

Commercial zoning attempts at Golf/Greenwood get boost

by Shellya Hackett

A builder's continuing attempt to gain rezoning at Golf Road and Greenwood Avenue, in unincorporated Maine Township, received a boost from the Cook County Zoning Board Nov. 4.

Meeting in executive session, the board approved rezoning three lots owned by Lincolnwood developer Sam Callas from R-5 residential status to the commercial C-4 classification.

The lots, located on the edge of the established Golf-Greenwood Estates residential area and across from the Golf Mill shopping center, have been periodically

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Jr. high students display stolen handguns

by Nancy Keraminas

The five boys who were involved in the theft and display of four handguns at Gemini Junior High School last week will be facing juvenile court proceedings, but the question in the mind of some of the Gemini parents is why fellow students did not re-

port that one of their classmates openly displayed a loaded handgun Nov. 1 and Nov. 4 while in the school.

Niles police were contacted by Gemini's principal Nov. 5 at 4:15 p.m., and acted quickly to investi-

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Police chief attributes theft increase to economy, new retail centers

Thefts send crime rate up in Niles

by Nancy Keraminas

The increased revenue from new retail establishments in the past ten years has not come without a price tag in Niles. New crime statistics from the Illinois State Police show thefts have jumped 25 percent between 1989 and 1990 and have more than doubled since 1980, when 448 theft incidents were reflected in the figures.

"When I looked at those figures (1,048 thefts in 1990), it jumps right out at you that the big grouping of crime in Niles is theft," explained Police Chief Raymond Giovannelli. "We're down in the crimes that people care the most about such as burglary, assault and auto theft."

Noting that the theft category

includes everything from a missing wallet to large thefts from warehouses, Giovannelli estimated that 75 percent of the thefts reported in the village are from retail stores and of that, 90 percent resulted in arrests.

Last year, Niles police made 1,299 arrests, including those for traffic-related offenses and DUI. There were 1,329 incidents of crime reported including six sexual assaults, 115 burglaries, 127 auto thefts and 4 arson attempts. There were no murders in 1990 and less crime in all categories except theft from 1989 to 1990.

However, figures compiled by Sgt. Dan Halley show that there

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From the Left Hand

by Bud Besser

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At the celebration of the reopening of the Dempster-Milwaukee Avenue intersection we sent our photographer to take a picture. When she told one of the people handing out cookies and gifts to the drivers she was a photographer, the hander-outer stopped one of the passers-by and told the driver he was the 500th car driver and she handed him gifts and coupons worth about \$700. The driver, who was a bit taken back by being stopped, spied out a litany of abuses which he inferred were caused by the previous inconveniences. (One day he was in a car accident at the intersection which caused a 15-minute delay.)

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District 207 to seek 4.7% tax levy increase

by Mark Hoffman

Maine Township High School District 207 school board members voted Tuesday to recommend a 1991 tax levy totaling \$48,992,000. This figure represents an increase of 4.75 percent from last year's levy.

Dr. James L. Elliot, superintendent, stated this was a "nominal increase, 80 percent of which is going towards salaries and benefits for school district employees."

The board also passed a resolution to proceed with the development of a contract with La Salle Associates to supervise the

installation of equipment required to produce electrical energy at Maine South.

Prior to the passing of the resolution, a representative of Commonwealth Edison suggested the board had been to hasty in its advocacy of cogeneration and urged members to consider an alternative energy savings plan.

Board member Ben Herman countered this suggestion by stating three different research groups had come to the conclusion cogeneration could save the school at least \$300,000 per year.

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Maine Township water hook-up with Niles set

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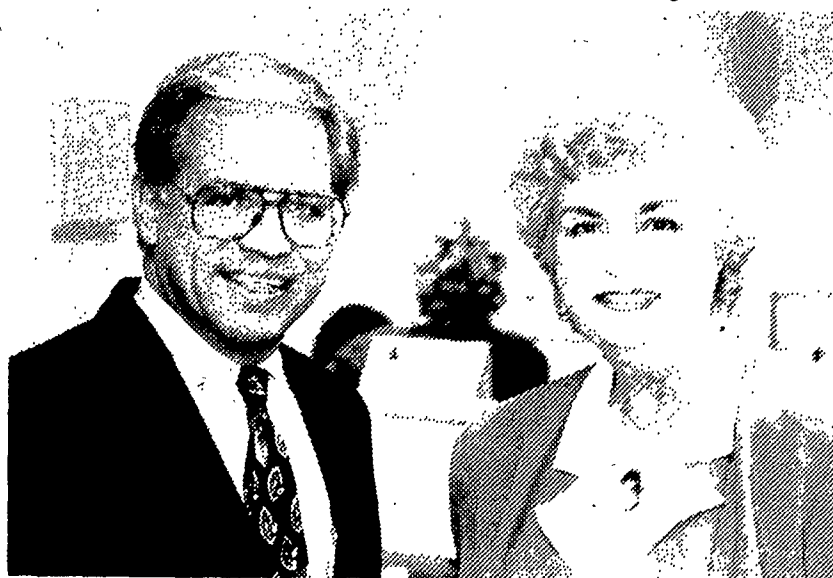
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Hall, Kustra tour OCC facility



Oakton College Trustee Joan B. Hall and Lt. Gov. Bob Kustra pause for the camera during a tour of the local community college's microcomputer lab. Hall invited Kustra to visit the new training facility for MONNACEP and Oakton Business Institute students, inaugurated a few weeks ago.

Kustra is a resident of the college district, where Hall was re-elected to her second six-year term as trustee Nov. 5.

Fair benefits special leisure services

Keith Sulik is having a craft fair and has once again chosen the Special Leisure Services Foundation to benefit.

The Silver Sleigh Boutique will be held at the Palatine Hills Golf Club, 512 W. Northwest Highway, in Palatine, on Thursday and Friday, Nov. 21-22 from 10 a.m. - 9 p.m. daily. There's a \$1 donation for ages 13 and over. Children 12 and under are admitted free.

Any questions, please contact Wanda Rivera at SLSF (708) 392-2848.

Operation Rescue

This year Glenview Navy League's Operation Rescue will again bring recruits down from Great Lakes for Thanksgiving and Christmas with local families.

Host families pick up their two recruit guests at the Playdium in Glenview and add them into their families for the day. Transportation to and from Great Lakes is provided by the Navy League. Your only cost is two extra places around the dinner table.

Area families are needed for Thanksgiving and/or Christmas. You can help...please call: (708) 291-6941.

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Pro wrestler visits shoe store



Photo by Lorraine Meyer

Professional wrestler Captain Fantastic paid a visit to Square Deal Shoe Store, 1516 Miner St., Des Plaines, Nov. 9 to promote the L.A. Gear Athletic shoe line.

Pictured above (left to right) are: Craig Lacata, L.A. Gear representative, Morris Gerber, Square Deal salesman, Captain Fantastic, Lou Capozzoli, store salesman and Jack Capozzoli, buyer for Square Deal.

Water meters can be read automatically by phone

Water meter reading in two Chicago suburbs will soon be as easy as making a phone call.

Niles and Bensenville are the first Chicago suburbs to install Ameritech's Automatic Meter Reading service from Illinois Bell to monitor water usage. The service enables the communities to read water meters via telephone lines eliminating the need to visit customers' locations or to estimate customer bills.

The meter reading service does not interfere with the customer's use of the phone. If a customer makes or answers a call during the meter reading, the call will override the reading process and go through.

In Niles, the village's 900 businesses are being connected to the system. Installation will be complete late this month.

"This state-of-the-art system enables us to read the meter at any time, without disturbing or inconveniencing customers, and provides 100 percent accurate reading," said Mayor Nicholas B. Blase. "It's another way in which our village is growing to meet the high-tech needs and support systems of the 21st century."

Consumers Illinois Water Co. in Kankakee, Illinois Bell's first paying customer in a market trial of the service in 1989, recently signed a seven-year contract to continue the automatic reading of 100 customer meters.

With the service, a utility customer's meter is connected to the customer's phone line through a special reading unit. When the phone is not being used - generally in the middle of the night - equipment in the Illinois Bell switching center can dial the reading unit and read the meter without ringing the phone or otherwise disturbing the customers.

The information then is delivered to the utility's computerized data collection center, also via telephone lines, at no charge to the customers. The entire process takes less than 10 seconds to complete.

ORT presents Children's Fun Fest

The Country Cove Chapter of Women's American ORT (Organization for Rehabilitation through Training) will present a Children's Fun Fest and Holiday Boutique on Sunday, Nov. 17, 11:30 a.m. - 3 p.m. This event will take place at the Oakton Community Center, 4701 Oakton Street, Skokie.

For the children, there will be games, arts and crafts, face painting, prizes and many other surprises. The boutique will feature beautiful hand-crafted and one-of-a-kind items for your holiday shopping.

Holy Family Hospital plans Holiday Bazaar

The annual Holy Family Hospital Bazaar, sponsored by the hospital's auxiliary, is scheduled for Friday, Nov. 15 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. in the Auditorium at Holy Family Hospital, corner of Golf and River roads, Des Plaines.

A wide variety of handmade crafts and baked goods will be available. A quilt, hand-crafted by auxiliary members, will also be raffled. Tickets are \$1 each and can be purchased at the Holy Family Hospital gift shop until the day of the bazaar.

Donate a tree to MG park

Would you like to remember someone special? Or would your organization like to recognize a community leader or event?

The Morton Grove Park District's new tree donation program allows you to commemorate a special occasion or person and at the same time beautify your favorite park. A variety of trees and site locations are available. All donations are tax deductible.

Trees begin at \$140. For more information or to receive a tree donation brochure call 965-7447.

Christmas Prince, Princess to greet Santa

Entries for the 1991 Christmas Prince and Princess selection are due by the Des Plaines

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On the Other Hand

Everything calls for a specialist...even garbage

by Diane Miller

It was Thursday morning...our garbage pickup day and there was all our trash...neatly lined up by the curb. There were the usual couple of regular garbage bags, our bright red recycling bin full of cans, bottles and newspapers and two brown Village of Niles bags. Since it was our assigned time for branch pickup there was a pile of limbs and tree clippings and last, but not least, were the leaves which were our last remnants of the beautiful fall season.

Everything had its place alongside the curb waiting for the rumble of the first pickup specialist...the sanitation engineer, who ground to a halting stop in front of the house and then picked out the two white plastic trash bags, which were his only charges. As he started to pull away, an equally large and noisy truck approached from the opposite direction causing a minor traffic jam for an instant. This driver was obviously the RB specialist since he carefully lifted the red bin containing our aluminum cans, bottles and newspapers for recycling and dumped them into the back of his truck.

A few hours later the VNB specialist appeared, picking up the two Village of Niles bags. Now our curb looked a little less cluttered while we waited for the BG specialists...the branch grinders.

Finally at long last, the racket out in front of the house alerted us to the fact that the LSD specialists had finally arrived...the leaf sweepers and dumpers. They went about their jobs, sweeping the leaves in piles and depositing them in the large dump trucks, which were part of their entourage.

Thursday was over...the traffic jam Thursday was over...the traffic jam subsided and the front of the house by the curb was once again neat and trash free...at least until next Thursday.

Many of our peers like to refer to the "good ol' days." We don't know if they were so great but they sure were a lot less complicated.

District 63 elected board members installed

by Eileen Hirschfeld

Three school board members, elected Nov. 5, were installed last Tuesday at a board meeting of East Maine Elementary School District.

In a predictably tight turnout, only 1,158 persons voted out of 25,000 registered voters. Serving four-year terms will be incumbents Sieve Stone, of Morton Grove, and Scott Kreisman, of Des Plaines. Joel Block, also of Morton Grove, is a newcomer to the board. At an organizational meeting, Stone was re-elected board president.

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MG sales tax increase takes effect in October

by Nancy Keramias

Additional sales tax of one-half percent will be collected by Morton Grove merchants next October now that village trustees have approved a local option municipal and service occupation tax designed to raise revenues of \$1.2 million annually.

The measure is one of four recently passed by the board to offset an estimated \$200,000 deficit for fiscal 1991.

"Niles now charges an additional half a percent and Skokie is three quarters of a percent," commented Village Administrator Larry Arft, "so our merchants won't be at a competitive disadvantage. Our desire is to avoid any increases in the property tax."

Arft emphasized that food, medicine, automobiles and other state-licensed items are exempted from the additional sales tax, which is expected to bring in \$700,000 in revenues for fiscal

1992 from sales of clothing, furniture, sporting goods, appliances and other consumer goods.

In addition to the new sales tax, a revamped business license system also passed by the village board Nov. 11 is expected to generate an additional \$10,000 in revenue from Morton Grove's estimated 600 businesses.

Businesses will pay license fees, according to their square footage and need for village services, with the biggest fee increases set for retailers selling cigarettes and food.

Village staffers streamlined the applicable categories from 150 to seven, according to Arft. Home occupations and professional offices are no longer exempted. The new fees take effect immediately for new applicants and will be reflected next April when current businesses renew.

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Dist. 71 non-certified employee raises tabled

by Nancy Keramias

Niles Elementary School District teachers have received their raises. The districts three administrators were given pay raises in June. But the district's 19 non-certified educational staff will have to wait at least another week before the school board decides how much of a pay increase they will receive and if it will be retroactive to July 1.

Unlike teachers' salaries, which are scaled and stepped to reflect education, seniority and merit, the district's cafeteria, clerical and custodial workers do not have an orderly pay scale.

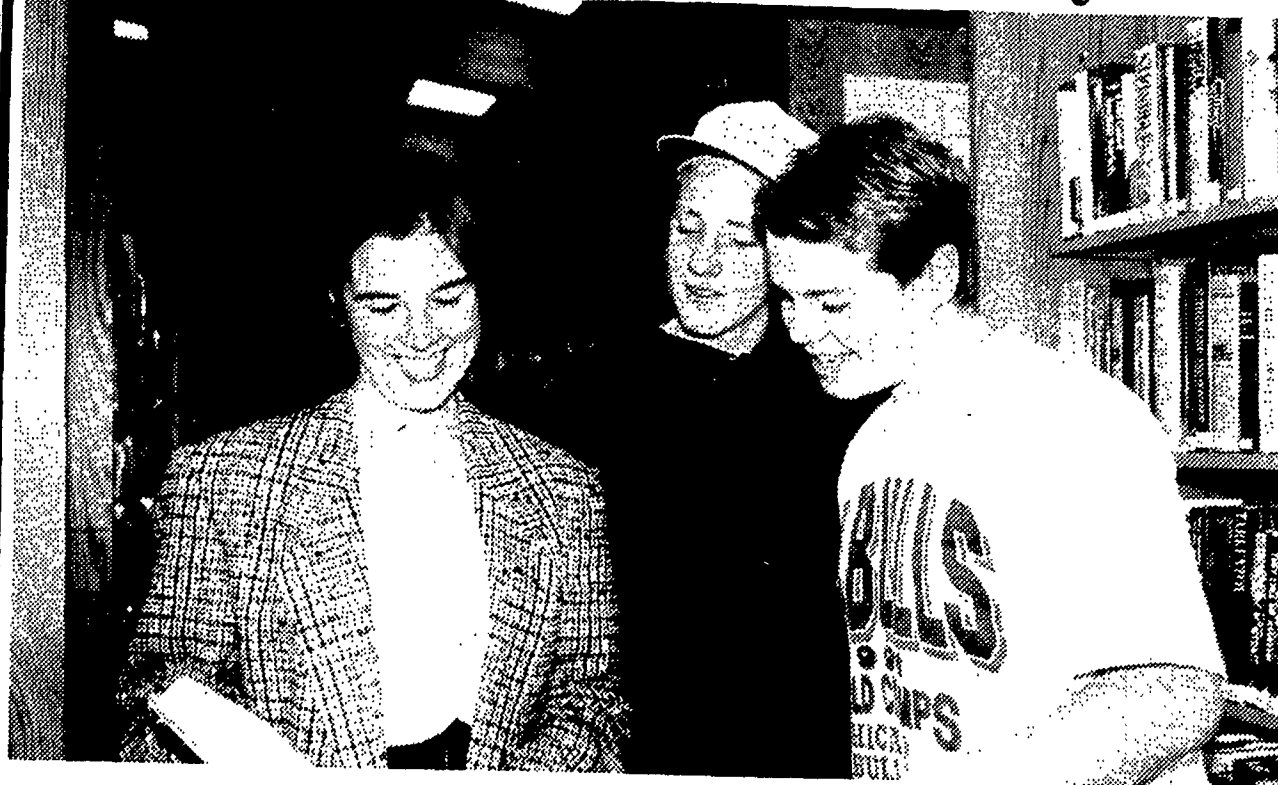
from which they can anticipate pay increases. To the chagrin of some board members, there is no "maxing out" of some categories.

The tabling of a motion to raise their salaries by an across-the-board, undisclosed percentage amount reflects a desire on the part of the board to create a progressive pay scale, which lets employees know where they stand pay wise.

In addition to standardizing support pay scales, board members also expressed a desire to

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Reader's advisor joins library staff



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BOWLING NEWS

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Bowling League
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St. John Brebeuf
Ladies Bowling

Orchids
Iris
Pansies
Camellias
Snodragons
Mums
Roses
Tulips
Daisies
Petunias

High Series
Candy Korman
Mickie DeAngelo
Irene Skaja
Kathie Lesniak
Debbie Hendricks
Maryann Dolce
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St. John Brebeuf
Holy Name Society

Team
Skaja Terrace
Arvey's Restaurant
Windjammer Travel
Classic Bowl
Northwest Parish
Weidmann & Son
Beierwaltes State Farm
Anderson Secretarial
Top Bowlers
Santo Perrotta

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Ernie Marciniak
Wally Kensok
Andy Beierwaltes
Joe Ziel
Norm Katz
Jim Fitzgerald
Bill Lada
Fred Disch
Mickey Mayr
Jack Quodens

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OAKTON COMMUNITY COLLEGE
ANNUAL FINANCIAL REPORT
For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 1991
Community College District No. 535, County of Cook, State of Illinois

Total District Assessed Valuation:	8,540,635,111
Total District Bonded Debt:	0
Tax Revenues:	
Education Fund	1,280,635,002
Operations and Maintenance Fund	418,491,120
Bond and Interest Fund	0
Liability, Protection, and Settlement Fund	0
Audit Fund	0
Public Building Commission	0
Operation and Maintenance Fund	0
Public Building Commission Rental Fund	0

STATEMENT OF REVENUE AND EXPENDITURES
For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 1991

AUDITED REVENUE BY SOURCE	EDUCATION FUND	OPERATIONS AND MAINTENANCE FUND	BOND AND INTEREST FUND	ANY OTHER TAX FUND
Local Government				
Current Taxes	7,375,643	1,805,677	0	0
Back Taxes	3,682,817	1,181,207	0	0
Payment in Lieu of Taxes	0	0	0	0
Chargeback Revenue	0	0	0	0
Non-college Territory	0	0	0	0
Other Community College	41,321	0	0	0
Other	75,543	0	0	0
TOTAL LOCAL GOVERNMENT	11,178,324	2,986,884	0	0
State Government				
ICCB	4,629,332	0	0	0
State Board of Education	128,728	0	0	0
Illinois Board of Higher Ed.	323,317	0	0	0
Corporate Personal Property Replacement Taxes	447,626	0	0	0
Other	0	0	0	0
TOTAL STATE GOVERNMENT	5,529,003	0	0	0
Federal Government				
JTPA	0	0	0	0
Other	0	0	0	0
TOTAL FEDERAL GOVERNMENT	0	0	0	0
Student Tuition and Fees				
Tuition	4,557,999	0	0	0
Fees	568,962	0	0	0
TOTAL TUITION AND FEES	5,126,961	0	0	0

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Other Sources				
Sales and Service Fees	252,840	0	0	0
Facilities Revenue	95,032	0	0	0
Interest on Investments	495,650	682,450	0	0
Non-Governmental Grants	0	0	0	0
Other	35,736	0	0	0
TOTAL OTHER SOURCES	879,258	682,450	0	0
TOTAL REVENUE	22,713,546	3,669,334	0	0

AUDITED EXPENDITURES BY PROGRAM				
Instruction	15,697,266	0	0	0
Academic Support	2,286,911	0	0	0
Student Services	2,554,406	0	0	0
Public Services	409,645	0	0	0
Organized Research	0	0	0	0
Independent Operations	227,345	0	0	0
Operation and Maintenance of Plant	1,281,748	1,048,318	0	0
General Administration	2,119,462	0	0	0
Institutional Support	801,898	0	0	0
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	25,378,681	1,048,318	0	0

TRANSFERS	0	7,672,332	0	0
Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues over Expenditures	-2,665,135	-6,951,316	0	0
BEGINNING FUND BALANCE as of July 1, 1990	4,004,152	7,484,329	0	0
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PROGRAMS OFFERED

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OBJECTIVES

Oakton Community College shares with over a thousand sister institutions the belief that each individual, regardless of economic or social status, should be provided the opportunity to develop his full potential to his and within its limits to other interested persons as well.

ANNUAL ENROLLMENT DATA	SUMMER 1990	FALL 1990	SPRING 1991
Headcount	6,593	10,800	10,670
Full-time Equivalent	1,777	5,123	4,961
STAFF DATA BY PROGRAM	Full-time	Part-time	
Administrators	30	0	
Faculty	152	410	
Staff	231	84	

David E. Hiltquist, Treasurer, November 1991

Runnin' Revs vs. college students

On Thursday, Nov. 21, the Runnin' Revs, a basketball team of Catholic Priests representing the Archdiocese of Chicago will do battle against college students from Loyola University, DePaul University and members of the Daniel O'Connell Knights of Columbus Council. The priestly team is captained by Rev. Terry Keenan and Rev. Greg Sakowicz.

The game will be played at Niles College Seminary of Loyola University, 7135 N. Harlem Ave. (corner of Harlem & Touhy). Tip-off is scheduled for 8 p.m. and donations will be taken at the door. All proceeds will benefit HEC (Handicapped Encouragement Center) which provides retreats for disabled people of all ages.

"I hope the crowd doesn't mistake the Runnin' Revs for the Chicago Bulls," quipped Fr. Sakowicz. "We'll have some fun! However, raising money for the Handicapped Encouragement Center is the real winner that evening."

This is the Runnin' Revs third year in existence and they formed for the sole purpose of playing outside competition. People of all ages are welcome.

For further information please call (312) 275-7838.

Oakton set to begin promising basketball season

Three of the Raiders' probable starts came with Kilby from Morton, although only one, 6-foot 8-inch center/forward Vonzell McGrew, played there. Playing the first half of the season, McGrew averaged 18 points, 10.5 rebounds and 8.5 blocked shots a game. Guards Reggie Bishop (6-2) and John Freeman (5-9) took classes at Morton, but haven't played since the 1989-'90 season at St. Joseph (Westchester) High School, one of the state's top programs.

Other probable starters for the Raiders are 6-6 freshman forward Andy Klemen (Chicago Latin) and 6-5 forward Dave Crittle (Crete Monee). Eric Powell, a 6-3 guard from Crete Monee, 5-10 guard Maurice McDonald (Chicago Vocational) and 6-6 forward Shawn Marks (Niles North) are expected to see considerable action, says Kilby, who also expects contributions from 6-3 forward Brian Werdel (Maine West) and 6-3 forward Brad Garlsen (New Trier).

However, if potential turns into reality, smiles should cover the faces of all the Raiders, who open the season at 6 p.m. Friday, Nov. 15 against Parkland College at the College of Lake County Tip-Off Tournament. Oakton also has tournament games scheduled at 1 p.m. Saturday against Highland Community College and at 6 p.m. the same day against the host Lancers.

"Potentially, this could be an excellent group," says Oakton's new coach Rick Kilby, who most recently finished four seasons at Morton College with a composite 80-48 record.

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their licenses.

The Chamber of Commerce will assist in surveying business owners in preparation for the new fees.

Two weeks ago, the board raised auto license and liquor license fees. Passenger car owners will pay \$20 for their vehicle tags, a \$10 increase. The cost to senior citizens for their vehicles will be half the regular fee.

Board members heard testimony from Central Taxi regarding that company's request to be a licensed provider.

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Business

Cablevision names general manager

William P. Morton has been named the new general manager of Cablevision of Chicago, it was announced recently. Morton, 46, has been in the cable television industry for more than 17 years, and has a strong background in programming and management. Most recently, Morton was assistant general manager of Cablevision of Connecticut.

Morton has been with Cablevision since 1984, first as programming manager for the Bridgeport system and then as regional program director of the Connecticut systems. In 1987, Morton assumed the post of assistant general manager of 173,000 subscriber system. Before joining Cablevision, Morton worked for the Aida Cable Group.



William Morton

Architectural Excellence Awards announced

Selection of the 1991 Architectural Excellence Award winners has been completed by the Des Plaines Chamber of Commerce.

Following a tradition of 28 years, the awards will be presented at a special luncheon meeting Nov. 21, at Casa Royale Banquet Hall, 783 Lee St., at 11:30 a.m.

Chamber members serve on the review panel and select outstanding examples of projects each year. Members of this year's committee were: Harlan Roloff (Naked Furniture), Dick Fox (Kurtz & Associates Architects), Vito DiMaso (DiMaso & Son Inc.), and Doug Madel (ODI/O'Neil Designers, Inc.).

Winners of the 1991 awards

are: Cafe La Cave Restaurant and Banquets, 2733 Mannheim Road; Holy Virgin Protection Cathedral, 1800 Lee St., 714 Lee St.; Lee Street Commons, shopping center at Lee and Dempster Streets; and Square Deal Shoe Store, 1516 Miner St. Both new construction and rehabilitated properties are considered in the judging.

Owners of the buildings will be presented with plaques at the awards luncheon. Architects and general contractors will receive Certificates for Architectural Achievement.

For further information on the program or reservations, call the Chamber office at 824-4200.

Empowerment seminar

Managers can learn to get the most from staff through a one-day Roosevelt University seminar offered in downtown Chicago and Arlington Heights.

"Empowerment: Empower Yourself, Empower Others" helps managers achieve a shorter response time from employees; greater motivation, productivity and peak performance; and higher employee satisfaction.

Individual workshops meet from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., Wednesday, Nov. 20 at the Albert A. Robin Campus, 2121 South Goebbert Road, Arlington Heights. Seminar leader Sheila Kimmel has authored a self-help book, titled "How to Get Out of Your Own Way," that teaches people how to tap into the wealth of strength and power within themselves and use it to accomplish goals.

To register for the workshop or for additional information, call Roosevelt's Continuing Education Division at (312) 341-3636.

Niles Chamber meets Nov. 21

The Niles Chamber of Commerce & Industry presents Chamber Quarterly meeting on Thursday, Nov. 21 at the Chateau Ritz Restaurant, 9100 Milwaukee Ave., Niles. Cost is \$15.

Time is 11:30 a.m. - cash bar, lunch will be served promptly at noon.

Mr. Thomas Muldoon, CPA, will speak on proposed increase of unemployment tax wage base from \$9,000 to \$57,900, proposed new tax on employers not providing health care benefits, revised payroll-tax deposit rules for smaller businesses, and the increase in Social Security wage base.

RSVP by calling the Chamber at (708) 647-0144.

Lincolnwood Chamber hosts 'Business After Hours'

The Lincolnwood Chamber of Commerce & Industry and May or Frank Chulay invite you and your guests to attend a "Business After Hours", on Tuesday, Nov. 19, at the New Village Hall, 6918 N. Keeler Ave. from 5 - 7 p.m. Refreshments will be served and you will be able to tour the beautiful new facility.

For reservations call Marlene at 679-5760. Reservation deadline is Nov. 15.

ERA Callero & Catino salesperson of the month

Northwest Chicago resident, Florence Tamayo, was recently recognized as the "Salesperson of the month" for September, at ERA Callero & Catino Realty. She led the sales force at the Niles based Realtor to an all time record October month of business, the third record breaking month this year.

Florence has only been a member of the ERA Callero & Catino Real Estate Sales Team since February. Prior to that, she was associated with a northwest Chicago office. Florence was also "Salesperson of the Month" for July. She holds a real estate brokers license, and is a graduate of the Floyd Wickman advanced sales training program.

Home sales at ERA Callero & Catino are up 12 percent for the first nine months of 1991. This



Florence Tamayo

record is running counter to the general real estate market which has been slower than last year. They credit this success to a combination of experienced salespeople and a detailed sixteen point marketing program.

Centel bargaining session begins Nov. 14

Centel Corporation, the Communications Workers of America and the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers announced they will begin national bargaining on Nov. 14 in Dallas. Together, the CWA and IBEW represent about 5,000 of Centel's 9,500 employees.

"We have been discussing the possibilities of national bargaining for some time," said John P. Frazee Jr., Centel's chairman and chief executive officer. "Historically, the company has preferred to conduct negotiations on a state-by-state basis. However, after looking more carefully at the situation, it seemed that both the company and its employees may be best served by discussing issues that effect the company and its workforce as a whole. We believe it's an idea whose time has come."

At national bargaining, the company and unions will be concerned with issues and policies that have systemwide impact, according to James C. Magness, Centel's vice president - labor relations. Among topics slated for discussion are group health benefits, pensions, military leave, bridging of service and Centel's moving policy. Any proposals that are the result of the process will have to be ratified by the unions.

Issues not to be on the table with national bargaining are wages, vacations and holidays. These topics will continue to be bargained on a local basis, Magness said.

It is hoped that the national bargaining session will conclude Nov. 16. At that time, each union will present any proposals that emerge from the session to each of its respective locals for ratification. That process is expected to take several weeks. A simple majority of the ballots cast by both unions throughout the Centel system is required to ratify the proposals.

CPA Chapter meets Nov. 19

The Illinois CPA Society-North Shore Chapter will hold its next meeting on Tuesday, Nov. 19, at the North Shore Hilton Hotel, Skokie.

Noah Ginsburg, CPA, will present the topic "Individual Income Tax Update."

Dinner will be served at 6 p.m. with the speaker immediately to follow.

CPE credit will be given for 2 hours. Cost is \$24. For further information contact Anthony Scalise at (312) 625-2952.

LEGAL NOTICE

The Plan Commission and Zoning Board of Appeals will hold a public hearing on Monday, December 2, 1991, at 7:30 P.M. in the Municipal Council Chambers, 7200 Milwaukee Ave., Niles, Illinois, to hear the following matter (s):

91-ZP-29 John A. Chipman, Chipman/Adams Ltd., 648 Busse Highway, Park Ridge, Illinois, Petitioner. Requesting a change in zoning from B-1 to B-2 Special Use to open a video rental and sales store at 8009 Milwaukee Avenue, Blockbuster Video.

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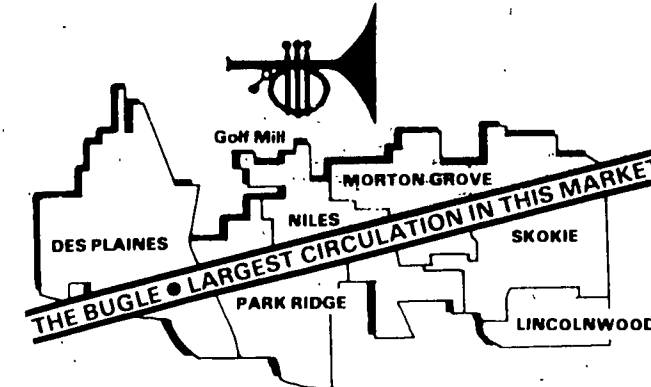
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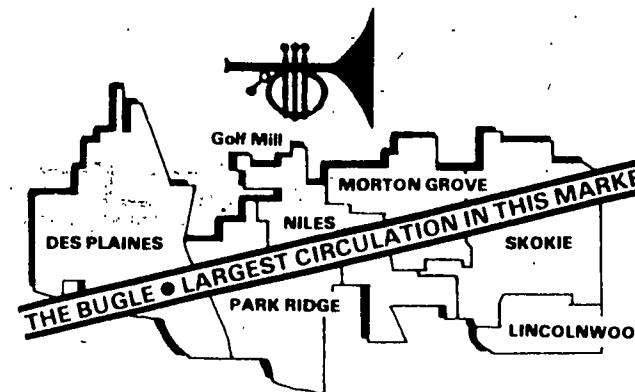
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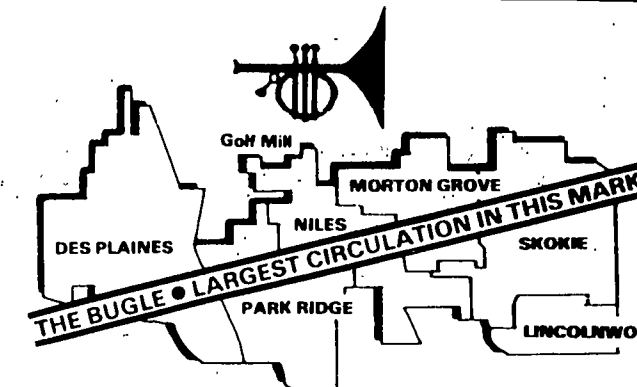
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From the Left Hand

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forces fired on the ship back in the sixties.

We wonder how many people are aware how fast the headlines change, how quickly we are consumed by them and then quickly forget the issues of the day. Last month everyone was saturated with news about sexual harassment. This month Magic Johnson's courageous confession has brought the subject of AIDS to center stage. The explosion of these issues into everyone's home is the product of the immediacy of communications. Such a never-ending explosion of emotional issues dropped into every home in America has to rearrange the psyches of Americans.

The sexual harassment issue has placed the issue of full equality for all women in the forefront. Few people could object to such an issue. The one area where we are having difficulty is with women in the military. During Operation Desert Storm we had a hard time accepting women going overseas and leaving their young children, to be taken care of by others.

The AIDS issue brings up another subject. Our recent history of confronting this issue has been shameful. Because we associated the dis-

ease with homosexuality and drugs many had an attitude of hostility toward those who contacted the disease. And even now that heterosexuality plays a significant role in contacting the virus, we're still skirting the problem. Magic Johnson and others continuously use the term "safe sex," a euphemism which does not meet the problem head-on. It replaces the more apt phrase, the usage of condoms. Retaining a puritanical attitude toward this problem will only delay confronting it and eventually defeating it.

Congress is studying a crack down on automatic telemarketers, which invade our homes via the telephone. Those insane machines call as many as 1,500 people in one day. Because our business phones have six sequential numbers it is conceivable one of these machines could call our office six consecutive times, each time they want to relay their message.

Not only do we believe the machines should be restricted or banned from being used as they now are, but there should be a restriction against unsolicited sales calls. These telephone calls are a clear invasion of our privacy and this right should be protected by appropriate legislation.

MG Schools celebrate American Education Week

School District 67 parents and community members are invited to visit Hynes School and Golf School on Wednesday, Nov. 20, in celebration of American Education Week.

Hynes Elementary School is located at 9000 Bellefonte, in Morton Grove. Golf Middle School is located at 9401 Waukegan Road, in Morton Grove.

In the interest of safety, please call ahead and make an appointment if you intend to visit. You will need to check in with the office and obtain a pass. We request that you return to the office upon completion of your visit.

Regular classes will be conducted. Please come and see your tax dollars at work. Learn what goes on behind those classroom doors.

Skokie Valley Professional Women meet

The Skokie Valley Business and Professional Women's Club will hold its Monday, Nov. 18 meeting at the North Shore Hilton, 9599 Skokie Blvd.

Our speaker will be Past Illinois BPW president, Sonja Charney, who will speak on her own experience in "Flight to Freedom."

Social hour is at 5:30 p.m., dinner is at 6:30 p.m. Cost is \$13 including tax and gratuity. Please call Irene Montwill (708) 965-2097 or Elsa Behrends (708) 675-9039 before Monday if you plan to attend.

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Commercial zoning...

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ly approved for re-zoning, but retained in their current status by the Cook County Board of Commissioners, which has jurisdiction over the zoning board.

As recently as mid-October, the towns of Niles and Park Ridge sent notice of their opposition to the rezoning to the zoning board. Learning of the rezoning approval Nov. 8, Niles Director of Code Enforcement, Joe Salerno remarked "I'm sorry to hear it; it makes it a little difficult."

In the past, in one instance when the County Board approved the rezoning, Niles joined the homeowners in a suit, winning an appellate court ruling in their favor. Attorney Mark Mennes, who represents the homeowners, explained the appellate court judge ruled the area was residential and should remain that way.

He said the builders "is trying to wear down the homeowners and it's just not going to happen."

He added, "The hearing board has for the last several times decided commercial... (but) the full board has denied the request."

Mennes suggested Callas could make a nice profit by making the lots residential, but he wants the maximum profit from the land. The homeowners would consider a higher density use of the land, such as townhouses or

apartments, Mennes said, as long as the residential character is preserved.

Most of the owners of the 71-single family homes represented by the homeowners association have lots of over 10,000 sq. ft.

Tom Restivo, treasurer of the association, described the Golf-Greenwood section as "a unique area; they're building \$285,000 homes here, but every year we have to go back to the (zoning) board... we don't have the money he has... we will get together with Niles and Park Ridge, write a letter (and present it to the Cook County Board of Commissioners; they can approve or reject. (Then) we sit back and wait for him to come back again next year; I'll do it as long as I have a penny in my pocket."

A letter writing campaign to the individual county commissioners is planned by former association president Frank Voght, who said the campaign "did very well in the past."

Art Wieve, a 17-year member of the association, emphasized "We haven't given up on anything; we'll do whatever is necessary. There were homes there and they knocked them down. No reason why they couldn't be there now."

Jr. high...

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gale the incident, learning that a gun, which discharged into a school girl's textbook at noon Nov. 4, was one of four weapons stolen from a Glenview home, whose owner was known to at least one of the students.

Gemini faculty were not told by the students immediately about the gunfire and there was a lag between the time the principal was notified and when police were asked to investigate.

"This was certainly no childish prank," warned Police Chief Raymond Giovannelli, who along with Commander William Reid met Nov. 8 with school officials to formulate better communications between police and the school. Police emphasized that gang activity was not a factor.

"This should not have happened," commented a worried Gemini mother. "We're talking about a life and death safety issue. Why did no one tell? We're very lucky nothing happened."

Other Gemini parents said their children were very matter of fact about the incident. A letter was sent home with students advising the parents about the incident.

"Kids don't rat on each other," said another mother. "We touch on the loyalty thing in our PRIDE (drug education) presentations to the school," Giovannelli said. "Loyalty is one thing. Stupidity is another thing."

"It could have been a very tragic situation," Reid said.

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in utility costs. He added the new system could be paid for "out of savings achieved; that no additional funds would have to come out of the taxpayer's pocket."

D. M. Stillwaugh, coordinator of purchasing and facilities, has said that there is "nothing magical" about cogeneration and that the system might be operational by December of 1992.

Later in the meeting, the reorganization of the board began when members Charlotte E. Storer and Elizabeth Blowers officially stepped down to be replaced by newly-elected members Nicholas M. Duric and Bruce F. Nabor.

Vice-President Robert Cornelisen then made a motion the term of office for president and vice-president be reduced from two years to one year.

"I think it gives other board members a chance to give fresh blood," he said. "Besides, we can always re-elect the current presi-

dent." The motion was passed. The board then proceeded to nominate and elect Robert V. Jacobsen to the office of president and Robert Cornelisen to the office of vice-president. Donald E. Kenny was retained as secretary.

In other business, the board approved the creation of an interdisciplinary class for senior high school students dealing with research and technology in the community.

The class may be offered to as many as 60 students by the fall of 1992. In the class, students would work together in groups under the guidance of outside mentors to find theoretical solutions to science-related social problems.

Board member Ralph M. Johnson cited a similar program now offered at Brown University that could serve as a model. Superintendent James L. Elliott expressed the hope such a program could stimulate student interest in science.

Breast self-exam class offered

Learn how to do a thorough breast self-examination in a free 90-minute class sponsored by Keith G. Wurtz, M.D. and Surgical Associates, of Arlington Heights.

The class is taught by Lynn Sheaff, R.N. using a video, breast models and explanations to teach the proper way to do a breast self-exam.

Classes are scheduled for Nov. 20, Jan. 22, Feb. 19 and March 18 from 9:30 a.m. to 11 a.m. at Surgical Associates, 1430 North Arlington Heights Road, Suite 206, Arlington Heights. The classes are free and limited to six persons per session.

For more information and to register, call (708) 255-3313.

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Water hook-up...

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berming the land around the reservoir. Nearly three miles of water mains stretch from Niles' Touhy Avenue reservoir to the Ballard/Cumberland reservoir, Peck said.

Carl Ake, manager of NSPU, said after laying 6,000 feet of new transmission lines, "We're all pressure-tested, chlorinated--set to go!"

While Dec. 9 is still the date to turn the switch sending water into NSPU lines, Ake is looking more to Jan. 1 for full utilization of the lines and water by the 4,500 service connections in NSPU's jurisdiction.

An additional purpose of Niles' \$6 million water project, including pumping station and reservoir, was to increase water pressure at the north end of the village. The new transmission lines have already given a 15-20 pound increase in pressure because there is a bigger volume of water available, Peck said.

"We've seen the importance of the design," he said, and noted the resultant savings in energy costs.

Because it is one of the village's biggest public works projects in many years, Peck has videotaped construction from start to end and would favor a celebration at its completion. The project has been submitted to an American Public Works Association, competition, and if the project wins in Illinois, it can compete on a national level.

Elaine Poley, founder of Operation Safe Water (OSW), a group that campaigned for Lake Michigan water in the NSPU lines, said "I'm very pleased we're finally going to get it." When and if the link-up between Niles and NSPU is celebrated, Poley wants "as many of OSW present as possible," because a lot of people deserve credit for the success of the campaign, she said.

Thefts send...

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are still more crimes now than there were in 1980, when there were no rapes, 8 robberies, 4 assaults, 138 burglaries and 122 auto thefts.

The crimes per 100,000 population have also increased in the past decade, from 2,474.5 per 100,000 to 4,698.8.

"I'm sure we have more of a workload," Giovannelli said, indicating that there are no more police officers today than there were a decade ago. "We have enough police officers. That's not a factor in these statistics."

"It sort of fits with the recession," Giovannelli continued, attributing the theft incidents to the economy as well as the addition of several shopping centers such as Village Crossing and Phormor.

In 1989, 13 robberies were reported, 19 assaults and 140 burglaries. In addition, 158 autos were stolen and there were seven incidents of arson reported.

Holiday Craft Fair

The 11th Annual Holiday Craft Fair sponsored by Shoreline Chapter, Women's American ORT, will take place Saturday, Nov. 16, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at Highcrest Center, Hunter and Illinois Roads, Wilmette. Over 60 exhibitors will be selling a wide variety of handcrafted items

for children and adults; the fair will also feature an ethnic food fest of breakfast and lunch items, bake sale and raffle. Free admission and parking. For info call (708) 729-0150.

Singles Scene

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Highlanders: programs, travel, dinners, theatre and outings for single older adults, 4 p.m., second and fourth Sunday of each month. Fourth Presbyterian Church of Chicago, 126 East Chestnut St., (312) 787-4570.

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NOVEMBER 15/17

ST. PETER'S SINGLES

All singles over 35 invited to these big dances... St. Peter's Singles Dances, Friday, Nov. 15, 9 p.m. Park Ridge VFW Hall, Canfield & Higgins. \$5, big buffet - no price increase. Sunday, Nov. 17, Early Evening Dance 6 to 9:30 p.m., Aqua Bella Banquet Hall, 3630 N. Harlem, \$5. Call (312) 334-2589.

NOVEMBER 15

CHICAGO LAD SINGLES

The Chicago Lad Singles Association will sponsor a singles dance with the live music of Pursuit at 8:30 p.m. on Friday, Nov. 15, at the Marriott Oak Brook, 1401 W. 22nd Street, Oak Brook. All singles are invited. Admission is \$7. For more information call Chicago Lad Singles (312) 545-1515.

CATHOLIC ALUMNI CLUB

All single young adults (ages 21 to 38) are welcome at a dance sponsored by the Catholic Alumni Club at 9 p.m., Friday, Nov. 15, at the Sheraton Naperville Hotel, 1-88 and Naperville Rd., in Naperville. Non-member admission is \$7. The band is "Interface." Also, from 7 p.m. to 8:45 p.m. that evening, there will be a free seminar-discussion on relationships. For more information, and a free C.A.C. newsletter, call (312) 726-0735.

METRO SINGLES

Metro Singles invite all singles to a singles dance with DJ music at 8:30 p.m. on Friday, Nov. 15, at the Princess Restaurant, 1290 S. Milwaukee Avenue, Libertyville. Admission of \$5 includes a buffet. For more information, call Metro Singles at (312) 777-1005.

NOVEMBER 16

THE NETWORK

Network - a link to Jewish Friends (ages 21-35) presents Dog Races in Kenosha, Wis., Saturday, Nov. 16 - \$3. Meet at 5:30 p.m. in front of Omega Restaurant, Golf and Potter roads, Niles, to form carpools. For information call Marty after 6 p.m. (708) 676-1756.

SPARES SUNDAY

EVENING CLUB

"Spares" will sponsor a "Turkey Twist Dance" for singles on Saturday, Nov. 16 at the Skokie American Legion Hall, 8212 N. Lincoln Ave., Skokie, from 9 p.m. to midnight. Dancing to the music of The Ambassadors. Cost: members \$5 - guests \$6. Free turkey will be raffled. For information, call (708) 965-5730.

NORTHWEST SINGLES ASSOCIATION

All singles are invited to the Combined Club Singles dance with the live music of Dynasty at 8:30 p.m. on Saturday, Nov. 16, at the Marriott Schaumburg, 50 North Martingale Road, Schaumburg. The event is co-sponsored by the Northwest Singles Association, Young Suburban Singles, and Singles & Company. Admission will be \$8. For more information call (312) 725-3300.

NOVEMBER 17/20/24

NORTH SHORE JEWISH SINGLES

North Shore Jewish Singles invites singles 40 & up to join us at our Dance, Sunday, Nov. 17. Open meeting. Wednesday, Nov. 20 and Rapp Session, Sunday, Nov. 24. Our monthly activities include Oneg Shabbat coffee and conversation, philosophy, bridge and more. For information and our monthly newsletter call (312) 561-7794, (708) 673-8677, or write NSJS, P.O. Box 1501, Skokie, IL 60076.

NOVEMBER 17/24

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Dates: Sunday, Nov. 17 and Sunday, Nov. 24. Time: 6:30 p.m. until midnight. Where: Club 59 West, 59 W. Grand Ave., Chicago. Cost: \$8 - includes hot and cold buffet. New Faces, New Places presents another exciting evening of dancing, great DJ, conversation and a Super Happy Hour Buffet at Club 59 West. Lots of great door prizes, Tarot Card reading, Astrologer and a lot more surprises. Plenty of street parking, valet available. Appropriate attire. Catering to the 30+ crowd. For information call the 24-hour hotline: (312) 477-3100.

NOVEMBER 17

ORIGINAL SUNDAY SINGLES

Original Sunday Singles welcomes all single people over age 25, to brighten up your Sunday night, with a fun-packed evening of music, dancing and socializing. The Original Sunday Singles Dance and Party will be held on Sunday night Nov. 17, from 7:30 p.m. to 1 a.m. at the Sheraton Hotel O'Hare, in Maxies Lounge, at 6810 N. Mannheim Road in Rosemont. The evening features DJ music, door prizes and provides complimentary food. Admission is \$5. For more information call (312) 921-6321.

NORTH SHORE JEWISH SINGLES

Autumn Dance - Sunday, Nov. 17 at the Hyatt Lincolnwood Hotel. Join the North Shore Jewish Singles for an evening of dancing to the music of Eddie Carr's Orchestra, 7:30-11 p.m. All singles 39+ invited, cost is \$7 for non-members. For further information call Doris at (708) 679-1582 or Beverly at (708) 967-7702.

SIZZLING SINGLES

Sizzling Singles welcomes you to a gala singles party (25+) every Sunday at Private Eyes, Deerfield Hyatt, Lake-Cook Rd., Deerfield, 7 p.m. \$7 includes a scrumptious buffet! Proper attire requested. Where north shore singles meet! Info. - (708) 945-3400.

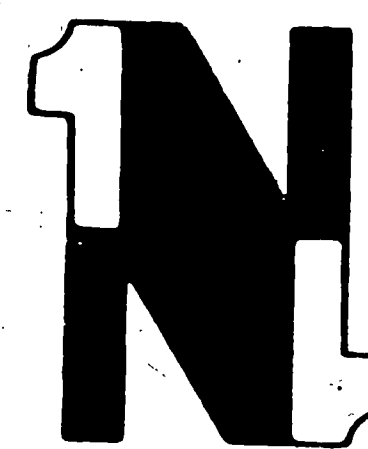
Big band event slated

Big bands are back at the Singles Scene party Nov. 19, 8 p.m. to midnight. Admission is \$5. Free dance lesson included. The event will be held at Eugene's Fireside, 9101 N. Waukegan Rd., Morton Grove. Call (708) 966-9600 for information.

One + Options plans 'Taste of Italy'

Members and guests of Maine Township's One + Options, a group for widowed and single adults 45 through 65, can still register for "The Great Italian Experience" -- an evening of fun and festivity Wednesday, Nov. 20, at Sassi's Restaurant, 700 N. River Road, Mt. Prospect.

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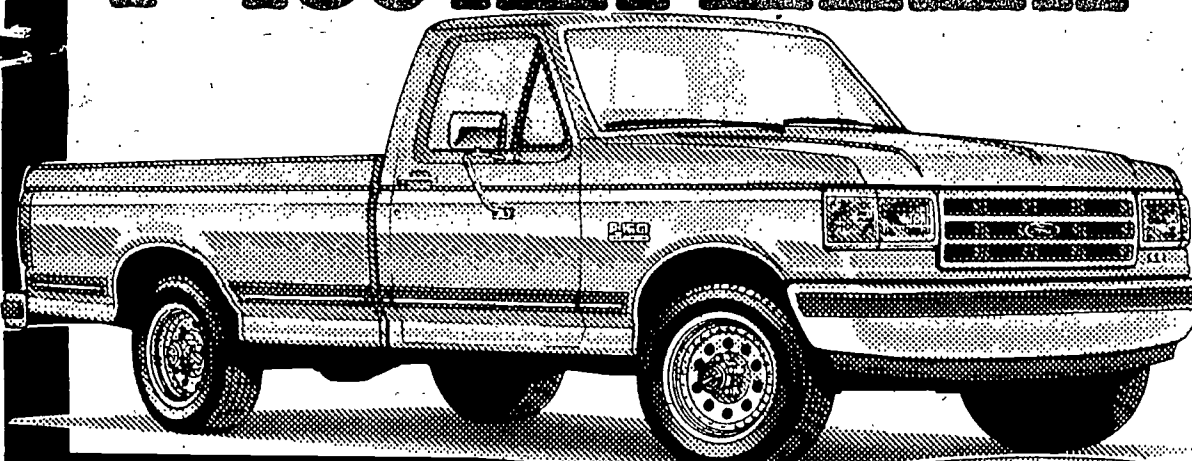
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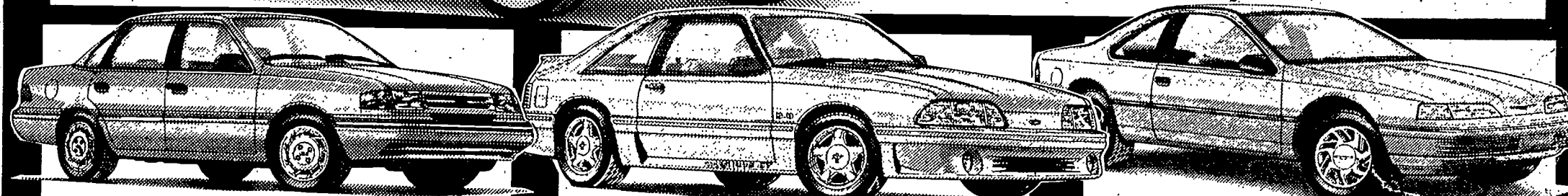
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Fall tree-care tips for homeowners

With all the recent rainfall and cold weather in northeastern Illinois, the summer drought may be but a distant memory for most people. Not so for most trees, however.

Still recovering from the dry spells of 1988 and 1989, the area's trees were subjected to one of the most severe droughts in nearly 50 years last summer. Without help, many could suffer irreparable damage and prematurely die. Fortunately, there are some simple steps homeowners can take this fall to help their trees stay healthy - and prepare for the rigors of winter.

According to Scott Jamieson, district manager of the Park Ridge office of Hendricksen the Care of Trees, applying mulch to the soil around trees is one important protective measure.

Mulch, which consists of organic materials such as wood chips or composted leaves, protects tree roots while retaining soil moisture. "It acts somewhat like a blanket," says Jamieson. And it's inexpensive. In fact, many commercial arborists and municipal forestry departments offer wood chips to homeowners free of charge.

For small trees (with trunks under 8 inches in diameter), the mulch should begin about 4 inches away from the tree base. This protects the bark from rodents, who might otherwise burrow into the mulch and feed on the base of the tree. For larger trees, which are not susceptible to such dam-

age, the mulch can begin directly at the base of the tree.

For trees of all sizes, mulch should extend outward in a circle - ideally as far as the branches reach. But while mulch is good for trees, it is harmful to grass. So for those who wish to maintain grass beneath their trees, the mulch should only extend as far as possible without interfering with the lawn.

Some turf may need to be sacrificed, however. If grass is in an area that should be mulched, such as at the base of a large tree, place the mulch over the grass. Do not remove the grass, since digging could harm the tree's roots.

Another important fall tree-care measure is fertilizing, which is a way of adjusting soil conditions to best nourish the trees. Most trees in northeastern Illinois prefer somewhat acidic soils. So enriching the soil with an acid-forming additive can go a long way in restoring the health of trees recovering from drought stress.

Granular sulfur is a common and environmentally friendly soil additive that is available at most garden centers. It should be applied wherever tree roots are growing, which is from the trunk to at least as far as the branches reach. For areas that have been mulched, apply 1 to 1 1/2 pounds of sulfur per 100 square feet. But since sulfur can burn turf, apply it at 1/2 to 3/4 of a pound per 100 square feet on the grassy areas.

How to cut down on heating bills

Some houses simply take more energy to run than others, but the worst of them can be made better by do-it-yourself efforts. A number of low-cost and no-cost energy conservation practices can help nibble sizable chunks off your heating bills.

You can begin by reducing your water heater temperature to 120 degrees Fahrenheit. Install water-flow restrictors on shower heads, install insulation behind electrical outlets and switch plates and add an insulation over the attic stairs.

A faucet leak, small as it may be, is an energy waster. The fix may be as simple as a new washer. An often overlooked measure is vacuuming dusty baseboard heaters.

Other low-cost practices include lowering the thermostat to 55 degrees when your family is out of the house for four hours or more. Also, consider reducing the oil burner firing rate to the proper level after you've made your home more energy efficient by sealing the house shell.

A chart showing the energy-saving plan listing measures to reduce heat loss and cold air infiltration through the roof, walls, floor, windows and doors would include items like these:

Caulking \$50 (D-I-Y cost), \$262 (first year savings), and two months (payback time). Weatherstripping: \$20, \$35, seven months. Interior storm windows: \$230, \$53, four and one-third years. Attic insulation: \$60, \$40, one and one-half years. Foundation insulation: \$400, \$100, four years. Water heater insulation: \$15, \$30, six months. Costs and payback time can vary depending on your own situation, but this typical chart will give you a rela-

tive idea of the benefits you can expect.

Some pretty simple but laborious jobs can pay anyone to learn how to do - jobs like installing switch plate insulation and weatherstripping. Others, like insulating an attic or, worse yet, an outside wall, are really jobs for a professional even though some super-handy homeowners with lots of time at their disposal might be able to handle them.

Additional energy-saving measures that you may be able to handle, or hire a professional to handle for you, may include sloping the earth away from the house on all sides. This will keep out water and moisture so the heating equipment can work more efficiently, and caulking the joint between the basement wall and the wooden floor framing.

To control heat use better, consider a zone system if you don't already have one. Dividing zones can sometimes be done by just installing doors at both ends of a long central hall.

If you have a fireplace, installing a fireplace insert in the central heating zone can greatly increase wood-burning efficiency while cutting heat loss up the chimney when not in use. Spot heating from portable heaters may also save energy.

If you have separate bedroom wings, you might consider replacing the central water heater by two separate smaller ones in the attic.

One would be located over each wing to shorten hot water lines. One would be near the kitchen as well as its bedrooms. The shorter lines would not lose as much heat which would greatly reduce water heating costs - a big chunk of your overall heating bill.

New trends light up the home



Recessed low-voltage lighting can be used to create drama with light and shadow. Narrow spots focus on artwork, while the halogen white light brings up the contrast. Recessed fixtures create scallops behind artwork on the wall. Light is directed to highlight the furnishings.

People buying or renovating a home today seek lighting effects - not just fixtures and light bulbs.

"Lighting may be the most important purchase designers and homeowners make," said lighting consultant Jill Mullen of City Lights by Crest, 363 W. Erie St. "What's the point of choosing beautiful furnishings, rich fabrics, quality wall covering, and fine architectural details if you're not seeing them at their best?"

Energy-efficient low-voltage lighting, controls (popularly known as dimmers), cove lighting, and uplighting are some of today's hottest lighting trends. They're popular because of their ability to create dramatic and interesting lighting effects.

"Today's sophisticated buyers are more aware of the importance of lighting and of the many ways it can be used to enhance the home," says Mullen. "They know lighting can make a room. More money is being spent to get just the right look, using colors, detailing and materials such as granite, marble and limestone."

Mullen, an interior designer, has specialized in lighting for the past nine years. She is currently custom-designing the lighting for several new homes throughout the Midwest.

Low-voltage lighting uses a halogen bulb with a built-in reflector. Mullen attributes halogen's current soaring popularity

to its clean, crisp, white light from a compact light source. It's excellent for highlighting artwork, textures and colors. It uses less electricity than traditional incandescent lighting and is longer lasting. "Lighting consumers are very interested in energy efficiency," she adds.

Another trend is cove lighting, in which the light source is hidden behind a lowered ceiling or other architectural feature. Cove lighting gives a soft, glowing effect and highlights special touches such as architectural details or moldings with indirect lighting.

For homeowners who want to update, Mullen always recommends controls. By raising or lowering the level and intensity of light, you can create any mood from bright and cheery to cozy and intimate.

"You wouldn't dream of buying a stereo without a volume control. You shouldn't buy lighting without the ability to adjust the levels of light," she adds.

Controls are particularly popular in dining rooms, and Mullen always recommends them for bathrooms. "Customers are surprised, but it makes sense. If you have guests over, you don't want them to walk into a powder room and be jolted by bright, harsh light. You'll also appreciate a lower light level when you wake up in the middle of the night or

first thing in the morning."

Another way homeowners are updating is by using uplighting, in which the light beam is focused upward from the source, such as uplighting a floor plant to create drama.

Smaller, more compact light sources are popular. One good example is track lighting. Instead of the big cans popular in the '70s, Mullen says lighting purchasers are taking advantage of the much wider variety of well-designed, smaller track fixtures. Track lighting offers a lot of flexibility, she adds.

Chandeliers remain popular for dining rooms and foyers. Today's models often have "mixed-metal" surfaces, such as a brass and chrome combination, textured or faux finishes, notes Mullen.

"To successfully showcase your home, its furnishings and finishes, you shouldn't depend on just one type of lighting. Instead, create a lighting layering effect. You can layer different kinds of lighting to highlight features in a home just as you layer clothes to get a certain look," Mullen says.

For example, when customizing the dining room of one home, Mullen used cove lighting around the edges of the walls, a chandelier over the table and low-voltage recessed lighting to highlight the artwork and a centerpiece.

Fireplace safety tips from Commonwealth Edison

As temperatures drop and the holiday season approaches, thousands of fireplaces will be lit by homeowners and apartment dwellers, seeking warmth and savings on their heating bills. While these are two good reasons for lighting a fireplace, caution must be taken to avoid accidents.

Each year an estimated 6,000 people receive emergency care treatment for injuries sustained while working around fireplaces, according to the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission.

Most of these injuries are cuts and bruises caused by handling wood, irons and other equipment. The more serious injuries, however, are burns sustained by children. Below are some suggestions for avoiding mishaps:

- Before lighting a fireplace, check to see if it was constructed for use as a fireplace or merely for decoration. Also, have the fireplace inspected to determine whether it has all the necessary linings and clearances.

- Avoid the use of flammable liquids to rekindle a fire. The liquid vapors can cause an explosion traveling the length of a room.

- Always keep the damper open while the fuel is burning. This provides for efficient burning and prevents the accumulation of explosive gases.

- Avoid using coal, charcoal or styrofoam packaging in a fireplace, because they can produce deadly quantities of carbon monoxide.

- Avoid stacking artificial logs

(made from sawdust and wax) on top of one another, as you would with wood logs. If artificial logs are stacked on top of each other, they can cause an explosion.

- Keep the telephone number of your physician and/or the nearest Poison Control Center nearby. If any of these possible hazardous substances are consumed, call for help immediately.

- Before starting a fire, remove all holiday decorations from the area and open the flue.

- Never use the fireplace as an incinerator for burning trash or other debris. Gift wrapping paper and evergreen boughs can burn suddenly and rapidly, throwing off sparks. Dispose of wrapping paper immediately.

Questions answered about home improvements

Q. - I had wood doors installed on the front and rear of my house. A sticker on the doors stated "No guarantee if the door isn't painted on all sides and edges." I couldn't paint the bottoms because of the cold weather. As you may guess, they warped. The firm that sold them said it was my headache. Can I straighten them?

A. - Usually it's a waste of time and money to try and straighten a warped door. However, if you have a large piece of plywood to cover the door opening while doing it, there is a way that might work. You'll need a flat surface and two 2x4s to do it. Cut one of the 2x4s diagonally from edge to edge to make it into a triangular wedge as long as the door is wide.

Rest the door on the 2x4s with one at each end. Position the

warped edge of the door so the worst corner falls over the thin edge of the wedge-cut 2x4. Protect the top surface of the door with cardboard, old carpet or a sheet of plywood and stack bricks or other weights on the door. First, weight the straight door edge over the straight 2x4. Then, weight the warped door edge with the heavier weights over the worst corner. The warped end should be weighted so it is pressed slightly below the ideal straight line. Leave the weights on the door for at least 48 hours.

If this method works, seal all the edges and both sides of the door. When you rehang the door, you may have to relocate the strike plate and the door stop molding with a wood stop that has a foam rubber bead on the inside edge.

Then, if a slight warp should reappear, the seal would move enough to seal drafts and prevent heat loss.

Q. - I have a question that concerns fireplaces with glass doors. Both have the same basic problem - how to supply cold outside air for combustion so they won't draw warm air from the house and send it up the chimney. One fireplace is built in a room at grade level, and the other is in a basement room below grade level.

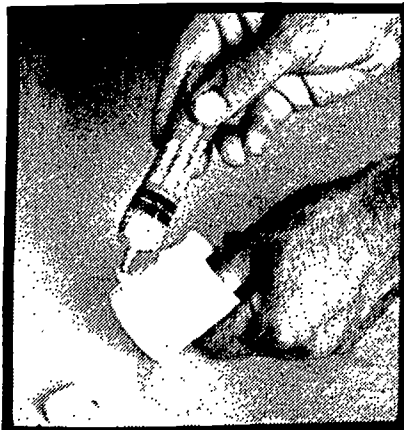
A. - Both of these fireplaces will benefit from an appliance venting kit designed to supply fresh air for stoves and fireplaces. It feeds air in through 4-inch diameter ducts and may be used for distances as long as 25 feet.

Q. - I have a problem with a concrete block wall. The paint on it has become a chalky disaster over the years and is flaking off. What can I do to prevent this from happening again when I repaint the wall?

A. - The cardinal rule when it comes to painting any concrete surface is that dirt, grease, oil and old chalky and flaking paint will quickly follow the deterioration of the old. Professional steam cleaning is a good start, and if this doesn't do the job, try wet or dry sandblasting.

Once the wall is cleaned and dry, latex, oil-based, oil-alkyd or rubber-based paints should adhere. Latex is most commonly used because it breathes and isn't damaged by alkalis often found in concrete. To waterproof and seal your block walls, you may want to use a product like Thompson's Water Seal. The maker suggests applying the sealer and then waiting at least a week before applying oil-based paint.

Find the right household adhesive



Step One (left) apply adhesive to one broken surface to start process and Step Two (right) press broken parts together for a few seconds.



Step Three (left) hold pieces apart 25-30 seconds; press together. Step Four (right) repaired item is ready again for household use.



If you believe all glues are alike, let us remind you that the adhesive on a Post-it Removable Sticker is much less "bonding" than that of superduper glue.

There is a large variety of specialty adhesives made to hold only a few different materials with great strength. There also are glues with less strength made for specific surfaces, such as paper, wood or plastics.

If you don't want your home filled with many tubes of glue - you usually use each of them once for a specific chore and then relegate them to the shelf - try to locate one that is good for most around the house chores. Here is just one use for such a glue:

1. To repair ceramics such as a coffee cup, 3M's Scotch Super Strength Adhesive was used. It was applied to only one surface. Other items may require using the adhesive on both surfaces. See instructions. This glue also works on glassware, dishware, porcelain, paper, fabric, many plastics, leather and wood.

2. The broken parts should be carefully pressed together and held that way for a few seconds.

3. Then, pieces are held apart for 25-30 seconds before pressing them together again.

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The Edwards will discuss how to set up your home office, successfully manage your time, avoid isolation and get appropriate support and supervision.

The seminar is free but tickets are required. Tickets are available on a first-come, first-serve basis at Office Centers at 12 area multi-line Sears retail stores.

Those interested in attending the seminars can contact Bill Unhook at (708) 403-7083 at The Office Center at Sears Brand Central.

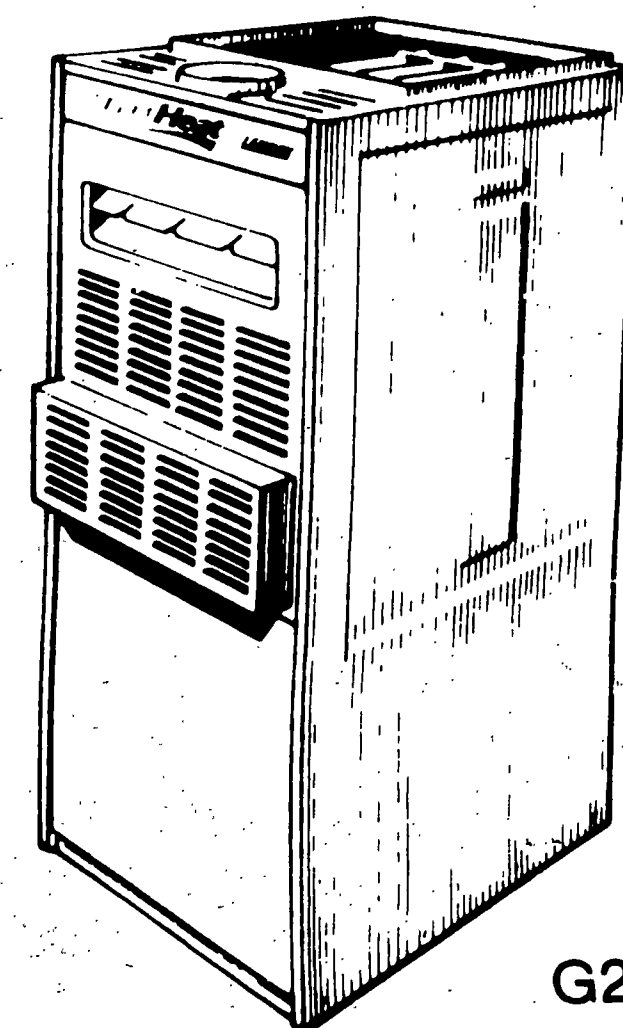
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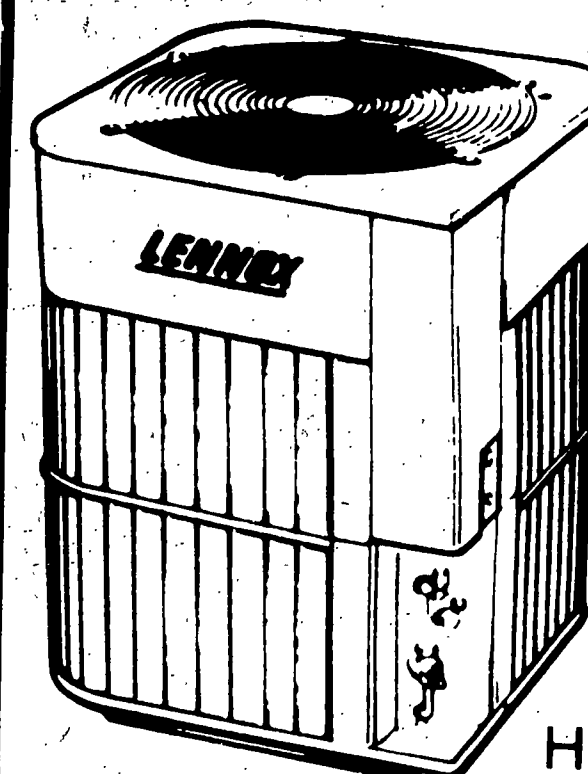
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Small country cottage gets Victorian makeover

Squeezing high Victorian style into a small country cottage is no easy task, but Alessandra and Kurt Dolnier did it, proving it's possible to achieve big effects even in a modest place.

It helps, of course, to bring expertise to any task, which they did. She's an interior designer, he a photographer specializing in interiors. He also learned from his father how to work with his hands. In addition, the Dolniers are helping designer Mary Gilliatt prepare a TV series on decorating set for PBS next year.

They bought their house, in Cos Cob, Conn., five years ago. The property had some advantages - a waterfall that flows in the spring and an abundance of flowers and trees. And the house, though small and dark, was in fairly good repair. But the walls were cracked, the floors unsightly.

It was one of several two-bedroom cottages built between 1890 and 1910 for workers at a nearby felt-making factory, now defunct. Though the cottage had been enlarged in the 1950s, it still had only 1,500 square feet. And the rooms - four on the first floor, three on the second - were small, especially for Victorian furniture.

"We are both big fans of Victorian, and we already owned a number of pieces from Sandy's family and things we bought, so we decided to keep it Victorian," Kurt Dolnier says.

In doing so they went against conventional wisdom, which would have dictated diminutive furniture and quiet fabrics and wall coverings so the house would look bigger.

There was not a decision for the meek. But Sandy says they found that "contrary to popular belief, oversized pieces and dark colors don't necessarily overpower a small room. Sometimes, they give it greater importance than it would otherwise have."

They also found it's possible to

fool the eye on matters of scale. Although normally not found in rooms with low ceilings, 8-inch baseboard in the living room provided a grandeur the room does not by right possess.

But they were pleased with the oversized trim only after they repainted it off-white from their original choice of dark green. The living room wallpaper was another decorating goof. So after two years they replaced the dainty floral motif on a white background with a copy of a Victorian paper of mostly dark red.

Documentary wall coverings and fabrics recreate the high Victorian style they prefer in most of the rooms.

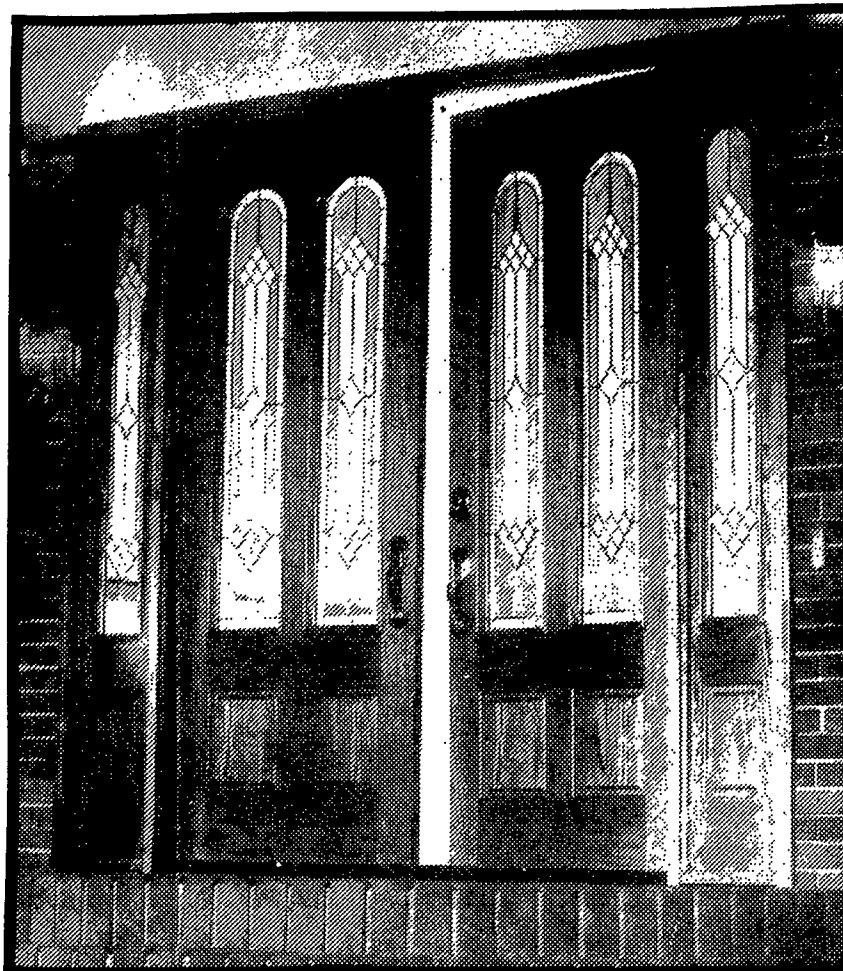
Mail-order reproductions produced the embossed ceiling in the living room and the cast iron heat register that covers a hole in the hardwood floor which they found under layers of carpet and linoleum.

In a small house, one normally would carry the same color scheme from room to room to create a sense of unity. They chose to decorate each room differently.

The entry, a rather formal reception area, has a rich scheme of purple and black with touches of gold. The living room is green and red, typically Victorian. The dining room has a green and white wallpaper with a grapevine pattern. The Biedermeier furniture was used by Sandy's grandparents in their native Austria. Besides family pieces, the couple also relied on lucky finds at auctions, local antiques shops and house sales.

The Dolniers share decorating decisions. Sandy makes many of the color selections and scours the marketplace for fabrics. Kurt, with Sandy's help, does the manual labor. So far, he has painted, added a downstairs bath, replaced bad wallboard, refinished floors and hung wall coverings and curtains.

Remodeling entry way often overlooked



Entry doors and matching sidelights are available in a wide variety of styles and designs. This 8" door features inserts with accents of steel-blue glass and shining brass.

When moving into a home that was built by someone else, every homeowner begins the process of adding those personal touches that will turn a house into a home. From the color on the outside to the colors on the inside, the furnishings, decorations and photographs hanging on the wall, the home becomes an expression of the people who live there.

An often overlooked area in the process of personalizing or remodeling a home is the entry area. Many builders and designers of homes made consciously "neutral but tasteful" entry areas so that potential home buyers would receive no real impression until they entered the house and saw the interior. All the emphasis is placed on the inside.

Some exciting and dramatic results can be obtained by replacing an entry door and accenting it with matching sidelights.

The market today boasts an amazing array of doors with various features that allow any homeowners the ability to personalize the entry area of their homes as much as they personalize any room of the interior.

A new door and matching sidelights can often be installed by a professional in a day's time with minimal or no structural change.

Current trends in the high-end or "proprietary" doors are the use of large, triple-glazed inserts with decorative, beveled glass all held in a shining brass framework. Manufacturers also offer a zinc or other ecologically correct alloy in place of the traditional lead came, from which "leaded glass" received its name.

The styles offered are so numerous that the "right" door can be found for any homeowner. Many of the proprietary doors are available with matching sidelights.

The benefits are not all aesthetic, however. New door technologies and weather-stripping systems make the installation of a new door an energy-saving step and the larger glass inserts allow increased amounts of natural light to be added to the entry area of a home.

The aesthetic benefits are several. Guests are now welcomed by a statement of personal taste and style which give an important first clue to the personal world that lies within.

For the homeowner, a new entry door included in the remodeling plan can make a house just that much more appealing to come home to.

Glass cutting is easy with practice

Glass cutting is a matter of confidence - and a little experience. You can gain both by practicing on scrap glass before trying to cut window, shelf or tabletop glass to size. You will need a glass cutter; a good one is inexpensive and can be purchased at a hardware store.

To cut a piece of glass, lay a straightedge - either a large metal ruler or a piece of board that is perfectly straight - along the proposed cut. Hold the straightedge down firmly with one hand. Hold the cutter in your other hand between your index and middle fingers and brace it with your thumb. Stand and lean over the glass for more freedom of movement.

Press the wheel down at the far edge of the glass and, with the side of the cutter pressed against the straightedge, move the cutter toward you in one continuous smooth stroke along the surface of the glass.

The object is to score the glass, not cut through it. (You should be able to hear the cutter bite into the glass as it moves along; it makes a sound like radio static.) Score in one continuous motion, ending after the cutter comes off the glass.

Make sure the cut is continuous and that you have not skipped any section. Going over a cut is poor practice because the glass is sure to break unevenly at that point.

Wearing gloves, place the glass over a pencil or long dowel. Using even pressure, gently push the glass down and outward with your fingers. Steadily increase the pressure until the glass snaps in two. To snap off a narrow piece, grasp it with slip-nose pliers or special grozing pliers (available in hardware stores) designed for glass cutting.

Scored or patterned glass is scored on the smooth side. Wire-reinforced glass can be cut the same way as ordinary glass except that you will have to separate the wires by working the two pieces up and down until the wire breaks. Or you may cut the wires with side-cutting pliers.

To cut a curve, draw it on the glass with a grease pencil (you can trace around a cardboard pattern). Then score freehand just inside the line. Break the glass just as you would for a straight cut, with your hands pointing in the direction of the curve. If the glass won't snap, tap the score gently on the back with the ball end of the cutter, then try again.

Cut a sharp curve in stages, removing as much excess glass as possible with straight or gently curved cuts before cutting the final curves.

If glass does not break cleanly, nibble off the rough edges. Never nibble off pieces, however, without scoring a line first. Wear safety goggles and nibble off the excess glass with the notches in the cutter.

You can smooth off the rough edges of glass intended for shelving or table tops with an oilstone (from a hardware store) dipped in water. Rub the stone from end to end of the rough edge, holding the stone at a 45-degree angle to the glass. Always rub glass side-to-side along the length of the edge, never up and down.

When measuring a window opening in which the glass is to fit, always measure the length and width of the opening at more than one place. Windows are often not absolutely square.

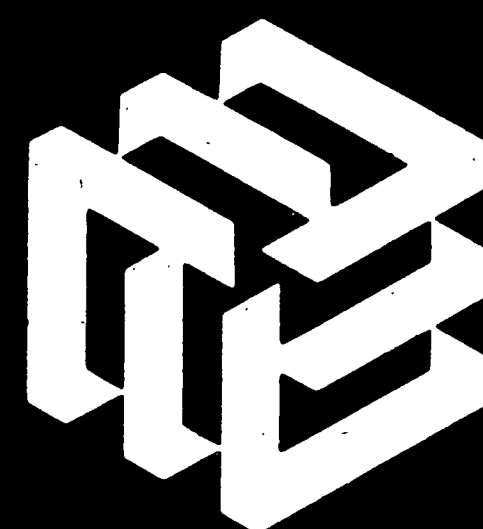
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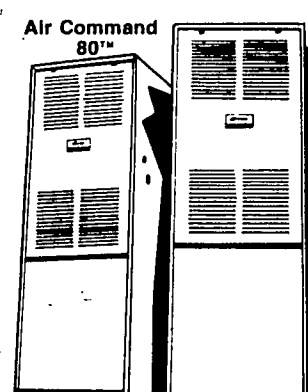
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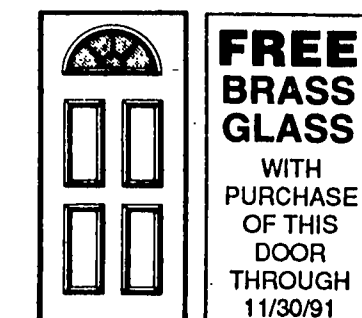
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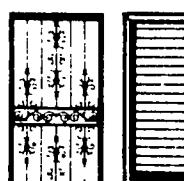
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Things go easier if you select the right wrench for the job. Wrenches are designed to grip not only bolt heads and nuts but also objects such as pipes and spark plugs.

As a general rule, the best wrenches are forged from chrome-vanadium steel or a high carbon-alloy steel and are heat-treated, oil quenched and plated with nickel-chromium. Always select the best quality wrench you can find. Never substitute a pair of pliers for a wrench - you'll just end up rounding the corners of the nut, bolt or other piece you are working on.

All wrenches are one of two types: they either have a fixed head that fits one size of nut or bolt or they have an adjustable head that fits a range of sizes. Here's a rundown of wrenches and their uses:

- An adjustable wrench, also known as a Crescent wrench, is a basic, general purpose tool with a movable jaw that will fit nuts, bolts and fittings up to the maximum opening of its jaws. It's an essential household tool, and the one wrench that you will turn to time and time again.

- An 8-inch-long adjustable wrench will handle most of your household needs, but it's helpful to have 6-inch and 10-inch models also.

- Buy an adjustable wrench with a locking feature. It will prevent the jaws from jiggling out of adjustment while the wrench is in use.

- When using an adjustable wrench, turn the wrench so that the load is applied to the fixed jaw. The fixed jaw can withstand more pressure than the movable

jaw.

- A pipe wrench, also called a Stillson wrench, is used for tightening and loosening metal pipes and tubing and is a basic plumbing tool. Unlike other adjustable wrenches which have a movable lower jaw, a pipe wrench has a movable upper jaw. Also, both jaws have teeth to grip round objects more securely.

- Use pipe wrenches in pairs with one on the threaded pipe and the other on the fitting joined to the pipe.

- Position the wrenches in opposing directions and use one for bracing and steadying while using the other for turning.

- Always fit and turn a pipe wrench so that the turning force is directed toward the jaw opening. This tightens the wrench on the pipe.

- Don't tighten the jaws of a pipe wrench so that they are totally snug. Because the wrench gets tighter as you turn it, a too-tight wrench will tend to crush the pipe.

- Avoid using a pipe wrench directly on chrome surfaces because its teeth will mar the finish. If it's necessary to use one, tape the jaws or protect the polished surface with several layers of cloth.

- A monkey wrench is another wrench often used for plumbing jobs. It has smooth, straight jaws designed to grasp large plumbing nuts like those on drain traps. It's also handy for mechanical jobs.

- More specialized adjustable wrenches include the chain wrench, with an adjustable chain loop. It is used on pipes and fittings that are too large for a pipe wrench. A strap wrench is similar

except that a woven strap loop replaces the chain to avoid marring soft or plated pipe. Both are also handy in cramped quarters where it is impossible to use an ordinary pipe wrench.

- Fixed head wrenches, which come in both metric and inch sizes, are used primarily for auto and other mechanical jobs. Where a wrench cannot be applied over the end of the work, as in tightening a fuel line connection, an open-end wrench is used. This has an open, fixed jaw that grasps three sides of the work. These wrenches are often double-ended with a different size on each end.

- Where a wrench can be applied from the end of the work, as in removing a nut, a box wrench is used. A box wrench has a circular head which fits over a nut to hold it firmly all around.

- A socket wrench set includes interchangeable socket heads graduated in size to fit square or hexagonal fasteners.

- These can be attached to a handle which is either a solid bar or has a built-in ratchet. With the latter, you need not regrip the nut with every turn of the wrench. The ratcheting handle can be set to turn a fastener in one direction, then ratchet on the backswing.

- Nut-drivers have handles like screwdrivers and socket ends for use on square or hexagonal nuts. They are sold in sets of graduated sizes or as a single handle with interchangeable sockets. Also available is a special deep-throated socket wrench with its own T-type handle, which is especially useful for removing or installing spark plugs.

Less yardwork helps animals get through winter

Sometimes, it drives Clyde McMillan-Gamber, of Lancaster, Pa., right up the wall.

He sees it every day this time of year: homeowners plowing under the weeds and leftover vegetable plants in their garden. Or - this really gets to him - lawn slaves bent over, intent on raking acorns and cones out of their yards.

"Good grief, they're impoverishing the neighborhood," the New Holland resident exclaims. "What else are the squirrels and birds going to eat? They're raking their yards into a biological desert."

It's as if these accouterments of nature are unnatural. And when many of these same people shell out \$25 a month or more at the store for birdseed for feeders, well, it turns someone like Gamber into a crusader.

"Don't be cleaning up all the time. It's crazy!" admonishes Gamber, a naturalist at Lancaster County Central Park and an advocate of feeding birds and wildlife naturally.

It's so simple, preaches Gamber. Just do a little less work in the yard and help the multitudes of wild things make it through the winter. And save labor and money in the process.

You don't even have to make a trip to a nursery or do a lot of planting. You'll be surprised at the species of plants - Gamber calls them volunteers - that will just show up with some controlled neglect.

"I'm not saying yards have to be jungles or junk heaps, but with a little bit of management, yards can be comfortable to people, but yet natural food is still available to wildlife."

Gamber's theory of benign neglect is remarkably easy and a project just about anyone with a yard can undertake.

All those nuts from oak, beech and hickory trees, for example, are staples for squirrels. But when chopped into pieces by the animals, or pulverized by feet or passing cars, they become precious food for a variety of birds. Same goes for the cones of various coniferous trees.

Little seeds inside the cones are prime sustenance to help birds

and animals through the winter. Gamber happens to find nuts and cones quite pleasing adornments on top of his yard and simply leaves them alone.

But if you consider them a clutter, at least tuck them under a bush or pile them at the base of a tree or in an out-of-the-way corner of the yard for wildlife to feed on, Gamber suggests.

Apples, the balls of sweet gum trees and walnuts are other examples of items that, if left outside, will be initially eaten by small animals, with scraps eagerly consumed by birds.

Your garden is another potential supermarket for wildlife struggling to survive the tough times ahead. Allow leftover produce to rot on the vine. Rabbits, skunks, opossums, mice, raccoons and various birds will dine on them.

And plants and the inevitable weeds will produce a cornucopia of seeds if left to stand through the winter.

To drive home the point, he took a reporter to Lancaster County Central Park's 50 acres or so of public garden plots, almost all of which have gone to seed by now.

Dining birds scattered as we approached. Two common weeds, pokeweed - with its deep-purple wild grapes and the seed-laden tearthumb - were well established. The jumble of such grasses and weeds as foxtail, ragweed, pigweed, and lamb's quarter supported crickets, grasshoppers and other insects favored by some birds.

Gamber is asking county park officials to spare the plow at the gardens until next spring.

Here are some more of Gamber's suggestions to provide more natural food for birds, while cutting down on yard work:

- Allow tall grasses to stand in those unnoticed back corners of the yard.

- Allow sunflowers and the flowers of cornopsis, Queen Anne's lace, asters, cosmos, marigolds, penunias, zinnias, four-o'clocks, and others to go to seed and allow their plants to stand tall through the winter.

- Let bittersweet and Virginia creeper vines grow somewhat, as both produce berries.

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Although the warmth of summer and early fall will linger, it is time to prepare your hot water or steam heating system for winter.

Burnham Corporation, manufacturer of gas and oil-fired cast iron and steel boilers, recommends an annual safety and efficiency inspection by a qualified service technician.

"You can't expect any appliance to run year after year without some maintenance, and boilers are no exception," says Glenn Sward, director of engineering at Burnham. To help homeowners evaluate the quality of service they receive, Sward outlines some of the work that should be performed annually.

The serviceman should inspect the chimney and the vent pipe, or flue, between the boiler and chimney. A leak or blockage in this pipe or in the chimney could fill the house with deadly carbon monoxide gas.

The high temperature limit control, which keeps a boiler from getting too hot should be checked to ensure that it is functioning properly. The pressure relief valve should be checked for proper operation and safe discharge.

On gas-fired boilers, the pilot light may have gone out during the summer. It will need to be relighted. The gas valve should be inspected for proper operation and be free of leaks.

On oil-fired boilers, the serviceman should replace the oil filter and check the burner. Some servicemen recommend this procedure to conserve fuel, but it can lead to a premature deterioration of the boiler.

With gas-fired boilers, the burner's efficiency is pretty much determined by its design, Sward says. But on an oil-fired burner there are a number of factors that can affect efficiency.

The nozzle could be dirty, the draft may have changed or the burner may have been jostled out of adjustment. These items should be checked and adjusted if necessary.

"The serviceman should use a CO2 analyzer, a 'smoke gun', and a draft gauge. These three devices are absolutely essential in determining how to adjust an oil burner," Sward says.

"Occasionally, a serviceman may convince a homeowner that he can adjust the burner just by looking at the flame," he says. "but there's just no way you can look at the fire and tell what the efficiency is. Measurements must be taken."

To further improve efficiency, the heat-transfer surfaces of the boiler should be cleaned and checked for leaks.

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Moving on to the heat distribution system, Sward explains there are different items to check depending on whether the boiler uses steam or hot water.

On a water system the circulator should be inspected and lubricated if it is the type that needs lubrication. The expansion tank above the boiler should be checked to see that it's charged with air. This tank maintains the proper pressure in the system.

Steam radiators have automatic valves that allow air to escape. These valves should be checked for proper operation. In older systems they may leak, allowing steam to escape. In turn, water added to the boiler frequently will promote deterioration of the metal in all parts of the steam system.

Steam systems also have high-pressure limit and low-water cut off switches that require inspection and cleaning.

Equipped with this checklist, homeowners should be able to understand the serviceman's explanation of his inspection and its results.

If the serviceman feels the boiler should be replaced, the homeowner should advise him of any additional insulation or storm windows that have been added to the house. Reducing the heat loss of a house may mean a smaller boiler can be installed. And if the present boiler is around 20 years old, its efficiency may be low compared to modern designs.

Most of today's boilers operate at around 80-percent efficiency. Using a heat loss calculation manual from the Hydronics Institute, the serviceman can determine the correct boiler size and provide an estimate of fuel savings.

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Furniture, decorative objects on display at museum

The Milwaukee Art Museum has announced it will present a special decorative arts exhibition. "The Painted Surface: Furniture to Contemporary" will be on display Nov. 14 - Nov. 24, in the museum's Journal/Lubar Galleries. The exhibition is organized by Collector's Corner, the MAM support group dedicated to furthering interest in the decorative arts.

Exploring the tradition of faux finishes and other painted decorating techniques and their contemporary counterparts, "The Painted Surface" will include examples of marbling, sponging, graining and delicate trompe l'oeil (fool-the-eye) work, in which a painted illusion of three-dimensional space is created on a flat surface.

According to Anne H. Vogel, guest curator of the exhibition: "The Painted Surface" will present approximately 50 unique hand-painted pieces, including chairs, chests, trays, clocks and boxes. The works range from the 17th century to contemporary, and are drawn from the collections of Collector's Corner members, area private collections and the Milwaukee Art Museum's permanent collection of decorative arts.

Several special events and a silent auction will accompany the exhibition. All proceeds from the events support Milwaukee Art Museum.

For more information, call (414) 271-9598, ext. 276.

Garden pool is attractive landscaping feature

A garden pool makes a very appealing addition to your landscaping. Planted with colorful flowers and stocked with fish, it takes on a vitality of its own. Waterfalls and fountains add to the visual interest and introduce a pleasing sound.

The first step in water gardening is to select the type, shape and size of the pool you want. A simple tub pool requires no construction and is the easiest water garden to tend.

Other options are a pool lined with flexible PVC sheet plastic that can have any freeform shape that appeals to you; a rigid fiberglass pool that can fit easily into a shallow, hand-dug excavation; or a masonry pool, whether made of concrete or concrete topped with brick, that gives the look of permanence as well as elegance to your yard.

When planning a pool, first select a sunny site where water flowers can thrive. Keep the pool away from shrubs and trees that will shed their leaves into the water and require constant cleanup.

If you want fish or water plants, the minimum depth you need is 1 1/2 to 2 feet. A reflecting pool or one for strictly shallow-water plants requires less depth.

No matter what type you choose, remember that local building ordinances may require that pools of a certain depth be fenced. Also, pumps or lighting in the pool will require electric power and grounding. Use three-

prong grounded circuits and plan the source before building the pool.

Tub gardens, whether made from a half a wine barrel, an old claw-foot bathtub or a simple plastic pan can be your introduction to water gardening. The same techniques you'll learn to keep the water clear or chemically balanced in them will work with larger pools as well.

Even if you are starting small, use a container that holds at least four gallons and make certain it's completely sealed so it won't leak. Oxygenating grasses replenish evaporating oxygen and absorb carbon dioxide, making life difficult for algae. This keeps your water clear.

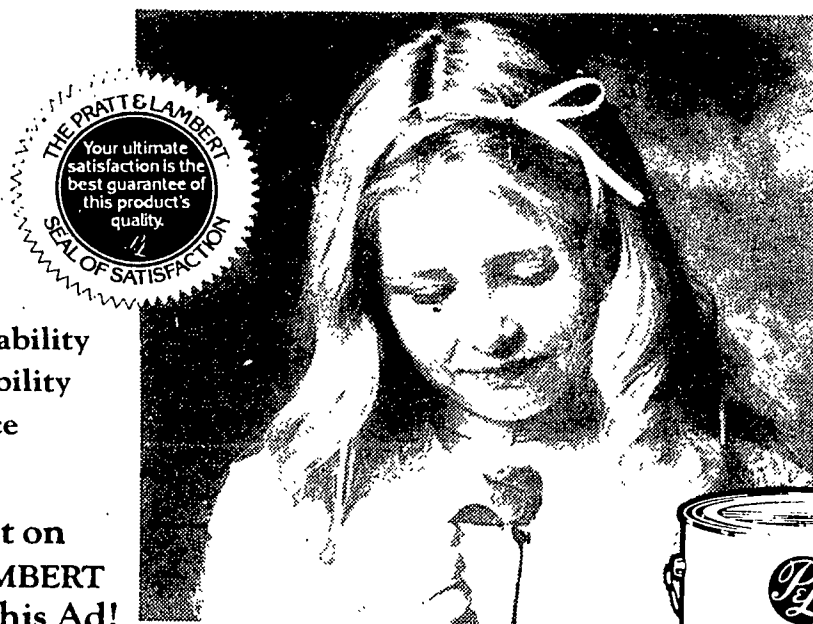
Water lilies partly cover the water surface to help minimize oxygen loss and keep the water cooler. Snails eat algae and consume the decaying matter on which algae feed.

Water garden suppliers can suggest appropriate plants and fish for your tub garden or larger pool.

A good formula to follow for each square yard of your pool's surface area is: two bunches of oxygenating grasses, one medium to large water lily, 12 water snails, and two 4- to 5-inch fish.

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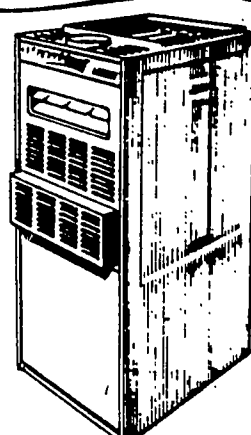


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Caring for hardwood floors is a snap with today's tougher and more environmentally sound water-based finishes. When refinishing your prized hardwood floor or hiring a contractor to do it for you, remember to use a water-based finish. All homes built before 1986 were required to have wood floors. So if your wood floors are covered by another surface, consider how the natural beauty of hardwood will add to your home's warmth and value.

Home addition information session

If you're contemplating putting an addition onto your home, find the answers to your questions in a free information session at Oakton Community College from 7:30 to 9 p.m. on Wednesday, Nov. 20, at Oakton's Des Plaines campus, 1600 E. Golf Road.

Should you build up or out? How much will it cost? Where can you find a contractor and do you need to hire an architect?

Learn about the design process, building codes, lot lines,

window and vent requirements, permits, height restrictions, frost lines and more.

"When we are finished, you should have a much clearer idea of how to prepare for and cope with putting an addition on your house," presenter Les Jacobs said.

Jacobs is a registered architect and chair of Oakton's Architecture program.

For further information, call (708) 635-1851.

Otis markets elevators for the home

When Charles and Rosemarie Stuttg, of Farmington, Conn., decided to build a new home for their golden years, they dreamed of a tall Southern colonial with columns in front.

But, as a couple in their 60s, they also had some concerns. If their home was several stories high, would they be able to move around in it comfortably as they got older? And what if one day one of them was confined to a wheelchair?

The solution, says Mrs. Stuttg, was a residential elevator from Otis Elevator Co., which recently started marketing elevators for the home for the first time since just after World War II.

"I'm not planning on going to Florida when I retire, so I want my house here to be really comfortable," said Mrs. Stuttg, a Greenwich resident, who runs a local inn. "I want to be able to stay here through the years."

Otis, the world's largest elevator company, launched its first residential elevator in 1860, seven years after founder Elisha Graves Otis went into business. But over the years it has concentrated mainly on the elevator's commercial applications.

When Otis decided to go back into the residential elevator market and began test marketing in Florida, California and Maryland last year, the company expected most of its customers to be elderly.

After all, the jump back into the market had been prompted by growing talk about the graying of America. By the year 2020, nearly 18 percent of the U.S. population will be 65 or older, according to projections by the American Association of Retired Persons.

But like the Stutts, most of the 100 customers who bought the elevators during test marketing simply were making plans for the future. Either they saw the elevator as a way to maintain their in-

dependence as they grew older or they thought it would make housing an elderly relative less burdensome.

"Our average customer was 52 years old," said Betsy Sullivan, product manager for Otis, a Farmington-based division of United Technologies Corp.

"They weren't buying elevators because they were old and handicapped," she said. "Most of our customers didn't need them. They were just planning ahead."

In the late 19th century, when Otis introduced its first residential elevator, the cages of wrought-iron filigree and cabs with elegant hand-carved wood interiors graced the homes mainly of the rich and famous.

"No house of pretension could be without one," proclaimed a turn-of-the-century advertisement for the Otis Automatic Electric Elevator. And in some circles, it seemed, few were.

John Pierpont Morgan had an Otis elevator installed in his New York City mansion.

The Baroness Rothschild ordered one for her Geneva chateau.

At the turn of the century, the Kremlin ordered three: one for the private apartments of Czar Nicholas II, one for the use of Czarina Elizabeth Fedorovna, and one for the rest of the royal entourage.

And New York Gov. Alfred E. Smith had one put into the governor's mansion in Albany to accommodate his successor, Franklin Delano Roosevelt, who had contracted polio in 1921, seven years before taking office.

Today, Otis finds most of its residential customers are ordinary people with practical, ordinary concerns, Sullivan says.

"We're talking about people in their mid-50s, who are planning ahead. Their kids are moving out. Now they're looking for the home to live in through their retirement

years," Sullivan said. "More and more people are cocooning now, staying at home. They want to be comfortable."

Sullivan lists the new residential elevators - whose standard features include oak paneling, a crystal light fixture and a telephone - are not just for the wealthy.

At an average price of \$19,000 installed, home elevators are far from cheap. But Sullivan said people will find the investment worthwhile, not only as the price of land rises and the incentive grows to build up rather than out.

According to the National Association of Home Builders, a Washington, D.C., based trade group, multi-story homes are the trend of the 1990s. The percentage of homes with two stories increased from 17 percent in 1979 to 49 percent in 1989, and will continue to grow steadily, the association believes.

Elevators could become popular simply because they give people a chance to stay put, says Gopal Ahluwalia, the association's director of research.

"It's an old myth that people move after retirement. A lot of people just want to stay right where they are," he said. "And everyone these days wants more and more amenities. I think one of the hallmarks of this decade is convenience."

Many of Otis' customers are developers, who offer the residential elevators as an option to condominium buyers.

Already about 4,000 home elevators are installed in the United States every year, manufactured by a handful of companies, Otis says. Otis hopes that number will grow to 6,500 by the year 2000.

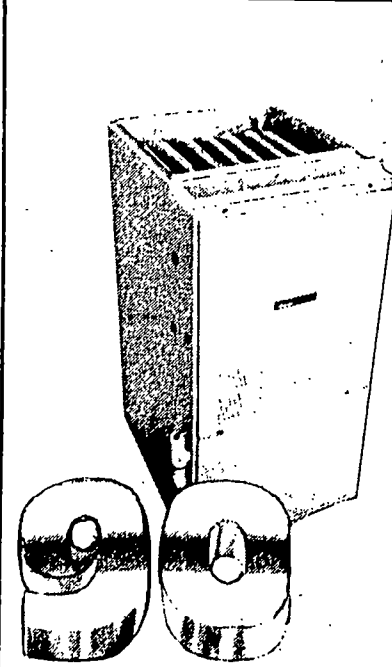
Replacing kitchen tile in radiant heated home

O. I have a home with radiant heating (cement slab floor with embedded circulating hot water), and I want to replace the existing vinyl tile in the kitchen. I would like to use slate, quarry tile or something similar, but I'm concerned about the chance of disrupting heat transfer and increasing energy requirements and cost. What do you recommend as the best covering for this type of floor?

A. Any floor covering that you like will do fine. We checked with the American Society of Heating, Refrigerating and Air-Conditioning Engineers (ASHRAE) and they say there would be no appreciable increase in energy use regardless of the type of floor covering.

The response time of a radiant heating system to changes in thermostat setting is normally slower than that of a hot water system with baseboard or free-standing radiators, or a forced warm air system. This means it takes longer for a radiant system to reach the desired comfort temperature than the other two systems. By covering the floor, you will slow down this response time slightly, but you will also increase the mass of the heated floor so it takes longer to cool down. Thus the end result will be almost no perceptible change in heating costs.

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Homeowners explore new heating option

Question: What heats and cools buildings, reduces heating costs by 75 percent, and doesn't cost a fortune to install?

Answer: A heat pump.

Of course, that begs the second question: What's a heat pump?

The heat pump is a system that draws heat from the ground, pipes it through a compressor to raise the temperature to about 185 degrees, and shoots the heat indoors. The process can be reversed to provide air conditioning in the summer.

"It is dramatically cheaper to operate than any other source," says Richard Wrench, an engineer who has a heat pump at his home.

For a new house of more than 1,800 square feet, the cost of duct work and the pump is about the same as a conventional forced-air system. The added expense of about \$3,000 is for the "ground loop."

Wrench's ground loop is 2,000 feet of pipe buried horizontally in his yard. A mixture of water and methyl alcohol circulates through the ground loop, picks up the stored solar heat and brings it to a heat exchanger containing a refrigerant. A cycle of evaporation, compression, condensation and expansion changes the liquid refrigerant to a gas and elevates the temperature.

The exchanger removes the heat and pumps it into the home at about 100 degrees. That makes the refrigerant convert back to a liquid, and the cycle goes on.

Of course, the heat pump isn't perfect.

It can handle most winter temperatures, but needs help in extreme sub-zero weather. Norm and Luanne Goodnough, say their system was designed with auxiliary electric strip heat that automatically kicks in under such conditions.

It's also much cheaper to install a heat-pump system in a new house than an existing one.

Wrench says homeowners must figure out how long they're going

to stay in a house before converting, to see if the conversion will pay off.

Installers will do an energy audit for homeowners, run the numbers through a computer and determine cost and the best way to lay out a system.

Tony Smith of Energy/Re-Con says more people are becoming aware of heat pumps, and that his firm has installed about 70 units in western Montana in the last two years.

Wrench and his wife, with the cooperation of Pacific Power, designed, built and later sold a heat-pump demonstration house. In two years of monitoring by a federal agency, the cost of heating the 2,000-square-foot house was \$162 a year. It was built to stringent conservation standards and uses the heat pump to provide hot water.

"If you heat with electricity now, heat pump would cut your bill to about one-fourth of what you've been paying," says Jerry Brobst, a spokesman for Flathead Electric Cooperative.

This summer, the co-op began a program to help homeowners finance installation of heat pumps. Brobst says the program has prompted an average of three calls a day, and the utility has referred about 100 customers to commercial installers. Three homeowners have installed systems since the program began, he says.

Pacific Power also offers a low-interest financing plan that has attracted interest, the company reports.

The Goodnoughs opted for a heat pump when they built their home last year. After their first winter with the system, Luanne says "it's the only way to go."

Their 3,600-square-foot home cost \$500 to heat in the first year, she says. They also used it for air conditioning (drawing heat out of the house), a luxury they wouldn't have installed separately, she says.

Dreamweavers turn rags to riches

Dreamweavers began as a tapestry manufacturer, showing its wares in art shows, but then co-owner Bobby Wisdom discovered sock tops.

"When they knit a sock on a machine, they leave the toe open," he explained. "There's this little machine that sews up the toe and clips off a little piece of terry cloth at the seam. That's the sock top."

Wisdom began weaving together these tiny loops to make nubby throw rugs. Now the sock-top rugs form the backing for all Dreamweavers rugs.

"Most people don't buy something for their house that they don't want to enjoy everyday; but if it's recycled, it does make them buy it a little quicker and feel better about that purchase," Wisdom said.

Dreamweavers, a 13-year-old company from Little Rock, Ark., is made its debut recently at the International Home Furnishings Market. The firm makes luxury rugs, pillows and throw covers from used leather, nylon, terry

cloth and silk hand-woven products.

Wisdom said the company never intended to manufacture environmentally friendly goods, but it worked out that way.

"I didn't start this business to recycle materials," he said. "It was just good business to do so."

"If you're going to manufacture in the United States, you have to consider the fact that labor is so expensive and taxes are so high that you have to get your materials cheap," he said. "Almost every material we use was being hauled to the dump before we bought it. That's hundreds of tons of trash a year."

Wisdom and Warren Walker buy scraps of silk from necktie manufacturers in the United States, silk from stone-washed remnants in China, leather from the U.S. upholstery industry, wool from men's suitmakers, nylon from lingerie makers, lambs wool from Tibet and cotton glove liners from the makers of fur and leather gloves.

Unlocked homes make job easy for thieves

Nearly half of area burglars questioned in Houston, Texas, about their techniques said they had entered homes through open or unlocked doors or windows, or by using the keys, and more than half said alarms could have kept them out.

Both studies were administered through state District Judge Ted Poe's court between May and August. Poe said 118 criminals convicted for the first time of burglary of a habitation and 137 people convicted for the first time of auto theft or burglary of a vehicle participated.

"The best source of information is not from the so-called experts," Poe said. The real experts are thieves and burglars, so we ought to use their expertise.

"Cooperation was so good because many defendants were not reluctant to brag about their deeds," Poe said. A few of the respondents, however, claimed innocence on the surveys, which were ordered either during their court appearance or as a condition of their probation.

The totals in each category do not equal 100 percent because the respondents were allowed to choose more than one selection.

On the home-burglary survey, almost half who broke into houses had an easy time of it: 20 percent said a window was open or unlocked; 17 percent said a door was open or unlocked; and 7 percent said they had keys to the home.

"That's what I learned from them. The message that was clear was that it was remarkably easy," Poe said.

The most popular way of entry - 32 percent - was by breaking a window. Among the other responses, 17 percent said they kicked in the door; 5 percent said they picked a lock; 4 percent entered through the garage; 2 percent forced their way in when the resident opened the door; 2 percent used a crowbar to pry the hinges off the door; and 1 percent entered through the roof.

Peer pressure motivated 5 percent, and revenge spurred 4 percent. Only 2 percent said they targeted a home because mail and newspapers had piled up outside.

The respondents were given choices for each question in the survey, and they also were allowed to write in their own responses. One respondent said he broke into a house because "the bicycle was in plain view and I had to be home by midnight and I was two miles from home at 11:45." Another said, "Hurricane Gilbert was coming and no one was home."

Indeed, the respondents described prevention techniques that would have kept them out of the homes they entered. Most - 53 percent - said alarm systems would have stopped them from breaking in. Almost as many - 47 percent - said the same for burglar bars, and 33 percent said dogs or other pets would have deterred them.

Two percent said nothing could have kept them out of the house they burgled. Only 2 percent said a police patrol would have prevented the crime, but 5 percent said "staying sober" would have prevented it.

Owner's warranty doesn't cover collapsing foundation

About two years after Jay Eichhorn and his wife Linda bought their house on a San Antonio, Texas, hillside, he noticed a hairline crack in the foundation.

Then other cracks started showing up, some of them big. They appeared first in the stone work outside and then in the drywall inside the split-level house with the nice view. The foundation had failed.

Still, Eichhorn wasn't too worried. After all, when he bought the house in 1984, it came with a 10-year guarantee against structural defects.

He was surprised to learn that a collapsing foundation wasn't considered enough of a defect to fall under the coverage of the Home Owners Warranty, the company backing up the builder's guarantee.

In the letter denying his claim, the company said "the structural defect did not render the home 'unsafe, unsanitary or otherwise unlivable,'" Eichhorn testified before the House Banking subcommittee on housing.

"This was not a homeowner protection plan but was a marketing tool to help the builder sell houses," he said.

Eichhorn got lucky. He hired a lawyer, sued the company and won a \$500,000 settlement. That's for a house that cost him \$111,500. When asked whether he had been made whole, Eichhorn replied: "All things considered, I'm very happy with what happened."

But that's not the case with the

have to be fixed or demolished.

They're insured by the same company that took care of Eichhorn and were told that moving into a new house that is soon condemned isn't covered by the Home Owners Warranty policy.

So far the home owners in Seville Place have spent \$250,000 on lawyers and haven't gotten anywhere. Their case is still in court and Sen. Bob Graham, D-Fla., thinks the federal government should do something about this and other situations like it.

However, the House panel which took the testimony does not have a bill before it to do this.

"The warranty programs promised speedy and final resolution of all claims by both 'fair' adjusters and inexpensive arbitrations in cases of disputes," Bernard J. DiMuro, a lawyer whose client had trouble with the warranty company, wrote to the subcommittee.

"Instead the homeowner is faced with a myriad of contractual complexities and hurdles when making a claim which ultimately foil or discourage their pursuit of the average claim."

Rep. Henry Gonzalez, D-Texas, the subcommittee chairman, said representatives of the Home Owners Warranty and a similar company, Home Buyers Warranty, declined an invitation to testify.

people who live in the Seville Place townhouse development in Miami. They've found out that their homes did not meet local building codes and would either

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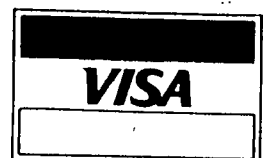
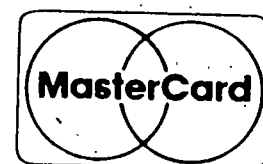
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