



CORFLU SUNSPASH

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Active memberships \$45; supporting \$15. Bestwestern Bayside convivial meeting place, on historic St Andrews Bay. 1-800-900-7047 Email address <chimes@interoz.com>

Like the phoenix, we "arose from the ashes." "New and Improved!" . . . "Better than ever!" . . . "We have found the enemy and he is us!" --Ooops! Wrong quote! Altho, in a way, it does apply as you will see. What I'm trying to lead up to is metamorphosis, the caterpillar into the butterfly, and all that. In short, we have a new con motel. The "us is the enemy" bit refers to the fact that I brought it on myself. All previous dealings I had with travel agents showed they saved me money, and I thought it would apply here.

I was wrong.

The travel agent, to insure her commission, wanted money Up Front. Okay, I went along with that. Then one or two of you called the motel for reservations and were quoted lower rates than my agent quoted me. That started me wondering. Joe Siclari later verified that the agencies often add to the room rate to pay for their troubles. Well, that made a bit of sense, and yet . . . Then the motel wanted *the entire room payment* by March 15. Not just for the con suite and the meeting room, but also for at least 35 rooms for three nights.

That did it. That, plus a totally unconnected financial emergency that hit from left field. I told the agent to cancel everything and get my deposit back.

Then in stepped Joe Siclari and Cheryl. While I was in a black funk (far worse than a blue funk) they had been checking around and surprised me with much better arrangements that led to the New and Improved Corflu Sunsplash.

The motel named above needs nothing in advance, has both an 800 number for reservations plus an email address, as you can see.

At last, we're on a ro-l-l-l-l!

Since we're planning a cookout at the State Park, and we want everyone to enjoy the water as well, Cheryl prepared this explanation of our method of keeping all abreast of water conditions.

Flag Warning System

Blue Flags....=Calm Seas, it is safe to enter the water.

Yellow Flags=Use Caution when in the water. Rip tide is possible.

Red flags.....=Rough Sea or possible rip tide, do not enter the water!

Rip tides are strong, localized rivers of water that usually flow away from the beach at a surprisingly high velocity. Most people associate them with large waves and strong winds. This is not always true. Rip tides can happen during calm conditions. Rip tides can be very unpredictable. This is why it is so important to observe the flag warning system.

If you should find yourself caught in a rip tide don't panic. Swim parallel to shore until the current weakens. Then it may be safe to swim back to shore.

Please use good judgement while swimming in the Gulf of Mexico.

But remember -- blue flags are the most common. Gulf waters offer lots of fun and recreation!

ANOTHER/ONE THING

...Which is puzzle-talk for "one thing after another". Seems to be the story of my life, these days! Suzanne's mild stroke, everybody and the recurring flu, motel troubles, topped off by my auto accident. *(For those of you who haven't heard, I was sitting at a red light when a pickup truck smashed in the front of my car, totaling it but, apparently, leaving everyone physically unharmed.)* Then came this weekend; the wreck had delayed getting out this progress report, but I was d-e-f-i-n-i-t-e-l-y getting it out Saturday.

Friday night there was a thunderstorm. Lightning messed up my computer....

Just to show how unobservant I am, I dunno if other Progress Reports included a lettercol or not, but I'm putting one in, lifted from email. As you will see, I have an ulterior motive.

He Said, She Said --

Ken Forman wrote:

The plan is for me to arrive on Friday and stay until Monday morning. I'm hoping to share the room with someone else (perhaps Widner, but if you have any cute, young, nubile, femfan who needs proper "guidance", consider myself at your/her disposal...after all, Aileen will be *studying*). -K

(I promise not to tell Aileen. --ShelVy)

Hope Leibowitz wrote:

My home address is: 16 Oakburn Place, Apt 5
Toronto, ON M2N 2T1
Canada

I've been in the same apt for 16 years and almost 5 months now, so I forget that there is someone out there who might not have my address.

(Just shows how out of touch I've been! --ShelVy)

The check will be in the mail ASAP!

Thanks for the info. (I will try to log on to the web site but it is nice to have a paper copy to bring with you for customs and reading on the plane, etc. Of course I could just print it from the web site...

Hope

Tommy Ferguson wrote --

Shelby,

Got the PR in the post this week as well and have been exchanging some Email with your daughter.

(Cheryl has been a great help! --ShelVy)

Essentially it looks as though I will be spending a couple of weeks in Panama City and environs, but I would like to book a room in the con hotel all the same. I'll be staying Thursday through to Sunday (inclusive) Although I don't smoke, when I'm at cons I don't mind smoke and smokers.

(As an unreformed smoker, I appreciate that. --ShelVy)

I think all the fans in attendance will rally round. I know I'll be about a couple of days before the con and I hereby do something I've never done before. I'll help in setting up the con, but come Thursday night I'm off. I like to enjoy the con at my own pace, with no commitments here or there - but am more than willing to get stuck in before hand. Can't say fairer than that.

(Agreed! . . . Lessee, now; we can get you a mop and bucket and a maid's apron and . . . Nah, I'll probably sit you at the computer and get you to do the program. I guarantee we'll come up with something, Tommy! Thankee for the kind offer. --ShelVy)

Looking forward to the con, and the holiday.

Best wishes, --Tommy

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"[Gladstone] spent his declining years trying to guess the answer to the Irish Question; unfortunately, whenever he was getting warm, the Irish secretly changed the question."

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Following is a snippet of exchanges between me and Joe Siclari concerning Sunsplash and our Hyphen Tribute --

Shelby Vick wrote:

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- > As always, thankee kindly. And change my address! Tomorrow is my
- > last day on beaches.net. Send mail to shelvy@springfieldcable.net.
- > That I had included you in my Address Change CC, but must not have.
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- > shelvy@springfieldcable.net.

(This was a sneaky way to work in my email address change for everybody. Or perhaps I should say, to emphasize it. --ShelVy)

Just changed it in my email address book. Sending this to both addresses to be sure you get it.

> Have two computers online. My old server wanted an additional \$19.95 to hook us
> both online (there are several users in my house; my wife, who is online the most, my
> daughter Cheryl and her two daughters, and myself. Springfieldcable would hook up
> both for \$19.95. I had no real choice.

Makes sense to me.

BTW, I got my son Dan to copy 6 more issues of Hyphen today. I'll mail them tomorrow. #6-11, I think. --Joe

Shameless Plug --

The Hyphen Tribute is well under way, thanks to Joe. Will be 40-50 pages with much good stuff out of old issues of "-" plus original work by James White and others. Advance copies only \$5. Order yours now! As in *Now!!!*

Robert Lichtman writes --

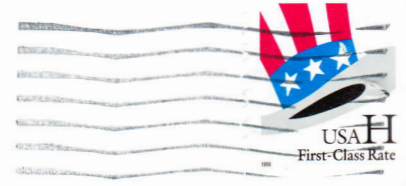
... thank you for sending along a replacement PR! Much appreciated.

But regarding Corflu Sunsplash, I wonder if there will be the annual teeshirt. (*Definitely! It will incorporate one of LeeH's Lil Peepul, done especially for Corflu Sunsplash, and a puffin. --ShelVy.*) If the answer is yes, please consider that I'd like to get one (*You got it!*) (probably size large, but depending on the brand of teeshirt "stock" it could be extra large). Also, I vaguely recall some mention of a Special Publication for the convention and, if that happens, I'd want to get one of those, too. (*See Shameless Plug!*) I assume that, as a supporting member, I'll get copies of whatever program booklet, restaurant/tourist guide, etc. gets put together for the con as has been traditional in years past. There in spirit, I am.

Best wishes,
Robert

(*See how sneakily I included material referring not only to the Sunsplash T-Shirt, but also another plug for the Hyphen Tribute.*)

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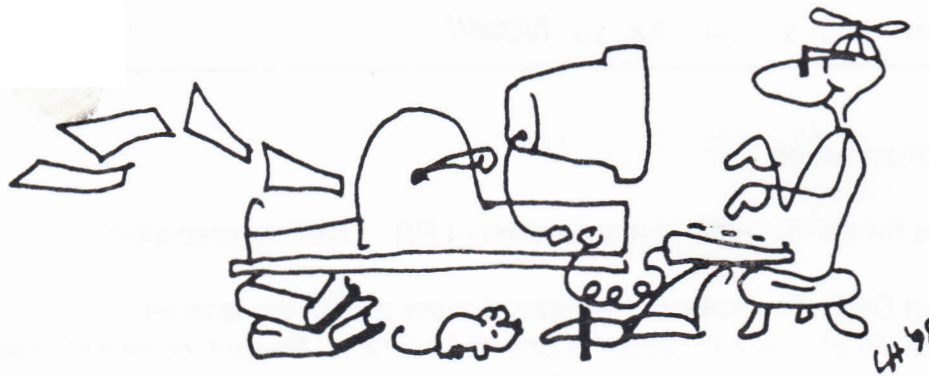
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- 2. Robert Lichtman S
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- 4. Jerry Kaufman S
- 5. Suzanne Tompkins S
- 6. Michael White S
- 7. George Flynn A
- 8. Art Widner A
- 9. Joyce Scrivner S
- 10. Aileen Forman S
- 11. Ken Forman A
- 12. Sarah Prince S
- 13. Ted White A
- 14. Ross Chamberlain S

This is a list of Corflu Sunsplash members;
 Active A \$45
 Supporting S \$15

- 15. Richard Brandt A
- 16. Michelle Lyons A
- 17. Karen Babich A
- 18. Joe Siclari A
- 19. Edie Stern A
- 20. Lew Wolkoff S
- 21. Lee Hoffman S
- 22. Nigel Rowe A
- 23. Dennis McCunney S
- 24. Kathy McCunney S
- 25. Tommy Ferguson A
- 26. Hope Leibowitz A
- 27. Arnie Katz S
- 28. Joyce Katz A
- 29. Michael Lowrey S