



WHAT'S UP AT THE CREEK?

The Community Newsletter of Southcreek Office Park and Town & Country Bank Building

Happy New Year!

Community Member Spotlight! Another one of our Community neighbors—this one in the Town & Country Bank Building—is being spotlighted this month—**ETF Portfolio Partners**.

“Leawood is home to a unique investment advisory firm that focuses exclusively on Exchange-Traded Funds, commonly referred to as ETFs. **ETF Portfolio Partners**, located at 135th and Roe Avenue, manages more than \$52 million in ETF-based portfolios for individuals, institutions and sub-advisory partners.



The investment team includes two professional money managers who live in Leawood. Richard Romey, president and author of *Strategic Index Investing – Unlocking the Power of Exchange-Traded funds*, started the company in 2004. William Koehler, CFA, chief investment officer, joined the firm in 2008, bringing with him investment management experience gained as vice president of investment oversight at American Century Investments. Together Rich and Bill have over 50 years of combined investment experience.

So, what are ETFs? ETFs are the modern day version of the mutual fund. They allow investors to buy shares in a large, diversified portfolio of securities with a single transaction. Advantages of ETFs include:

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| Index-based basket of securities | Continuous intraday liquidity |
| Low internal expenses | Tax efficient |
| Access to virtually every asset class | Portfolio management flexibility |
| Diversified exposure with single transaction | |

There are more than 750 ETFs available. At **ETF Portfolio Partners**, Rich and Bill use a proprietary ETF selection process to create specific portfolios designed for investors. They monitor the portfolios daily, making changes as needed based on a systematic rebalancing strategy for each asset class and holding.”

ETF Portfolio Partners is a fee-based Registered Investment Advisor that solely provides portfolio management. For more information, please visit www.etfportfoliopartners.com or call (913) 851-1100.

Community Member Spotlight! Another one of our Community neighbors—is being spotlighted this month—**Peoples Bank!** “Other banks say I’m a valued customer, but I feel like a number!” **Sound familiar?** At Peoples, the home of *Banking Unusual*, our mission is simple; help you reach your unique financial goals. We treat you like our own respected Grandma. You’ll find the friendliest bankers in North America, world famous service and incredible cookies. That’s what *Banking Unusual* at Peoples is all about.



Banking Unusual

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With expanded FDIC insurance coverage and advanced electronic security measures, you’ll see we work to protect your money and your identity.* Plus we’re just an easy short walk away from where you office right now. So come see us soon and find out what Banking Unusual can mean for you! *Talk to one of our expert bankers about specific insurance coverage for your deposits. Please give us a call at 913-681-3030.

Happy Anniversary! The Park



is celebrating the following anniversaries this month. We thank each of you for choosing Southcreek Office Park or the Town & Country Bank Building and look forward to providing many years of quality leasing services and property management to you and your staff...

Here’s our **January** Anniversary Crew!

Moore Financial Mgmt., LLC (1/1993)

Michael Bizal, CPA (1/1998)

Premier Sports Management (1/1998)

Innovative Solutions (1/1999)

Lynd & Associates, LLC (1/2002)

State Farm Mutual Auto Ins. Co. (1/2003)

Humana Health Plan, Inc. (1/2004)

Blue Valley Insurance, Inc. (1/2005)

Utz, Miller & Eichman, LLC (1/2005)

The Jones Law Firm (1/2006)

Finite Engineering Associates (1/2007)

Positive Networks, Inc. (1/2008)

Generations Bank (1/2009)

SFN Acquisition Corp. (1/2009)



Please Join Us in Welcoming:

The following tenants have recently arrived or will be arriving within the next couple of months. We are honored to have them join us here at Southcreek!

Pyramid Life Ins. Co. (12/09)

APAC-Kansas, Inc. (1/10)

Tax Advantage Advisors, Inc. (1/10)

Custom Energy, LLC (2/10)



January 18, 2010

'On Board' at Southcreek: Please



contact our Property Manager at (913) 685-4100 for more details or to place an item or service onto the community bulletin board.

Although Southcreek Office Park does not recommend, endorse, or warrant any services or products listed, we are pleased to provide this forum for our tenants. Telephone us at (913) 685-4100; fax us at (913) 685-1232, or email us at ddirealty@ddirealty.com.

Check out the attached specials:

National Center for Victims of Crime www.ncvc.org

Thank You! Between Southcreek Office Park and the Town & Country Bank Building, a total of 1,473 pounds of food was raised for Harvesters this year. That will provide 1,133 meals to those in need!



Want to Skate? Sometimes, skating is best left to the professionals – and even they are not allowed to skate at Southcreek!



FOR YOUR OWN SAFETY – PLEASE DO NOT WALK OR SKATE ON THE LAKE WHEN IT IS FROZEN OVER!

Even though walking or skating on the lake at Southcreek is not an option, there are several wonderful places to skate in our area. If the urge to skate finally takes over, please visit one of the ice rinks located within the Kansas City area.

Did You Know? On 01/05/1933, construction began on the Golden Gate Bridge? It officially opened on May 27, 1937.



On 01/07/1789, the first U.S. presidential election was held. As it did in 1789, the U.S. still uses the Electoral College system established by the U.S. Constitution.



Source: www.history.com/this-day-in-history

A Few Stalking Statistics:

1. Stalking is a crime. It is against the law in every state.
2. 1 in 12 women and 1 in 45 men will be stalked in their lifetime.
3. 76 percent of women killed by their intimate partners were stalked by these partners before they were killed.
4. Persons aged 18-24 years experience highest rate of stalking.
5. Anyone can be stalked—not just celebrities. Most stalkers are not strangers, but are known by their victim.
6. Stalking can occur during a relationship, after a relationship, or in the absence of a relationship.
7. Cell phones, computers, and surveillance equipment are just some of the technologies stalkers now use.
8. You can make a difference. Visit www.ncvc.org/src to learn more about stalking and how to fight it.
9. Help is available. If you or someone you know is being stalked, call **1-800-FYI-CALL** for assistance.

Information provided by:

The National Center for Victims of Crime—
Stalking Resource Center
www.ncvc.org



If You Know... anyone interested in office space, please have them contact Elaine Sight or Kathy Woodward, SIOR of DDI Commercial, Inc. Our offices are located at:

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Telephone (913)-685-4100, Fax (913) 685-1232,
E-Mail ddicommercial@ddirealty.com

Don't forget to check out the official websites for Southcreek Office Park: www.southcreekofficepark.com
DDI Commercial, Inc.: www.ddicommercial.com

There are no shortcuts to any place worth going.



Got a Case of Cabin Fever? Check Out These Events Around Town:

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| 1/9/10 | = 2010 Bridal Spectacular | Overland Park Convention Center | www.kcweddings.com |
| 1/7—1/10/10 | = Kansas City Boat & Sportshow | H. Roe Bartle Hall | www.kansascitysportshow.com |
| 1/15—1/17/10 | = Mid-America RV Show | H. Roe Bartle Hall | www.patrihaproductions.com/Mid-AmericaRVShow |
| 1/28—2/1/10 | = 2010 Boat Show | Overland Park Convention Center | www.lomdaboats.com/boat_shows/index.php |

WHAT IS STALKING?

While legal definitions of stalking vary from one jurisdiction to another, a good working definition of stalking is a *course of conduct directed at a specific person that would cause a reasonable person to feel fear.*

STALKING VICTIMIZATION

- 3.4 million people over the age of 18 are stalked each year in the United States.
- 3 in 4 stalking victims are stalked by someone they know.
- 30% of stalking victims are stalked by a current or former intimate partner.
- 10% of stalking victims are stalked by a stranger.
- Persons aged 18-24 years experience the highest rate of stalking.
- 11% of stalking victims have been stalked for 5 years or more.
- 46% of stalking victims experience at least one unwanted contact per week.
- 1 in 4 victims report being stalked through the use of some form of technology (such as e-mail or instant messaging).
- 10% of victims report being monitored with global positioning systems (GPS), and 8% report being monitored through video or digital cameras, or listening devices.

[Katrina Baum et al., "Stalking Victimization in the United States," (Washington, DC:BJJS, 2009).]

IMPACT OF STALKING ON VICTIMS

- 46% of stalking victims fear not knowing what will happen next. [Baum et al., (2009). "Stalking Victimization in the United States." BJS.]
- 29% of stalking victims fear the stalking will never stop. [Baum et al.]
- 1 in 8 employed stalking victims lose time from work as a result of their victimization and more than half lose 5 days of work or more. [Baum et al.]
- 1 in 7 stalking victims move as a result of their victimization. [Baum et al.]
- The prevalence of anxiety, insomnia, social dysfunction, and severe depression is much higher among stalking victims than the general population, especially if the stalking involves being followed or having one's property destroyed. [Eric Blauuw et al., "The Toll of Stalking," *Journal of Interpersonal Violence*, 17, no. 1 (2002):50-63.]

RECON STUDY OF STALKERS

- 2/3 of stalkers pursue their victims at least once per week, many daily, using more than one method.
- 78% of stalkers use more than one means of approach.
- Weapons are used to harm or threaten victims in 1 out of 5 cases.
- Almost 1/3 of stalkers have stalked before.
- Intimate partner stalkers frequently approach their targets, and their behaviors escalate quickly.

[Kris Mohandie et al., "The RECON Typology of Stalking: Reliability and Validity Based upon a Large Sample of North American Stalkers," *Journal of Forensic Sciences*, 51, no. 1 (2006).]

STALKING AND INTIMATE PARTNER FEMICIDE*

- 76% of intimate partner femicide victims have been stalked by their intimate partner.
- 67% had been physically abused by their intimate partner.
- 89% of femicide victims who had been physically assaulted had also been stalked in the 12 months before their murder.
- 79% of abused femicide victims reported being stalked during the same period that they were abused.
- 54% of femicide victims reported stalking to police before they were killed by their stalkers.

[Judith McFarlane et al., "Stalking and Intimate Partner Femicide," *Homicide Studies* 3, no. 4 (1999).]

STALKING LAWS

- Stalking is a crime under the laws of 50 states, the District of Columbia, the U.S. Territories, and the Federal government.
- Less than 1/3 of states classify stalking as a felony upon first offense.
- More than 1/2 of states classify stalking as a felony upon second or subsequent offense or when the crime involves aggravating factors.
- Aggravating factors may include: possession of a deadly weapon, violation of a court order or condition of probation/parole, victim under 16 years, or same victim as prior occasions.

For a compilation of state, tribal, and federal laws visit www.ncvc.org/src.

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THE STALKING RESOURCE CENTER

The Stalking Resource Center (SRC) works to raise national awareness of stalking and to encourage the development and implementation of multidisciplinary responses to stalking in local communities across the country. The SRC provides training, technical assistance, and resource materials for professionals working with and responding to stalking victims so that communities are more aware of and better equipped to respond to the crime of stalking.

Contact us at 202-467-8700 or src@ncvc.org.

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IF YOU'RE STALKED

You might:

Feel **fear** of what the stalker will do.

Feel **vulnerable**, unsafe, and not know who to trust.

Feel **anxious**, irritable, impatient, or on edge.

Feel **depressed**, hopeless, overwhelmed, tearful, or angry.

Feel **stressed**, including having trouble concentrating, sleeping, or remembering things.

Have **eating problems**, such as appetite loss, forgetting to eat, or overeating.

Have **flashbacks**, disturbing thoughts, feelings, or memories.

Feel **confused, frustrated, or isolated** because other people don't understand why you are afraid.

These are common reactions to being stalked.

IF SOMEONE YOU KNOW IS BEING STALKED, YOU CAN HELP.

Listen. Show support. Don't blame the victim for the crime. Remember that every situation is different, and allow the person being stalked to make choices about how to handle it. Find someone you can talk to about the situation. Take steps to ensure your own safety. For more ideas on how you can help, call 1-800-FYI-CALL.

We can help.

Stalking resource center

To learn more about stalking, visit the Stalking Resource Center Web site

www.ncvc.org/src

THE NATIONAL CENTER FOR Victims of Crime

We can help you make a safety plan,
learn more about your legal rights, and
find help in your area.

1-800-FYI-CALL

(1-800-394-2255)

TTY 1-800-211-7996

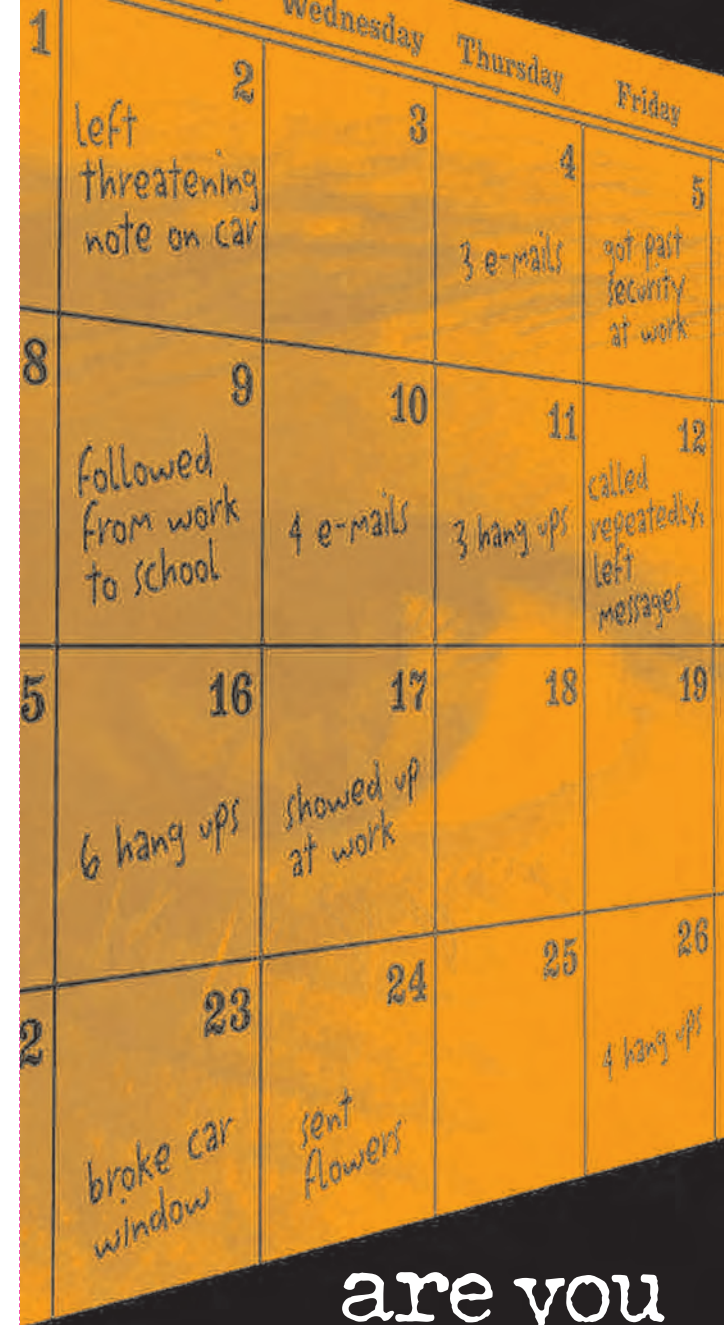
Monday-Friday 8:30 a.m. - 8:30 p.m. ET

www.ncvc.org · gethelp@ncvc.org

If you are in immediate
danger, call 911.

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Stalking is a series of actions that make you feel afraid or in danger. Stalking is serious, often violent, and can escalate over time.

Stalking is a crime.

A stalker can be someone you know well or not at all. Most have dated or been involved with the people they stalk. Most stalking cases involve men stalking women, but men do stalk men, women do stalk women, and women do stalk men.

Some things stalkers do:

- Repeatedly call you, including hang-ups.
- Follow you and show up wherever you are.
- Send unwanted gifts, letters, cards, or e-mails.
- Damage your home, car, or other property.
- Monitor your phone calls or computer use.
- Use technology, like hidden cameras or global positioning systems (GPS), to track where you go.
- Drive by or hang out at your home, school, or work.
- Threaten to hurt you, your family, friends, or pets.
- Find out about you by using public records or on-line search services, hiring investigators, going through your garbage, or contacting friends, family, neighbors, or co-workers.
- Other actions that control, track, or frighten you.

You are not to blame for a stalker's behavior.

THINGS YOU CAN DO

Stalking is unpredictable and dangerous. No two stalking situations are alike. There are no guarantees that what works for one person will work for another, yet you can take steps to increase your safety.

If you are in **immediate danger**, call 911.

Trust your **instincts**. Don't downplay the danger. If you feel you are unsafe, you probably are.

Take **threats** seriously. Danger generally is higher when the stalker talks about suicide or murder, or when a victim tries to leave or end the relationship.

Contact a crisis hotline, **victim services agency**, or a domestic violence or rape crisis program. They can help you devise a safety plan, give you information about local laws, refer you to other services, and weigh options such as seeking a protection order.

Develop a **safety plan**, including things like changing your routine, arranging a place to stay, and having a friend or relative go places with you. Also, decide in advance what to do if the stalker shows up at your home, work, school, or somewhere else. Tell people how they can help you.

Don't communicate with the stalker or respond to attempts to contact you.

Keep **evidence** of the stalking. When the stalker follows you or contacts you, write down the time, date, and place. Keep e-mails, phone messages, letters, or notes. Photograph anything of yours the stalker damages and any injuries the stalker causes. Ask witnesses to write down what they saw.

3.4 million people are stalked each year in the United States.

Contact the **police**. Every state has stalking laws. The stalker may also have broken other laws by doing things like assaulting you or stealing or destroying your property.

Consider getting a **court order** that tells the stalker to stay away from you.

Tell **family, friends, roommates, and co-workers** about the stalking and seek their support. Tell security staff at your job or school. Ask them to help watch out for your safety.

Women are three times more likely to be stalked than men.