know you will be there. Remember 9 AM on the third Wednesday of each month

We look forward to seeing you there.

**PAINTING CLASSES**

WEDNESDAYS 1-4 PM

FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT:

JOAN TABARI 561-547-5123

**GREAT BOOKS CLUB**

MEETINGS ARE JANUARY 11, 25,

FEBRUARY 15, MARCH 7 & 21— 2-4 PM

IN COUNCIL CHAMBERS— CALL:

SIMMA SULZER AT 561-968-7399 OR

DR. BENNETT MILLER AT: 561-968-2675.

**AFTER SCHOOL TENNIS**

JANUARY TO JUNE - FOR FURTHER INFO

OR TO SIGN UP, CALL: TENNIS PRO

SHERWIN ANDERSON AT 561-588-4557

**ADULT TENNIS**

MONDAYS AND FRIDAYS

FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT:

TOM JOHNSON AT 966-6782

**LADIES TENNIS CLINIC**

TUESDAYS 10:30-11:30 AM—

BEGINNING TO INTERMEDIATE

THURSDAYS 7-9PM—ADULT ROUND

ROBIN AND CLINIC.

FOR MORE INFORMATION CALL:

SHERWIN ANDERSON AT 561-588-4557

**JEWELRY CLASSES**

1st & 3rd TUESDAYS (except Feb) —6-8 PM

CALL MARIE CLAUDE AT 561-736-5609 or

561-271-8967 EMAIL: CLVERT@AOL.COM

**CREATIVE WRITING CLASSES**

PAST, PRESENT, FUTURE WRITERS WELCOME

CALL SUZI LYNCH AT 968-8649

CLASSES START WEDNESDAYS IN FEB.

# NEWS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

## HOMEOWNER, VILLA AND CONDO ASSOCIATIONS:

Please provide City Hall with an updated list of your new officers and their telephone numbers.

This information is VERY important when residents or contractors bring in permits, need to have association approval, but do not know

who to contact.

You can call City Hall at 965-1744, FAX the information to 642-1806, or drop the new list by at City Hall.

We thank you in advance for your cooperation.

## GARBAGE:

One of the amenities of Atlantis is backdoor garbage service. The City pays a premium to provide this service to our residents. Underground containers are required by city code. Pickup is:

### MONDAY

Garbage  
Yard Waste  
Bulk Items

### THURSDAY

Garbage  
Recycling

Only vegetation and bulk items should be placed at the curb for collection. Place recycle material in the black bins; place the black bin near the underground cans by 7am Thursday.

Separate newspapers and corrugated cardboard into one container. Glass, plastic and aluminum cans are to be commingled in the second container.

Bulk and vegetation may be placed at the curb

no earlier than 5 pm on Sunday for Monday pickup.

If your items are missed, please call City Hall as soon as possible. The route supervisor is in the city on pick up days and the day after to insure that all the garbage, trash and recycling is picked up.

### **Landscapers are required to haul the debris when they are finished their work.**

The first Sunday of every month, residents are permitted to place vegetation and bulk items out at noon on Sunday for Monday morning pickup.

Water based paint cans can be dried out & thrown in the garbage. Remove lid, add sand, cat litter or sawdust and leave uncovered. Aerosol spray cans can be sprayed until empty, then placed in garbage. All hazardous waste is to be transported to a Solid Waste Authority facility.

### Directory Corrections & Additions

Mrs. Ann Opperthausen, 404 Glenbrook Drive & 41140 Fox Run Rd. #610, Novi, MI 48377

Thomas & Mary Tremba, 636 Cypress Key Cr. (561) 969-9978

Glenie (Austin) Wilson, 249 Rio Vista Circle 70 Linden Lane, Chatham, NJ 07928

### THANK YOU

We would like to thank our volunteers who gave so generously of their time to distribute the 2008 decals and directories. We appreciate you very much, and we don't know what we would do without you.

Decals and directories are now available at the police station, 24/7.



## Otis and Donna Brown will “Reign” as King and Queen of Hearts

Prudie Anderson, Chair, and Pat Schweikart, Co-Chair of the Hab-a-Hearts, an auxiliary benefiting the Palm Beach Habilitation Center, were thrilled to announce that Otis and Donna Brown will reign as 2008 King and Queen of Hearts.

The Browns, residents of the City of Atlantis, have a long history of involvement with the Palm Beach Habilitation Center. Currently, Otis is the Treasurer of the Board of Directors and the Chair of the Centurions, an auxiliary that raises funds for the Center’s capital equipment, expenses and repairs. Donna has actively served on the Steering Committee of the Hab-a-Hearts for many years.

The official presentation will be held during the 17<sup>th</sup> Annual Hab-a-Hearts Luncheon, on Monday, February 11<sup>th</sup> at Mar-a-Lago, Palm Beach. The event, “Open Your Heart”, includes a silent auction of over 200 items during a complimentary wine reception. Informal modeling by the Shoppes of Plaza del Mar in Manalapan and a live auction by Jim Accursio will be featured during lunch.

Other Committee members include: Jim Accursio, Janet Austino, Cathy Bedard, Dee Behnke, Donna Brown, Nancy Cashman, Madelyn Christopher, Laura Cianci, Ann Coulson, Joanne Driscoll, Lin Evans, Judy Farmer, Ann Growney, Allison Rogers Haft, Bev Keller, Helen Logothetis, Beverlee Miller, Craig Mitchell, Ann Opperthausen, Linda Reichenstein, Sheila Rinker, Dr. Marianna Toroyan, Marie Tynan, Marianne Vellis, Sue Wagner, Adrienne Weissman, Barbara Whitford, Babbette Wolf, Barbara Wymer and Marge Zimmerman.

The Palm Beach Habilitation Center, a United Way Agency, is a private non-profit organization that provides employment, job placement, residential and retirement services for men and women with mental, emotional and physical disabilities. Since opening in 1959, over 8,000 men and women have been employed in this community due to training received in the Work Center program. Each year, more than 700 individuals receive services from the PB Hab Center.

To receive an invitation, purchase a ticket or for more information, please call Roxanne at 561-965-8500, ext. 212.



(by Sandy Thompson 313-1060)

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