

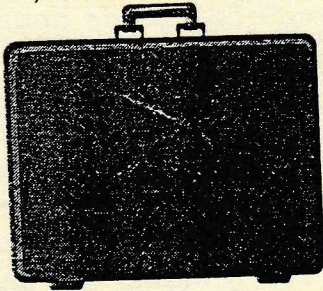
# Park Tower News

JUNE/JULY 1995

## UNDER OUR ROOF

### FOR SALE:

Carry-on luggage. Space Mate by Atlantic, Infinity Series. Excellent condition, \$65. Call Joan at 312-587-3320.



### LAUNDRY LENDING LIBRARY:

Roses to all who have donated books, and magazines. Lemons to all who have used the shelves to dump unwanted (by anybody) materials such as ancient textbooks, assorted junk mail, and 2,957 pounds of financial prospecti. Such materials have to be removed to the dumpster as they are of limited readership interest.

### ANNOUNCEMENTS:



On Saturday, May 20, 1995 a six pound six ounce beautiful baby girl was born to Pat Mengoni and Eduardo Barroso, owners

here at Park Tower. The proud parents named her Karina. (Now Gabriela has a playmate).

### DOES HISTORY REPEAT ITSELF? ANOTHER HIGH-RISE ELECTRICAL FIRE

Board of Directors President Paul Groeninger recently observed in a local newspaper the report of an electrical fire at Newberry Plaza, a 55-story condominium building at 1030 North State, on April 19. (Let's have a show of hands: who remembers what happened at Park Tower on January 5?) Our fire began in an electrical vault under the front sidewalk; Newberry's began in an electrical vault on the 27th floor. From the published report forwarded by Paul to the Newsletter, we seem to have fared much better than the residents of Newberry Plaza, where the entire upper half of the building had to be evacuated while six residents were taken to local hospitals and treated for smoke inhalation. Newberry residents were without power in their units for "at least a full week." We can remember with gratitude that our outage lasted only 22 hours, that residents who wished to remain in their apartments were permitted to do so in safety, and that at Park Tower we had not a single injury.

FROM THE MANAGEMENT OFFICE:



At the Board of Directors meeting held on April 4, 1995, the Board approved to change the current garage parking guest coupon format. The new guest coupons will be presented to residents in stamp form. The Stamp would be affixed to the parking ticket, making it virtually impossible to remove the Stamp without destroying the ticket. This would eliminate any possibility of theft by garage hikers. Management anticipates having these stamps available on October 1, 1995.

Also approved and accepted at the open meeting was the bid from McHenry Door for the replacement of the bike room door.

***CD PURCHASES AND ROLLOVERS***

Funds from a CD expiring on February 1, 1995, at the First National Bank in the amount of \$97,000 were rolled over to our operating account to cover Curtain Wall repair costs.

Additional Funds from a CD expiring March 17, 1995 at the Cenlar Federal Savings in the amount of \$100,000.00 were also rolled over to our operating account to cover further Curtain Wall repair costs.

The Association purchased a CD in the amount of \$93,763.60. At an interest rate of 7.3% at the First USA Bank of Delaware with a maturity date of

February 6, 1996.

An additional CD was purchased in the amount of \$93,963.11 with an interest rate of 7.05% at 1st Security Federal Savings with a maturity date of February 27, 1996.

***RULES AND REGULATIONS COMMITTEE***

The Committee recommended fining a resident of the building \$50.00 for placing notices inside the mailboxes. The Committee also recommended fining a unit owner \$150.00 for breach of our remodeling rules.

At the April 4, 1995 open meeting, the Board approved and accepted the recommendations set forth by the Rules and Regulations Committee.

***CURTAIN WALL REPAIRS***

The repairs to the 01 tier have now been completed. Repair work will continue with the 11 tier. Cupples Products subcontracted for the installation of the protective overhang that will be necessary due to the location of the 11 tier.

***GARAGE REPAIRS***

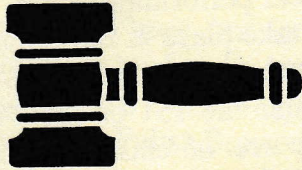
Kellermeyer, the engineering firm hired by Park Tower Condominium Association to oversee the garage repairs, was instructed by the Board to begin the bidding process for the garage repairs.

***WINDOW WASHING***

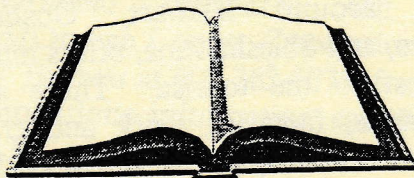
With the exception to the 11 tier and part of the 10 tier (due to Curtain Wall repairs), Continental Building Services has

completed the window washing project for spring 1995.

### **IMPORTANT NOTICE**



The 17th Annual Meeting of the Unit Owners will be held on June 27, 1995 at 8:00 PM in the Party Room. There are three open positions on the Board to be filled. The successful candidates will be elected to serve on the Board of Directors for a two year term. By this time you should have received the Candidate Information Sheets and Proxy form. If you are unable to attend the Annual Meeting, please complete a proxy form and return it to the locked box located in the management office. The proxy allows unit owners to cast a vote for the candidates of their choice without attending the meeting. A "Meet the Candidate" reception will be held on Wednesday, June 7, 1995 at 7:00 PM in the Party Room. This reception will give all owners a chance to get acquainted with the Candidates before the election.



### **SOME COMMUNITY CALENDAR ITEMS:**

June 3-4: Printer's Row Book Fair, 10-6 PM, Dearborn Street from Congress to Polk. Many colorful blocks of merchants offering the sale of new and used books, posters, antique post cards, other ephemera. A good place for

browsing.

June 24: Edgewater Community Council Summer Benefit 1995, 7-11 PM. Sovereign Hotel Grand Ballroom, 1040 W. Granville. \$25 per person includes wine, beer, pop, light supper, mini-tastes by Edgewater restaurants, music, and dancing. Tickets available from ECC at 1042 W. Bryn Mawr.

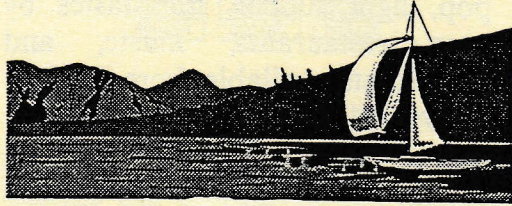
July 4: Just at dark, annual Saddle and Cycle Club fireworks display immediately behind our building. If your apartment does not face that direction, you can either get yourself invited to visit a neighbor or go to the park area outdoors.

June 17-18: Andersonville Midsommerfest, Clark mostly between Foster and Bryn Mawr, Sat. 11-8 and Sun. 12-6. Kickoff parade starts at Rasher at 11 AM Saturday and marches to Foster. Two days of music, performances, booths, food, and gaiety, all very close to home.

July 28-29-30: Evanston Garage Sale, Sherman Avenue Parking Garage bounded by Sherman, Benson, Church, and Davis, or just across from Davis Avenue EL station. Friday 11-9, Saturday and Sunday 11-6. Not a garage sale so much as a huge indoor flea market held just once a year. All kinds of stuff.

**NOTE:** If you have a community item that you would like listed, leave it in the Park Tower News mailbox on the Doorman's desk. Also, for more information about summer doings (parades, free concerts) see further pages of this newsletter because this is a SPECIAL SUMMER FUN EDITION:

The rest of the June-July newsletter will be devoted to items of summertime interest. Whether you plan to enjoy Chicago or go farther afield, read on for information we hope will help in planning your SUMMER FUN.



## SUMMER FUN: AROUND CHICAGO

### PARADES IN JUNE AND JULY 1995

Please note that the time given is for start time of each parade in location given.

June 10: Philippine Independence Day Parade, 9:30 AM, Irving Park and Clark. For information call 744-0833.

July 10: Puerto Rican Day Parade, 12 Noon, Dearborn & Wacker. For information call 292-1414.

CITY FESTIVALS IN JUNE AND JULY 1995: Detailed information about performers, times, and locations is available on Mayor's Special Events Hotline at 744-5000. Scheduled events are: Chicago Blues Festival June 2-3-4; Chicago Gospel Festival June 10-11; Taste of Chicago June 24 through July 4; Chicago Country Music Festival July 24-25; Venetian Night July 22; Mayor's Cup Soccer Tournament July 22-23. In addition, many neighborhood festivals are scheduled: call for more information.

### GRANT PARK MUSIC FESTIVAL 1995:

Between June 17 and August 24 no fewer than 47 musical performances are scheduled to take place in the Grant Park outdoor theater, easily reached from Park Tower by either the 151 or the 147 bus. Performances are of classical, pops, or show music. Unreserved lawn seating is free for all events, but you may wish to purchase seats for greater comfort. Prices are \$40 for one person, \$75 for two persons, and other prices in accordance. This price guarantees you a seat for all performances, bringing the sitting-down cost per concert to less than a dollar. You can call 819-0614 for information, or pick up detailed brochures at the city tourism office in the Water Tower building on the west side of Michigan Avenue just across from Borders Bookstore, next to where the horses and buggies park.

### SUMMER FUN: AMISH COUNTRY IN NEARBY INDIANA

Do you know that just a couple of hours' drive from Chicago you can visit an extensive Amish community? Nearby Indiana, around Elkhart, Goshen, Nappanee, and Shipshewana, offers much of interest to the tourist. There are Amish farms, factories, work and craft demonstrations, shops, picturesque B&B's as well as hotels/motels, and of course, tons of Amish food (they must have invented the term "all you can eat"). Shipshewana is the home of a gigantic weekly auction, and a Nappanee theater depicts Amish life. Call 1-800-262-8161 for free maps and brochures.

SUMMER FUN: MILWAUKEE, SO CLOSE IT'S ALMOST RIGHT HERE

Don't laugh. Where but in Milwaukee can you play ice hockey in August (at the Pettit National Ice Center---speed skating too)? Tour the Pabst Brewery? Go to a bingo casino? Buy a lot of cheese, drink a lot of beer, and have some German food while you'll there---it's only about 90 minutes by car, unless you stop on the way to do discount shopping at Gurnee and Kenosha. Not a bad outing for a few days. For free brochures call 1-800-231-0903. Ask about special events too as Milwaukee has a lot of ethnic festivals in the summertime. (More cheese, more beer.)

SUMMER FUN: LET'S GO TO DISNEYLAND

Okay, so Disneyland is expensive---you'll save the difference on your hotel, thanks to the well-known overbuilding in the Orlando/Kissimmee area. Would you believe a double room with two full breakfasts for \$27 total per night? For free Orlando brochures call the Orlando/Orange County Convention and Visitors' Bureau at 407-363-5871; for just accommodations information call 1-800-632-1013.

SUMMER FUN: ASSORTED SOURCES OF INFORMATION

Call any of these numbers to request free information on tourist attractions, accommodations, restaurants, sports, and shopping:

Michigan: 1-800-543-2937  
Wisconsin: 1-800-432-8747

Indiana: 1-800-289-6646  
Illinois: 1-800-223-0121  
Louisiana: 1-800-334-8626  
Florida: 1-904-487-1462  
California: 1-800-862-2543  
Missouri: 1-800-877-2924  
Maine: 1-800-533-9595

SUMMER FUN: SLEEP CHEAP WHILE YOU TRAVEL

You can almost always get a hotel accommodation for much less than the regular or "rack" rate. Going to a travel agent will not always guarantee you the best deal. Do your own research. Call or write the Convention and Visitors' Bureau, Chamber of Commerce or tourism office of the location you wish to visit and request a list of accommodations. Get a map and figure out where you want to stay, then call the hotel direct. Don't accept the first price you are quoted. Mention any organization you belong to that may get you a discount: military, AAA, an employees' group, or AARP (that last one, the American Association of Retired Persons, is open to anyone who is 50 or whose spouse is 50; membership costs \$8 per year and hotel discounts are as much as 30%). Also always ask about weekend or low-season discounts. Big city hotels may halve their prices on weekends to fill a property otherwise empty of business travelers. If you are staying at least one week, ask for a reduction, or, if they won't give one, try to get breakfast or parking included for a longer stay.

You can also use a discount reservation service. Three are: 1) Hotel Wholesalers, 1-800-468-3501; 2) Hotel Reservations Network, 1-800-964-6835; and 3) Discount Hotel Rates, 1-800-375-

4683. One Park Tower resident has reserved through one of these services an August stay at a New York City hotel that otherwise would charge \$145 per night, but through the service charges \$79.50.

If you need reservations for more than one or two nights you may save money by purchasing one of the ENTERTAINMENT publications. Each is a three inch-thick book of two-fer coupons for restaurants, movies, concerts and so on; the books are available for all major American cities and some cities in Canada and Europe. At the back of each book are many pages of hotels (nationwide and abroad) which give a flat 50% discount to anyone holding an ENTERTAINMENT coupon book. Thus, if you buy the book for Chicago, you can travel during your vacation at 50% off then enjoy two dinners for the price of one at Chicago restaurants all the rest of the year. The North Side Chicago book can be ordered by telephoning 1-708-945-9119, and the price as of March '95 was \$35 plus \$3.50 shipping. For editions other than Chicago (for example, buy Miami if you're spending the winter there) call 1-800-285-5525.

In Canada or Europe you can save a fortune by renting your own house or apartment rather than going to a hotel. The trick is to do this locally rather than through an agency in the United States. Contact the tourism office of whatever city or country and ask for a listing of self-catering tourist accommodations, then write or call the proprietor and become an instant householder. Your nightly rent will be half the cost of a good hotel and you'll enjoy more space and privacy.

### SUMMER FUN: CONSIDER CANADA



If you'd like to visit a foreign country for about 70 cents on the dollar (current exchange is running US \$1.00 = CAN \$1.35 to \$1.40) this may be your year for Canada. An exchange favorable to US currency now combines with all the other delights of an English/French nation quite different from the United States and yet so close to home. A quick flight will take you to Canada's mountains and forests for sport or to her wonderful cities, call both AIR CANADA, 1-800-776-3000, and AMERICAN AIRLINES, 1-800-433-7300. Ex.: AMERICAN cost \$168 Chicago-Toronto roundtrip if you call by June 3. Should you prefer to drive, it's just a few hours to the border at Detroit. But for a real bargain plus hassle-free travel, consider the train. AMTRAK will take you round-trip between Chicago and Toronto for \$102 (\$86.70 if you are over 62) leaving Union Station after breakfast and arriving in downtown Toronto after dinner. Call AMTRAK at 1-800-USA-RAIL (1-800-872-7245).

What's in Toronto? A colorful cosmopolitan city where it's safe to walk the streets. Where you can enjoy theater, museums, ethnic neighborhoods, RESTAURANTS, antique shops, smart boutiques, flea markets, and harbor cruises. Where you can stroll, eat, and shop in an underground mall so big that it encompasses the train station, 7 subway

stations, 5 major hotels, 2 department stores, and a shopping center with over 300 hundred stores. Where prices are about the same as here, only you get to take about a third off because of the exchange (and you get reimbursed for 7% of the sales tax on accommodations and goods taken out of Canada). For this summer's hotel specials and other Toronto information call 1-800-363-1900.

From Toronto you can use Canada's VIA-RAIL train system. For little cost and a few hours' time you can be in Niagara Falls; in Canada's capital city Ottawa (British, with Parliament Hill, daily Changing of the Guard, and afternoon tea); in Montreal (French, with an underground shopping complex that curlicues under the entire downtown and is 20 miles long); or in Quebec City (even more French and resembling old parts of Paris, this is North America's only walled city and has buildings dating from the mid-1600's). If you want to go farther, VIA-RAIL will take you to Nova Scotia, New Brunswick, Prince Edward Island, the Gaspé Peninsula, Hudson's Bay, or of course westward through the Rockies to Vancouver. For information, call VIA-RAIL AT 1-800-561-3949. Quebec information (including Montreal) is 1-800-363-7777. Ottawa information is 1-800-465-1867. Ontario (province) information is 1-800-668-2746.

Citizens or permanent residents of the United States do not require passports or visa to enter Canada but should carry proof of citizenship such as birth certificate or voter registration: proof of residence may also be required (just take your passport if you have one). Naturalized US citizens should carry proof

of naturalization. Permanent resident non-citizens are advised to carry their Resident Alien Card. Other persons should carry their national passport and a visa may be required.

### SUMMER FUN: TAKE YOUR GUESTS TO JULIE MAI'S FOR DINNER

If you are one of Park Tower's many aficionados of Julie Mai's exquisite French-Viet Nameese cuisine, you probably already know that the former owner of Le Bistro on Sheridan near Argyle has sold the Sheridan Road property and opened a new and even nicer restaurant, Julie Mai's Le Bistro, at the corner of Clark and Winona (5025 N. Clark, telephone 784-6000).

Julie Mai's is a very nice place. Do not at all confuse it with some of the neighborhood Viet Nameese restaurants that may not look alluring: Julie Mai's is just lovely. Remember that Viet Nam was formerly French Indo-China, and the cuisine here reveals that history very quickly as the menu offers not only mouth-watering Viet Nameese dishes (more about this later) but French ones as well: escargots Bourguignon, onion soup gratinee, and confit de canard, for example.

If you are not already familiar with Viet Nameese cuisine, let us say that it is similar to Chinese but more delicate, and let us add also that the food at Julie Mai's is clearly Viet Nameese haute cuisine with a strong French influence. The sauces are perfectly balanced and the combinations are wonderful. Think about this salad: "Shredded young papaya topped with shrimp, mint, and crushed peanuts, and

served with a special house sauce." Wouldn't that make a nice lunch on a hot summer day? Or "chunks of filet mignon sauteed in a red wine sauce, served with rice, tomatoes, lettuce, and onions." The orange beef is delicious, and the red snapper in ginger sauce tops our list for "next time." A choice of eight vegetarian entrees includes an intriguing dish of grilled Japanese eggplant. Seven lunch specials (mostly \$5.95) include a Salade Nicoise and a basil-grilled chicken breast sandwich served on fresh baguette with soup du jour and pommes frites. You are left wanting to sit there and order every single dish on the menu, sequentially. A nice selection of desserts and beverages is offered and there is a small bar. This immaculate small restaurant is nicely appointed with white tablecloths and fresh flowers. There are seven private dining nooks, which can be reserved and which seat four rather cozily, as well as the general dining room and a large, delightful party room with a fish pond and banks of live potted orchids. Julie Mai's has a free parking lot just across the street on the west side of Clark. Julie Mai's welcomes private parties, will undertake catering your party at home, and offers both carry-outs and delivery service. Prices of most entrees is \$7.95 or \$8.95, with lunch specials mostly \$5.95. Special combination dinners for 2-6 persons (2-3 appetizers, soup, and 3-6 entrees plus tea and cookies) pro-rate to \$12.50 per person. Julie Mai's is open 7 days a week but does not serve lunch on Mondays. Hours are: Sunday and Monday 4-11 PM and Tuesday-Saturday 11 AM-11 PM. Telephone is (312)784-6000.

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