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NAPERVILLE NOTES

“Tourist-knocking is easy. It’s mainly done by other tourists, the most sincere of whom feel that they have an intimacy with the place that the paler arrivistes will never have, a knowledge deeper than a tan. But unless one lives where one is, all of us are tourists”

- St. Lucian poet Derek Walcott

Okay, let’s see where we are. O.J. is back on TV given interviews in which he candidly points out that the media is to blame for his wife’s untimely passing. The President of the United States can’t devote all of his attention to Iraq and its scores of stores of chemical and biological weapons because a young lady claims that she can pinpoint certain distinguishing characteristics of the Presidents anatomy. Come on, who can’t do that?

El Nino is causing havoc all over the country and is now being blamed for the increasing presence of Tiramisu on local restaurant menus.

The Plainfield City Council has noticed that too many people are moving into Plainfield and the Naperville City Council is trying to attract the Plainfield overflow. Folks in Aurora and Naperville are feuding about who lives where and what their real postal address ought to be and whether or not the garbage trucks that come by at six in the morning ought to be spray painted with the Aurora or Naperville city insignia. Now I’m going to settle that dispute. It doesn’t matter. It doesn’t matter where you live – no one cares. Now if Winnetka bordered Naperville and Aurora, then it might matter, But short of that, stop arguing. The simple solution is, of course, to create one large city and call it Napura. Napura would be the second largest city in Illinois and that would be something in which we could all take a great deal of pride.

I’m not sure that things have changed that much this New Year. It seems like more of the same. The years hot movie is about the Titanic. I don’t see how a ship of that magnitude and quality could have sunk without Shelley Winters being onboard.

Then there’s the traffic. Some of the streets in my suburb are starting to resemble rush hour in downtown Bangkok. Haven’t any of these people moving out this way ever heard of Grundy County?

I don’t believe in complaining about the weather. But lots of folks do. I don’t know what they expected after moving here. Deep dish pizza and lousy weather – that’s what we’ve got. Deal with it, and stop complaining.

The New Year hasn’t brought about any great changes for the better in Our retail environment. There’s still lots of stuff we can’t get here. Like contemporary furniture, i.e. anything that doesn’t have duck designs. Here’s a hint. There are other woods besides oak.

Most of our towns and villages don’t have a good bakery. Come on, that’s important. Any by bakery, I don’t mean a place that makes Big John donuts and

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pecan rolls. Why do I need to drive to Vienna to get a Sacher torte? Where have all the bakers gone?

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