



# tower talk

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## Fischer's Catch by Jean

Did you notice the good cooking aromas coming from the Sivers Center patio on July 27th? It was a delightful barbecue hosted by the Board, Association and Management for the Committee heads and their staff. A very nice gesture and appreciated by all. Much good food and comraderie, which, we all agreed, should be repeated. Now--wouldn't you like to volunteer for a committee?

## Coffee Hour

Don't forget the coffee Thursday August 1st. A good time to show off tans, compare summer activities and enjoy good company. The hostesses for then will be Shirlee Leveton and Jean Fischer. Speaking of hostessing--Grace Brown would be ever so pleased, happy and generally delighted if you'd call and have her add your name to be called as a volunteer hostess. It's so easy-absolutely no work involved. All the hostess needs to do is be there five or ten minutes early and greet people. The Association provides and makes the coffee and treats. If you want to bring a personal touch--super, but there is no need to do one little thing. Sounds easy, doesn't it? Give Grace a call (228-9886) and make her day!

## Tower Terrifics

Mr. Charles Cone (Madison) has just returned from Orlando, Florida, where he was honored at the annual Forest Production Research Society. He received a plaque and much deserved recognition for "outstanding contribution to the field of forest products." He is instrumental in developing an applied adhesive that is used in the plywood industry and consequently saves the company 25% reduction in cost. Mr. Cone accompanied by his wife, Jean, and his two sons from California and North Carolina were

able to be present, too. Must have been a thrilling and proud trip for all.

Does anyone know of individual achievements to share? We would be delighted to add to this category.

## Towers and Trowels

With our hot and sunny weather of late, don't forget to water your deck plantings. I found that, after the sun is off the deck, a sprinkle over the plants not only refreshes them, but cools off and refreshes the deck as well. I have heard many residents say how well their plants look this year. Yes, we've had ideal growing weather, but I also feel Mr. Trachtenberg's advice earlier this spring was a major factor in making the plantings do so well.

## Observations

---or rather vibrations and irritations! On July 4th, when residents were enjoying the beautiful clear and warm evening as well as the firework displays, nerves were shattered by fireworks thrown from one of our towers!!! Gloriosky and yikes--someone not only forgot the earlier mention from Management regarding throwing anything from the decks, but endangered residents and passers-by as well with lighted missiles. Sure, the 4th is a fun time, but surely a resident wouldn't be so foolish, or wouldn't permit a guest to do such a dumb and dangerous thing. Let's hope someone's wrist has been slapped, and after this we can enjoy fireworks from afar, not dodging them on our decks!

Can you believe it--after all the mention of dog messes in the garage area, its still happening? The 2B level was the target of a dog indiscretion and an owner's thoughtless indifference. Please clean up after your pet--don't expect our staff to do this should your pet make a mistake.



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## Lest We Forget

Just a reminder of package delivery for new residents as well as others that may have forgotten. When you see a notice by the mail boxes that you have a package, call 222-7243 and arrange for delivery. Delivery times are only at:

- 7-8 A.M.
- 4-5 P.M.
- 8-9 P.M.

Please be sure you will be home during your requested delivery time as packages cannot be left at your door. Also, please try to call in advance for your desired delivery time to insure scheduled delivery. There is no delivery on Sunday. If you see your name on the "excess mail" list, you can pick that up anytime in the mailroom of your tower in a slot marked with your appropriate unit number.

## And Please . . .

Don't forget to wrap in plastic and seal well any raw garbage before dumping it in the chute. Unwrapped garbage is a mess at any time, but on these hot days Parfum de Garbage can really overwhelm!

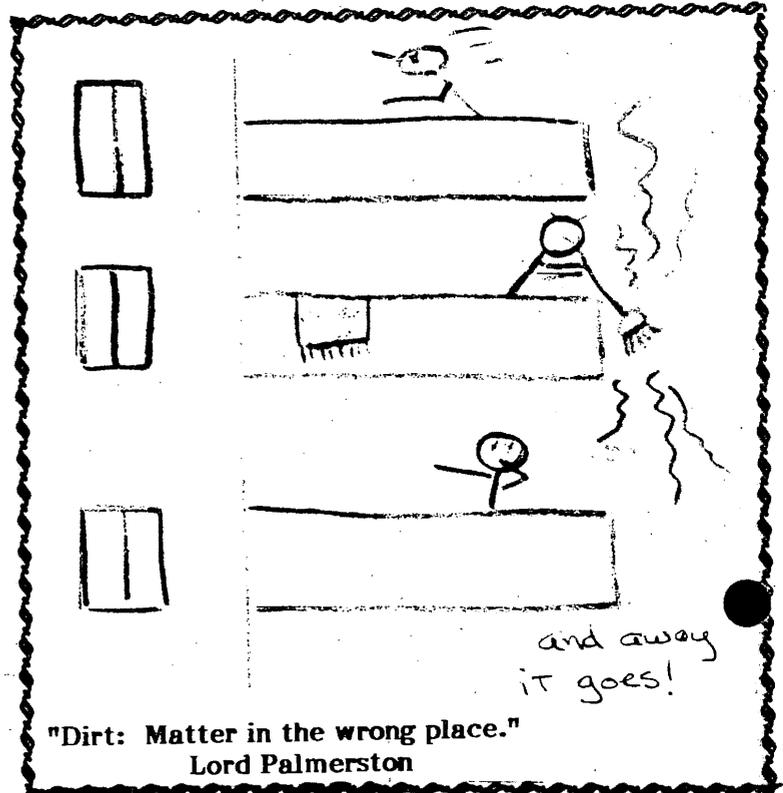
No boxes or large quantities of newspapers, and nothing before 7 a.m. or after 11 p.m. Boxes, newspapers, and large items should be taken to the appropriate room in your tower: Grant, 2B; Madison, 1B; Lincoln, 1B. Please and thank you.

## Windscreen Specs

Approved design specifics on balcony sun shades and corridor window and door grilles are also available at the Management Office (222-7243). Persons installing other than the approved exterior appurtenances will have to remove them at their own expense.

A specific design for a railing height windscreen

for American Plaza balconies has been recommended by the design Revue Committee and approved by the APCA Board, according to Marge Allen, Board Chairman. The windscreen can be executed in either glass or plastic, but must follow the Design's specific requirements regarding size, weight, color, and installation. You can call 222-7243 to get a copy of the plan and information about who to contact.



## APCA Memento's

Have you any "scrapbook" memento's of the early days of American Plaza? Pictures, newspaper articles, newsletters et cetera would be eagerly accepted by the Archives Committee. Just call Leola Rieckers, 222-4940. She will make a note of it and arrange to get it from you.



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Dear Friends and Neighbors,

The JADE WEST RESTAURANT is offering an "EARLY BIRD" dinner discount of 15% OFF the total dinner guest check, if our guests are seated in the dining room before 6:00 p.m. This offer is valid every evening, but is not valid with any other promotional offers.

The JADE WEST RESTAURANT is within easy walking distance to your apartment/condominium, or if you prefer to drive, we offer free under cover valet parking.

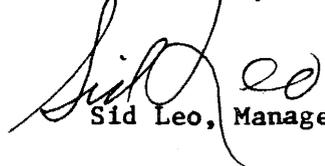
The JADE WEST RESTAURANT and Lounge has been recently redecorated and has a new menu featuring your favorite American and Chinese entrees at moderate prices.

We have expanded our dinner wine selection and have added non-alcoholic and low alcoholic wines. On Friday and Saturday evenings we have piano entertainment early evening in the dining room and later in the evening in the lounge.

We look forward to meeting our neighbors who live in the apartments/condominiums in the Portland Center area and know you will enjoy the fine casual dining and pleasant surroundings that The JADE WEST RESTAURANT has been offering Portland since 1967.

All of us at The JADE WEST look forward to serving you and will be happy to accept dining reservations, please phone 226-1128. Our dining room opens at 5:00 p.m. and 11:30 a.m. for lunches.

Yours Host,

  
Sid Leo, Manager

# MANAGER'S NOTES

by David Stephens

## Ballot in Mail

A special envelope marked "Important Association Business" is in the mail to you. Please take the time to read the materials and return the enclosed ballot and questionnaire. The ballot deals with cable TV and a declaration amendment about insurance deductables. The questionnaire seeks your input to assist APCA Committees, Board of Directors and Management in planning the future of the American Plaza Condominium Association. Both the ballot items and the results of the questionnaire will affect the liveability and property values at APCA. It is very important that they be returned to the Management Office no later than August 2nd because the insurance problem must be solved, and we would like to move ahead with cable TV.

## Help Wanted

You have co-operated so well in helping to resolve various past problems that I am going to ask once more. The Lincoln Lobby was remodeled approximately 1½ years ago, at which time the beautiful new wallpaper was installed. This new wallpaper is being worn and torn in the high traffic area near the mailroom, mailboxes and entrance to the breezeway. Much of the damage looks like shopping cart bumps. Let's all be extremely careful in that area to save our wallpaper.

## Channel 4

The camera that observes the swimming pool area in the Sivers Recreation Building is alive and well once again. Residents in Lincoln and Grant can view it over channel 4. Unfortunately, Madison Tower was never hooked up to the system. We hope to rectify this with the cable TV improvements.

## Generator Tests

Management will be testing the emergency power generators on Wednesday, August 14, 1985 in all three towers. These tests will only effect power to some of the lighting in the common areas, and only one elevator in each building will function during the test. The tests will not effect in-unit power at all. The test for each tower will take approximately two hours. Notices will be posted prior to August 14 that will provide the time your tower will be tested and will have additional details.

## Lockers

The lockers just installed in the dressing rooms at Sivers Center, as with the lounges and chairs, are intended to be used only while you are using the facilities. Lockers found padlocked when facilities are closed each evening will have the locks sawed off and the items removed. You may call the office to retrieve your possessions.

## Lincoln Pool

With the advent of real swimming weather, we are beginning to find new water spots on the furniture and carpets in the Lincoln Lounge and Lobby. Because pool water has chlorine in it (just like the bleach) it can damage fibers and cause a slow fade. Please use the Lincoln 1B level entrance to the pool, either through the garage or entering Lincoln Tower from the outside entrance by the pool, walking down the stairs (or take the elevator coming in, you're still dry!) to the courtyard and back up the stairs to the pool. The door on your right as you go up the courtyard steps leads to the dressing rooms and restrooms. We just realized that there is no sign on that door and will get one put on it as soon as possible. That may solve the problem of swimmers using the "off limits to swimmers" facilities in the Lincoln Lounge, but I would appreciate it if you would spread the word!

## More Storage Space

Vacant rooms in the basements of all three towers have been cleaned out and are now available for use. The Board of Directors at their June 20th meeting approved leasing this space to residents on a monthly basis of \$.50 per square foot per month (\$6.00 a square foot per year). If you are interested in leasing some additional storage space call the Management Office (222-7243).

## Kitchen Open

Have you noticed that the kitchen in the Sivers Center Lounge is unlocked? That the ice cube maker works, and you can cool your soda pop while you sun (if you're trusting enough)?

Just a reminder, though, that the telephone in the kitchen is intended for emergency calls (a doctor's response to that ever present beeper, for instance). The phone has been specially installed so it will only make local calls and is not intended for casual social use.

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