

Grab Bag

Beautiful in Memphis

The Memphis Beautiful City Commission honored OneSource Landscape & Golf Services, Memphis District, with three Memphis Beautiful Business Awards this summer. The OneSource projects receiving the recognition were: landscape work at The Residence Inn by Marriott at Poplar Pike, design and maintenance at the Harbor Town Common area and a redesign of a large flower bed at the Memphis Distribution Center.

More on Fragala

We named Russ Fragala Landscape Contracting Corp. to our 10 Great Small Companies list last month, and that's not the only list the company made. The Long Island, NY, firm is one of the 25 Fastest Growing Companies on Long



Island, an award jointly sponsored by Hofstra University and KPMG. Fragala reported growth of 143% in the last year. Congratulations!

Flowers power poor taste Some think they're molded candy or drawer pulls

We know "fluff" copy when we see it, but this news release took the cake. Introducing "Forever Flowers," it claims these molded, sun-resistant polyester flowers will "last forever." In fact, it says, "there is no need to plant new flowers every year." According to the release, the flowers



"add sparkling color to drab winter lawns and gardens," and are also available in a choice of "ethnic" colors like

red/white/blue for the

United States, or

orange/green/white for

Ireland, etc. An added

bonus: embedded wire

mounting lets you hang

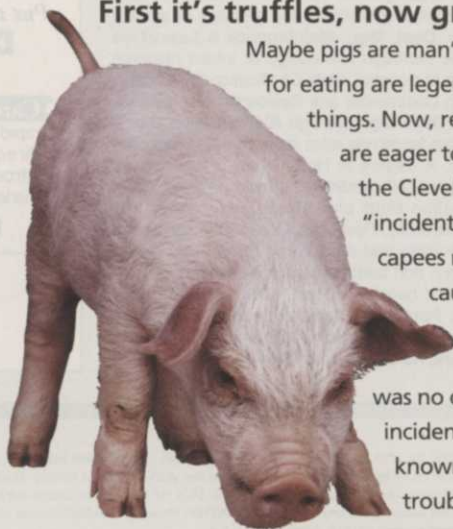
these "on trees or bushes."

New add-on service possibilities?

We don't think so!!

First it's truffles, now grubs

Maybe pigs are man's best friend. Their abilities to root out rare truffles for eating are legendary among people like the French who eat those things. Now, residents of Cuyahoga Heights, OH, have found pigs are eager to root out those tasty grubs. According to a report in the *Cleveland Plain Dealer*, the tiny suburb had two pig/grub "incidents" in the space of one week. First, five 150-lb. farm escapees ravaged one lawn looking for the tasty pests (and causing \$1,000 in damage). The punishment was harsh when they were caught — a trip to the slaughterhouse a few weeks early. Local police noted "there was no criminal intent" by the departed porkers. The second incident involved two rogue potbellied pigs (owner unknown), who tore up the grass to the tune of \$150 worth of trouble. This one sounds like a copycat crime.



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