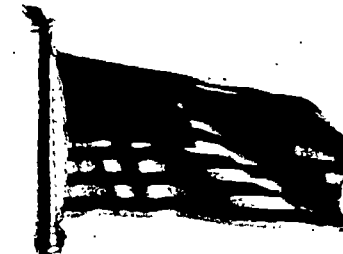


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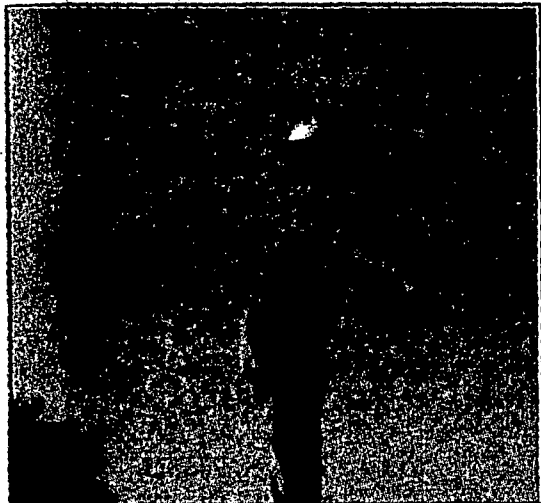
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One of the new "Thor Guard" lightning alarms awaits testing at Tam Golf Course. The system has been installed at all locations. For the story, turn to page 10.



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- Many students went back to school this week. Best of luck in the new year!



Photo by Allen Kallala Bugle

## To Tell a Story

Storyteller Sandi Sylver introduces the "Belly Button Monster" as she entertains children at the Oak Park Friday night concert August 20. Beside storytelling the multi-talented Sylver is also a ventriloquist. For more photos, turn to page 14.

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## Parks applaud restoration of 'Open Space' funding

Morton Grove, Niles, Park Ridge hope to capture OSLAD dollars

BY ANDREW SCHNEIDER  
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State Legislators restored funding to the Open Space Land Acquisition and Development (OSLAD) grant program in the Fiscal

Year 2005 budget last week, prompting jubilation from park officials throughout the state.

The original budget proposed to take a year-long holiday from the program that funds improvements for existing parks and other recreation facilities, as well as for the procurement of additional park land since its creation in 1986. \$21 million was restored to the OSLAD fund for 2005.

The Morton Grove and Park Ridge Park Districts have both received OSLAD dollars in the past and the Niles Park District hopes that several of its upcoming projects will qualify for funding.

"We haven't received funding for any projects in the past," Niles Park District Director Joe LoVerde said. "But we're going to pursue and push very hard."

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## 'International' Fun

Roshan Ara (right) shows the goldfish her daughter won to her friend Haleem and her daughter Lyman, 1, at the MEC's Fun Fair in Morton Grove Saturday August 21. Parking was an issue for some neighbors, pg. 12.

NEWS

Park Ridge Council OKs simple majority for sale of Uptown property

Tinaglia, Crampton, Cox, Parker support super-majority

BY ANDREW SCHNEIDER editor@buglenewspapers.com

It will only take eight city council members to sell the Uptown property in Park Ridge following a nine to four vote at their meeting Monday night, Aug. 16.

In a memo to City Attorney Everett Hill, Alderman Mark Anderson (6th) questioned whether Illinois law allowed the city to sell any publicly owned property without a super-majority vote. A super-majority would require three-quarters of the city's council to approve the sale or 11 members.

Hill said that, while Illinois law does require the super-majority in most cases, because the property was in a Tax Increment Financing (TIF) District, only a simple majority, eight members, is necessary.

"The degree of confidence I have in the simple majority is high," said Hill, "because we're a

home rule municipality and because there's no language in the TIF statute that requires a super-majority."

The TIF statute gives municipalities special powers of condemnation within a given TIF district, allowing them to take property from one private owner and transfer it to another. Hill said that, since the TIF statute was written after the statute requiring a super-majority for the sale of public property, a simple majority will suffice.

"If the legislators had wanted municipalities to be bound by the super-majority rule in a TIF district," Hill said, "they could have written it into the statute."

But the stakes are high, Hill said: if the council approves the sale with less than a super-majority, anyone could challenge the sale and cause considerable delay to the Uptown Redevelopment process.

"If we approve the sale by a super-majority that would make a legal challenge impossible," he said. However, if less than 11 aldermen approve the sale a legal challenge could cost the city anywhere from \$25,000 to \$50,000 and slow the redevelopment process by up to nine months.

Consequently, several members of the council believed that the city should require a super-majority, arguing that it would protect the eventual sale of property in Uptown Target Area 2 that

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Mike MaRous, Park Ridge Acting Mayor

is slated for a mixed-use residential/retail development.

"I'm in favor of redevelopment," said Ald. Mike Tinaglia (1st), "but the stakes are high. I'm not comfortable going forward without a super-majority. It takes away our risk."

Acting Mayor Mike MaRous felt that going with a simple majority, however, was the best option because it would make the developer, PRC Partners, more comfortable.

"The developer doesn't believe a three-quarters vote is required," said MaRous. "This is quite a risk for the developer to go

through, investing time and money in the work when a change in leadership or a small minority could control the sale of the property."

Ald. Don Crampton (1st) thought that the super-majority would help the residents get their best deal out of the redevelopment process.

"A super-majority puts us in a position to get the deal that the city of Park Ridge deserves," Crampton said. "It makes the process less casual. And this process is so important that I can't imagine any of my colleagues on this or future councils hold up this project for something subjective like aesthetics."

But a super-majority, Ald. Rich DiPietro (2nd) thought, would take away the rights of the majority.

"A super-majority would disenfranchise the majority," DiPietro said. "It would allow a small minority to hold up the redevelopment process."

Four members of the council opposed the sale by simple majority, Tinaglia, Crampton, Jeff Cox (7th) and Rex Parker (6th), the same number that would have defeated a property sale by super-majority.

Offers already made for Shermer Park

The Niles Park District has already received half a dozen calls from individuals interested in purchasing Shermer Park.

"I told them they'll have to wait for the legal process to conclude," LoVerde said.

The Park Board voted to sell the undersized Shermer Park in July. The proceeds from the planned sale will go to fund improvements in other Park District facilities.

Before the park can actually be listed for sale, a judge must sign off. The Park District's petition will be heard in the Circuit Court in Room 2201 of the downtown Chicago Daley Center, 50 W. Washington on Tuesday, Aug. 31.

"All the required documents have been submitted," LoVerde said. "The hearing date is set."

Once the court signs off on the sale, LoVerde said that the Park District will have a certified appraiser inspect the land. Then the property will be advertised for sale in the local papers. The District will probably accept bids for the land at the end of September.

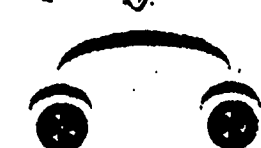
The park is only 58' by about 300' foot. Other than a sign in front, some flowers, a bench and a horseshoe pit, there isn't much in the facility. It runs from Shermer to a Jewish cemetery that marks Niles' border with Morton Grove. It's sandwiched between two rows of homes and because of their proximity, the park isn't really suitable for any programming, according to LoVerde.

Because of the odd depth of the lot, some members of the Park Board have proposed subdividing the lots that will abut the rear of homes near the Jewish Cemetery and offering them for sale to the current property owners.

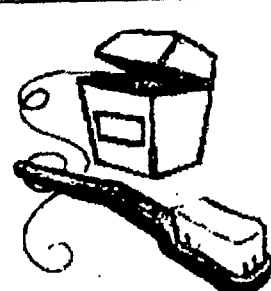
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NEWS

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Correction

In last week's edition of The Bugle, the article "50 sign petition against MB drive-thru" it was incorrectly stated that a fountain that is being discussed for the current site of the MB Bank drive through on the north

side of Dempster near its intersection with Georgiana is "proposed." The fountain is, in fact, "planned" because it has not yet been approved by the Morton Grove Park Board. The Bugle regrets the error.

Park District Director Jeff Fougere said that, if the board approves a preliminary design, there will still be public meetings that will provide residents with a chance to comment on the plans.



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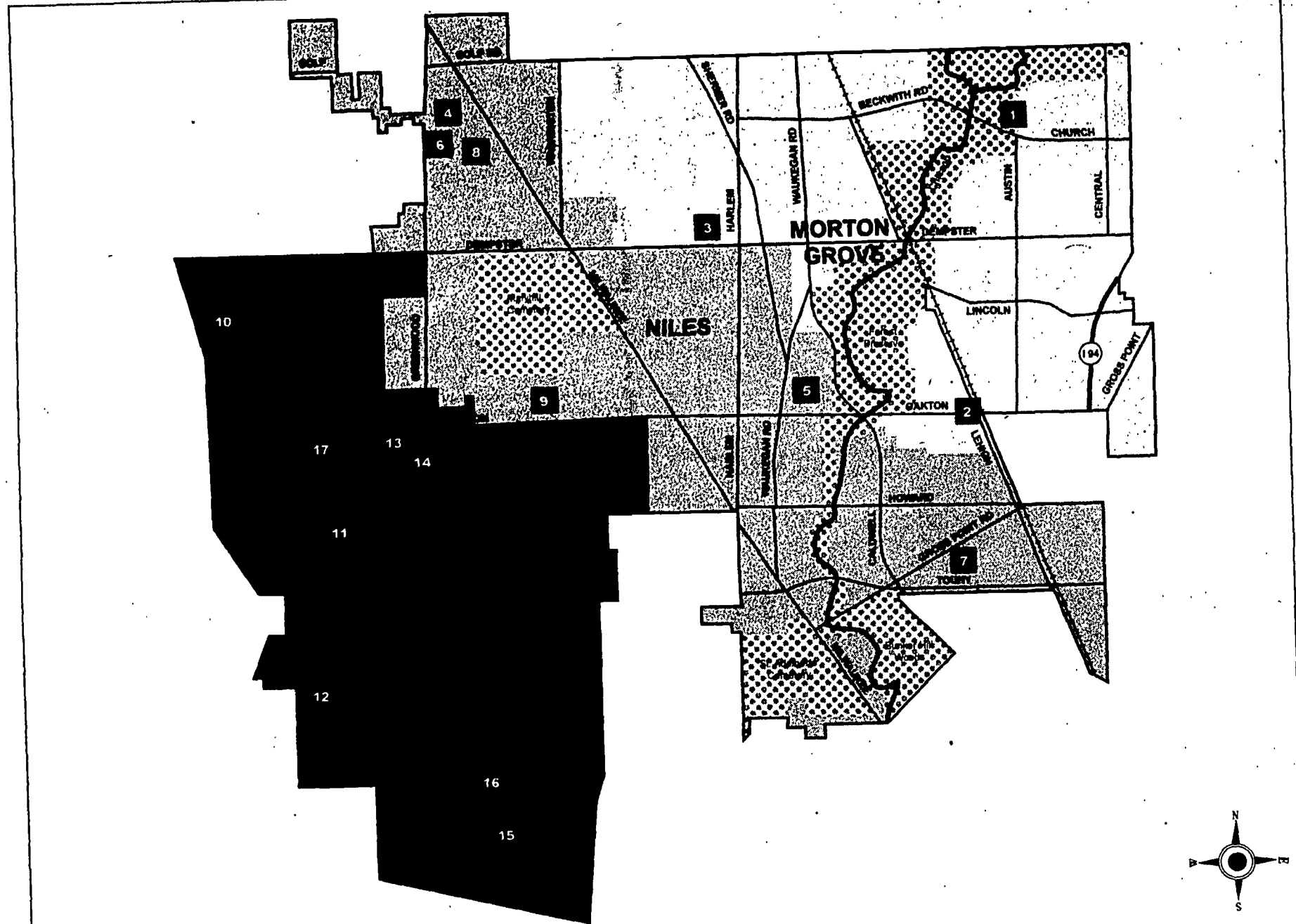


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**POLICE BLOTTER**



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August 16.

**5 Damage school (6900 Oakton)**  
Someone damaged the sign outside of Culver School in the 6900 block of Oakton over the weekend of August 13.

**6 Retail Theft (Golf Mill)**  
Security at the J.C. Penny store in Golf Mill stopped a 39-year-old Chicago woman Monday afternoon August 16 when she tried to leave the store with \$149.00 worth of clothing and jewelry.

Security told police they watched the woman via a surveillance camera as she removed jewelry from the display and placed it in bag.

**7 Laptop lifted (7300 Melvina)**  
It took security at an industrial supply store in the 7300 block of Melvina 10 months to notice a \$1,000 laptop was missing from the store. The 5-year-old laptop was finally reported missing August 9.

**8 Identity theft (Golf Mill)**  
A 24-year-old Morton Grove woman found out someone was using her identity when she tried to open a Sprint account at the Golf Mill store only to find out someone with her identity already had a Sprint account in Oklahoma. The woman also found out the thief was in good standing with Sprint.

**9 Check Fraud (8100 Prospect)**  
A 32-year-old Niles man was the victim of a fraudulent check scheme in which the victim, who met the offenders by e-mail, agreed to sell the men two radio controlled airplanes valued at \$335. The victim agreed to accept a cashiers check from the men in the amount of \$2,550 and would send the difference back to the men in the form of a money order. Fortunately for the man a relative had heard about the scam and informed the man that he should report the transaction to his bank and the police.

registers and detained him for Morton Grove police. The jacket was valued at \$199.00.

**NILES**  
The following items were taken from official reports of the Niles Police Department for the week ending August 23, 2004.

**4 Retail Theft (220 Golf Mill)**  
Security at J.C. Penny in Golf Mill stopped a 17-year-old Chicago youth and his juvenile friend as they tried to walk out of the store with \$359.00 worth of boys and men's clothing

**MORTON GROVE**

The following items were taken from official reports of the Morton Grove Police Department for the week ending August 20, 2004.

**1 Trailer stolen (9500 Austin)**  
A 1997 trailer that was usually stored at the Freedom Woods Equestrian Stables was stolen sometime between August 15 and 17 the owner told police. The owner of the trailer told police that although the trailer had not been used for years it had a value of \$2,500.

**2 A tiny bit of theft (6300 Oakton)**  
Menard's security caught a 44-year-old Chicago woman trying to switch a broken drill bit for a new one Thursday night, August 12.

Security said they watched as the woman opened a package of drill bits, removed one and replaced it with the broken one. When confronted by security, the woman told police she had purchased the bit earlier, it had broken and she came to Menard's to replace it. Fortunately for the woman Menard's did not want to press charges and the woman and her

husband were released. The value of the bit was \$2.65.

**3 Jacket theft (7250 Dempster)**  
A 37-year-old Des Plaines man was arrested for retail theft Sunday afternoon, August 22 after store security at the T.J. Maxx store at 7250 Dempster watched the man take a leather bomber jacket off the rack, rip off the security tag, and walk out of the store.

Although temperatures on Sunday were in the mid 80s the man felt he could walk out of the store unnoticed. Security stopped the man as he passed the

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The man told police he feared the men he owed the money to would come looking for him.

**PARK RIDGE**

The following items were taken from official reports of the Park Ridge Police for the week ending August 6 - August 12, 2004.

**10 Burglary (700 Pavillion Way)**  
A mountain bike was stolen from a storage locker in a multi-unit residence in the 1700 block of Pavillion Way between August 7-15. The bike was valued at \$300.

**11 Burglary (600 Hamlin)**  
Thieves cut the phone lines and broke the rear door to enter a home in the 600 block of Hamlin Friday August 13.

**12 Burglary (900 Hamlin)**  
A home in the 900 block of Hamlin was burglarized Friday morning August 13 about 9:30 p.m. Police said the thief forced a screen from a window and then opened a window.

**13 Burglary (900 Lincoln)**  
Thieves stole a set of golf clubs valued at \$300 from a home in the 900 block of N. Lincoln Monday night August 16.

**14 Burglary (900 Lincoln)**  
Thieves slipped through a dog door opening in a service door of the garage of a home in the 900 block of Lincoln. The owner told

police an air compressor valued at \$100 was taken.

**16 Burglary (1500 Fairview)**  
A home in the 1500 block of Fairview was burglarized Thursday night August 19. Police said the thieves may have entered through a window.

**17 Robbery (800 Devon)**  
A bold robber pushed the cashier of a store in the 800 block of Devon to the ground early Thursday morning August 19 and emptied the register. The cashier told police the man came into the store asking for change for a dollar.

**18 Theft (2100 Bouterse)**  
Thieves stole more than \$2,500 worth of tools from an unsecured area in a garage located in the multi-residence building in the 2100 block of Bouterse sometime between August 8-13.

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NEWS

Parks nail down 'Thor' lightning system

Test date for warning system set for Sept. 13

BY ANDREW SCHNEIDER editor@buglenewspapers.com

The "Thor Guard" system that will warn Niles Park District patrons of approaching lightning has been installed in all 15 locations and a test date has been scheduled for Monday, Sept. 13.

Park Board members and staff hope that the system will help make their parks and the entire village safer from lightning.

The lightning warning system employs strobe lights and sirens and will be installed in fifteen sites split into two zones, one for all sites north of Main St., and another for all to the south.

The northern sites are: Iceland Pool and Ice Arena, Golf Mill Park, Courtland Park, Washington Park, Greenwood Park and Oak Park. They will be controlled from a base station at Iceland.

The southern sites are: the Howard Leisure Center, Tam O'Shanter Golf Course, Pioneer Park, Kirk Lane Park, N.I.C.O. Park, Oasis Water Park, Jonquil Terrace Park, Grennan Heights and Oakton Manor. They will be

controlled from a base station at the Leisure Center.

During the test, each Thor alarm will be activated in a predetermined series. If all goes well, the system will operate until November and reactivate in the spring.

The detectors came at a cost of \$69,500, but Park District

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Director Joe LoVerde said that the District saved \$5,600 by choosing to install the poles.

"If it saves even one life it's worth every cent," he said. "We can't put a monetary value on this system."

Each pole will have information mounted on it that tells patrons what its different alarms signify. When dangerous weather approaches the park, a siren sounds and strobe lights turn on.

Those strobe lights will continue to flash until the weather has passed on to a safe distance and then the siren will sound three short blasts signifying all is clear and the strobe lights will turn off.

LoVerde said that physical installation of the Thor equipment has been completed at all the sites.

"Now it's our job to make sure that everyone knows how it works," he said. "We have to notify residents, the village and neighboring governmental authorities to let them know about the new system."

Because the Thor system is extremely loud, residents need to be informed about the it and its upcoming tests, otherwise the village could wind up receiving a lot of phone calls.

"We don't want to make ourselves or the village inundated with calls," LoVerde said. "So we're trying to reach as many residents as possible and educate them about the system. We need to flood the community with that information so that when they go off people know what it means."

Both LoVerde and the Park Board believe the system has the potential to protect, not only park patrons, but all of Niles and even some people in the neighboring communities.

"We're going to tell people that whether they're in a park or in their backyard, take warning," LoVerde said. "This is something you can use to protect yourself and your family."

Condition: •Lightning is Imminent •Lightning Present •All Clear Thor Response: •A Single, 15-second Siren Blast •Strobe Light remains on, •Three 5-second Siren Blasts

Niles Parks Bond Sale not for Gym

Niles Park Dist. Commissioners approved the sale of \$950,000 in general obligation bonds at their last meeting, Tuesday, Aug. 17. The park district has sold bonds annually for the last several years to pay principal and

interest costs on its building projects. The bond sale was incorrectly reported as issued for the new multi-purpose gym in last week's Bugle.

The Park District currently has \$19.5 million in outstanding debt. About \$12 million of that is for the

Tam Tennis Complex, expected to be retired by 2020.

Moody's Investor's Service rates the Park District as A1, a rating that establishes the level of interest that a taxing body will be charged on a loan.

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NEWS

Gift Certificate Bill signed into law

Legislation requiring prepaid gift cards to disclose hidden fees and expiration dates was signed into law last week by the Governor.

Gift certificates and prepaid gift cards which are sold at various types of retailers - such as department stores, grocery chains, or coffee shops - often include undisclosed maintenance, shipping, and service charges that often times surprise consumers.

The cards are becoming more popular not only with consumers,

but with merchants as well, who find that shoppers who buy the cards often end up spending more than face value.

"This new law will make consumers aware of costs and penalties associated with these cards," said State Senator Susan Garrett, (D-Lake Forest) the bill's lead sponsor in the Senate. "Hidden fees, expiration dates, and dormancy charges are often attached to gift cards without the buyer's knowledge."

According to Garrett, the measure will help make consumers aware of

these charges by requiring the cards to disclose information on any expiration dates or attached fees. In many cases, she added, the expiration dates on gift cards will be eliminated altogether.

The National Retail Federation reports that consumers are expected to spend \$17.24 billion on gift cards this season, with an average of \$34.24 per card. In addition to Illinois, twenty-three states, including Iowa, Michigan, Missouri, Nebraska, and Ohio are considering adding gift card regulations this year.

Open Space

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Among the projects for which the Niles Park District is pursuing funding are: a fitness trail with multiple stations and outdoor splash waterparks for children. Such parks are becoming popular in other communities.

"We think that the door is wide open," said LoVerde, "especially for Niles soon."

Niles Park Director of Development Cathy Collins will be in charge of writing grant applications for the District. Among her first applications, LoVerde said, will be a request for OSLAD to share funding for new playground equipment at Cortland Park, where existing equipment will soon be moved from leased property under Commonwealth

pavilion. Money from OSLAD also helped pay for six new playground projects and the purchase of Jacobs Park in the Delaine Farm Residential development. Fougousse said that the OSLAD program is crucial to the procurement of new parkland and the development of existing facilities.

"If we have to go head to head with a developer for parkland forget it," he said. The local state legislators, he added, were extremely supportive of OSLAD and the Park District and deserve thanks.

"Our representatives were extremely supportive of OSLAD," Fougousse said. "Kudos to them for standing up and supporting the program."

The Park Ridge Park District has received about \$395,000 from the OSLAD grant program for four different projects. These include: \$92,300 for handicap accessible playground equipment, soccer and baseball field renovation, replacement of the walking/jogging path, trees for the picnic grove and bocce ball courts at the Centennial Park in November 1998, \$54,750 for handicap accessible playground and a fishing pier and walkway at Maine Park in June 1992, \$105,000 for tennis courts and tennis court lighting at Hinkley Park in 2000 and \$144,500 for skate park, playground structures, baseball diamond irrigation, baseball backstops, pool perimeter fencing at Hinkley Park.

"It is essential money for providing open space, not just in our community, but throughout Illinois."

Jeff Fougousse Director, MG Park District

Edison power lines.

"We strongly believe that there's an opportunity for us here to have this done in house," said LoVerde.

In Morton Grove, Director Jeff Fougousse said Park District has received approximately \$1.5 million in OSLAD funds since 1990.

"We've been a significant recipient of OSLAD funds," Fougousse said. "It is essential money for providing open space, not just in our community, but throughout Illinois."

OSLAD funds have paid for three major projects at Morton Grove's flagship Harrer Park. Among them are five baseball fields, a renovation of Harrer pool that included work on its deck and filter system, the construction of a half-mile walking trail and a

Lange also wanted to thank local legislators for their assistance and support.

State foots the bill for Devon, Northwest Hwy. resurfacing

The state will cover the costs of resurfacing Devon from Canfield to River and Northwest Hwy. from the Tri-State expressway to just south of its intersection with Touhy.

"As you all know, there are some roads in our hometown that need paving," State Senator Dave Sullivan (R-Park Ridge) said at the Park Ridge City Council meeting Monday, Aug.

16. "The state's going to pick up the tab so you don't have to."

A \$280-million expenditure for road projects throughout Illinois was recently accelerated by the Illinois Department of Transportation. About \$9.3 million of this money is expected to be used to resurface Devon and Northwest Hwy.

"It's a wonderful benefit for our city," said Park Ridge Public Works Director Joe Saccamano.

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NEWS

First lease approved for Oasis Cell Tower

Tower could net Niles Parks up to \$100K

BY ANDREW SCHNEIDER editor@buglenewspapers.com

The first lease for the planned Oasis Water Park Cellular Tower was approved by the Niles Park Board at their last meeting Tuesday, Aug. 17.

The lease, with U.S. Cellular will net the Park District \$2,400 per month. Director Joe LoVerde said that talks are currently underway with Sprint to take the second place on the tower at the same rent. The tower can hold up to four carriers. When completely leased, it will bring in over

\$100,000 a year to the District, along with additional money that will be used for landscaping the base of the tower at Oasis Water Park.

U.S. Cellular will construct the tower and a snag arose last month when their plans called for an easement to be constructed to run fiber-optic communication lines to the tower was placed directly through the Oasis parking lot.

That plan would have caused some disturbance to the users of Oasis and LoVerde felt that was unacceptable. The easement was moved and U.S. Cellular agreed to hold construction until after Labor Day, when the pools close. "We were concerned about disruption for our users," LoVerde

said. "[U.S. Cellular] said they were comfortable waiting until after we closed the pool for the season. We're going to start after Labor Day so that there's no disruption."

In order to construct the new easement, U.S. Cellular will have to remove some "stamped" concrete that has a decorative pattern. It was expensive to install and LoVerde said that U.S. Cellular would cover the cost of the replacement.

U.S. Cellular's lease has a five-year term with an option for an additional five-year renewal. The tower should take about five months to complete. It will occupy what is currently a plaza at the southeast end of the park, near the entrance to the pool.

50 tickets issued at MEC Fun Fair

Incedon says new regulations the cause

Approximately 50 parking tickets were issued to attendees of last weekend's International Food & Fun Fair at the Muslim Education Center (MEC) in Morton Grove. The tickets were issued for a variety of different parking infractions, but the most, by far, were issued for parking on a residents-only street without a Morton Grove vehicle sticker.

The annual Fair, held at the MEC on Saturday, from noon to 8 p.m., featured of food, games, prizes and a mini bazaar. Morton Grove Police Chief George Incedon said that the organizers had arranged for parking at the neighboring Molloy Education Center, on the paved area at the MEC and that some street parking was available. Though, he thought, attendees were probably unprepared for the new parking restrictions in place.

"There is free parking on one side of the street," Incedon said. "But, the other side of the street is parking only for vehicles with a Morton Grove sticker."

The sticker-only parking is part of the village's progressive parking plan that helps to mitigate parking problems on neighborhood streets. The plan is attempted to not only give relief to residents, but also to allow passage for fire engines and other emergency vehicles. Similar restrictions are in place around Jerusalem Lutheran Church, the Northwest Suburban Jewish Congregation and St. Martha's Catholic Church.

"Those who choose to attend the event again next year will know to look for the signage," Incedon said.

There were three officers patrolling the village on Saturday and the vast majority of the tickets they issued were for parking on a street without a vehicle sticker. The fine is \$15. Additionally, tickets were issued for parking within



Raja Pazzoq flips Zibia Chicken at the Muslim Education Center Fundraising festival in Morton Grove Saturday August 21.

30 feet of a stop sign, parking within 20 feet of a crosswalk and for blocking driveways.

Park Ridge extends deadline for Uptown Developer

90-day deadline for Uptown Developer PRC Partners that ended this Monday was extended 45 more days at the last Park Ridge City Council meeting Monday, Aug. 16.

The deadline was originally imposed to ensure that PRC came back with a revised proposal in a timely manner. However, Park Ridge City Manager Tim Schuenke said the original deadline was unrealistic and that the city staff and PRC needed additional time to iron out the details. "Because of the complexities of the Uptown Redevelopment plan, 90 days has proven to be unrealistic,"

Schuenke told the council. "We need an additional 45 days."

The 45-day extension began on Tuesday, Aug. 24, giving PRC until mid-October to complete work on the plan to develop Uptown Target Area 2. PRC is proposing a mixed-use residential/retail development for the site, situated between Touhy, Northwest Hwy. and Morris Ave., enveloping the current site of the city's reservoir and the former Brodemann car dealerships.

"We have the basics of an agreement worked out," Schuenke said. "Now we're working on the financials."

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NEWS



Storyteller transfixes

(Above) Children at Oak Park Friday night listen as storyteller Sandi Sylver tells them the story of the "Belly Button Monster" at the Oak Park Outdoor concert Friday night August 20. (Left) Sandi Sylver and "Toodles" entertain children and adults at the Oak Park Friday night concert August 20.

PR Parks seek volunteers to serve on Pools Committee

The Park Ridge Park District is seeking individuals to volunteer to serve on a council to discuss the district's four outdoor pools. At its Thursday, August 19th Committee-of-the-Whole meeting, the Board of Park Commissioners voted to create an Outdoor Pools Citizens' Advisory Council. The purpose of the council is to increase interest in the pools and increase communication, foster interaction and encourage participation between pool users, program participants, Park District staff, the Park District Board of Park Commissioners and the community as a whole. It is expected that the Council will also generate new ideas and recommendations for the pools.

If you would like to be considered a candidate to serve on the Outdoor Pools Advisory Council or the Community Center Council, please notify Renie Schreiber, manager of public relations at 847.692.3346 or by fax 847.692.6949 or e-mail prpdrenie@aol.com or contact Maryanne Lucarz at 847.692.3482 or by fax 847.318.6808 or e-mail prpdadmna@aol.com.



Condo Fire Show professionalism

Niles Mayor Nick Blase praised local firefighters for their response to a fire that ravaged a penthouse condo off of Golf Rd. last week. Pictured above, the blaze caused a great deal of damage to the apartment.

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SPORTS

Oakton Pool Hosts U.S. Masters Diving

Only the 3rd International Event at Oakton since 1972 Olympiad Trials

BY MIKE SANTORO  
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You didn't have to travel to Greece to see world class international diving this weekend. Right under everyone's noses, Oakton Pool held the U.S. Masters Diving competition for 8 year olds and above.

The meet drew a diverse group of participants including a former 1946 Olympian. Ranging in age from eight to eighty, competitors came nationally from Florida, California, and Minnesota. They even were able to draw international competitors from Canada, two from Mexico, and a couple from as far away as Venezuela.

The U.S. Masters is a branch of United States Diving. For those in high school and college it provides a summer league during the off-season in which to compete. For those post college, it gives people a quarterly competition in which to continue diving.

"This is a place for divers to continue competing," Meet Host Joey Hailpern said. "It's a really nice community. They really take care of each other and do a great job to help support diving across the country."

This isn't the first time Oakton has been honored with an international meet. In 1972, at just three years old, the pool hosted the U.S. Swimming and Diving Olympic trials before Munich. Subsequently the pool has hosted

the U.S. Masters competition twice, once in 1985 and once in 1995.

"We've had pretty big meets before," Hailpern said. "It seems every decade or so we have a big event like this."

Oakton is currently the only pool in the Chicagoland area to have one meter and three meter spring board as well as the large diving tower. Any international competition coming to Chicago will have no choice but to dive at Oakton.

This wasn't always true though. Insurance rates, and more likely the higher profitability of water slides have driven all other pools to remove their large platforms and diving boards.

"There are some insurance problems; people like water-slides. Really a lot of reasons. Now every Chicagoland team at one point during the summer will have to use our facilities."

As of press time the results had not been tallied, but to the divers the scores were not important.

"They're not interested in first, second, and third," Hailpern said "They're just here to have a good time."

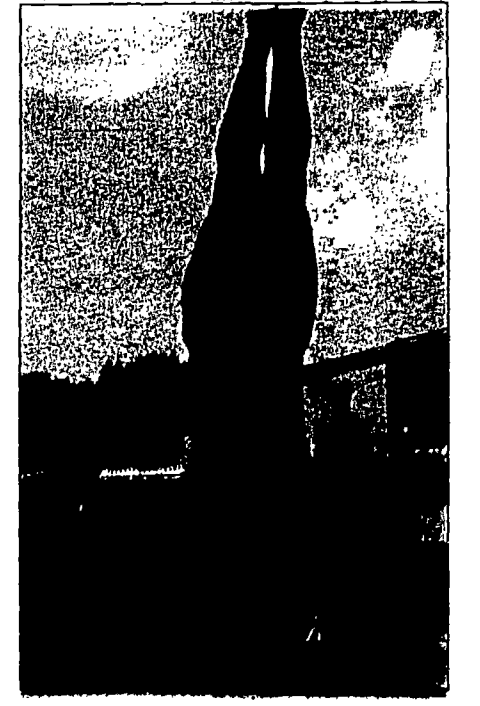
Anyone present could see that was true. The divers, the majority 40-70 years old, laughed and ran around the pool like little kids. After their diving careers were over and dreams of glory past, they were just happy to still be diving, laughing and joking with those just like them.

For those interested in more information in the local diving clubs coached by Hailpern, visit www.tendive.tripod.com. There you can learn how to become more involved with your local swim and dive club.



(Above) Duke Hawthorne of Brookfield leaves the 3 Meter board at the U.S. Masters Diving Championships at Oakton Pool Saturday August 21. (Bottom Left) Duke Hawthorne, 31, of Brookfield poises himself on the end of the 3 meter board at the U.S. Masters Diving Championships at Oakton Pool Saturday August 21. (Bottom Right) Benjamin Spence of Cedar Rapids Iowa competes in the 30-34 year old level of the U.S. Masters Diving Championships at Oakton Pool Saturday August 21.

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A SPORTING VIEW

By Chris Richcreek

The best NFL coaches are found here

Once again, it has probably the best coaches of any NFL division. And this time, it has intriguing quarterback issues as well. The division is the NFC East, home to Philadelphia, Dallas, the New York Giants and Washington. Two of the teams have new coaches, and three have a quarterback situation to sort out.

Philadelphia does not have either. What the Eagles do have is a "Big Game" problem. Three consecutive seasons the Eagles have made the NFC title game, and three times they have failed to reach the Super Bowl.

Philadelphia has one of the top NFL quarterbacks in Donovan McNabb and has added stars in receiver Terrell Owens and defensive end Jevon Kearse. But a lot of talent exited in the offseason, and the question is whether the Eagles have enough left to make another title run.

Head coach Andy Reid is in his sixth season in Philadelphia, but if the window starts closing on the Eagles' title hopes, it might end up shutting on Reid's fin-

gers, too. In Dallas, Bill Parcells knows three of them as a head coach, winning two. And he has revived a Cowboys franchise that was spiraling downward, notching a 10-6 mark and grabbing a playoff spot last year in his surprising first season in Dallas.

He's brought in veteran Vinny Testaverde, who'll start in the wake of Quincy Carter's abrupt departure. Meanwhile, Drew Henson is waiting in the wings after leaving behind a pro-baseball career for a shot at the NFL.

Along with Testaverde, Dallas has imported running back Eddie George and receiver Keyshawn Johnson. It appears that Parcells is seeking a Super

Bowl-type jump for the Cowboys.

Tom Coughlin, despite having much success in Jacksonville, has never taken a team to the Super Bowl as a head coach, but the Giants brought him in to replace Jim Fassel, who did make the Super Bowl after the 2000 season.

The big challenge for Coughlin will be at the quarterback spot. Former NFL Most Valuable Player Kurt Warner is trying to revive his career in a new location. Eli Manning is the heralded rookie whose readiness to take the reins is not yet assured. The playoffs look far away at this point.

Then there's the coach who definitely knows Super Bowls — Joe Gibbs. His Washington

Redskins were in four the first time he coached them, winning three. Now he's back after 11 seasons away, replacing Steve Spurrier.

Gibbs has brought in veteran Mark Brunell, who will vie with Patrick Ramsey for the quarterback job. Gibbs will also have Clinton Portis as his new featured running back. Then there's Redskins owner Daniel Snyder, who bought the team in 1999, only to see the franchise fail to have a winning record the past four years.

Gibbs might be the top coach in the NFC East, but he's also the one with the most pressure — he must make his impatient owner a winner.

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By Matilda Charles

Medicare Rollbacks

The government's plan to have Medicare roll back reimbursements for some drugs - most of which are said to be used extensively for cancer or lung conditions - has met with resistance by a number of doctors who say this would force them out of the Medicare system. Basically, this whole process involves three-steps: 1) Doctors bill Medicare for the costs of these drugs, which they procure from the drug companies; 2) Patients' co-payments to their doctors are 20 percent of what the doctors charge Medicare; 3) The doctors then pocket the difference between Medicare's reimbursements and what the drug companies charge them. All of which seems to be a win-win situation for both the drug makers, which are paid in full by the doctors, and the doctors, who earn a tidy profit on each transaction. If the rollback goes into effect, the

government says it will be good for patients because the 20 percent co-payment would be applied against a lower amount. In other words, if a doctor has paid a drug company \$1,000 (which, I remind you, would be covered by Medicare reimbursement), the 20 percent co-pay would be \$200. If the doctor's charge were reduced to \$750, the co-pay would be \$150. In theory, this seems to be a good deal for Medicare recipients. However, if it leads to a significant Medicare drop-out rate among cancer and lung specialists, it could limit the availability of skilled, life-saving care. Also, co-payments have a way of going up, not down, and even if drug prices were cut, patients could still face a rise in co-payment percentages. All this is by way of urging you to contact your senators and members of congress to demand more hearings on this issue. Saving money is fine, but not if it means losing lives. Write to Matilda Charles in care of King Features Weekly Service, P.O. Box 536475, Orlando, FL 32853-6475, or send an e-mail to letters.kfws@hearstsc.com. (c) 2004 King Features Synd., Inc.

Niles Senior Center

NEW MOONLIGHTERS We are excited to announce our new group, The Moonlighters. We will offer one event each month. This event will be open to all Club 55/62 members and Senior Center Members. First come, first registered!

Defending the Caveman - Thursday, October 14th, 5:00pm - approx. 10:00pm. \$35 This will be the first event we are offering. Join us for an evening of Laughter & Fun as we travel to the Metropolis Performing Arts Centre in Arlington Heights to see Bob Becker's Hilarious, one-man comedy. This is the longest running solo show in Broadway history! Becker provides humorous insights on contemporary feminism and masculine sensitivity.

Before the performance, we will dine at Lou Malnati's. Dinner includes a Dinner Salad, Lou Malnati's Famous Deep Dish Pizza, Mostaccioli, and Dessert.

Check-in time at the Senior Center: 4:30pm on Thurs., Oct. 14th. Departure: 5:00PM.

Grief Workshop to Offer Support and Coping Tools Three Session Series to Begin September 15 Beginning Wednesday, September 15th, the Niles Senior Center will hold a three-session grief workshop for Niles residents touched by the loss of a loved one. Participants can come to an individual workshop, or join us for the entire series. The workshops will meet on three consecutive Wednesdays, from 1:00pm - 2:30pm: Workshop #1, September 15th - "What has happened to me?"

"Why me?" A forum for participants to share their diverse feelings about grief. Workshop #2, Sept. 22nd - "Dealing with expectations of ourselves and others." Knowing what to expect every day can be stressful after

a loss. We will explore concerns, and encourage participants to examine their goals and priorities. Workshop #3, September 29th - "On my own." The shift from being part of a couple to living alone changes many things. At this workshop we will explore the stress of living alone and ways to adjust. Please call one of us (Bev Wessels, MSW, LSW, ACSW, or Melanie Amin, LCSW), at 847/588-8420 for more information on meeting dates and to let us know which workshops you will be attending so we can reserve a place for you.

NILES SENIOR CENTER REGISTRATION Niles Senior Center offers FREE membership to Niles residents, age 62 and over and their spouses. To register for classes, trips, or purchase tickets, you must be a member of the Center. To become a member, visit the Niles Senior Center, 999 Civic Center Dr., or call 847/588-8420 and we will mail you an application. Visit the Village of Niles online at www.vniles.com. Learn more about the Village and its services, 24 hours/day, 7 days/wk.

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Mail-in/Drop-off Registration with check or credit card number is due at the Senior Center no later than 5:00pm, Friday, Sept. 3rd. Fill out & sign the registration form in the Sept. Program Guide - or pick up form at the Center. (Do not send cash by mail.) In-person registration begins 8:30am, Wed., Sept. 8th, assuming ticket availability. (Cash is accepted during in-person registration as well as check or credit card.) Special accommodations needed? Let us know when you register. Call 588-8420 for more information.

Programs listed below go on sale in September. HEALTH & WELLNESS - SEPTEMBER Don't forget to reserve your flu shot appointment today! Check the center of the Naturally Active Program Guide for the form, or come in and pick one up. Weight Management Support Group - Thurs., Sept. 2nd, 1:00pm - 2:30pm. \$10/year

Swing under the stars at The Admiral at the Lake

The Admiral at the Lake invites you to bring your blanket, lawn chair, picnic and dancing shoes to listen to the great music of the 30's, 40's and 50's. Come and enjoy the wonderful sounds of Chicago's favorite swing band, Bopology. This open concert will take place at The Admiral at the Lake's garden on Saturday, August 28, 2004 from 6:00 PM to 7:30 PM. The band will have you swinging along to some toe-tapping favorites including: "Jump, Jive

& Wail," Luck be a Lady," and "Route 66." Mark your calendar because it is sure to be a spectacular evening. The Admiral at the Lake is located at 909 West Foster Avenue, Chicago. Entrance to the garden is East of the main entrance. The gate will be open at 5:30 PM. The Admiral at the Lake is Chicago's oldest non-profit Continuing Care Retirement Community, offering person-centered care with quality choices in retirement living. Spacious studio, one and two bedroom rental apartments overlooking Lake Michigan are available. Some of our amenities include weekly housekeeping, linen and towel service, utilities (except telephone), and two delicious meals in our full service main dining room. Studios discounted to \$1,200 per month and paid moves are available for a limited time. For more information about the Admiral at the Lake please contact Patti Diaz or Kerry Rigel at (773) 654-5160.

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Morton Grove Seniors

MORTON GROVE SENIOR CITIZENS NEWS RELEASE Contact: Bud Swanson, Family & Senior Services, 847/663-6110 August 23, 2004

SENIOR AFFORDABLE HOUSING TOWN HALL MEETING

The Village of Morton Grove's Senior Affordable Housing Committee is hosting a Senior Town Hall Meeting at 1:30 p.m. on Monday, Aug. 30 in the Morton Grove Senior Center.

"MEDICARE: AN EXPLANATION OF BENEFITS" LECTURE

Join Marianne Colello, the

Administrator of Rosewood Care Center in Northbrook at 1:30 p.m. on Sept. 9 as she presents an educational seminar on Medicare at the Morton Grove Senior Center.

TRASH & TREASURE! AT THE MORTON GROVE SENIOR CENTER!!

The Morton Grove Senior Center is having a "Trash And Treasure" Rummage Sale from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Saturday, Sept. 11.

COMPUTER CLASS - Getting Started With Computers

This four-week course is designed for those with little or no

experience using computers and will be held from 1 to 2:30 p.m. on Saturdays, Sept. 11 through Oct. 2 in the Morton Grove Senior Center.

COMPUTER CLASS - Word Processing

Learn how to create new word documents, all about saving, editing, formatting, changing fonts and inserting graphics.

Maine Township

MaineStreamers Announce Fall Senior Activities and Classes

Listed below are a few of the fall programs for all Maine Township seniors. For further information on these and all senior programs and activities call 1-847-297-2510 or visit www.maintownship.com.

BINGO

Thursday, September 2 Town Hall, 1700 Ballard, Park Ridge Tuesday, September 7 Oakton Arms, 1665 Oakton Pl., Des Plaines

Doors Open: 12 noon Games: 1 p.m. Cost: \$1 or Bingo Coupon for each

"KARAOKE"

Wednesday, September 8 2 to 3 p.m. Maine Town Hall, 1700 Ballard Rd, Park Ridge

No Charge - Registration Required Refreshments will be served

"MUSIC FOR KIDS"

Tuesday, September 21 10 to 11 a.m. Maine Town Hall, 1700 Ballard Rd, Park Ridge

No charge- registration required Refreshments will be served

Are you a grandparent caring for children full time, part time or once in a while? Come and learn some ways you can enjoy music together with your grandchildren

Society.

Day Trips

The following Day Trips are currently on sale. In order to sign up for a Day Trip you must first sign up to be a member and then a reservation form will be sent to you.

"HOLY HILL NATIONAL SHRINE OF MARY" and "CEDARBURG" TRIP

Southeastern Wisconsin 8 a.m. to 7:30 p.m. Friday, October 15 Trip Rate 2

Holy Hill and its accompanying shrine and church sit atop one of the highest points in the state.

After departing Holy Hill, we head over to Cedarburg for a late lunch. (Juice and Muffins will be served on motorcoach in the morning)

After lunch we head over to Cedarburg to shop, browse and stroll this lovely quaint town.

Trip departs from the State of Illinois Building, 9511 Harrison St. in Des Plaines. Please include a self-addressed stamped envelope for this trip.

LIFE

EVENTS CALENDAR

CIVICS

Wednesday, September 1st (Park Ridge) 7:30 PM Public Works Committee (Service Center) Thursday, September 2nd (Park Ridge) 7:00 PM Public Safety Meeting (Mayor's Conference room)

COMMUNITY

Friday, August 27th (Niles) Gigantic Yard sale at Saint Benedict Nursing and Rehabilitation Center

Saint Benedict Nursing and Rehabilitation Center at 6930 West Touhy Ave. Niles, Illinois, is holding a gigantic yard sale on August 27th, 2004 from 9:00 A.M. until 6:00 P.M.

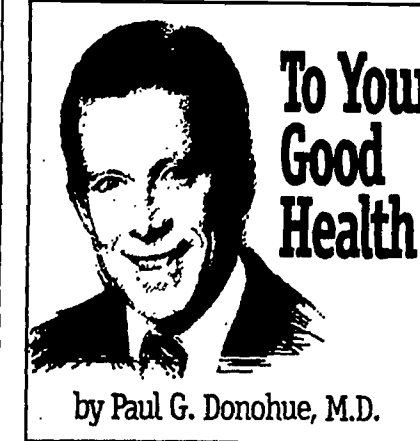
Featured items will be: Furniture, including dresser, chairs, entertainment center, shelving, TV's and some small appliances.

Sunday, August 29th (Park Ridge) The First Baptist Church of Park Ridge is offering an opportunity to the community to join in a singspiration program

If you have been missing this experience then join us for this singspiration, August 29th 2004, 11:00 A.M. 1266 Northwest Hwy., at Potter Road, Park Ridge.

Meetings for governmental bodies are held in the following locations:

- Niles Village of Niles: Niles Civic Center 1000 Civic Center Dr., Niles, IL. Niles Park District: Howard Leisure Center 6676 Howard St., Niles, IL. Park Ridge City of Park Ridge: City Hall, 506 Butler Pl., Park Ridge, IL. Park Ridge Park District: Maine Park Leisure Center 2701 Sibley Ave., Park Ridge, IL. Morton Grove Village of Morton Grove: Village Hall, 6101 Capulina Morton Grove, IL. Morton Grove Park District: Prairie View Center 6834 Dempster St., Morton Grove, IL. Submit events to: Calendar@buglenewspapers.com



To Your Good Health

Heart Attacks Can Occur Without Pain

DEAR DR. DONOHUE: My brother, who was only 43, died from a heart attack. I was with him when it occurred. He never said a word about pain, only that he was tired and wanted to lie down.

ANSWER: Most heart attacks cause chest pain. People describe it as a heavy sensation, a pressure or a viselike grip around their chests.



by Philomena Corradeno

This salsa recipe is a contest winner

I love recipe contests. The hundreds, sometimes thousands of submissions prove there are still lots of people out there who enjoy being creative in the kitchen.

quently the site of pain than the right. Or, a person can have chest pain that radiates to those locations. Frequently people complain of being sick to their stomachs, and they often throw up.

DEAR DR. DONOHUE: I am 56 and have been doing step aerobics since I was 40. I use an 8-inch step a couple of times a week.

DEAR DR. DONOHUE: I am 56 and have been doing step aerobics since I was 40. I use an 8-inch step a couple of times a week. People tell me I will injure my knees if I continue to do this.

information on recognizing attacks, treating them and preventing them. Readers can obtain a copy by writing: Dr. Donohue — No. 102W, Box 536475, Orlando, FL 32853-6475.

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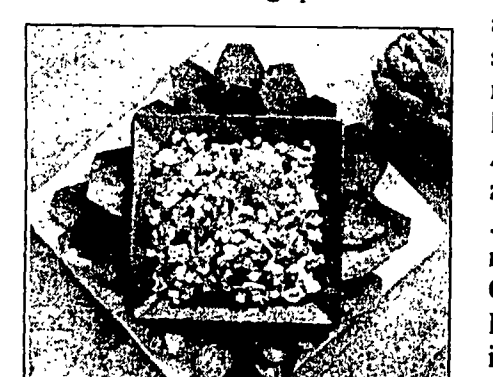
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3 limes, juiced Salt and pepper to taste

Remove husk and silk from corn and cook in unsalted boiling water 3 minutes. Cool; slice off kernels.

\*To Prepare Artichokes for Hearts: Rinse 6 medium-large artichokes. Cut off base of stem and top third of leaves.



ing water until petal near center pulls out easily, about 35 minutes (depending on size). OR boil artichokes in large pot in water to almost cover, along with a sliced lemon and clove or two of garlic until petal near center pulls out easily, about 35 minutes.

Pull off leaves to use as dippers and cut heart into bite-size pieces or dice for salsa.

NEW PRODUCT NEWS: Aware that nearly 80 percent of families are using flavors of the Southwest in their cooking, Campbell Soup Co. is bringing out three new condensed soups that will be available nationwide beginning in September.

Suggestions will be on labels and can also be found at www.campbellskitchen.com.

Perhaps the most welcome product news is announcement of Homel Foods oven-ready frozen turkey, offered in its Jennie-O Turkey Store line.

We'll have more to tell you later. (c) 2004 King Features Synd., Inc.

Park Ridge Senior Center News

The Choraliens of the Park Ridge Senior Center are getting ready to start its new season on Friday, September 10 at 1pm sharp.

A trip to Drury Lane Oakbrook to see The Sunshine boys is scheduled for Thursday, September 9.

Departure from the Center is 10:45am with lunch at Drury Lane with soup of the day, your choice of orange roughly or roast turkey breast with vegetables, potato, fresh baked bread, dessert and beverage.

Another reminder: mark September 11 on your calendar for the Center's Annual Bazaar. Time is 10am to 3pm. Handmade Halloween, Thanksgiving and Christmas items are being prepared for sale.

Become a member of the Park Ridge Senior Center and you will receive copies of the monthly SPECTATOR, which will keep

you informed of upcoming events such as one day trips: Friday, October 8 the Scarecrow Festival in St. Charles: the Jackie Kennedy exhibit at the Field Museum, November 30 which should be very interesting. Watch for it.

The Sunshine Boys is the story of two former vaudeville comics who worked together for 43 years, but because of old grudges, haven't spoken in the last eleven years.

When CBS plans a special celebrating the golden age of comedy, they reunite for one last performance, but the reunion doesn't go off as planned when old habits and bad feelings resurface as rehearsals get under way.

Advertisement for Dr. Robert Levine Podiatrist, offering \$25 exam and housecalls.

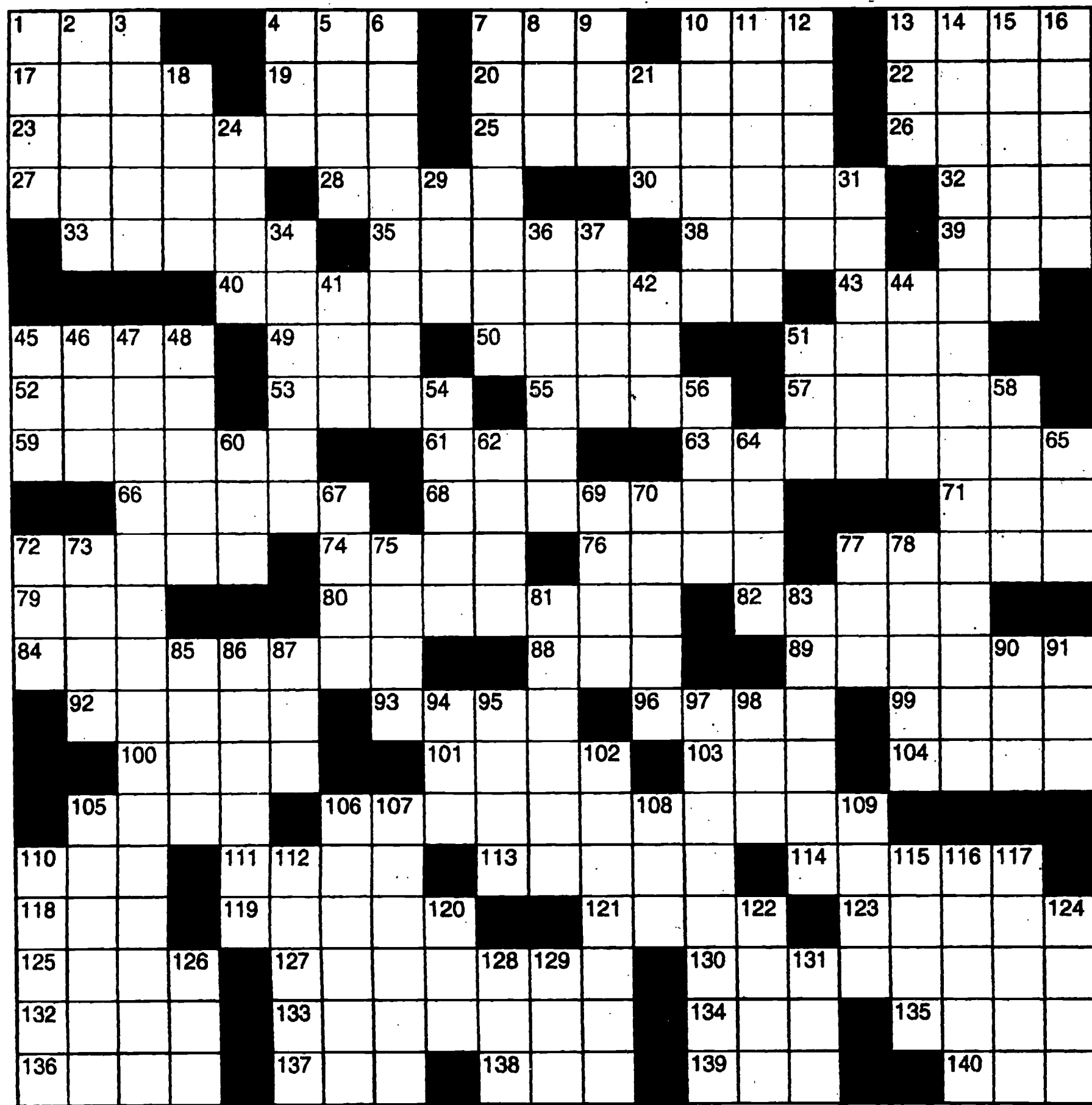
Advertisement for Elise Grandinetti Adley, D.D.S. and Samuel J. Grandinetti, D.D.S., offering dental services and a \$50 off special.

Advertisement for Baha Super Salon, offering hair services like shampoo, waxing, and cuts.

Advertisement for Spring-Green lawn care services, offering tree care and lawn maintenance.



# BUSINESS



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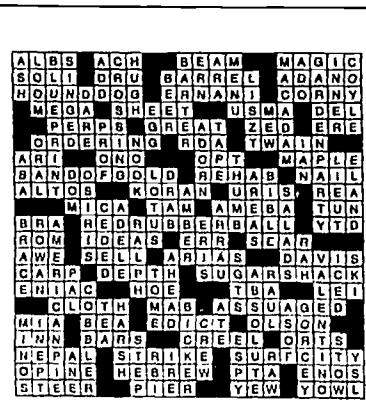
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## Dollars and sense

by David Uffington

### Privacy in Banking

Jerry from Dutchess County in New York says that his brother-in-law was upset to learn that his bank had allowed his account records to be opened without his permission and examined by a federal attorney investigating a former business partner on a matter that had nothing to do with the outraged account holder. Is this legal, Jerry asks? Or can his relative get a lawyer and sue the bank if he can't sue the feds? Sorry, Jerry. The fact is, if your brother-in-law or anyone else wants to keep their bank records safe from scrutiny by a governmental agency, they should open an account in Switzerland. And even there, the once impenetrable walls between the bank's clients and probers in the outside world have occasionally been breached by court decree. In short, the old days when a law-abiding American could enjoy a

presumed expectation of privacy in banking are pretty much history. That right began to erode even before passage of The Patriot Act, and although it still takes a court order to get into bank records, the odds these days are on the government making its case. One of those pre-Patriot Act laws was the 1999 Treasury Bank Secrecy Act, which allowed the government to investigate possible money laundering for illegal drug deals. It requires the bank to file a CTR Form 4789 for any cash transactions that involve \$10,000 or more in or out of the account. The act also calls for new depositors to supply photograph IDs to make sure they are who they say they are. The CTR forms and all other information go into a database that the government can access. The Patriot Act subsequently expanded the government's investigative scope to include possible sources of funds for terrorist operations or for accounts the terrorists themselves may have opened.

Write to Mr. Uffington in care of King Features Weekly Service, P.O. Box 536475, Orlando, FL 32853-6475 or send e-mail to letters.kfws@hearstsc.com.

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## Edward Jones earns accolades for simplifying tax reporting

The financial-services firm Edward Jones earned an "excellent" designation for its tax statements, according to a recent evaluation of tax materials by DALBAR, said Jeffrey L. Cardella, one of the Niles investment representatives. The firm also earned a "very good" designation for its tax guide. This was the best designation earned by any brokerage. Edward Jones produces "tax materials that take into consideration the needs of both tax professionals and do-it-yourself filers to make tax filing quicker and easier," according to DALBAR, which develops standards for, and provides research, ratings, and rankings of intangible factors to the financial-services industry.

Notable features of these top-rated tax materials include:  
 \* Design features that make it easy for tax filers to find data needed to complete IRS forms.  
 \* Limiting content and data to that which is relevant to the brokerage firm or account.  
 \* Instructions and guidance for using tax statements to complete IRS forms that go beyond the IRS requirements.  
 \* Easy access to additional help such as tax professionals, tax hotlines at the brokerage firm and IRS resources.  
 \* Alerts to tax filers of the statements they need to complete taxes, important dates, instructions to wait for revised statements.  
 \* Guidance to do-it-yourself tax filers for responding to new tax laws and products and services that reduce tax liabilities.

"Not only do the leading

financial-services firms produce materials that are the easiest to navigate and synchronize with IRS tax forms, commonly used tax filing systems and personal filing behaviors, they also adjusted their communications for this transitional year," said Laura Boothroyd, director of DALBAR's communications division. "The 2003 tax reporting year was a difficult one. Changes to dividend and capital gain rates threw a wrench into tax reporting. The leading firms went the extra mile...helping their clients file accurately and as painlessly as possible."

According to DALBAR, Edward Jones' tax materials excel in:  
 \* Effectiveness as it allows tax filers to conduct tax-filing activity with speed and ease.  
 \* Efficiency in that it avoids unnecessary inquiries from tax filers.

\* Supporting a positive image of the firm by making it easy to do business with the firm. Edward Jones, the only major financial-services firm advising individual investors exclusively, traces its roots to 1871 and currently serves more than 6 million clients. The firm offers its clients a variety of investments, including certificates of deposit, taxable and non-taxable bonds, stocks and mutual funds.

The largest firm in the nation in terms of branch offices, Edward Jones currently has more than 9,000 offices in the U.S. and, through its affiliates, in Canada and the United Kingdom.

The Edward Jones interactive Web site is located at www.edwardjones.com.

## Park Ridge Chamber seeks new director

Applications available at Uptown Chamber office

The Park Ridge Chamber of Commerce is accepting applications for the position of Executive Director. The Chamber's last Director, Richard Brayer, left this summer after a mutual decision with the Board of Directors to part company. He served as director for only 16 months.

According to the official job description, the Executive Director's key competencies should include interpersonal, written and oral communications skills, leadership, financial management, personnel management, organization, and strategic planning.

The responsibilities include membership development and retention, financial oversight and planning, committee oversight, event coordination, community relations, strategic leadership, and office management. In recent years, the Chamber's involvement in community events such as the popular Taste of Park Ridge has grown. This year's event was deemed a huge success.

The Chamber also sponsors an annual sidewalk sale and Business Expo with the help of a volunteer network.

The new Director should also be proficient in computer skills and have entrepreneurial experience. A bachelor's degree is required.

For further information or to receive an application, contact Marta Hoover at the Chamber offices at 847-825-3121 or via email mhoover@parkridgechamber.com.

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# REAL ESTATE

THE BUGLE

Thursday August 26, 2004

## Remodeling can help cut energy costs

**(NAPSI)-** Any time of year can be the right time to think about home improvement projects—especially when they can save a homeowner money on energy bills.

For example, leaky ducts, drafty windows and aging heating or cooling equipment can all add to your energy bill.

Here are some tips that may help conserve your energy dollars.

- Check caulking and weather stripping where two surfaces meet such as windows, doors and around the foundation.

- Seal air leaks in your home's ceiling, outer walls, windows, air ducts and floors.

- Add insulation to attic and walls.

- Install Energy Star-qualified equipment. Such equipment may help save as much as 20 percent on home energy bills.

- As always, regularly replace or clean your furnace filter to make your system work as efficiently as possible.

- Check the age of your home's furnace. Older units are not as energy efficient as newer models and may actually cost you more to operate.

- Have your home's heating system checked annually by a NATE-certified technician.

NATE-North American Technician Excellence—is the nation's largest non-profit certification organization for heating, ventilation, air-conditioning and refrigeration technicians.

The U.S. Department of Energy endorses NATE for raising quality standards and energy efficiency. For a contractor with NATE-certified technicians, visit [www.natex.org](http://www.natex.org).

Sealing air leaks in your home's ceiling, windows and floors may help cut your energy bills.

## Brushing Up On The Right Wall Colors

**(NAPSI)-** For anyone planning to spruce up the house and do some household painting, choosing the right color is no longer a gamble.

Of course, paint chips are a fundamental starting point in the selection process. And, there's even software available now from some of the major paint manufacturers to help visualize what a color looks like in a home. But, nothing compares to actually applying the paint on the wall. This is the only tried-and-true test of whether it's the right color with furnishings, or if it's affected by the lighting conditions or wall surface. But lugging home a full gallon—or even a quart—is not convenient and unnecessarily costly.

"The alternatives have been limited," said Doty Horn, director of design and color for Benjamin Moore Paints, a leading color authority for over a century. She explained that the company has recently created Color Samples, a breakthrough in simplifying color selection.

"Benjamin Moore dealers are now offering two-ounce Color Samples jars," said Horn. "This is the perfect amount for a 2-x-2-foot, two-coat application, and it's the surest way of knowing that the same color on the chip, color card or your computer is the one you want on your wall."

The Color Samples are packaged in clear petite plastic jars and are selling for \$3.49—far more economical and less wasteful than purchasing a quart or gallon only to find it doesn't match your expectations. Initially, the company is offering 260 colors from its full color system of several thou-

sand, and the hues chosen represent a balance of basic, trendsetting, and designer favorites.

Represented in the Color Samples offering is the bounty of colors Horn has forecasted are in sync with this fall's decorating

nations she recommends may sound surprising, upon reflection, they are all influenced by nature.

The pairing of brown and red, for instance, might strike some as odd, but it's reminiscent of autumn leaves. "The brown and red



trends. "Autumn is a season of deep rustic tones, not nearly as bright and sunwashed as summer, but earthy and settling. And it's a season that prompts thoughts of the home. Family gatherings are around the corner. Activities move indoors. The fall colors parallel this homing instinct, reflecting sentimentality and emotions that offer the warmth and comfort we seek."

While many of the color combinations she recommends may sound surprising, upon reflection, they are all influenced by nature. The pairing of brown and red, for instance, might strike some as odd, but it's reminiscent of autumn leaves. "The brown and red

grounded by the neutrals forms a restful partnership," she advised.

Purple continues to find its way into fashion and home, and for the fall, Horn teams Benjamin Moore's Autumn Purple with Webster Green.

To locate an authorized Benjamin Moore retailer nearest you carrying Color Samples, call 1-888-BMColor.

There's a full palette of wall colors to try at home, thanks to two-ounce Color Samples.

## THIS IS A HAMMER Interior Painting Tips

**Q:** I plan to paint two rooms in my apartment soon. Any tips on the fastest and most cost-effective way to do so? —Charlene J., Oklahoma City

**A:** Surprisingly, the fastest and cheapest way to paint is not slapping a coat of the least expensive color in the store onto your walls. Painting interior walls efficiently requires a bit of finesse, but most people catch on quickly.

Saving money on the project is accomplished by investing in quality paint, brushes and rollers. That gallon of bargain paint may save a few dollars overall, but if it takes three coats to cover a wall, you'll be back at the store spending extra money. Conversely, if you invest in the most expensive, designer-name paints (some running as much as \$40 a gallon), you'll be wasting money, too. Look for quality paint in the middle of the store's price range for the best coverage and value.

Good brushes are essential for getting the most out of the paint you just invested in. Choose all-purpose brushes with flagged (split) bristles and chiseled ends. You'll need three types for interior painting: a 3-inch wide straight-edge, a 2-inch trim, and a tapered sash brush. A quality set of brushes, well-cared for, will last for years.

One good paint roller is all you need for small projects—a standard 9-inch roller is inexpensive and saves lots of time. Buy one with a 3/8-inch nap for good overall coverage, with a handle that has a threaded end so you can attach an extension to reach ceilings and high walls. Again, don't buy the cheapest rollers, as they often shed fibers onto the painted surface.

Next, prepare to paint each room (about 24-48 hours beforehand) by cleaning off the walls and removing as many items from the room as possible. Cover furniture and place drop cloths on the floor (old bed sheets will suffice, as will plastic sheeting). Mask off any areas you

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## REAL ESATE

### Your Nose Detects Smells That Repel And Smells That Are Swell

**(NAPSI)-** Here's some news about your sense of smell that you may want to inhale. If you're an average adult, your nose can detect about 10,000 different odors and is a more effective scent detector than any mechanical device. Given this fact, there are many odors out there that can positively or negatively affect many aspects of our lives, including self-confidence, mood and productivity. Despite our sense of smell being very powerful, it is still often taken for granted.

A recent nationwide survey of adults looked into what smells Americans think are swell and which ones repel. Results show that 62 percent of Americans think scents such as mildew-smelling basements, bathrooms, kitchen odors and pet odors are offensive and that they could benefit from using an air care product in their homes.\* Additionally, nearly one-quarter of the population is spending more than \$200 yearly on products to eliminate these offensive scents. Knowing that these odors can be annoying and put you in a foul mood, companies are now

looking more closely at this area. For example, Febreze®, the trusted brand known for eliminating odors on soft surfaces, is taking its fabric refresher technology to the air around us with the launch of Febreze Air Effects™.

Febreze will tackle the unpleasant odors by putting the brand's odor-elimination expertise and technology to work. It's a uniquely designed aerosol air refresher spray that seeks out and eliminates odors while adding a fresh scent.

Every activity—from eating take-out food to exercising—produces scents in the home, which combine to create a home's distinct scent. Some people don't recognize their home has a smell because our senses are trained to adapt to a scent after constant exposure. Interestingly, the survey showed when a household scent is perceived as pleasant, the homeowner has more self-confidence in his or her home environment.

Telephone survey conducted by ICR Research in July 2004 among a national sample of 506 adults comprising 246 men and 260 women, 18+, living in the United States.

### "Sense"-able Swimming For A Healthy Time In The Pool

**(NAPSI)-** Use your senses!

This simple yet important advice is offered to swimming pool users this summer by a national partnership of public health, water quality and consumer advocacy organizations. The Healthy Pools partnership, including the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), the National Consumers League, and the Chlorine Chemistry Council, says that your senses of sight, touch, smell and sound can help you and your family enjoy a healthy swim, and possibly avoid some very unpleasant pool-related illnesses.

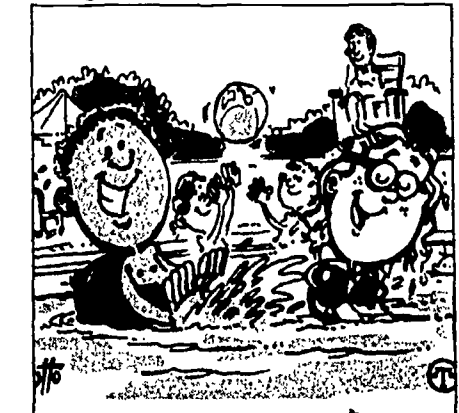
Michigan State University microbiologist and Healthy Pools spokesperson Dr. Joan Rose says unhealthy pool water can lead to a variety of illnesses. "Exposure to waterborne germs such as Giardia, E. coli, Shigella and Cryptosporidium in poorly maintained pools can cause diarrhea, respiratory illness, ear or nose infections and skin outbreaks."

Proper water treatment, including chlorination, kills germs and helps prevent illnesses. However, a

recent CDC study reported that 54 percent of all swimming pools monitored were found to be in violation of at least one public health code.

The Healthy Pools partnership offers "Sense"-able Swimming tips, designed to help children and adults recognize healthy swimming facilities and monitor the quality of pool water:

**Sight:** Pool water should look



clear, clean and blue. The painted stripes and the drain should appear crisp and clear at the bottom of the pool.

**Touch:** Smooth pool sides are a good thing. Swimming pool tile shouldn't be sticky or slippery.

**Smell:** Clean water means you shouldn't smell anything. Chlorine is essential to a healthy

pool, but a heavy chemical odor signals a problem.

**Sound:** Sometimes silence isn't golden. The sound of active pool cleaning equipment is the sound of an active pool maintenance program.

**Taste:** Don't drink or swallow the pool water. In fact, try to avoid getting it in your mouth at all.

The group also advises swimmers to use their common sense, too, by following good hygiene practices, such as always showering before swimming, taking kids for frequent bathroom breaks, and never going swimming when ill with diarrhea.

According to CDC epidemiologist Michael Beach, it is a matter of everyone working together. "It's crucial that public health professionals, pool operators and the general swimming public work in partnership to increase everyone's chances for healthy swimming experiences."

For more information about how to recognize problem pools and promote cleaner, healthier pools, log on to [www.healthy-pools.org](http://www.healthy-pools.org).

By using your senses, you can make sure you are swimming in a healthy pool.

### The Garden Bug

#### Water safety

Here are some items that can help you maintain safer conditions when a pool or pond is part of your garden setting:

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don't want painted with masking paper or blue painter's tape (which seals tightly and can be removed easily without leaving residue). Patch small holes and dings with compound, smooth and let dry. What about primer? If the paint currently on the walls is high-gloss or of a different base (oil vs. latex), or if it is a strong color (like dark blue) and you want to repaint the walls

white, then you'll need to apply a coat of primer. This thin layer of white paint (it can be tinted if you wish) keeps strong colors from bleeding through lighter ones, and helps new paint adhere to old. If you use primer, buy a set of cheap, disposable brushes to apply it — primer can't be cleaned off of brushes. (Don't use foam brushes to apply primer either; the adherent

chemical in primer will eat through the foam.) Allow primer to dry for 24 hours. Now the easy part: painting. Start with the brushes, cutting in the wall edges along the ceiling, door and window frames. Then, coat the roller with paint and apply to the wall, starting with a diagonal stroke, then up-down strokes, and finish the wall using horizontal

strokes. Paint one wall at a time so that paint is distributed and dries evenly.

HOME TIP: To estimate the amount of paint needed for a project, multiply the length and width of the wall to find out the surface area. Then, find out the amount of coverage provided by a gallon of your chosen paint. Divide the sur-

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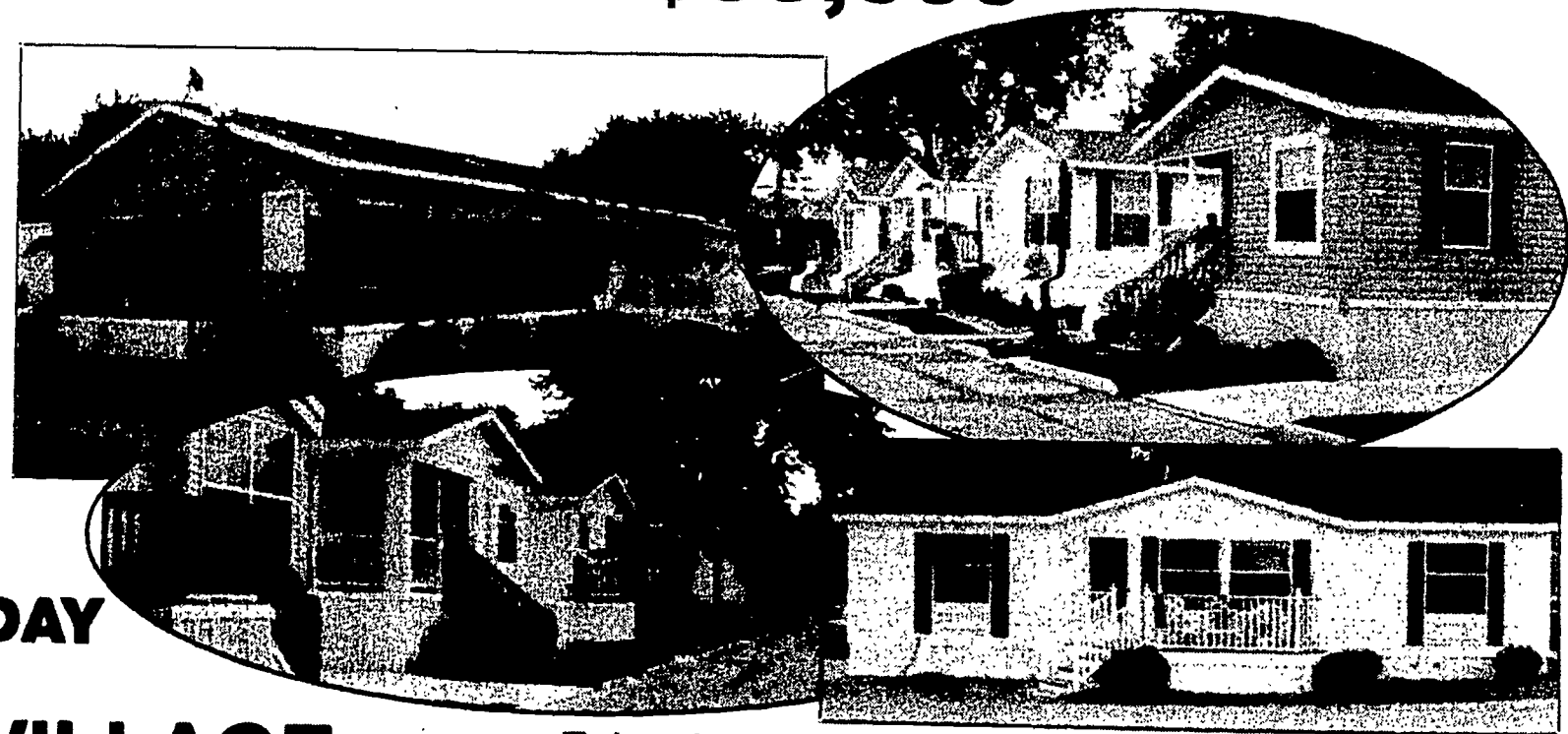
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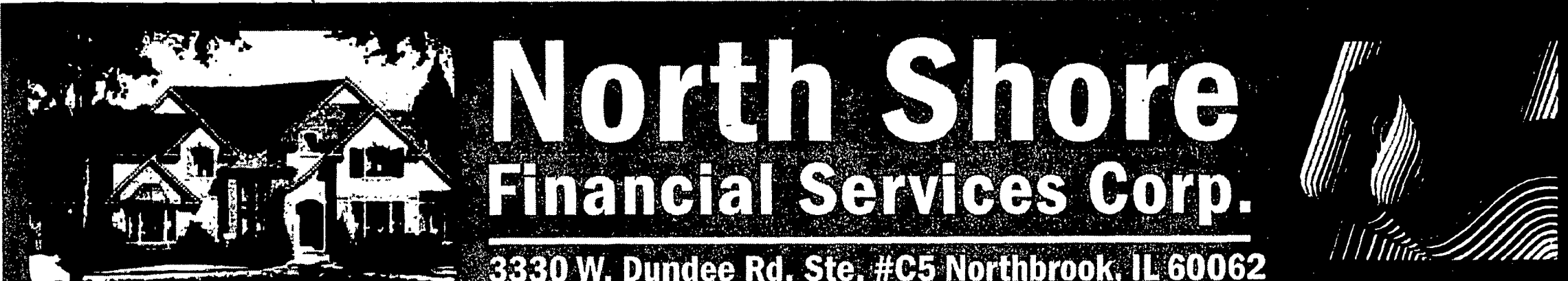
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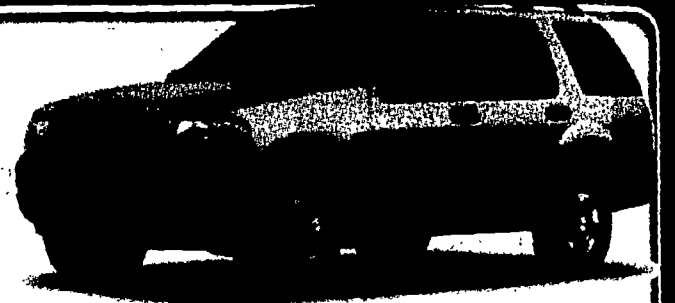


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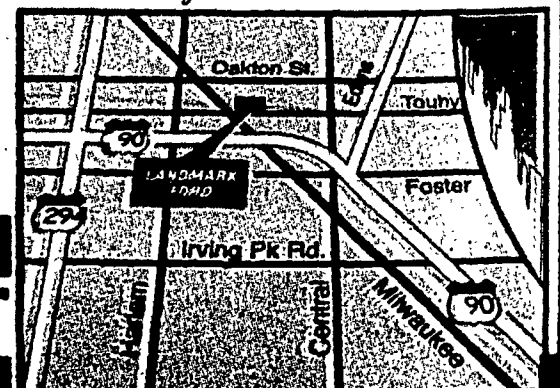
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