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Niles residents petition closure of post office

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Local residents discussed the potential closure of the Niles post office at a community meeting held by the U.S. Postal Services at the Niles Elementary School auditorium, Jan. 5.

Niles joins 169 post offices on the list for closure because of the detrimental effects of the economic downturn. People favor using email communication, causing a reduction of mail circulation and overall declining post office revenues.

Residents spoke about losing a local post office that has been in business for 136 years. The office has poor road access to other Fremont districts and is four miles from the nearest full-service post office.

“It shouldn’t have to be this way. It’s a lot of gas to be going around to the next nearest post office,” parent Carmen Correia said.

Correia made one of 3,000 signatures on a petition drafted to defend the post office against closure. Information and the petition signatures will be handed over to the Postal Service district manager’s office in Oakland, to then be forwarded to the Postal Service

area vice president in San Diego. The final decision will be made at the Postal Service headquarters in Washington, D.C., in 2010.

“I feel horrible! I grew up with it being around, and now we have to commute to another post office,” senior Angelina Correia said. can apply for the June 19 test by May 21.

The fee is \$92 for regular registration, \$120 for late registration and \$145 for special registration. Results are mailed July 23.



Photo by PAIGE CASTREN

The petition sign was placed at the Niles post office by local residents. The closing of post office has been a unfavorable decision.

Girls soccer loses NCS

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After claiming the MVAL league title, the girls’ soccer team lost to California High, 2-0, in their first round of NCS, Feb. 17. The team has been plagued by various injuries during the season, including torn ACLs, knee injuries and various other small injuries. Junior Natalie Sanchez was injured in the first ten minutes of the game. The Cal High team consisted of only ten players, but the girls seemed physically larger than the Huskies. Washington was also at a disadvantage before the game started. They had a two-day break between playoffs and NCS, while Cal High had a four-day break.



Photo by NATALIE SANCHEZ

The girls varsity soccer team plans a comeback after losing one point in the first half of the game against American High School, Jan. 14. The team was losing during the first half of the game, but they managed to recover later on in the game.

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Study Reveals Pittsburgh Unprepared For Full-Scale Zombie Attack



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PITTSBURGH—A zombie-preparedness study, commissioned by Pittsburgh Mayor Tom Murphy and released Monday, indicates that the city could easily succumb to a devastating zombie attack. Insufficient emergency-management-personnel training and poorly conceived undead-defense measures have left the city at great risk for all-out destruction at the hands of the living dead, according to the Zombie Preparedness Institute.

“When it comes to defending ourselves against an army of reanimated human corpses, the officials in charge have fallen asleep at the wheel.”

—Tom Murphy


Government-conducted zombie-attack scenarios described on the State Department’s website indicate that a successful, citywide zombie takeover would take 10 days, but according to ZPI

statistician Dr. Milton Cornelius, the government’s models fail to incorporate such factors as the zombies’ rudimentary reasoning skills and basic tool use.

Cornelius recommends that Pittsburgh residents prepare a “go-bag” containing a Glock 17 pistol and 50 rounds of ammunition. If leaving the house is not an option, Cornelius advises residents to barricade all first-story doors and windows, and have at least one method of suicide prepared, if zombies successfully breach the home.

Photo by JEFF SWENSEN FOR THE NEW YORK TIMES

Pittsburgh, PA contains 89 distinct neighborhoods. It would be a prime target for the undead.

LOCAL WEATHER  Sunny.
Fremont, CA High: 67
Low: 48

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