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top man, the CEO of Infinite Care, who will be presenting his own long overdue PR spin on what Infinite Care is doing to improve conditions at the Adult Care Center. For Mr. Salamone, no doubt Infinite Care's tall tale will justify the continued mishandling of the Adult Care Center, regardless of any residents' families' complaints or the top secret evidence of his own observations. I for one think that the county could have managed the Adult Care Center at least as well and retained many of the former employees if Mr. Doherty had not created chaos when he tried to sell it..

Although members of the legislature have repeatedly called for an accounting by the Sunset Lake Local Development Corporation, they haven't gotten even the courtesy of a response. The LDC, which was entrusted with handling the contract with InfiniteCare, is now reduced to three board members, and nothing seems to be happening as regards filling those two vacancies, regardless of their own bylaws. One member of the LDC is Nick Salamone, as a place holder to do Mr. Doherty's bidding. The other two board members are our Coroner, Albee Bochman, who obviously has better things to do with his time, and Lowell Feldman, who had previously declared his own interest in buying the Adult Care Center, and who stated that he sees the LDC now as the Adult Care Center's landlord. After the last LDC meeting, an ACC resident's daughter accused Mr. Feldman of having made false

promises to her father to lure him to the ACC from the SNU, as a paid consultant of the hospital. Mr. Feldman did not deny this. In reality, the LDC is a one man show who couldn't care less about the living conditions for our sick and disabled residents. The LDC really doesn't have a lot to do following their failure to file for tax exemption and the subsequent public embarrassments and appeal to the IDEA, except, perhaps, to sell the ACC if the opportunity presents itself, since they still are empowered to do so.

Thank you for your consideration.

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