

Scam Contractors Hungry and Loose in the Area

We'll call him John Doe because he says it could be embarrassing to use his real name. But his story is real.

In the late winter last year, he and his wife decided to update their patio and a walkway. A search on the Internet turned up a local contractor named Rick Camaroto. "We checked him out," recalls Mr. Doe. "He definitely seemed all right. His family had a very strong history in the concrete business"—a reputation that was built by the contractor's dead father.

When the contractor showed up, "he seemed like a nice young man. He talked about his family," says Mr. Doe. "We explained what we wanted and he even came up with some better ideas."

Mr. Camaroto then came up with a cost estimate for the job, explaining that because it was March and work was slow he could give a good deal. Prices would double by May, he said.

"He wanted to start the following Monday," says

Mr. Doe, "but we had some other work going on and wanted to start later. But Camaroto seemed in a rush to start. He said he had a crew ready. So we agreed to go ahead."

On the following Monday, Mr. Camaroto and a four-man crew showed up and the contractor asked for a 50% down payment, with a check made out in his

name. Once he had his cash, he left "to check on another crew." The crew left about 15 minutes later.

That's the last Mr. Doe saw of the construction and of his money—about \$2,500. Scores of phone calls never brought any reply. Lieut. Gene Babetski of the East Brandywine police, Chester County detectives and other area police worked the case.

In the end, Camaroto was arrested and charged with multiple cases of fraud in four counties. In March, he was sentenced to 18 to 36 months in prison plus two years probation. He is to pay full restitution—estimated at more than \$60,000—after his release or face a return to jail. Mr. Doe is not holding his breath about getting any cash back—"maybe \$5 a month for life," he scoffs.

The Camaroto case is just one among many affecting homeowners in the area. It's one of three major scams pulled here in the past 18 months, East Brandywine Police Chief Mark Kocsi reports.

In one, an elderly man who lived on Horseshoe
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protective steps

- Do your homework upfront. Do an Internet search. Just typing in the contractor's name may be revealing (just try the name Camaroto today). Check with such bodies as the Better Business Bureau and with Angie's List.
- Get references from satisfied customers; see some completed work if you can.
- Get everything in writing, including the payment schedule. Do not make a major down payment.
- Beware if the contractor wants a payment check made out to him rather than a company.
- Don't deal with someone whose only contact is a cell phone.

"Use common sense. Remember, if a deal sounds too good to be true, it probably is." —Lieut. Babetski

March Weirddness



CROCUS, DAFFODIL, QUINCE, azalea, cherry, forsythia, saucer and star magnolia all in bloom together in mid March. Even some swelling of dogwood buds. It's bizarre enough a horticultural happening to bewilder a veteran gardener. But it's what we enjoyed this year. Then, before the month ended, a sharp frost. Bummer. It's anyone's bet what's next. Fall foliage tours in August?



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who, when & where

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First Thursday at 7:30 a.m.
Third Wednesday at 7:30 p.m.

PLANNING COMMISSION
First Wednesday at 7:30 p.m.

MUNICIPAL AUTHORITY
Second Tuesday at 7:30 a.m.

Public Committee Meetings

HISTORICAL COMMISSION
Second Wednesday at 7:30 p.m.

OPEN SPACE COMMITTEE
Second Monday at 7:30 p.m.

ORDINANCE TASK FORCE
Fourth Wednesday at 7:30 p.m.

PARK AND RECREATION COMMITTEE
First Monday at 7:30 p.m.

Township Meetings held at the Township Building, 1214 Horseshoe Pike

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Pike—and most scam victims are elderly—was drugged by a roving driveway repaving crew and pressured into signing a \$20,000 check. The men were caught—a call from a suspicious bank official alerted police. But it took a months-long, multi-state investigation by Lieut. Babetski, along with police in other jurisdictions, to nail them. The money was recovered.

In another case, a “gypsy” crew soliciting business door-to-door drained an elderly East Brandywine woman of nearly \$15,000. They started by adding stones to her driveway, then talked her into paying for roof repairs and major painting. Again, an alert banker spotted an unusual check and called police who zeroed in on three offenders. They’re on probation and committed to paying restitution.

Chief Kocsi and Lieut. Babetski say lack of business is forcing many of these fly-by-night contractors to hustle for work, with older people their prime targets. Often a group will hit one area for five or six days, going door to door in search of business. A favorite promise is to fix driveways and the deal always calls for an early large down pay-

ment. Once the cash is in hand, the “contractor” disappears or does horrible work, such as coating the driveway in used motor oil. These are mobile crooks, moving freely from state to state.

Too often, the victim is too mentally frail, too scared or too embarrassed to call police. And the police have constraints on what they can do. If it’s a case of a homeowner complaining about a poorly done job, that’s something that has to be worked out between the homeowner and the contractor, though the homeowner can complain to the state Office of Consumer Protection or the Better Business Bureau. There has to be provable intent to commit fraud before the police can become involved.

Jeff Cantlin, the Township’s Code Official, sees another problem that can come up when someone contracting out a home improvement project doesn’t pay attention to all the details.

Mr. Cantlin’s job is to check on all work involving building permits. In any project, he may schedule four visits to check that the work is being done correctly and according to code. He’s run into a number of cases where before the fourth and final inspection, the contractor tells

the homeowner that the job is finished. It looks good so the homeowner pays up. Then Mr. Cantlin discovers that the job still needs various steps before he can sign off with a final okay. This can lead to a number of complications.

First, the owner has to get the work done—and may have to hire another firm to do the job. If the project involves a major home addition, the owner may not technically use the addition until he gets final permit approval.

Second, if the owner wants to sell the house when certain work lacks final permit approval, he may run into problems, including costly catch-up work.

Says Mr. Cantlin: “The homeowner always should have copies of the permit applications and know what needs to be done and what approvals are needed. This is true even if he hands over full responsibility for the job to the contractor.” He also should make sure the contractor complies with all state rules, which include registering with the Attorney General’s office, providing workman’s compensation and liability insurance.

Check with the state Attorney General’s Office of Consumer Protection to find out the rules a home improvement contractor must obey.
www.attorneygeneral.gov/hic.aspx?id=4339

To reach the Better Business bureau, check www.mybbb.org

Township Turns Chips into an Income Maker

THE TOWNSHIP had a boom year for leaf collection and chipping in 2011. Roadmaster Matthew VanLew reported collecting 286 tons of leaves, a slight increase from 2010. Last year more than 460 residents used the chipping service generating close to \$4,500 in fees, up from 325 residents and \$2,820 in fees the year before.

The service provides 15 minutes of free chipping in the calendar year with a \$20 charge for each additional 15 minutes; this charge goes to \$25 this year.

Thanks to all this activity and part ownership with other local municipalities of a large and efficient horizontal grinder, the Township is offering mulch for sale, a service started last year.

The cost is \$20 a yard, picked up or delivered. There's a \$10 charge for delivery within the Township and \$30 outside the Township. Any outside delivery exceeding 10 miles will be charged \$2 for each additional mile.

Payment must be made in cash or by check; no credit cards.

Those wishing to buy mulch may schedule delivery by phone with delivery normally within three days.

Mulch will be sold each Saturday. Sales began March 31 and will continue as long as supplies last. In 2011, the Township sold 207 yards of mulch. Supplies lasted until August. To arrange a delivery, call the Township at 610 269-8230.

The Road from EBYA Star to a Surgeon's Scrubs

East Brandywine Youth Athletics and Brandywine Wallace Elementary School are two key elements that cement young people's loyalty to and affection for the Township. Just ask Heather Dague.

This 25-year-old, newly-minted doctor mentions both when you ask her if, when growing up here, being a resident of the Township meant anything special to her. "I really identified with East Brandywine because of EBYA," she says. "I played soccer and softball and my dad was a coach."

Her mother, a teacher, was an active parent supporter at Brandywine Wallace.

Says her father Mark Dague (proud pop): "There were a couple of times in softball tournaments where Heather was asked to pitch three games in a row on hot, humid days to help the team win. She never backed down."

Because of her parents' job demands, Heather moved around



Heather Dague

the country. She was born in California, then went to Michigan and arrived in East Brandywine when she was three years old. She recalls a happy childhood, living on Grandview Drive, playing with other kids her age, and, of course, "always doing something physical" such as playing games in the Community Park. After finishing her sophomore year at Downingtown East High School, she headed to Illinois for her final

two years of high school—after another parental job transfer.

But the area still drew her back. She enrolled at Villanova for her undergraduate years (emerging in 2008 as a Phi Beta Kappa). Then she headed back to Chicago to pursue a medical degree at the University of Illinois.

"I always thought about medicine, it fascinated me," she says. "I liked biological sciences. I was interested in how things happen." Medicine's appeal was strengthened by an internship at Chester County Hospital.

Life in Chicago is good. Heather hangs out with friends, goes to plays and, of course, is big in athletics. She plays for her university soccer team and has a new interest in running. Soon, she may not have much time for these activities as she begins her residency, she hopes in Chicago. She has no doubt where she's heading. "I want to be in surgery, maybe general or maybe specializing in thoracic surgery."

A Tiny Step Towards New Osborne Road Bridge

FOR MOTORISTS WHO liked to use the now-closed Osborne Road bridge to get from East Brandywine to Thorndale and other destinations, there is a glimmer of hope on the horizon. Caln Township, which owns the span, asked the Larson Design Group of Lititz, PA, to come up with a price

for a bridge design. The artist's rendering, shown here, is obviously a major improvement over the existing, closed structure.

The hang-up is cost. The preliminary design adds up to \$210,296 and the final would cost a further \$252,925. Because

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An artist's impression of what the new Osborne Road bridge might look like.

New Homes Planned and Those Just Talked About

Tossing Junk out the Window; Specialties on Many Roads

It's really amazing how many people think it's okay to heave their garbage out of their car (or truck) windows. Without too much effort East Brandywine collects enough on the local roads to fill one or two 55-gallon trash bags in a week.

It's also really amazing how consistent the regular slobbers are in what they dump and where they dump it. Thanks to some detective work by Jimm Worrell of the Public Works Department, who chooses to spend any down time patrolling the roads collecting garbage, many of them have their own distinctive line of junk.

Buck Road is vodka territory, anything from miniatures to half-gallon jugs. Fairly recently the Township found 25 used tires there and had to pay more than \$150 to get rid of them.

Hadfield Road, between Bondsville and Zynn Roads, yields Old Milwaukee Beer cans.

"One day in January I picked up 36 cans and a little more than a month later I picked up 63," recalls Mr. Worrell.

Bondsville Road is the place for unused building supplies, including insulation and big pieces of plastic.

Dowlin Forge Road's specialty is mostly fast food trash, from Happy Meals to full bags of Chick-fil-A leftovers.

Try Bollinger Road for golf balls.

Little Washington Road probably is the Township's prime dumping site, especially the winding section approaching Lyndell. The roadside is coated in many items, with Miller Light beer a big junker favorite.

Then there's the disgusting. Rock Raymond Road has drivers who like to chew tobacco, then eject their juices into Iced Tea or water bottles before tossing them away. Drivers on this road also seem to favor Sutter Home

miniature wine bottles. Township Secretary/Treasurer Mary Beth Smedley has retrieved a gun and shopping cart from her front yard.

There's also the mysterious. Reports Mr. Worrell: "On lower Hopewell Road, there are unbelievable amounts of small folded-up pieces of tinfoil, with three Virginia Slim cigarette butts in each one. Real odd."

And the unexpected. Mr. Worrell: "On Reeds Road I did find several pairs of panties. Don't ask me why Reeds Road."

He figures that most of the junkers are repeat offenders and they seem to know they're doing something wrong. Concludes Mr. Worrell: "I'm sure a lot of people who've seen me along the road think I'm some guy doing community service for drinking and driving. But little do they know that their tax dollars are paying me to pick up their trash." Amazingly, some people actually slow down to say, "Thank you."

A 400-UNIT PLANNED residential development will feed all of its traffic on to Horseshoe Pike next to the Columbia Gas Transmission pipeline a couple of hundred yards to the west of the Route 30 bypass. PennDOT says the added traffic does not merit a traffic light and only asks the developer to add turn lanes where the proposed exit joins the main road.

The project, known as Dwell at Caln, is mostly in Caln Township but a small portion is in East Brandywine.

Also in the housing news, Bolis Properties of King of Prussia, under "coming soon" on its Web site, lists "Appleview Apartments, a 200-unit upscale apartment complex being developed on Route 322 in East Brandywine Township, Chester County, Pennsylvania. The project is located in a rapidly developing area of Chester County and is located in close proximity to Pulte Homes Applecross Country Club as well as being within the Downingtown School District."

The sketch on the website shows the apartments occupying the Watters farm, just to the west of the Brandywine Village Shopping Center with access roads to both Horseshoe Pike and North Guthriesville Road.

Bolis Properties has not submitted any plans for this project to the Township.

Fire Company Drops Fun Kids Festival



Kids really loved the Kids Festival

AFTER A VERY successful five-year run, the Kids Festival sponsored by the East Brandywine Fire Co. won't happen this year.

The two principal Fire Company activists who guided the Festival, Marc Crusemire and John Edwards, informed their colleagues last year that they no longer

could devote the needed time to organize the hugely popular event. Said Mr. Crusemire, former president of the Fire Company, it's an "absolute shame" that there'll be no Festival this year. In addition to being a gala day for the kids, the event also was a major fund-raiser for the Fire Company.

Township Banks on Commercial Future for Guthriesville

Can the Village of Guthriesville become a viable commercial center for the Township? Township officials are convinced enough it could happen that they've come up with the outlines for a "village master plan." It envisions many new retail outlets, added residential space (in many cases above the retail outlets) and new roads, alleys and sidewalks opening up the area and tying it all together.

Residents of the village are not so sure. At a Feb. 22nd public meeting they voiced some of their concerns. Among them:

What types of new business could attract enough customers to give real and permanent life to an expanded commercial center?

The Township's 2009 Comprehensive Plan update envisions a mix of small retailers each occupying from 600 to 2,000 sq. ft. and offering a variety of goods and services. But it appears to lack any traffic-creating anchor business. One village property owner, Dennis Whitely, urged planners to raise their sights. "You have to have businesses that people want," he declared. "The Township has to be open to new businesses, like a sports bar or a good restaurant. It has to be flexible about the businesses it permits."



Outline shows the area to become the commercial core.

How will customers get access to the new businesses?

Ideally from a new road running behind the homes that front on to Horseshoe Pike, in effect an extension of East Reeceville Road from its junction with Bondsville Road. The extension would feed into Horseshoe Pike just east of the Wright Agency and create a sizeable triangle of land forming the core of the village commercial center. This core would be divided up with alleyways and sidewalks.

In the recently completed Township Official Map, the East Reeceville Road extension is shown as part of the proposed Guthriesville loop road but the loop is moving to the very back burner (to the relief of many village residents). Township Manager Scott Piersol told the attendees that PennDOT has no interest any time soon in put-

ting up the millions needed to finance the proposed loop.

Bruce Rawlings, Chairman of the Township Planning Commission, said he's hopeful that a developer of the expanded commercial district can be persuaded to build the new extension road.

Other concerns

Thomas Comitta, principal of Thomas Comitta Associates of West Chester, the lead consultant for the village project, ran the Feb. 22nd meeting and dealt with a number of other resident concerns. He assured the audience that plans will include adequate parking; that the existing sewer system can handle any anticipated new load; and that resident input will be important in the creation of new sidewalks and landscaping, both of which are planned to be fairly extensive.

Mr. Comitta also stressed the need for flexibility in Township thinking. He suggested that it should be open to building heights of up to four stories and consider a minimum of two stories. And he said officials should be open to unexpected businesses. He noted how CVS has melded smoothly into an older-world setting in nearby Eagle by departing from its normal mass-market look. But he added that most big retailers won't be interested because there's not enough land or enough space for their parking needs.

The actual village boundaries are somewhat arbitrary and might be subject to change. Basically, they follow the area deemed "village commercial"—extending on either side of Horseshoe Pike from the municipal complex east to the Wright Agency (see accompanying aerial picture).

Mr. Comitta expects to bring back a final plan by spring, when there will be further discussion. Other consultants on the project are David Sweet, Township planning consultant; Yerkes Associates, the Township engineer; Andreas Heinrich, the Township traffic consultant; and James Hartling of Urban Planners.

Chester County Commissioners and the County Planning Commission helped fund the project. The Comitta firm estimates its services will cost about \$24,000.



Pizzeria wants to offer beer or a glass of wine.

Michelangelo Wants a Vote to Add Alcohol to the Menu

Michelangelo's Restaurant in the Brandywine Village Center wants to be able to serve alcoholic drinks to its customers. For the 463 Township residents who signed a petition last year in support of the move, here's an update on what's happened since: not much.

The law firm representing the restaurant contacted the Board of Supervisors in June last year to consider an ordinance approving a ballot question in the next available election that, if approved by residents, would permit alcohol sales by restaurants in the Township. Because municipal issues can be put on the ballot only every other year, no vote can take place before 2013. As of March this year, the law firm had yet to make a presentation to the Board.

In 2007 local voters approved a referendum that allows Applecross Country Club to sell alcoholic drinks in its restaurant, which is open to the public. This gives Applecross "a competitive advantage" over other Township restaurants, the Michelangelo attorney said.

What We Can Do to Maintain Water Quality

The clock goes on ticking toward the Sept. 14th deadline when the Township will have to send to the state its firm plan to improve local water quality by cutting readings of nitrogen and phosphorus by about 18% over the next five years.

The immediate targets are storm water basins and inlets and outfalls servicing all types of drains. To date, Township Roadmaster Matthew VanLew and his staff have mapped more than 1,200 of these devices. The various drains mostly collect water from roads and driveways —water that can be contaminated in many ways, including fertilizers and leakage from damaged sewers.

By and large, says Mr. VanLew, storm water basins in the Township are working well, filtering unwanted chemicals slowly into the ground. There are a few, however, that need some work. Of these, some are on private property and the owner of the property is responsible for any repairs and improvements. A new county ordinance, expected to become final by the end of the year, will allow municipalities to go on to private properties and make repairs if the owner has failed to do so. The municipality would then bill the owner for the work done.

Mr. VanLew is now promoting a much broader approach to curtail the impact of nitrogen on

the local environment. Just what the average homeowner can do is documented in a fact sheet prepared by the Alliance for the Chesapeake Bay and funded by the state Department of Environmental Protection.

Here are some of the nitrogen sources to consider.

Fertilizers. Complete fertilizers contain nitrogen, phosphorus and potassium, represented by the three-digit code on every fertilizer bag, such as 10-10-10 or 16-4-8. All fertilizers vary in their nutrient analysis, availability to plants and reactions with soil. Consider what a poor choice can mean for your lawn or the environment.

The Alliance notes some key points about lawn care.

1. A lawn fertilization program should begin in early October, not early May.
2. By leaving grass clippings on the lawn, nitrogen applications can be reduced by 30% to 40%.
3. Healthy trees and shrubs do not need annual fertilizer applications.
4. Chemical fertilizers can add salt to the soil and harm soil structure,

Sewage management. Even properly working on-site septic systems do little to remove nitrogen. But a well-maintained system will help the environment. A rule-of-thumb is to pump the tank every three years for a four-person household and a 2,500-gallon tank.

Household cleaners. Cleaners for glass, ovens and vinyl siding

often contain ammonium, a form of nitrogen. Spray or pump nozzles unavoidably send nitrogen particles into the air.

The Alliance reminds us that some time-honored agents like borax, baking soda, white vinegar and lemon juice can match the cleaning power of most commercial cleaning products.

Airborne nitrogen. Roughly 30% of the nitrogen that enters the Chesapeake Bay comes from the air. Cars and other motor vehicles account for just over a third of those deposits. Electric utilities account for about 40%.

The best ways to combat airborne nitrogen include:

Conserve electricity because most electric power comes from coal-burning power plants.

Use public transportation and walk more. Drive less. And, remember, cars and other vehicles aren't the only polluters. The EPA estimates that about 5% of all air pollution comes from the nation's 89 million lawnmowers, garden tractors and other gas-powered garden equipment such as chain saws, weed whackers and leaf blowers (operating a leaf blower for one hour is the equivalent of driving a car for 34 hours).

Keep your car tuned up.

For more household tips, check with the Chesapeake Regional Information Service at 1-800-662-CRIS or online at CRIS@lgc.apc.org. The DEP Web

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Milemarker Scores Again

TOWNSHIP MANAGER Scott Piersol announced in mid-January that the Milemarker newsletter was judged best of its class for municipalities between 5,000 and 10,000 residents for the year 2011 in a contest run by the Pennsylvania State Association of Township Supervisors. The Milemarker also took first-place honors in 2007 and 2009.

“The Township takes great pride in presenting information to our residents and business owners through our newsletter,” Mr. Piersol said.

Columbarium Gets Initial Approval

THE BOARD of Supervisors granted preliminary approval of the Hopewell Methodist Church's plan to add a columbarium to its cemetery, while attaching many conditions to the construction plan. Residents of Batten Drive, adjoining the new extension, voiced continued opposition.

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Perfect Partner for Hobbyist Golfer

When you're a 10 handicap golfer you expect to play with pretty strong competition. But it's still a big step up to partner with a man who won the Masters in 2000, the PGA Championship in 1998 and 2004 and was No. 1 in the Official World Golf Rankings for 32 weeks in 2004 and 2005. Golf enthusiasts will recognize him as Vijay Singh, otherwise known as “The Big Fijian,” who now lives in Florida.

“It was one of those incredible days,” says Dr. Geoff Burgess, the East Brandywine resident who partnered with the champ.

To get to the memorable event at Florida's celebrated TPC Sawgrass, Dr. Burgess shot his way past all competitors in events on Atlantic City and Lafayette Hills golf courses. The victories drew him the Sawgrass invitation and the meeting with Mr. Singh.



Vijay Singh and his partner, Dr. Geoff Burgess.

His new partner quickly impressed the champion. After Dr. Burgess hit strong tee shots on the first two holes, Mr. Singh told him, “Doc, you're not seeing enough patients.” Commented Dr. Burgess: “I never thought of a one on one with the second all-time money-winning golf pro.”

The doctor is a long-time golf player. “It's my way of relaxing,”

he says. His hobby was a prime reason for moving to Applecross Country Club “where I have the third green in my backyard.”

In 1986, Dr., Burgess was the originator of the Colonial Family Practice, now in Coatesville, and is the founder and president of Gateway Medical Associates with nine offices in Chester County.

Thanks to 2011 Township Golf Outing Sponsors

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Osborne Road

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the bridge is being funded through the Federal Bridge Bill, the local responsibility would be only 5% of the total cost—roughly \$23,000. Caln already has paid about \$7,300 and wanted to know to what extent East Brandywine might be willing to share the design costs, since East Brandywine residents are major users of the bridge.

The Board of Supervisors met with Caln officials on Dec. 2 and agreed to share the 5% cost.

Water Quality

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site is www.dep.state.pa.us (choose information by subject/water management).

Mark Your Calendar

Park & Rec Events

East Brandywine Night at the Reading Phillies

July 27. 7:05 p.m.

Enjoy a night of fun and baseball capped by a wonderful fireworks display. Red reserved seat tickets in section #7 are \$8 each. Parking is free. Reserve by June 26. For tickets: (610) 269-8230 or salamme@aol.com.

Family Day at the East Brandywine Community Park

August 25. 2:00 to 6:00 p.m.

Kick back and enjoy a Saturday in the sun or shade. The day begins with a bicycle parade and ends with a hot air balloon lift. On the day's menu: antique

and classic cars, vendors and crafters, magic shows, free bingo and hay and pony rides and much more. Hopewell Boy Scouts will serve hot dogs and funnel cake; Victory Brewing will offer sandwiches and homemade root beer.

DARC Events

The Downingtown Area Recreation Consortium is offering a full summer schedule of adult softball and basketball, summer camps and playground programs. DARC also is offering discount movie and amusement park tickets. For information on these events, call (610) 269-9260 or visit www.darcinfo.com. Some upcoming events include:

Fireworks with the Phillies

Monday, June 25.

Bus trip. Depart 4:45 p.m. and return about 1 a.m. Cost: \$58 per person, which includes bus transportation to the game and ticket. Seating in section 310 on the first base side.

New York City Bus Trip

Thursday, July 19

Bus departs at 7:30 a.m. and returns about 8:30 p.m. Cost: \$45 per person. A day for shopping and sight seeing on your own in the Big Apple.

A Night with the Phillies

Friday, September 21

Bus trip. Depart 4:45 p.m. and return about 1 a.m. Cost: \$58 per person, including transportation and ticket. Seats are in section 425 and 4265 on the third base side.

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