CELEBRATE PEOPLE AWARENESS WEEK!
JANUARY 27 - JANUARY 31

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Be a part of celebrating our diversity! Join in the activities of People Awareness Week 2003!

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This is the season of new beginnings through various traditional observances of the New Year in both the lunar and solar calendars. I am particularly wishing for “peace” in the New Year 2003, and want to share some thoughts in this column about “making peace.”

With so much talk of war and terrorism in the media of the United States, it is difficult to know how to approach the subject of peace. We are living in an era of fear and it is natural for people to react viscerally when threatened (“the fight or flight response”). Ever since 9-11, many Americans and American politicians have focused on concerns of national defense by promoting war and aggression. Fortunately, there are other, nonviolent ways of dealing with conflict. Most of these ways I have learned as a counseling psychologist in my work with culturally diverse UF students and couples.

It is amazing to me how the simplest (although not easiest) way of working through conflict is to practice “active listening.” Many interpersonal problems stem from not understanding one another. For example, it is natural for couples to have arguments, but when anger escalates into physical fighting, more damage than good is accomplished. Getting counseling or mediation are ways to learn how to communicate better and to resolve differences. Conflicts complicated by cultural differences and unequal power are even more challenging. That’s why I encourage everyone to engage in learning activities that increase cross-cultural understanding and clarification of power dynamics.

So you might be wondering, how does communication practice and cross-cultural understanding relate to peace? There is a phrase, “let there be peace on earth, and let it begin with me.” If everyone works on creating peace—in themselves, in their relationships with others, in their families, in their neighborhoods, in their countries, then I think there will be more peace on earth.

Peace is often mistaken for meaning “passive.” Wrong! Peacemaking is an active, engaged process. For further reading on making peace, I recommend that you check out Yes! A Journal of Positive Futures, available on-line at http://www.yesmagazine.org/peaceintheneyear.html

PEACE IN THE NEW YEAR

By: Dr. Mary Fukuyama
UF Counseling Center

This month I am going to talk about an ant that has become a particular problem for our village communities. I am sure that some of you have already encountered this ant and that I have told you that it is a Ghost ant. This ant has not always been in this area. It is primarily a tropical ant associated with South Florida. However over the past few years there have been more and more instances of the ant showing up here in our area.

You may recognize the ghost ant by the following characteristics:
- Tiny ants that suddenly appear and seem to disappear just as quickly (like a ghost).
- Workers are 1/16 inch or 1.5 mm in length.
- The legs, antennae, and abdomen are white to almost translucent in color.

The nesting areas for the ghost ant can be in a variety places:
- They will nest outside in potted plants, under the sidewalk, next to the building, and in the cavities of trees and shrubs.
- Inside they will nest inside the wall, behind the baseboards and between cabinets.
- They are typically found concentrated in the kitchen, bathroom and other sources of moisture because of a high need for water.

How do we control them?
- First and foremost, we must NOT spray them with insecticide.
- After spraying them the problem can be much worse than in the beginning.
- Make a work request and put it in the box. I check the boxes twice a day and will come immediately and take care of the problem.
- It is very important to remove any other food competition when I am baiting and to leave the bait alone once the ants start feeding.

I would like to take this opportunity to wish everyone a happy and prosperous New Year. I hope, that in some small way, my services can make the upcoming year more pleasant and happy for you. This month I will be servicing in Maguire and UVS villages. As always, if you have any special problems or requests, leave me a note on the kitchen counter on the day I am scheduled to service your apartment.

Disclaimers: Family Housing does not guarantee the condition of any of the items advertised here.
SAFETY TIPS

YOUR SAFETY FIRST!

By Officer Angela Mandrell

INTRODUCTION
Police can only do so much
Responsibility
Increase awareness of surroundings
Criminals look for opportunity - do not give it to them

SAFETY AT HOME
Lock doors and windows
Look for people hanging around
Keep bushes/draperies trimmed so no one can hide/surprise
Keep blinds/drapes closed so people can’t see intruder

ATTENTION
SAFETY IN VEHICLE
Lock doors, close windows
Don’t leave items in passenger area

SAFETY AT BEACH/POOL
If in another town, don’t advertise you’re a visitor
Walk with purpose/direction
Carry money in pocket
If carry a purse, keep it closed and secure to body
Don’t wear headset/can’t hear
Always safety in numbers
If being followed go to well lit area with people
Ask for escort to car if needed
Returning to car, look around you and be aware
Check in and around car before getting out

INTERNATIONAL CENTER

SAFETY IN VEHICLE

KEEP BLINDS/CURTAIN CLOSED so people can’t see in/invite
KEEP BRUSHES/SHRUBS TRIMMED so no one can hide/surprise
LOOK FOR PEOPLE HANGING AROUND
LOCK DOORS AND WINDOWS

SAFETY AT HOME
CRIMINALS LOOK FOR OPPORTUNITY - DO NOT GIVE IT TO THEM
INCREASE AWARENESS OF SURROUNDINGS
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EXERCISE REGULARLY. THIS WILL HELP CONTROL WEIGHT, IMPROVE OVERALL HEALTH AND REDUCE THE RISK OF MEDICAL PROBLEMS.

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### January 2003

**Phillips Center for the Performing Arts**
To order tickets call (352) 392-2787 or 800-905-2787
www.cpa.ufl.edu

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<td><a href="https://www.union.ufl.edu">Tango Buenos Aires</a> Fridays 7:30 pm</td>
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<td><a href="https://www.union.ufl.edu">J. Wayne Reitz Union &amp; Southwest Recreational Center</a> Free to UF students with valid UF I.D.</td>
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**Drop/Add Registration 6-9**

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**Leisure Course Registration, 10 am - 4 pm**

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This schedule of events is accurate as of December 24th. Times and dates may change, so always check your flyers for exact information.