

Around Town

By Bob Ruggiero



The Haladas with their son and new daughter-in-law.

Over Memorial Day weekend, Gail and John Halada took their first long drive to Milwaukee, Wisconsin, for their son's wedding. The drive took a total 20 hours, but it was worth every minute as the scenery from state to state was uniquely beautiful. Arriving in Milwaukee on Thursday, they discovered a warm and welcoming city. Jeffrey Halada and Tina Gemore were married on May 26, 2007 at 2:00 pm at Holy Apostles Church in New Berlin, Wisconsin. The guests arrived by trolley from the Intercontinental

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Writing from France, columnist Richard Reeves claims that Paris, France will celebrate a new revolution the day after Bastille Day. This latest revolution involves installing rows of iron stanchions every 300 yards along the streets of the city to house bicycles that will hopefully reduce the pollution caused by motor vehicle exhaust. The stanchions contain electronic heads that will release a bicycle by inserting a credit card or a city issued negotiable plastic. The stanchions number 750 and can contain 10,000 bicycles. By the year's end the city will double the number of stanchions and double the number of

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Beacon's Reach resident Starling Serafin celebrated his 80 birthday at the Westbury Manor in Westbury, Long Island, New York on July 3 with friends and family totaling 107 guests. In addition to the birthday party, this event was a fund raising night to raise monies for a scholarship fund to honor Starling's wife Christina's son, Firefighter Robert Evans of the New York Fire Department who perished in the September 11 terrorist attack on the New York World Trade

Milwaukee Hotel, which was a fun ride for all! After the ceremony, everyone returned to the Intercontinental Hotel by trolley for a delightful and delicious reception within the hotel. Jeff and Tina first met each other through www.harmony.com and ever since their first date they have been inseparable. Jeff proposed to Tina in Greece on September 25 (which was, by the way, his Mom's birthday) where Tina was giving a presentation speech in her area of expertise. Jeff and Tina now reside in Durham, NC with their dog Simba.

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bicycles. The city fathers hope to reduce the amount of automobile usage, noise and pollution that plague this bustling city. The system will make available cards that are good for an unlimited number of rides. The inserted card will unlock the bicycle and get 30 minutes of free use before returning the bike to a station near your destination. The subsequent half hour periods are extremely inexpensive so that most Parisians can afford this novel transportation system. One of our local residents has copied the idea and can be seen around town on an electric powered three-wheel scooter.

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Center. The evening raised in excess of \$11,000 contributed by the evening's guests. The funds are to go to a scholarship that has been set-up at Cary High School in Franklin Square, Long Island, the school where fireman Evans graduated. This is the fourth anniversary fundraiser that has contributed to the high school. Christina has worked since her son perished to help preserve and honor those brave firefighters and others who lost their lives in the September tragedy



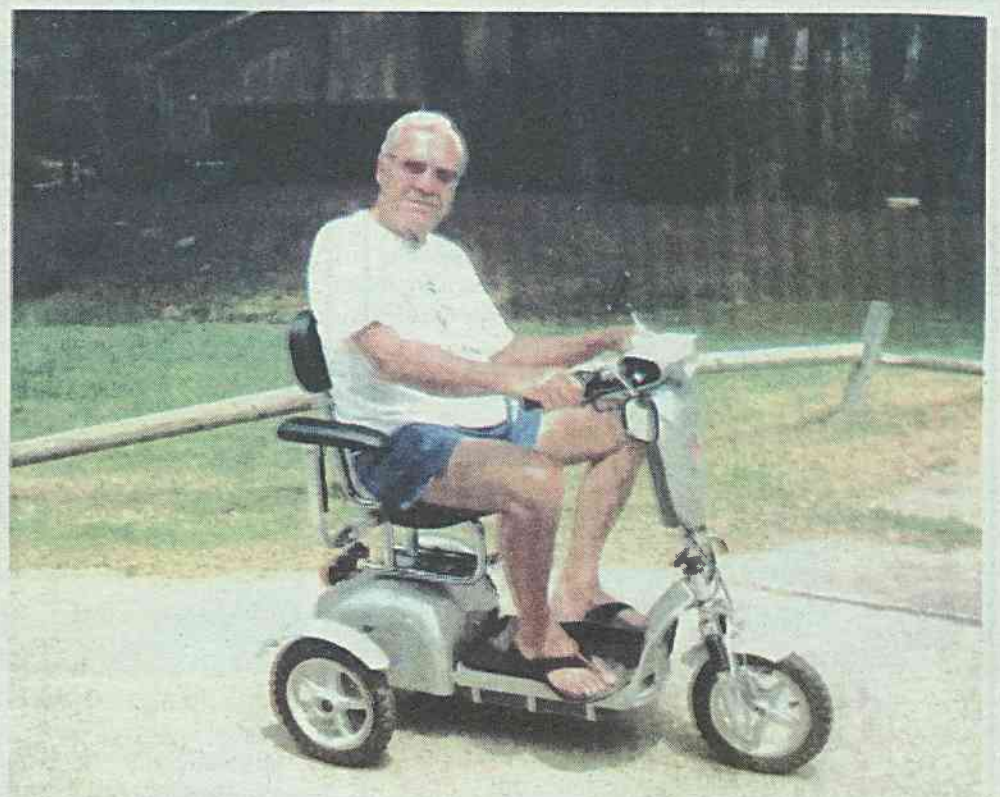
Porembas and companions sightsee in style.

Michael and Loretta Poremba and Carol Dappio, Loretta's sister from New Brunswick, New Jersey traveled on a 16-day bus tour to the United Kingdom, visiting England, Ireland, Wales and Scotland. The highlight for Michael was the architecture of the cathedrals, churches and abbeys, some dating back as far as the 1200's. For Loretta it was the beauty of Edinburgh and the Scottish highlands as well as the English countryside and Lake District. Sister Carol relished the idea of having a picture taken at Penny Lane in Liverpool, immortalized by the Beatles.

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The trip included visits to the U.K. large cities and quaint villages, green and lush rolling hillside and majestic mountains. The tour included visits to Stonehenge, the Blarney Stone kissing ritual, and viewing the Crown jewels of England and Scotland. Both the tour director and the bus driver were special people who made the trip even more enjoyable. The couple tells us that despite wet weather they enjoyed themselves, and met some very nice people and formed new friendships which helped make their visit to the U.K. a memorable and happy time.

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Bob Ruggiero tooling around town to gather tidbits for Around Town.