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# Emerald News

News for the Emerald Lakes Community

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## Not the Same Old Community Center

by Denise Wilson

If you've been hibernating all winter and haven't been to the community center, or if you're new to Emerald Lakes and haven't been there at all, you don't know what you're missing.

For those of you who are new, we'll start with the basics. The community center is located at the corner of Glade Drive North and Clearview Rd. Our community center is the epicenter of Emerald Lakes recreation activities. Aside from housing the indoor pool, which is open for use 7 nights a week, did you know that it is host to a number of weekly programs? Some of these are:

Low impact adult water aerobics M-W-F 9:30am  
High impact adult water aerobics Tues. & Thurs. 9:30am  
Before and After School Program M-F - 7am - bus pick up/Dismissal to 6pm  
Mommy & Me Monday's 11am  
Teen Focus Group Tues. & Thurs. Dismissal to 5:30pm  
Watercolor Club Wednesday's 12:00pm  
Bingo Saturday's 7:30pm  
Friday Night Dance Party Friday's 9:15pm

In addition, the 50 Plus Club and Women's club meet there monthly.

Beside regular everyday activities, the community center is also the location of annual events, such as; story time with Santa, a new year's eve party, super bowl party, murder mystery night, karaoke night, breakfast with the bunny, and the Memorial and Labor day barbecues, just to name a few.

The Community Center is also the home of the Emerald Bar & Grill, which is open 7 days a week. Eat in or take out, it provides affordable casual dining close to home. For hours of operation and menu items, see page 5.

The bingo room, at the center, also doubles as a party rental room. Rent the room

along with the pool; add some pizza and hot dogs from the Emerald Grill and you have a perfect kid's party. Ideal for mom's who are not fond of vacuuming Cheetos out of their carpets in the wake of the festivities.

There really is something for everyone. You can call 646-818 for information on any of the above activities but it would be much better to check it out in person. Pick up a take-out menu and an activities brochure. Who knows, maybe since the center recently received a facelift (new carpet, dance floor, ceilings and lighting) some day soon, they'll have a Grand Re-opening and you'll have no excuse not to stop by. Hope to see you there.



The bar is a cozy gathering place overlooking the indoor pool



The Emerald Grill dining room seats about 60 and provides a casual dining atmosphere



Adult Game Room



Heated Indoor pool

	DEADLINE	DATE
MAY	4/19/07	5/10/07
JUNE	5/21/07	6/7/07
JULY	6/14/07	7/2/07

All articles, pictures, schedules, etc. must be submitted to Buz Whelan, Emerald News Editor.

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## President's Message

by Richard Heuston

With our two major snow storms of this year behind us most of us are looking forward to the beauty of Spring. I want to say thank you to our maintenance department for a good job with these two heavy storms.

In last month's Emerald News there was an article on our house check program. If you plan on being away from your home for an extended period of time, please think about this program. If you are interested contact Lt. Anthony Cruz at our Administration Office at 646-2622.

Our Recreation Director Don Alvarez has several programs planned for the upcoming Spring season - to find out more information you can contact him at 643-3395.

Also, we have been having a problem with stray dogs or dogs running loose. Please be advised that it is your responsibility to protect and keep your pet contained. In addition to being dangerous for your pet running loose it is against the law according to both PA state law and ELA rules. We have Emerald Lakes dog tags available at no cost at the office, but be advised that a PA state license is required by law.

In closing, I hope you take the time to stop by the Emerald Grill for great food at good prices. Also, Thursday evenings is adult night - buy one meal get the 2nd at half price.

Until next month - stay safe!

**Before & After School Program**  
September—June  
Turn to turn pick up! Dismissal to 4pm

**Low Impact Adult Water Aerobics**  
Mon, Wed, & Fri 9:30am—10:30am

**Adult and Youth Swim Lessons**

**BASKETBALL CAMP**  
Saturday's March 24th—June 30th

**High Impact Adult Water Aerobics**  
Tues. & Thurs. 9:30am—10:30am

**Friday Night Dance Party**  
Every Friday Night Beginning 4/15/07 8:15 pm

**Mommy & Me**  
Monday's 11am—12pm

**Look what's going on in Emerald Lakes!**

**teen focus group**  
Tues. & Thurs. Dismissal—5:30pm

**BINGO**  
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## Manager's Notes

by Alex Konopka

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Not acceptable are: Yard clean up materials and Hazardous materials such as paint, cleaning chemicals, thinners, pesticides, herbicides.

With every 1/2 ton of recycled material such as junk mail and glass per household in Emerald Lakes our garbage cost would drop about 25% - so PLEASE try to recycle.

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STEREO PORTABLE	\$ 5.00
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# About Money & Finance

Tax credits destined to expired by David Pope

With energy prices at an all-time high, you shouldn't need additional incentives to make your home energy efficient. But there is more. Your favorite guy in Washington DC, Uncle Sam, began offering federal tax credits in 2006. Replacing water heaters, windows, outside doors, and upgrading insulation, are some of the improvements that qualify for a federal tax credit. However, the work must be completed by December 31, 2007. Specific improvements could provide a credit as high as \$500.00. Keep in mind not all projects qualify for the full amount. Before running out to Home Depot, buying tools and equipment or calling your handyman, make sure that you have a good handle on which projects qualify. If you have access to the Internet, you can go to [www.energystar.gov](http://www.energystar.gov) and click on tax credits. If you do not have access to the Internet, you may want to engage the "new" and "improved"

Finance Committee to get this information and make it available to the Emerald Lakes Community. Though some projects may not qualify for the federal credit, you may be able to save as much as 30 percent on your energy bill by just weather-stripping your house. Going beyond the possible tax credit, how does one determine if it makes sense to

start an energy saving project? How about costs and benefits?

Cost/Benefit Analysis can prove to be a bit difficult for those that have not been involved in planning projects in a business environment. Most government entities pretend to apply the discipline, however if you look under the covers, you will find that those involved haven't a clue as to what is really required (after all it's only the tax payers' or the

dues payers' money). However, as homeowners, as individuals trying to get by on a limited budget, we should try to understand and take advantage of every tool that may cause us to be better money managers.

So what is this thing called "cost/benefit analysis"? With regard to an energy saving project (or any project), it is a process to determine if the cost of the project will reap benefits and thereby justify the cost. For

example, let's assume that we purchase a device that qualifies for a tax credit and the purchase price (cost) is \$1,000. Let's assume too, that the tax credit for this device is \$200. Now it would seem that we have reduced the cost of the device by \$200. But there is an immediate out-of-pocket expense of \$1,000. That is, in order to get the \$200 credit, we will have to spend \$1,000. Does that really make sense? The answer is yes! The answer is yes because there will be energy savings over the life of the device; hopefully many years. Therefore, over time

the benefits could prove to be substantial.

This subject could become far more difficult than what I have presented here. The objective however, is not to turn you off, but rather, to turn you on to good money management concepts.

So stay tuned.

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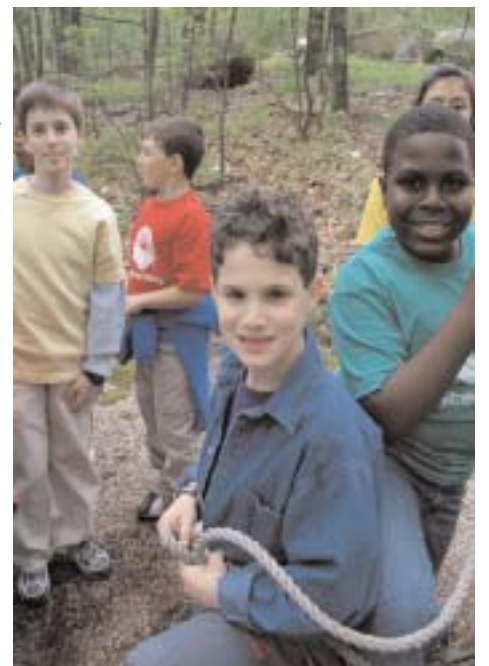
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# Devito steps down as Crimewatch Chair by Buz Whelan

It took doctor's orders to separate Nick DeVito from the CrimeWatch chairmanship. A member of the CrimeWatch team since mid-2000 and Chairperson since the summer of '05, Nick was instructed to leave the stressful position immediately or face serious health consequences.

Nick and his wife Edie moved into their Emerald Lakes home on Mountaintop Lake in April of 2000. Nick joined CrimeWatch almost immediately, serving as a patroller. In August 2005 he took over as chairperson.

Among the highlights of Nick's tenure is the use of CrimeWatch personnel in a successful effort to find a lost child. Certainly this was the most dramatic accomplishment, but pet owners reunited with lost dogs are also grateful to Nick and his staff.

Scheduling patrollers is the most stressful part of the job, according to Nick patrollers cancel out at the last minute or simply do not show up for their shift. Then the pressure is on to find a replacement. Often it is necessary to make many calls before a replacement can be found on such short notice. The aggravation factor is high.

One of Nick's innovations was the institution of daytime patrols, begun last fall. There is now a 3 to 5 pm patrol every Monday and Friday, as well as another afternoon patrol that rotates among the remaining weekdays. These patrols provide security during the hours when students are being dropped off by buses on their way home from school.

According to Nick, some of the craziest incidents occurred

while securing community entrances during NASCAR race weekends. Apparently, a Mapquest routing took fans through the community. During this time residents were asked to provide identifi-

cation before they could enter the community. Some residents became quite testy at the request. One angry woman said, "I'm going to call the mayor about this." You have to wonder how that call went.

Now that Nick is relieved of the many hours he spent on CrimeWatch, he expects to devote more time to his pet project, an elaborate model railroad layout. And although wife Edie is still spending many hours as 50 Plus Club chair, she finds time to assist in

the work. Nick is in charge of trains, tracks and transformers, while Edie handles the buildings and bushes.

Nick has earned his down time as well as the gratitude of a community he so ably served. Thank you, Nick.



Nick and Edie's elaborate layout is only about half complete, now they'll have the time to finish it



The train master himself in full regalia

## Board Motions February 24, 2007

Motion: To ACCEPT the Board Minutes from 1/20/2007

Proposed and seconded: Bob and George

Vote: Yes   7   No   0   Abstain   0  

Motion: To ACCEPT the Treasurer's Report for January

Proposed and seconded: Steve and Dave

Vote: Yes   7   No   0   Abstain   0  

Motion: To APPROVE new owners list

Proposed and seconded: Dave and Bob

Vote: Yes   7   No   0   Abstain   0  

Motion: To INCREASE the Transfer Fee as noted in the agenda. The fee will increase from \$713 to \$800

Proposed and seconded: Rich and Fred

Vote: Yes   7   No   0   Abstain   0  

Motion: Motion to RENAME the bingo room "The Bob Leach Room"

Proposed and seconded: Bob and Rich

Vote: Yes   7   No   0   Abstain   0  

Motion: To APPROVE Tom White and Bill Lengle to the Maintenance Committee

Proposed and seconded: George and Fred

Vote: Yes   7   No   0   Abstain   0  

Motion: To APPROVE Jim Hendricks to the Planning Committee

Proposed and seconded: Fred and George

Vote: Yes   7   No   0   Abstain   0  

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Submitted by,  
Steve Valent, Board Secretary

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Millers Drive, off of Route 940 in Pocono Pines

***It's never too early to line up that summer job!***

The Lake Naomi Club has announced its plans for the grand opening of their brand new Community Center this spring. Plans for the summer season are already underway and we are now looking for individuals interested in a fun and exciting working environment.

**Positions Available for Summer 2007**

Bartenders	Lifeguards
Café Attendants	Music Activity Leader
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# ELA Recreation Program

by Don Alvarez



Congratulations to Roxanne and Bryan Pifer, parents of Robert Pifer who is one of our own ELA Recreation Program members, on their 1st and 2nd place finish in the 2007 Pool Tournament was held at the Emerald Lakes Community Center on Sunday March 18, 2007. We knew you would take the Gold & Silver great job.

If you missed it Breakfast with the Bunny was a lot of fun. Thanks to the Easter Bunny for spending time with us. Everyone enjoyed a great breakfast provided by the Emerald Grill staff. The egg hunt and egg race was exciting. Thank you to all who came out for this festive event held at The Emerald Lakes Community Center on Sunday March 25, 2007.

We at the ELA Recreation Program like to support healthy lifestyles. To help our community members stay in shape or just get in shape we have started a Free High Impact Water Aerobics Class that meets on Tuesday's & Thursday's at 9:30am. This class is a 40-minute muscle toning and cardiovascular workout. No Pain No Gain come on out and feel the burn.

Coming soon, mid April we will be starting the Emerald Lakes Recreation Program Walking Club. We will meet twice a week at the Emerald Lakes Community Center and start our trek up and down the hills in our development. Look for flyers and check [www.elainc.org](http://www.elainc.org) for start date and time. This program will be free of charge.

Registration is still going on for our ELA REC Basketball Camp, which is running Saturday's from

March 24, 2007 to June 30, 2007 at ClearRun Intermediate Center. Thank you to Dan Gladstone Field Marketing Manager of the New York Knicks and Troy Bowers for their support in our program. They donated NY Knick gym bags, headbands, and bookmarks. We would also like to thank Joe Newman - Owner and Susie Packard - Merchandising of The American Basketball Association for the generous donation to our Basketball camp. The ABA was able to provide us with miniature ABA basketballs, T-shirts and hats for

our youth. Thank you, you have made a difference. Thanks are also due to Wal-Mart, which has provided us with a donation to help us give our youth quality instructional basketball material to our youth. Thank You, Thank You, Thank You, Thank You.

We still offer an early morning drop off at 7:00a.m. and then after school activities from dismissal until 6:00p.m. This program has been a great success. Registration is ongoing. Pick up your enrollment form at the Community Center.

Calling all teens stop by the community center and become a part of our Teen focus group. This is time for you to meet new friends, hang out and be a part of bringing new exciting & fun activities to Emerald Lakes.

We are planning a ELA REC TECH program thanks to our computers donated by Joe Olal and hope that everyone will come

on out and join in on the fun. Please look out for the flyers that will be posted around the community to let you know what is coming up. If you have any questions about our programs contact us at 643-3395. Again, thank you for everyone who has put time in to make all of our programs successful.



Breakfast with the Bunny 2007



I knew that didn't look like a newspaper!



Prospective egg hunters were required to color their egg collecting bags before the hunt could begin.



The Liquori family guessed the closest number of chocolate eggs in the vase. Their guess was 150, they won 140 chocolate eggs and the vase



Approximately 60 people came out to enjoy scrambled eggs, bacon and French toast with the bunny on Sunday, March 25th.



This photo needs no caption

## Teen Focus - To Save or Not to Save

by Shatoya Johnson

Saving money is the question. Can you do it? Should you do it? Some teens think you do not have to save because your money won't ever run out or your parents will always give you what you want. What if you don't have family to depend on? Once you spend all of your cash you would be left with nothing. How would you pay your bills or buy the things you need?. If you save you can take care of yourself and do big things in life like buy a car or a house. It is okay to spend sometimes on things you want, but be careful. I know it feels good to spend and spend and spend money, but if you do you will learn that's not such a great

idea. When you're young you can work and get money pretty easy, but the older you get you can't work as much. So I say save now so you can spend later when

you're not able to work. So that is the question: to save or not to save? The answer is yes. Saving money is important in life. It plays a big role in your future.

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# The Fifty Plus Club by Edie DeVito, Chairperson

As the season of fuzzy slippers and hot cocoa is soon to be behind us and while the ice, wind and snow hit us at our March meeting, some of us still braved it, arriving with a chill, but yet a smile on our faces.

Here we are – off and running again. Come and join us as we mark our calendars for the following events:

(a) The Fifty Plus Club is once again sponsoring the AARP Driver Safety Program to be held on Tuesday, April 17th, and Wednesday, April 18th, 2007 from 9:00 AM - 1:00 PM at the Community Center. Note: You do not have to be a member of

AARP to attend these classes. The eight-hour class is given in a two-day period in two four-hour sessions. A \$10 non-refundable fee (checks payable to "AARP") per person is paid in advance when registering. Class size is limited, so those interested must register to assure placement in class. A certificate, valid for three years, will be given to those completing the course. All automobile insurance com-

panies doing business in Pennsylvania, are required by state law, to give an additional discount of at least 5% to all qualified policyholders who take the course. Check with your insurance agent for details. The AARP Driver Safety Program is the nation's first and largest classroom refresher course for motorists aged 50 and older. This valuable course is newly updated and revised. It includes information on aggressive drivers, anti-lock brakes, car phones, and more. Take advantage of this course while it's so close to home;

(b) A bus trip to Gettysburg, PA scheduled for Tuesday, May 8, 2007. The bus will depart from the Community Center at 7:00AM. The cost is \$40 per person, checks payable to "Emerald Lakes Association".

Bring a friend and come and join us on this Historic trip while we visit various Museums, shops, and take the Battlefield Tour; and

(c) In celebration of the Fourth Anniversary of The Fifty Plus Club, our "Senior" Prom Dinner/Dance will be held on Tuesday, June 5, 2007, from 6:00-10:00 PM at the Community Center.

All adult members (not necessarily members of The Fifty Plus Club) of Emerald Lakes, and their guests, are welcome to attend in celebration of this event. Singles and couples are welcome. Dinner, music, door prizes and other surprises are included. The cost will remain at \$10 per person, cash or checks payable to "Emerald Lakes Association". Music will be provided by Chordiac Arrest. Plan on joining us as we dance the night away to the 50's and the Big Band era.

Posters are currently displayed for all of the above

events throughout the Community. Please do not hesitate to contact me for additional information.

After our meeting and during our lunch break, Tom White presented his Vietnam War personal experiences by sharing facts, giving various statistics, and gave a photo slide projection session. His wife, Judy, graciously assisted him throughout the slide show. In addition, Tom displayed and exhibited various ammunition, equipment, and clothing worn and carried at that time. While he occasionally added some humor to his personal stories, Tom most definitely held a captive audience when members became inquisitive and began asking questions. This certainly was an interesting and pleasant afternoon. A special thank you to Tom & Judy for the time and effort they put into this presentation so that others may learn and become more educated regarding this subject.

Come and join us on the first Tuesday of each month at 12 Noon as we get together just for fun.

Any questions, please call me at the Club's hotline number 643-4243. Wishing you all happy days ahead.



**Members at the lunch table.**



**Barbara Monguzzi preparing name tags for members.**



**Barbara Monguzzi, Judy & Tom White, & Joe Litwienski celebrating March birthdays.**



**Buz Whelan, Lee Hollingsworth, Nancy Pitcher & Phil Botti deep in conversation.**



**Tom White gives his presentation of personal experiences in the Vietnam War.**



**Fran Young hard at work.**



**While Carol Litwienski enjoys a game of solitaire, husband Joe enjoys a cup of coffee.**

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## Family Matters - Emotional Investing, How Much Can You Afford?

by Denise L. Wilson

Every family has one. That one member whose life is always headed for a train wreck as a result of the poor decisions they continue to make. It could be a sister or a brother, a mother or father, a daughter, son, cousin, aunt or uncle. Their train wreck could be drugs, alcohol, gambling, bad relationships, it doesn't matter. We can see where they are headed, we jump up and down, warning them but they blindly proceed the only way they know how.

Time and time again, we look down at them lying in the ditch that has become their normal life. We see their outstretched hand reaching up and because we love them, we reach down, clasp their hand, pull them up, and brush them off with the hope that this time they will stay out for good. For an instant, we are hopeful. They almost convince us that they have seen the light, the error of their ways and this time, things will be different. Shortly there after, though, we find ourselves

once again standing at the edge of the ditch looking down at them. Depending on how many times we have been at this place, eventually there comes a time that we stand there, see their outstretched hand, and with tear filled eyes, we turn and walk away leaving them to figure out how to get out on their own. It's not an easy decision, but it is one that we must make because, like children, those family members will not learn that the stove is hot unless they touch it for themselves. Even then, they may decide that the burn doesn't hurt enough to get them to change their behavior.

Make no mistake. Those of us on the sidelines suffer. We see the good person buried under the perpetual victim. We remember who they were before they lost themselves and we see their potential. We do everything in our power to help them to the point that we don't know where our lives end and theirs begins. We

become their sole life force and both we and they believe that they can not make a proper move without us. Our lives suffer as does theirs because they become dependent. When they mess up, the failure is taken personally by both parties. We continually question what more we could have done, or where we went wrong. Until the day that we finally realize that we can't fix them. This moment of enlightenment usually surfaces when we've had the life sucked out of us and are close to emotional bankruptcy. We feel used, abused and stupid for being duped for so long. Next we become angry and cut the person off, emotionally, swearing we will never let this happen again. We pick up the pieces of our own lives, and take care of what we know we have control over: ourselves.

Years come and go. Like spectators, we watch them fall deeper and deeper and we move further and further away. Instinctually we have let go of the person we once knew to protect our-

selves from being sucked back in, and they become almost just a casual acquaintance.

Then one day they emerge from the ditch, they brush themselves off, and they walk up to us. Too embarrassed to ask for help, they stand there with one foot on the right road and an earnest look in their eyes. It is our first instinct to turn our backs, fearing disappointment and loss, having branded them with the stigma of being unable to change. But, what if, while standing face to face with you, they admit their mistakes and omit the excuses they once relied on? What if they acknowledge that their future success or failure is of their own choosing? What if all they truly want,

is to know that the relationship is repairable? It is at this point that we must consider reinvesting. What would be the harm in honoring their effort, accepting their humanness and hoping for the best without any expectation? Sure, in the blink of an eye, it could all turn around again and we can walk away. But what if this time, the investment paid off?

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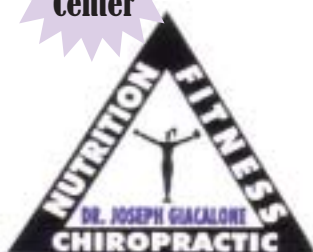
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# Emerald Lakes Women's Club

by Eileen Avrich

In March, the Emerald Lakes Women's Club had a delicious luncheon at the Smuggler's Cove Restaurant in Tannersville in lieu of our monthly meeting. The occasion was to celebrate St. Patrick's Day. We were offered a choice of 3 entrees, corned beef and cabbage, chicken parmesan and salmon. As spring is near (someone forgot to inform Mother Nature that the groundhog didn't see his shadow) it was nice to get out after hibernating these last few months.

Reminder to all members that next months meeting will

resume at 7pm on the 3rd Thursday of the month in the clubhouse. Very important, don't forget to bring in your canned goods for the Christ the King Center, food pantry. Many people aren't aware of how many local people are having a hard time making ends meet and all the non-perishable items we donate help people here in the Pocono's.

Please don't forget your coupons for the service men and women overseas that we mail on a monthly basis.

Hope everyone has a healthy and happy Easter and Passover!



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# Safety Tips

by Steve Valent

Food Shopping! That sounds like a pretty innocent activity to be engaged in. What could happen? After all it's not like 10,000 years ago, when we had to go into our prehistoric world to gather fruits and berries, and have to be constantly vigilant for those large, hungry carnivorous beasts that were always looking for a quick and easy snack - us.

Well it really hasn't changed too much. We still have to leave the comfort and security of our houses. We have to go out into the unforgiving

world and gather and bring home the foods for our table. The only difference between now and then is that the food all comes pre-packaged for us and we don't have to hunt and gather as before; and the predators no longer look for us as a quick, easy snack, or do they?

Today, we are no longer looked upon as food prey. We have become economic prey to the roaming predators in our society. So, like 10,000 years ago, we must keep a constant vigil for that predator who is stalking

us as his quick and easy economic prey. The criminal predator looks for prey wherever he can find them. This includes the Supermarket! The Supermarket is not a very friendly place, when it comes to safety and security. The Supermarket is full of bright lights, it's littered with advertisements, food tasting, signs hung up high so we must look up to read them and coupon give-a-ways. All of this puts us at a very distinct disadvantage when it comes to our personal safety and security, and the predators know

this! These distractions affect all of us, young and old alike, some more than others. We must TRY to remain aware of our surroundings and what is going on around us.

Let me start with the MOST susceptible group of people, our senior citizens. The reality of limited income and restricted diets means that they must look for products that they can afford and those that meet their dietary needs. So their attention to personal safety and security is totally destroyed as they look for products they can use, read labels and compare prices. Our senior citizens are also a very trusting group, for the most part. So you say, "Hey Steve, you're right! But what can we do?" The answer is very simple. Always shop with a friend or a group of friends. Share a shopping cart with friend or at least stay together. One person should always remain with the shopping carts as the others shop and compare. Take only what you absolutely need with you. Don't take a large handbag with you, and leave it in the child seat when you walk down the aisle. You are looking for trouble when you do this!

The next most vulnerable group are the moms with young children. Trying to stretch the family food budget and watch the children is almost an insurmountable task. The safest thing you can do in this situation is to keep the shopping cart and your child(ren) as close to you as possible at all times. You want to remain as focused as you can on the task at hand (easier said than done) and you must be aware of your surroundings. (Good luck Moms!)

The third group is the career woman, shopping after work; possible stressed out from her workday, thinking about a myriad of things, from the job, home and social life. You

are looking for the few bargains, trying to do this as quickly as possible so you can get home to relax. Then you remember those long check out lines that the supermarket kindly provides all of us with, free of charge.

Distractions, distractions, distractions! And guess what?! You are being watched! Somewhere in all that aisle clutter and blinking, rotating, flashing lights and amid the millions of dollars of advertising research, a predator may be looking for his next economic meal.

So here is the PRINCIPAL tip for this column. NEVER, NEVER, NEVER leave your handbag in the shopping cart and walk away from it, or even turn your back from it. It only takes seconds to remove the wallet containing your money, or even the entire handbag. Take your handbag with you if you walk away from the cart.

Senior citizens should ALWAYS shop with a friend or group. Career women, concentrate on the job at hand, stay vigilant and protect your handbag.

Moms shopping with children: The same advice applies to you about your handbag. However, you have the added responsibility of your child's(ren's) safety. If they are small enough, secure them in the child seat of the shopping cart. Don't put them within reach of products, especially the cleaning products or other hazardous items. Don't allow them to run out of your sight if they are able to, better yet; don't let them run at all. Finally don't leave the little one unattended in the cart, they could get hurt or even abducted.

So, to sum it up simply; be aware of what you are doing and of your surroundings at all times. Awareness is your best weapon against today's predators.

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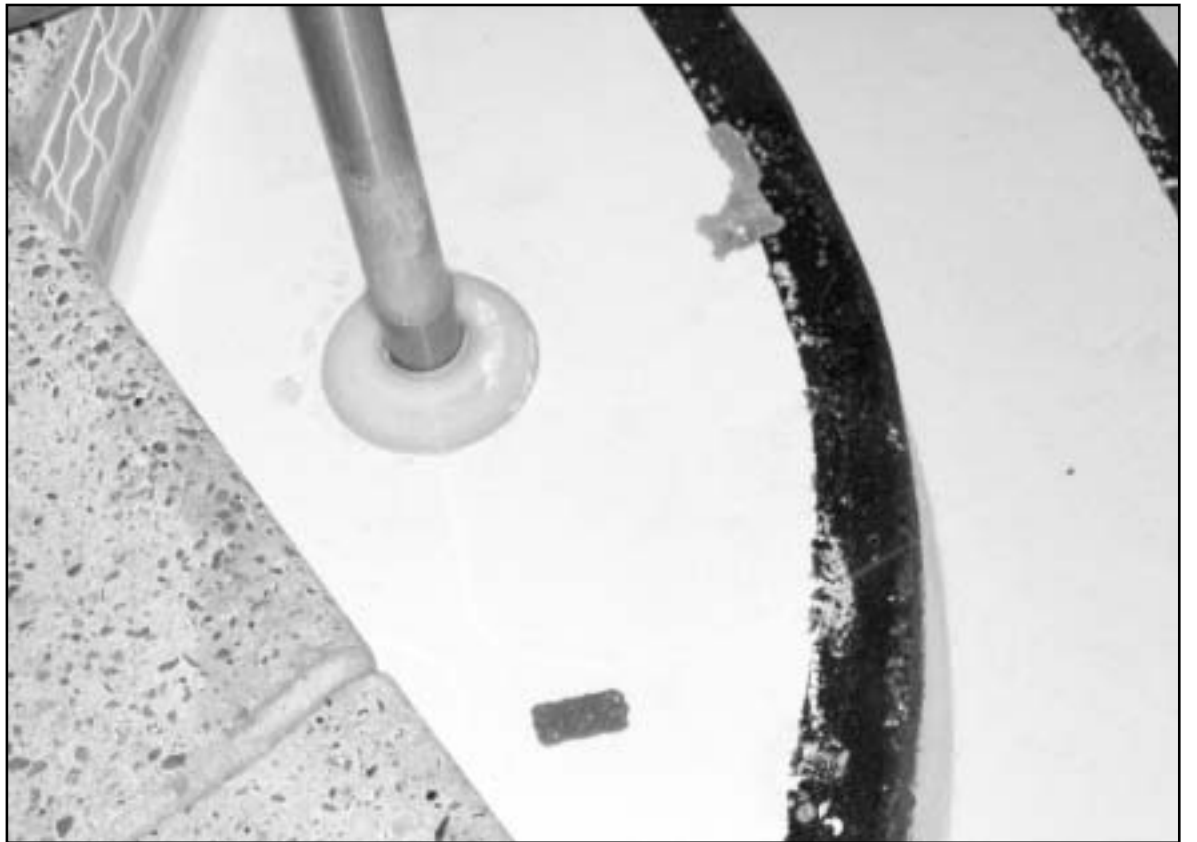


## 'Floater' Panics Aerobics Class

EMERALD LAKES, Pa (FNS) In a scene reminiscent of the movie "Caddyshack" a water aerobics class was thrown into frightened confusion when a suspicious 'floater' was spotted by one of the exercisers. "Omigod," shouted Bob N. Weaver when he spotted the brown elongated object floating in the pool nearby. His next remark cannot be printed in a family newspaper. Panic quickly spread as class members scrambled to exit the pool. Two individuals were slightly injured but did

not require hospitalization. The object causing all the commotion was later discovered to be a Baby Ruth candy bar. It had been left behind by a member of the earlier children's class who had smuggled it in his bathing suit and then lost it during roughhouse play. An investigation continues.

**Pictured at right, the culprit that caused the panic. A harmless candy bar was mistaken for serious waste.**



## France Seeks Trial Separation



VERTIGO, France (FNS) France today announced it is seeking a trial separation from the European Economic Community. Highly-placed government officials confirmed that a letter had been sent to the central offices of the Union in Brussels. It was emphasized that France was not breaking off the relationship entirely, but merely needed "time to think." The

letter specified France's need for space and time to decide whether or not to take the relationship to the next level. French spokesperson Pierre Uberst told reporters, "We really just need a little space, you know, and time to think. Did we rush into something here? We felt we (the Union) were moving too fast. We just want to slow down and see how we really feel about the relationship."

According to Uberst many of the European countries are overreacting. "I tried to break it gently, but there's no good way to do this. I told the Germans it's not about you, it's about us. We're the crazy ones. But you know the Germans. They're so sensitive."

French officials refused to speculate about how long the separation may be. "We may travel a little, try to clear our heads. But there is no one else, I can assure of that," said one official who asked to remain anonymous.

## Bush Bill to Change Measurements

WASHINGTON, DC (FNS) Confused and elated by the recent Daylight Savings Time change, President Bush is pushing to change other measurement standards as well. Says the president, "If we can make more daylight just by moving the clocks, think of what we can do with other measurements." Apparently misunderstanding the nature of the time change, the president now plans other changes he believes would improve conditions in America.

"We hear a lot about obesity in America," reasons Bush, "so I'm proposing we make a pound 24 ounces instead of 16. We'll all be thin. Kate Moss will be invisible! Okay, okay, I know she's British, but when she comes to America..."

Other measures under the gun are the length of the foot.

"I say we make a foot 8 inches. That'll make us the tallest country in the world. We'll never lose an Olympic basketball game again."

Some Democratic observers saw the hand of Karl Rove behind all this. "He's fat and he's short," said one, "You do the math."

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# From the Net

Subject: 2006 Darwin Awards

It truly is a great day to be alive, but not for these folks!  
It's that time again...

The Darwin Awards are finally out, the annual honor given to the persons who did the gene pool the biggest service by killing themselves in the most extraordinarily stupid way. Last year's winner was the fellow who was killed by a Coke machine which toppled over on top of him as he was attempting to tip a free soda out.

This year's winner was a real rocket scientist...honest!

Read on...and remember that each and every one of these is a true story.

And the nominees were:

Semifinalist #1

A young Canadian man, searching for a way of getting drunk cheaply, because he had no money with which to buy alcohol, mixed gasoline with milk. Not surprisingly, this concoction made him ill, and he vomited into the fireplace in his house. This resulting explosion and fire burned his house down, killing both him and his sister.

Semifinalist #2

Three Brazilian men were flying in a light aircraft at low altitude when another plane approached. It appears that they decided to moon the occupants of the other plane, but lost control of their own aircraft and crashed. They were all found dead in the wreckage with their pants around their ankles.

Semifinalist #3

A 22-year-old Reston, VA, man was found dead after he tried to use octopus straps to bungee jump off a 70-foot rail road trestle. Fairfax County police said Eric Barcia, a fast food worker, taped a bunch of these straps together, wrapped an end around one foot, anchored the other end to the trestle at Lake Accotink Park, jumped and hit the pavement. Warren Carmichael, a police spokesman, said investigators think Barcia was alone because his car was found nearby. "The length of the cord that he had assembled was greater than the distance between the trestle and the ground," Carmichael said. Police say the apparent cause of death was "Major trauma."

Semifinalist #4

A man in Alabama died from rattlesnake bites. It seems that he and a friend were playing a game of catch, using the rattlesnake as a ball. The friend – no doubt a future Darwin Awards candidate – was hospitalized.

Semifinalist #5

Employees in a medium-sized warehouse in west Texas noticed the smell of a gas leak. Sensibly, management evacuated the building extinguishing all potential sources of ignition; lights, power, etc. After the building had been evacuated, two technicians from the gas company were dispatched. Upon entering the building, they found they had difficulty navigating in the dark. To their frustration, none of the lights worked. Witnesses later described the sight of one of the technicians reaching into his pocket and retrieving an object that resembled a cigarette lighter. Upon operation of the lighter-like object, the gas in the warehouse exploded, sending pieces of it up to three miles away. Nothing was found of the technicians, but the lighter was virtually untouched by the explosion. The technician suspected of causing the blast had never been thought of as "bright" by his peers.

The Winner

Now ladies and gentleman, the winner of this year's Darwin Award (awarded, as always, posthumously):

The Arizona Highway Patrol came upon a pile of smoldering metal embedded in the side of a cliff rising above the road at the apex of a curve. The wreckage resembled the site of an airplane crash, but it was

a car. The type of car was unidentifiable at the scene. Police investigators finally pieced together the mystery. An amateur rocket scientist had somehow gotten hold of a JATO unit (Jet Assisted Take Off, actually a solid fuel rocket) that is used to give heavy military transport planes an extra "push" for taking off from short airfields. He had driven his Chevy Impala out into the desert and found a long, straight stretch of road. He attached the JATO unit to the car, jumped in, got up some speed and fired off the JATO! The facts as best as could be determined are that the operator of the 1967 Impala hit the JATO ignition at a distance of approximately 3.0 miles from the crash site. This was established by the scorched and melted asphalt at that location. The JATO, if operating properly, would have reached maximum thrust within 5 seconds, causing the Chevy to reach speeds well in excess of 350 mph and continuing at full power for an additional 20-25 seconds. The driver, and soon to be pilot, would have experienced G-forces usually reserved for dog fighting F-14 jocks under full afterburn-

ers, causing him to become irrelevant for the remainder of the event. However, the automobile remained on the straight highway for about 2.5 miles (15-20 seconds) before the driver applied and completely melted the brakes, blowing the tires and leaving thick rubber marks on the road surface, then becoming airborne for an additional 1.4 miles and impacting the cliff face at a height of 125 feet leaving a blackened crater 3 feet deep in the rock. Most of the driver's remains were not recoverable. However, small fragments of bone, teeth and hair were extracted from the crater, a portion of the steering wheel.

Epilogue: It has been calculated that this moron attained a ground speed of approximately 420-mph, though much of his voyage was not actually on the ground.

You couldn't make this stuff up, could you?  
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# Home Cooking

By Buz Whelan

## Fruited Duck

In our house, you get to pick the dinner menu on your birthday. Is it that way in your house, too? This year my wife asked me to make fruited duck, her favorite food prepared in her favorite way. This version is non-greasy, and the long, slow cooking time ensures an extremely tender bird, the meat literally falling off the bones. It's also a fairly easy dish to prepare.

**Ingredients:**

- 5 - 6 lb duckling, cut up into 8 to 10 pieces
- 1 15 1/2 oz can of black or dark cherries, drained.
- 2 firm apples, such as Rome or Granny Smith, diced
- 1 medium onion, diced

- 3T duck fat, reserved (or 3T canola oil)
- 3T flour
- 1 1/2 C chicken stock or broth

**Method:**

Using a sharp cleaver or other heavy knife, cut the duck into 8 to 10 pieces. See photo 1. Heat a large nonstick wok or frying pan and sear duck pieces, as shown in photo 2, browning them and rendering the fat simultaneously. Set pieces aside. Meanwhile, chop onions and apples (do not pare apples), and drain canned cherries.

Pour off all duck fat except 3 tablespoons. Over medium, heat whisk in the 3 tablespoons of flour, cooking to a light brown roux. Continue over heat, whisking in the 1 1/2 cups of chicken stock or broth. Bring to a low boil and continue cooking about 1 to 2 minutes.

Arrange the duck pieces in an

ossa buco pan, dutch oven or some other heavy, ovenproof pan. Spread the drained cherries, chopped onion and apples over the duck, as shown in photo 3. Pour the stock/sauce over and cover. Cook in a 325 degree oven for approximately 1 1/2 hours. Transfer the duck to a serving bowl, spooning the sauce, fruit and onions over the pieces.

Goes great with a nutty rice dish or French fried sweet potatoes.

**Lagniappe**

When making a roux, which is the base for gravies and sauces, the 2 standard ingredients are flour and shortening. Melted butter, oil or liquid fat can be used as the shortening. How long you cook the roux determines whether it is light, medium dark or very dark. For fish and fowl dishes, I like to start with a light roux. For pork a medium roux serves nicely, and for beef and lamb I start with a darker roux. Stock (from the meat or fish you are serving) and a little wine

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## COMMITTEES/CLUBS

<p><b>ARC COMMITTEE</b></p> <p>Co-chairs: Judy White Mary Lengle Liaison: Rich Heuston Meeting: As needed Time: To be announced</p> <p>Recommend to the Board of Dirs. actions relative to architecture &amp; environmental issues within Emerald Lakes and assure maintenance of the character of the Community.</p>	<p><b>COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE</b></p> <p>Chairperson: Buz Whelan Liaison: Stephan Valent Meeting: As needed Time: To be announced</p> <p>Advise/assist Board of Directors in informing members about purpose/function of the Association and its activities through Association newsletter and website <a href="http://www.elainc.org">www.elainc.org</a></p>
<p><b>FINANCE COMMITTEE</b></p> <p>Chairperson: Fred Dunn Liaison: Bob Marinello Meeting: 2nd Sat. of month – As needed Time: 9:30 a.m. – Community Ctr.</p> <p>Recommend to the Board actions to efficiently control the Community financial operations, including preparation of annual budget.</p>	<p><b>MAINTENANCE COMMITTEE</b></p> <p>Chairperson: Joe Olall Liaison: George Haab Meeting: 2nd Thurs. of month Time: 9:30 a.m. – Community Center</p> <p>To assess the maintenance needs of Emerald Lakes and make recommendations to the Board of Directors.</p>
<p><b>PLANNING COMMITTEE</b></p> <p>Chairperson: Steve Valent Liaison: Fred Dunn Meeting: 3rd Sat. of month - Quarterly Time: 9:30 a.m. – Community Ctr.</p> <p>Study/evaluate trends in the Association &amp; surrounding communities to assist Board setting goals for the Community.</p>	<p><b>SECURITY COMMITTEE</b></p> <p>Chairperson: Alex Konopka Liaison: Steve Valent Meeting: 3<sup>rd</sup> Tues. of month – As needed Time: 9:30 a.m. – Community Center</p> <p>To assess the security needs of Emerald Lakes and make recommendations to the Board of Directors.</p>
<p><b>RULES &amp; REGULATIONS COMMITTEE</b></p> <p>Chairperson: Dolores Sears-Horton Liaison: Joe Giordano Meeting: As needed Time: To be announced</p> <p>Recommend to the Board of Directors, actions by which the affairs of the Association shall be regulated.</p>	<p><b>REAL ESTATE COMMITTEE</b></p> <p>Chairperson: Buz Whelan Liaison: David Pope Meeting: 2<sup>nd</sup> Sat. of month – Bi-monthly Time: 9:30am - Community Center</p> <p>To act confidentially and recommend to the Board of Directors courses of action relative to the acquisition of real property and its retention for future use or its disposition to generate income or other benefits for the furtherment of the community's best interest.</p>
<p><b>CRIME WATCH</b></p> <p>Chairperson: Lt. Anthony Cruz Liaison: Rich Heuston Meeting: 1st Sat. of month – As needed Time: 9:30 am – Community Center</p> <p>Volunteers patrol community and provide back up security at scheduled events.</p>	<p><b>WELCOMING COMMITTEE</b></p> <p>Chairperson: Judy White Liaison: Rich Heuston Meeting: 1<sup>st</sup> Sat. of month Time: 9:30am - Community Center</p>
<p><b>COMMUNITY CENTER COMMITTEE</b></p> <p>Chairperson: Bob Marinello Liaison: Joe Giordano Meeting: 2<sup>nd</sup> Tues. of month Time: 10:00 am - Comm. Ctr.</p>	<p><b>POLITICAL ACTION COMMITTEE</b></p> <p>Chairperson: Dave Pope Co-Chairs: George Haab Meeting: 1<sup>st</sup> Sat. of month – Bi-monthly Time: 9:30am – Com. Ctr.</p>
<p><b>FIFTY PLUS CLUB</b></p> <p>Chairperson: Edie DeVito Co-Chairs: Nereida Rivera Meeting: 1<sup>st</sup> Tues. of month Time: 12:00 – 3:00 p.m. – Com. Ctr.</p> <p>Promote the health, safety &amp; welfare of the members and develop and maintain a spirit of camaraderie &amp; good fellowship among its members through an organized program of social, recreational, fraternal, educational, cultural and informational activities.</p>	<p><b>WOMEN'S CLUB</b></p> <p>Chairperson: Eileen Avrich Meeting: 3<sup>rd</sup> Thurs. of month Time: 12:00 p.m. – Com. Ctr.</p> <p>To develop the educational, civic and social interests of the Association's members.</p>



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# Household Hints

By Eileen Avruch

As many of you have seen there is a precautionary Dog and Cat food Recall. Our four legged friends are an extension of our family and very important to all of us. After seeing the news item on the television, I felt it was an important subject to discuss in this column.

The suppliers name is Menu Foods Income Fund, the recall is limited to "cuts and gravy" style pet food in cans and pouches manufactured at two of the Fund's United States facilities. These products are both manufactured and sold under private-label and

are contract-manufactured for some national brands.

Menu Food has announced the precautionary recall of a portion of the dog and cat food they manufactured between December 3, 2006 and March 6, 2007. They started receiving feedback in the US (not Canada) in early December of the impact on the renal health of pet consuming the products. Shortly after the first complaint they initiated an extensive battery of tests conducted by internal and external specialists. They had discovered the complaints coincide with the intro-

duction of an ingredient from a new supplier. The company had stopped using this ingredient shortly after this discovery and production since then has been undertaken using ingredients from another source. In addition they have increased testing all raw materials and finished good.

For recall information from the company you can call 1(866)895-2708. Here is a list from the company's website of the brands involved.

50 Dog Products: America's Choice, Preferred Pets; Authority; Award; Best Choice; Big Bet; Big Red; Bloom; Bruiser; Cadillac; Companion; Demoulas Market Basket; Eukanuba; Food Lion; Giant Companion; Great Choice; Hannaford; Hill Country Fare; Hy-Vee; Iams; Laura Lynn; Loving Meals; Meijers Main Choice; Mighty Dog Pouch; Mixables; Nutriplan; Nutro Max; Nutro

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40 Cat Products: Americas Choice-Preferred Pets; Authority; Best Choice; Companion; Compliments; Demoulas Market Basket; Eukanuba; Fine Feline Cat; Food Lion; Foodtown; Giant Companion; Hannaford; Hill Country Fare; Hy-Vee; Iams; Laura Lynn; Li'l Red; Loving Meals; Meifer's Main Choice; Nutriplan; Nutro Max Gourmet Classics; Nutro-Natural Choice; Paws; Pet Pride; Presidents choice; Price Chopper; Priority; Save-a-lot; Schnucks; Science Diet Feline Savory Cuts-Cans; Sophistacat;

Special Kitty Canada; Special Kitty US; Springfield Prize; Sprout; Total Pet; Wegmans; Western Family; White Rose; Winn Dixie.

On GMA they mention that Pet owners should be on the look out for symptoms such as "increased water intake, increased volumes of urination, unwillingness to eat, vomiting and lethargy". If you see any of these signs take your pet to your veterinarian as soon as possible. Veterinarians note that kidney failure is a common ailment of pets, especially cats. It's among the top killer of older cats, so the full scope of the pet food problem might be difficult to pinpoint.

Some stores have already removed these items from their shelves, but we all want to be erring on the side of caution and be diligent. Hope this has been of help to all!

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# Letters to the Editor

**Hates Whirled Gnus**

Dear Mr. Editor:

We have never met and all I know of you is what I get from the Emerald News. I have been a part time resident of Emerald Lakes for almost 28 years and owned the land we built on, another handful of years before that. Due to ever-changing needs, our community has clearly evolved into something totally different that what it was all those years ago. It is because of our ever changing community that I enjoy reading about Emerald lakes, all the goings-on, the wonderful activities, plans for our future, and of course, seeing and reading about some of those plans coming to fruition. We seem to be 'alive and well' and pushing forward which keeps me feeling confident in my investment.

So when our paper, which is

published for the Association, chooses to sprinkle material throughout its pages that is both childish and sometimes offensive, I feel we lose some credibility and even dignity. You, as our editor, and all those that work to bring this paper into members' homes should always strive to use the utmost judgment in professionalism. When I open the paper and frequently have to read childish exchanges between popular members or an editorial where you are almost always either apologizing or having the 'last word' on something, or when I have to, once again, be subjected to the offensive "Whirled Gnus" page (one in particular is the issue with Santa Claus on our cover and a picture of "Ayam N. Essol" on the joke page), I become actually embarrassed for our community.

You have power in your posi-

tion as Editor-in-Chief. With such a position, you indirectly represent the community and therefore you have a responsibility to us. So printing the material I take umbrage with actually does a disservice to us as a community because it wrongly depicts who we are. Did you ever hear the saying, "Guilty by association"? Because we are all one community, one association, then the person who is responsible for our paper's contents should take it very seriously and not assume that we as a whole share his idiotic views or immature sense of humor. As a matter of fact, I shouldn't "feel" you at all while skimming the pages of our paper. You're the editor, not the sole contributor and should be a fairly silent, 'behind the scenes' type presence.

I am the Editor-in-Chief of a paper on Long Island which goes to roughly 300+ families in Nassau County. The main reason for the existence of such publications, and the Emerald News, should be to inform and report. I don't want to read any more hogwash or ridiculous banter between otherwise good people. Because of it I can actually feel the lack of harmony in the publication. You reach a much wider group with your paper than I do with mine. Take my complaints and the complaints of others seriously. Why don't you, please, take heed?

In my opinion, some kind of

change needs to be made regarding the Emerald News. Perhaps a limit should be established as to how many years someone can serve as Editor-in-Chief, or in any position for that matter. No one should be in charge of something for too long. Change is good in that it keeps things on track and fresh.

Please print this letter because I do not feel people who share my opinion are fairly represented.

Sincerely,  
Mary Grace Roach

**Mailbox Garbage Can Not an Alternate Dumping Site**

Dear Editor and E.L. residents.....

Last week, on a Friday, I was while passing the main entrance and mailboxes... I saw something I really did not want to see.

There drives up a nice S.U.V. with Pa. vanity plates. I will not go as far as telling you what the plates said. For privacy... Looked like a nice person, until he took his garbage out of the back of his very nice S.U.V. and piled cardboard and black garbage bag (possibly 2) next to the trash can (that is there for junk mail and such.)

Yes, the dump is closed on Friday. But when I have garbage to go to the dump and it is closed, I will leave in the house or basement. AND GO THE NEXT DAY IT IS OPEN.

It would have been nice if a critter or something larger got a

hold of it. Then it would have been all over the place.

What a shame. We walk around picking up garbage on side of road while walking. Why can't we all join in and keep Emerald Lakes clean?

T & B...concerned Emerald Lake residents

**Whirled Gnus, keep it coming!**

Dear Editor,

I want to say that I am happy that your edition of Whirled Gnus is going to be continued in the Emerald Lakes Newspaper. I look forward to a good laugh each time I receive the paper and turn to this section. It has been discovered by psychologists that people who laugh often (if even at themselves) are healthier, happier and live longer. Here's to a long and happy life for Emerald Lakers and The Whirled Gnus.

Nancy Pitcher

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# Editorial

When it comes to keeping our community clean, we're dealing with four distinct groups of people; 1.) Visitors: who litter because they don't live here, 2.) Messy members: people who live here, litter and don't care, 3.) Clean members: people who live here, don't litter and keep their property clean, and last but not least 4.) Responsible members: People, who live here, don't litter, keep their property clean and make the extra effort to keep the community clean.

The largest membership percentage probably falls into group three while the smallest percentage will be found in group four. You can be pretty sure we will never eliminate groups one and two so what's a community to do?

Well, the most logical approach would be to shift ourselves from group three to group four. Why, you may ask, should we feel the need to clean up a mess that we didn't make? The answer; because this is our community. Most of us moved here because this place is beautiful. Grass and trees, lakes and scenic landscapes are what drew us in. Unless we are willing to drive by the McDonalds French fry carton, the Coke can, the Heineken bottle or the rusty bicycle, and wish for better days, it is up to us to maintain the beauty of the place we call home.

So on April 21st, throw on a pair of overalls, grab you spouse, grab your kids and sign up for Emerald Lakes Spring Clean up day. Spend a couple of hours filling big black garbage bags and when you're done, and look back on the now uncluttered ground you've just covered, you will feel good. Remember if we don't care, who will?

If you're really feeling responsible and adventurous Emerald Lakes also has an adopt-a-road program. For more information on how to adopt your own stretch of road you can call the administration office at 570-646-2622.

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