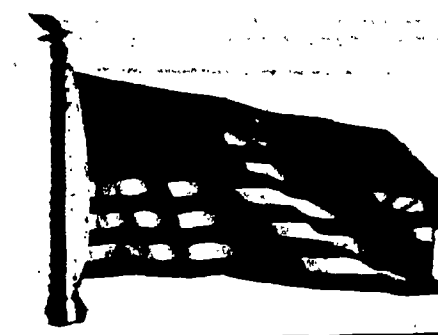


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## Notre Dame Hockey's plan for lockers at IceLand sparks argument at Park Board

BY ANDREW SCHNEIDER  
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The Notre Dame Ice Hockey Club considers the IceLand Arena their home rink and they'd feel more at home if they could leave their equipment in the locker rooms, but the proposal sparked controversy at the last Niles Park Board meeting, Tuesday, Feb. 15.

The proposal would require the Park District to remove small, square lockers that are used by swimmers during the summer months and replace them with larger lockers that will be able to accommodate the Hockey Club's equipment.

The Hockey Club's proposal is that the Park District would

remove the swim lockers after the pool closed at IceLand in the fall and put in larger lockers that would

"We certainly want to help [the Hockey Club] but we want to do it in an organized manner."

—Joe LoVerde  
Park District Director

be purchased by the Hockey Club.

"Notre Dame is the only Hockey team that uses IceLand exclusively," said Park District

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Swimmers' lockers at the Niles Park District's IceLand Ice Arena may come out for part of the year if a proposal from the Notre Dame Hockey Club to put in larger lockers during their season is accepted by the Park Board. The swim lockers would be back in place in time for the pool to reopen each spring.

Photo by Andrew Schneider/Bugle



The Econo Motel, just south of the intersection of Milwaukee and Touhy, was recently purchased by the Mega Group which hopes to redevelop the property along with the gravel lot to the north.

## Resident criticizes Niles-D71 TIF agreement

Proposed water main would pave the way for S. Milwaukee redevelopment

A resident of the Fountain View Condominiums spoke at last week's Niles Board meeting, criticizing local officials for what he called inconsistent statements with regards to the Touhy/Milwaukee Tax Increment Financing (TIF) district.

Paul Tasch said that the recently approved amended TIF agreement with Culver Elementary School District 71 and a proposed \$1.9 million increase in TIF funding was

inconsistent with the statements of former village officials. The proposed use of the funds is a water main and sewer project on Milwaukee.

According to Tasch, former village officials said that the existing infrastructure was acceptable for the then-proposed Renaissance Condominiums and that no new sewer or infrastructure improvements would be needed.

"The Niles Village Manager at the time said that the sewer system, a 60-inch storm sewer, was adequate to handle the additional number of buildings and the contribution that those buildings will make to the storm system," Tasch told the board.

However, Village Finance

Director George Van Geem explained later, that the money was not going to be used to increase capacity needed for old development, but to clear the way for new development south along Milwaukee.

"That's one of the oldest areas of the village," Van Geem said. "The infrastructure improvements are needed anyway."

That development may already be on the way; Developer Mega Properties of Chicago has purchased the Econo Motel and a vacant parcel at the southeast corner of Milwaukee and Touhy and Village Officials have said that

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## Assessor says allegation against Krier untrue

Watch-dog group said Krier's home is under-assessed

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A spokesperson for the Cook County Assessor's Office said this week that allegations that Morton Grove Trustee and Mayoral Candidate Rick Krier's home was under-assessed were untrue.

The allegations were made in a report from the Illinois Committee for Honest Government dated Feb. 14, 2005. Frank Avila, contact person for the organization was deployed with the U.S. Army Reserve at filing and was unable to comment on it.

The report was titled "Favoritism in Cook County Assessor's Office? Investigation shows that appraiser Rick Krier, Morton Grove Mayoral Candidate keeps his home assessment and taxes low." It alleged that Krier's home was assessed well below other comparable

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## NEWS

## Auxiliary spends Valentine's Day with Lady Vets

The Morton Grove American Legion Auxiliary Unit No. 134 honored lady veterans confined to the North Chicago VA Hospital with Valentine presents in February.

Aux. President Patricia Jordan and her hospital chair Ann Zwik presented ten women veterans, all returnees from Iraq, with special gifts in honor of sweetheart day.

The Auxiliary has a primary project of rehabilitation and hospital visits to confined former service personnel at the various hospitals in the Chicago area.

Through the Seventh District, American Legion Auxiliary, this yearly program honors and salutes the women who served in the war.

The Auxiliary volunteers regularly visit the VA Hospital on a monthly basis.

## Niles Fire Department plans mock accident

The Niles Fire Department will stage a Mass Casualty Incident at Notre Dame High School on Mar. 29, 30 and 31. The exercise will simulate the explosion of a pipe bomb found by a student and brought into the building causing multiple students to be injured.

Student volunteers from Notre Dame and several other places will use stage make-up to look like real injured patients. The exercise will be carried out on three days so that all three shifts of firefighters will have an opportunity

to participate in the exercise. The Fire Department paramedics will use a system known as "triage" to prioritize the patients according to their injuries.

Triage is a system first used by the military to sort combat casualties. It is now widely used by Fire Departments at incidents where there are multiple patients as well as in the waiting rooms of hospitals. The most seriously injured patients are given priority status and are transported to the closest hospitals first. The less seriously injured patients are treated on the scene and transported to

hospitals further away. The minor injuries are transported last to hospitals even further away. The system allows patients to be divided among multiple hospitals so that no one hospital is overburdened as well as getting the best treatment for the most patients as possible.

This exercise is part of the on-going training program at the Fire Department. The Fire Department drills on a daily basis and not just on fire skills. Emergency Medical Services (EMS) is a large part of

today's Fire Department activities. Every day, between responding to emergencies, fire personnel participate in some form of training to keep their skills sharp and to increase their knowledge. Some days the drills are in the classroom with a guest speaker or reading assignments.

Fire Officials said that the experience gained at the upcoming Notre Dame drill will help Department personnel to better serve the public, should any large-scale disaster occur in the future.



New Niles Grads

The Niles Police Department CERT (Community Emergency Response Team) program announced its newest set of graduates, who completed the program Jan. 27. Anyone interested in becoming CERTified can contact the Niles Police Department at (847) 588-6500. The next class begins on March 16.

## Morton Grove plans 'Heritage Fest'

The village of Morton Grove and the Historical Museum are planning a "Heritage Fest" for Sunday, May 15 and they invite any club or organization that recalls ethnic origins to participate.

The "Heritage Fest," which will be held in the American Legion Civic Center, 6140 Dempster, will recognize the variety of different people who have come to live together in our local community. The event is free to the public.

Each club will be able to decide how they would like to represent their culture, perhaps demonstrate a dance, songs games, stories or cultural apparel. For more information, call Mary at (847) 965-0203.

## NEWS

## Notre Dame

Commissioner Ray Czarnik at the meeting. Czarnik was the commissioner that was coordinating with the Hockey Club. "It might be good to offer them the use of the lockers during their season. They call it their home rink and it doesn't feel much like a home."

When it was brought up at the meeting, Czarnik said that the Hockey Club wanted to put their lockers in as soon as possible, ideally as early as the following week. But other Park Board members were upset that the issue hadn't come back to the board for consideration sooner.

"I don't like the idea of one commissioner taking it on himself to get this done," said Park Commissioner Bill Terpinas. "It should come before

the board and if we're going to make a decision on it, we can make a decision."

Commissioner Elaine Heinen said that she thought the Park District needed a written agreement from the Hockey Club in order to ensure that their use of the lockers didn't conflict with the swimming season.

But, Park District Maintenance Superintendent Jim Majewski said that he didn't know whether the lockers could be removed without damage because the locker rooms have a "L" curve in them.

Park District Director Joe LoVerde said Monday that the proposal was going to have to be delayed until next fall because the board is going to need a full proposal.

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"We're going to have to look at it more closely," said LoVerde. "It wasn't originally supposed to cost the District anything but now it looks like we're going to need some rubber matting and we're also going to have to look at moving the lockers."

A full proposal should be ready for the Park Board's next meeting on Tuesday, Mar. 15. But any plans the Hockey Club had of moving in before then are going to have to be put on hold.

"We want to make sure that we do a good job on any proposal so the board members have the information they need," LoVerde said. "We certainly want to help [the Hockey Club] but we want to do it in an organized manner."



## Niles Board honors Capparelli

The Niles Village Board honored retired State Representative Ralph Capparelli at their January board meeting.

Capparelli was presented with a special Proclamation. He was elected to the Illinois House of Representatives in November 1970 and was sworn into office in January of 1971. Niles Mayor Nick Blase said that he has helped the village obtain hun-

dreds of thousands of dollars in state of Illinois grant money to keep its infrastructure in top working order.

Pictured are, from left to right (front row) Trustee Kim Biederman, State Representative Ralph Capparelli, Mayor Nick Blase and Trustee Tom Bondi, (back row) Trustees Andrew Przybylo, Robert Callero, Bart Murphy and Louella Preston.

## PR Ald. Friel endorses Tinaglia

Alderman Larry Friel announces his support for Alderman Michael Tinaglia in his run for the office of Mayor of Park Ridge. Alderman Friel joins Mayor Mike MaRous, who last week announced his support for Tinaglia in the April 5 election.

Friel, who has served on the Council since 2001, gave several reasons for his decision to come out strongly for Tinaglia. Among them: Tinaglia's long experience on the City Council,

strong Public Safety background, and commitment to running a non-partisan campaign. "Michael is an honest, very personable individual and these qualities are very important to me," he said.

"I have served on the Council with Mike for four years," Friel said. "Mike has eight years of Council experience. He is hard-working, smart and fair. Eight years as an alderman gives you credibility and knowledge that you can't earn anywhere

else. There are many things going on with our town, it takes more than a couple of years of Council experience to be in a position to become the mayor.

Tinaglia was pleased to receive the support of such a respected member of the City Council. "It really is an honor to have the support of Alderman Friel. He is a hard-working, well known, dedicated member of the Council, and he stands for what's best about Park Ridge."

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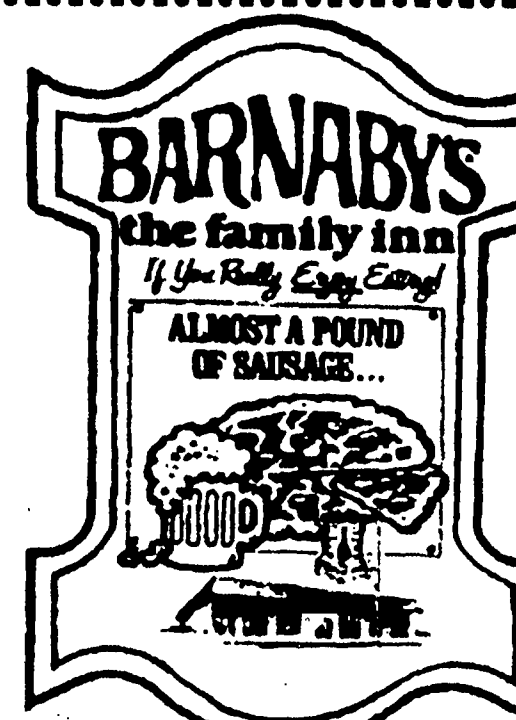
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## SPORTS

# With a year to go, Turin may still have a few Alps to climb

Mark Zeigler  
Copley News Service

It is in an urn tucked away in a 15th century cathedral in Turin, Italy, a brittle piece of cloth containing the faint image of what appears to be a crucified man. It reputedly was the burial garment in which Jesus was wrapped after being removed from the cross two millennia ago and, as such, is considered among the most significant relics in Christianity.

It also serves as a fitting backdrop for the 20th Winter Olympics that open in Turin on Feb. 10, 2006. Just as scholars have long debated the authenticity of the Shroud of Turin - the genuine article, or a medieval hoax? - there remains an uncertainty whether this northern Italian city of 1 million can pull off a 17-day global sports festival with 80-odd nations and 2,500 athletes. A shroud of doubt.

Take your pick: 1) Preparations for the Turin Games are humming along just fine; they only seem as if they're in disarray because, as organizing committee head Valentino Castellani acknowledges, "perhaps a little bit we are people of the last minute." 2) They are purposely being portrayed as worse off than they really are to lower the bar of expectation so they can leap over it next year, as Athens did with the 2004 Summer Olympics. 3) Or, they're indeed in major trouble.

"Of course our pride is at stake," Turin Mayor Sergio Chiamparino says. "We know a successful Olympics is necessary to preserve our future as a major economic force and tourist attraction."

Turin has never been particularly good at major construction projects. The city's signature edifice, the Mole Antonelliana with its dome and spire soaring above an urban sprawl of baroque architecture, remains the tallest brick building in Europe at 556 feet. It was originally commissioned as a grand synagogue by the local Jewish community in the 1860s, but architect Alessandro Antonelli was more interested in seeing how high he could build it than sticking to any sort of construction budget or schedule.

With the Jewish community out of money and patience, it ceded the unfinished structure to the city and built its synagogue elsewhere. The Mole Antonelliana wasn't completed until 1900 and sat empty for most of the next century, until becoming Italy's National Museum of Cinema in 2000. The good news for the International Olympic Committee is that, a year out, the majority of competition venues are completed and relatively functional - relatively including clogged toilets at the figure skating arena and so many gnarly crashes on the luge track that a recent test event had to be aborted in mid-event.

A new subway, high-speed rail line and

central train station won't be ready in time for the Games. And the NHL labor uncertainty could affect the availability of pros for the Olympic hockey tournament. There are concerns, too, about suffocating traffic making the 60-mile drive to the Alps for snow events a four-hour crawl.

There also is the matter of actually getting people to go to the events next year. Soccer's Serie A league will be in midseason next February, and Italians care about little else between September and May. Now plop the Winter Olympics and 11 days of curling into a city that traditionally is so apathetic about sports that even Juventus, its legendary soccer club, struggles to fill its stadium.

But that's not what has IOC brows furrowed. The budget is. Hosting an Olympics is a tricky business these days. You have enough money, and then the venues don't get built on schedule (Athens). You get the venues done in plenty of time, and you don't have enough money (Turin). As recently as last fall, the budget shortfall for TOROC, the Turin Organizing Committee, was north of \$300 million - or a frightening 20 percent of its \$1.5 billion budget - thanks to failed spon-

sorship deals with several prominent Italian companies. Oh, and the Italian government was investigating allegations of graft in construction contracts associated with Olympic projects and raided some offices to obtain evidence.

IOC President Jacques Rogge met with Italian Prime Minister Silvio Berlusconi in November to plead for government subsidies, only to learn that Italian law - in an effort to discourage corruption - prohibits public funds from going directly to a private enterprise such as TOROC. Instead, the government assigned its sports minister to oversee Olympic preparations without committing any funds.

The budget shortfall has since been whittled to its current \$192 million, and a high-level meeting was scheduled to finalize plans to circumvent Italian law and funnel that amount to TOROC. All was supposed to be solved by Rogge's year-out visit last Thursday.

But the finance meeting was abruptly canceled and, in the words of former French skiing star Jean-Claude Killy, the IOC's liaison with Turin, things were "just a little tense." Only last Wednesday did the government publicly pledge to fill the gap, although it

still hasn't outlined when or how.

The biggest problem for Turin is that Gianni isn't around to bail it out.

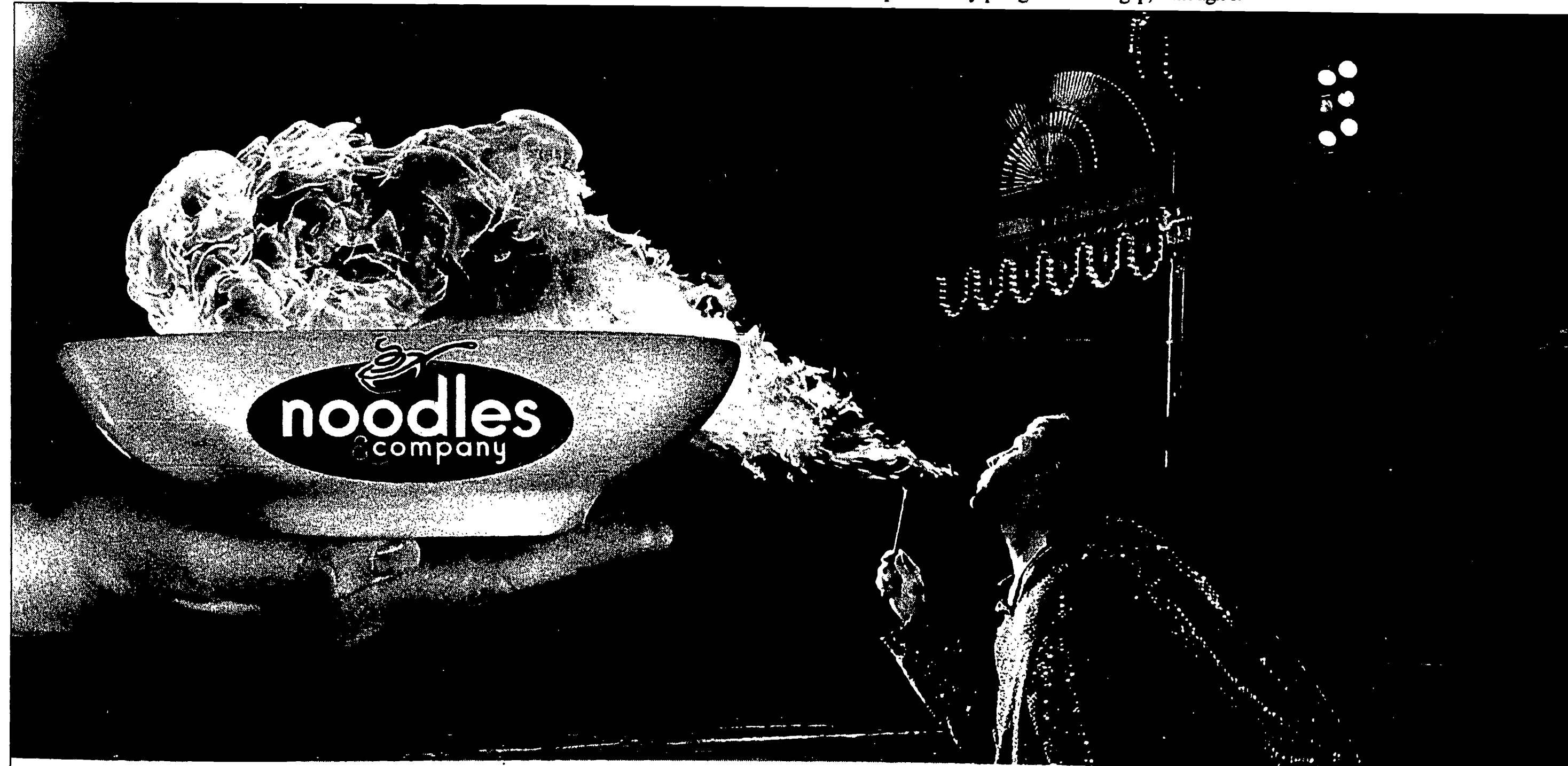
Gianni is Gianni Agnelli, the man many considered the modern-day king of Italy. His grandfather founded Turin-based Fabbrica Italiana Automobili Torino, or FIAT, in the late 1800s and was the guy who thought it might be a good idea to build a ski lift in the Alps west of Turin. Gianni grew FIAT into an international force, made Juventus a major player in the soccer world, transformed Turin into Italy's industrial center and developed the Sestriere region into a premier skiing destination. Landing the 2006 Winter Olympics was merely an exclamation point on a remarkable life.

But a few months after the IOC picked Turin, Gianni's only son and his heir apparent committed suicide by jumping off a bridge in Turin. Gianni himself was diagnosed with cancer and died in January 2003. His brother, Umberto, desperately tried to right ailing FIAT; he died last May and FIAT has spiraled into financial chaos.

The result is a city without its leader, a Mole Antonelliana without its signature spire, an Olympic organizing committee without its flame.

The clock is ticking. They have a year to find a match.

Admits Evelina Christillin, the deputy president of TOROC: "We're facing a year that promises a lot of emotions." Visit Copley News Service at [www.copleynews.com](http://www.copleynews.com).



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## Morton Grove Senior News

### MORTON GROVE SENIOR CITIZENS NEWS RELEASE

Contact: Bud Swanson, Family & Senior Services, 847/663-6110  
February 28, 2005

### "ELEANOR ROOSEVELT: FIRST LADY OF THE WORLD"

Donna Horwitz will lead this wonderful slide presentation discussing the life of Eleanor Roosevelt and how she continues to inspire.

Mrs. Roosevelt was known for never giving up on life, being a life-long learner, and being willing to change. She worked to transform her world on behalf of greater dignity and security for all people, for women and men in equal measure. She used her position as first lady to advance the causes she passionately championed. In doing so, she was frequently cited as the most important woman of her time. Now, many call her the most important woman of the twentieth century. Please register for this free program to be presented at 1:30 p.m. on Monday, March 14 in the Morton Grove Senior Center by calling the Morton Grove Senior Hot Line at 847/470-5223.

### VISUALLY IMPAIRED MOTIVATORS

The Morton Grove Visually Impaired Motivators is a low vision support group for seniors with macular degeneration and other degenerative eye diseases and their families. Their next meeting will be at 9:30 a.m. on Tuesday, March 15 in the Morton Grove Senior Center. They discuss everyday problems of living with low vision and possible solutions, exchange ideas on the latest technology and assistance devices available, and share what has worked for them individually. For more information please call Richard Englund at 847/965-8517.

### BLOOMIN' CRUISE

Join seniors from the Morton Grove Senior Center as they head to Navy Pier for the 2005 Flower and Garden Show on Wednesday, March 16. The morning will start out aboard the Spirit of Chicago Cruise Ship. Enjoy a two-hour full lunch buffet and cruise on Lake Michigan. During the cruise there will be a Professional Garden Demonstration. Then, travelers will head inside Navy Pier for the beautiful Flower

and Garden Show. Included in this trip: transportation, luncheon buffet, cabaret show, professional garden demonstration, and admission to the Navy Pier Flower and Garden Show. The bus leaves the Morton Grove Senior Center at 9 a.m. and returns at 4 p.m. The cost for the entire trip is \$72 for Senior Center Members and \$82 for non-members. This trip is filling fast, so please register in person at the Senior Center.

### MAKING SENSE OF MEDICARE

Martha Kath, Medicare specialist from Alden Rehabilitation and Healthcare, will help seniors understand the Medicare Modernization Act, learn about new deductibles, make sense of prescription plans, and answer all questions about Medicare benefits. Please register for this free program to be presented at 1:30 p.m. on Monday, March 21 in the Morton Grove Senior Center by calling the Morton Grove Senior Hot Line at 847/470-5223.

### DIABETES SCREENING

Many people with diabetes go undiagnosed because they are unaware of the signs and symptoms. Some of the warning signs are frequent urination, excessive thirst, extreme hunger, unusual weight loss, increased fatigue, irritability and blurry vision. Diabetes screening is offered at the Morton Grove Senior Center from 9 to 10 a.m. on Tuesday, March 22. Screening is free for Senior Center Members and \$1 for all others. Please fast for 12 hours. Water is allowed. Hold diabetic medications.

### "UNDERNEATH THE LINTEL" SHOW

What does a Librarian do with a book that is 113 years overdue?? He endeavors to find the elusive culprit! See this entertaining play at the Nobel Fool Theatre at the beautiful Pheasant Run Resort on Wednesday, March 30. Transportation, show and lunch featuring Lemon Sole or Roasted Pork Loin are all included. The bus leaves the Morton Grove Senior Center at 9 a.m. and returns at 5 p.m. The cost for the entire trip is \$68 for Senior Center Members and \$78 for non-members. This trip is filling fast, so please register in person at the Senior Center.

### "E-MAIL" SEMINAR

Stay in touch with friends and family by learning to how to set up a free yahoo or hotmail electronic mail (e-mail) account. Morton Grove Senior Center Computer Instructor, R.J. Bruno will provide information on the tools needed to create and oper-

ate an e-mail either from home or a community computer like those in the Morton Grove Senior Center Library. This Seminar will be held from 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. on Saturday, April 2 and the cost is just \$10. Please register in person at the Morton Grove Senior Center.

### TRANSPORTATION FOR VOTING

The Morton Grove "Seniortran" Bus will transport those needing rides to their polling place on Tuesday, April 5. Voters must: be Morton Grove residents and their polling place must be in Morton Grove; know the location of their polling place when they call in; be Senior Center Members to ride at no cost (non-members pay \$2); call the Senior Hot Line (847/470-5223) for a ride reservation before April 4.

### MOVIES AT THE MORTON GROVE SENIOR CENTER

Tim Rice and Andrew Lloyd Webber's first musical blockbuster, "Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat" comes to video in this production starring Donny Osmond to be shown at 1:30 p.m. on Monday, April 11. The cost for the show is only \$.50. Please register in person at the Center.

"Under the Tuscan Sun," is a romantic comedy about a writer (Diane Lane) who starts her life over with a new home in a new land within the Tuscany region of Italy to be shown at 1:30 p.m. on Wednesday, April 20. The cost for the show is only \$.50. Please register in person at the Center.

### "THE JOY OF AMERICAN ART"

This slide presentation of art from the Art Institute of Chicago includes American artists, from the Midwestern art of Grant Wood to the more modern and abstract art of Georgia O'Keefe, plus Mary Cassatt, Winslow Homer and others. Charlotte Hadley from the Art Insights program will present a broad spectrum of art, showing American lifestyles through the eyes of great artists. This free program will be held from 1:30 to 2:30 p.m. on Monday, April 18 in the Morton Grove Senior Center. Register by calling the Morton Grove Senior Hot Line at 847/470-5223.

"THE MUSIC MAN" AT DRURY LANE When the fast talking salesman, Harold Hill comes to River City the sparks begin to fly on Thursday, April 21. And when Harold

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## Maine Township Senior News

### MaineStreamers Announce New March Activities for Seniors

The following are some of the new classes, events, trips, and activities available through MaineStreamers, the social senior organization of Maine Township. For further information on free membership or any of these events, call 1-847-297-2510.

### S.A.L.T. PROGRAM

Seniors and Law Enforcement Together

Tuesday, March 8  
10:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.  
Presenter: Cook County Sheriff's Police  
No Charge - Registration Required

The Cook County Sheriff's Officers Ernie Lazano and Dave Mauro along with a member of the U. S. Postal Service will cover how to protect yourself from fraud, swindle and postal theft. A discussion about protecting our mail will also be included.

### "A ST. PATRICK'S DAY LUNCHEON"

Wednesday, March 16  
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Enjoy a traditional St. Patty's Day Lunch, starting with a Tossed Salad, Corned Beef & Cabbage, Boiled Potatoes and Rocky Road Ice Cream for Dessert.

Then you will try your luck at our first ever Super Bingo. We will provide over \$250 worth of Bingo Prizes for you to win. So, bring some luck with you and enjoy an afternoon with your friends. Reservations and cancellations must be received by March 8.

### "AARP'S DRIVER SAFETY PROGRAM"

Mon. March 28 & Wed. March 30

9 a.m. to 1 p.m.  
Instructor: Stanley Fukai, AARP  
Cost: \$10\* check made payable on the day to AARP

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Maine Township MaineStreamers Seek Residents 90 Years and

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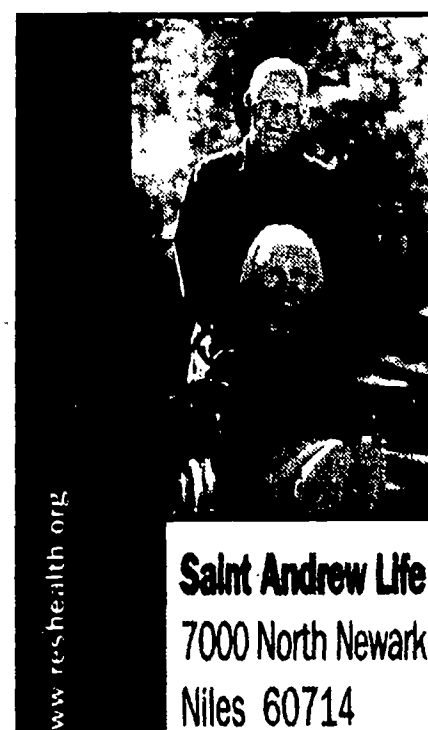
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#### VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR AN INTERGENERATIONAL EVENT

During Spring Break, the week of March 28 - April 1, elemen-

tary and junior high students from District 63 schools will gather at Apollo School in Des Plaines for a series of programs. Older adult volunteers are needed to share their skills and talents in a variety of ways: playing games, helping with craft activities, and most importantly, sharing their personal stories and treasured mementos with the youngsters. If you have an hour or two to spare that please call Mary Swanson at 1-847-297-2510 to register.

#### 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. To become a member call the MaineStreamers at 1-847-297-2510 and ask for an application. All Day Trip departs from the State of Illinois Building, 9511 Harrison St. in Des Plaines.

#### "JOLSON AND COMPANY" TRIP

Phil Smidt's & Theatre at the Center  
Wednesday, April 6  
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A dining tradition since 1910, you will begin your day at Phil Smidt's. Choose an entrée ahead of time of Boned & Buttered Lake Perch, Sautéed Frog Legs or Broiled Rib Eye Steak. All meals include an array of Cottage Cheese, Coleslaw, Beets & Kidney Beans, Rolls & Butter,

Boiled Potatoes, French Fries and dessert.

Then, we are off to the Theatre at the Center in Munster, Indiana for the wonderful production of Jolson & Company, a celebration of the huge panorama called "The Life and Songs of Al Jolson", known during the first half of the 20th century as the "World's Greatest Entertainer".

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takes on Marion the librarian, the real fireworks begin. Brimming with infectious good humor and tunes that lift the heart, this musical comedy is family entertainment at its best!! Enjoy a lunch choice of Rotolo Di Pasta (tri-colored layers of pasta with fresh ricotta and spinach baked with a pink tomato sauce) or Roast Sirloin of Beef.

The bus leaves the Morton Grove Senior Center at 10:30 a.m. and returns at 6 p.m. The cost is \$65 for Senior Center Members and \$75 for non-members. Please register in person at the Senior Center.

**INCOME TAX RETURNS**  
On Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays at the Morton Grove Senior Center, income tax return assistance is available free of charge for Morton Grove residents age 60+ and who have low or moderate incomes that can be reported on basic IRS forms. Call the Senior Hot Line at 847/470-5223 for a personal appointment at the Senior Center. Bring in the W-2, Social Security (SSA-1099), 1098 and 1099 forms received in the mail along with a copy of the 2003 tax returns.

**HIGH SCHOOL FINE ARTS**  
Maine East, Niles North and Niles West High Schools invite seniors to join in on numerous free school productions to be performed during the coming weeks. For details call the schools at 847/825-4484 (Maine East), 847/626-2000 (Niles North) or 847/626-2600 (Niles West). The events include:  
Niles North Musical, "Seussical" at 10 a.m. on Thursday, March 10.  
Niles West Showcase of Bands at 7:30 p.m. on Thursday, March 10.

Maine East Musical Matinee, "Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat" at 4 p.m. on Thursday, March 10.  
Niles North Choir & Orchestra Concert at 7:30 p.m. on Wednesday, March 16.  
Niles West Spring Play at 10 a.m. on Thursday, April 7.  
Maine East Jazz Concert at 7:30 p.m. on Thursday, April 14.  
Niles North Band Concert at 7:30 p.m. on Monday, April 25.  
Maine East Spring Play at 7:30 p.m. on Thursday, April 28.  
Niles North Vocal Jazz Performance at 10 a.m. on Thursday, April 28.  
Niles West Jazz Night at 7:30 p.m. on Friday, April 29.

For more information about these senior services and recreation programs, call the Morton Grove Senior Hot Line at 847/470-5223. Membership in the Morton Grove Senior Center provides the following annual benefits: six bi-monthly issues of the Seniors in Morton Grove newsletter mailed to the home; free Diabetes Screening at the monthly Senior Center clinic; free passage on the Senior Center Bus for resident members; three issues of the Traveler's Times newsletter mailed to the home; free Computer usage in the Senior Center Library; 15% discount on all trips and classes sponsored by the Senior Center; an annual members-only party; and receive a photo i.d. card. Membership registrations are accepted any weekday morning at the Morton Grove Senior Center, 6140 Dempster Street. The membership fee is \$15 for an individual resident; \$25 for a resident married couple; \$25 for an individual non-resident; and \$40 for a non-resident married couple.

## SENIORS

### Park Ridge Senior News

#### ST. PAT'S LUNCHEONS

There are some spaces left for the St. Pat's lunches on Monday and Tuesday, March 14 and 15. Doors open at 12 noon and lunch is served at 12:30. Traditional Irish fare catered by Harringtons is all you can eat corned beef and cabbage. Entertainment will be provided by the Dillon-Gavin School of Irish Dance. Cost is \$17.50 for lunch and entertainment.

#### MILWAUKEE TRIP

A few spaces remain for the trip to Milwaukee which departs at 9 a.m. and includes stops at the Quality Candy Shoppe, Milwaukee Art Museum, the Basilica of St. Joseph and lunch at the Third Street Pier. Tour price is \$58.00. Indicate menu choice at time of registration (prime rib, chicken princess, or orange roughy.)

#### DRIVER'S SAFETY

Driver's Safety (formerly 55 Alive) is set for Tuesday and Wednesday, March 22 and 23 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Senior Center. A certificate of insurance from this

course may entitle you to a discount on your automobile liability insurance. There is a \$10.00 charge. Make checks out to

#### AARP.

**INCOME TAX ASSISTANCE**  
Income tax assistance will continue with the Center's volunteer counselors now through April 15. Appointments are available Monday through Thursday between 9 a.m. and 12 noon and again from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. If your income is less than \$40,000 excluding Social Security, call the Center at 847-692-3597 and talk to Gloria to make an appointment. This service is open

to any senior. Membership in the Senior Center is not necessary.

#### RULES OF THE ROAD REVIEW

If you have a driver's license test coming up, the Rules of the Road Review can help you get ready for it. The class will be Tuesday, March 15 from 9-11 a.m. given by the Secretary of State's office at no charge. Call if you plan to attend.

#### APRIL DATES

A Wellness Screening is set for Wednesday, April 20 from 8:30 a.m. to 11 a.m.. Fasting for 8 to 12 hours prior to screening is necessary. Call to register 847-692-3597.

## Planning Beyond Retirement

Just because you have retired (or are close to it), you should not stop saving and investing for the future. Join us for a free seminar "Planning Beyond Retirement" at Glenview Terrace to learn more about what you should continue to do.

Many seniors significantly underestimate their longevity when planning for their retirement years. Martin Fogarty, JD, CFP, estate planning attorney from The Heartland Planning Group, and Greg Goodsitt, investment representative from Edward Jones, will share their philosophies of saving and investing for a continued retirement.

Glenview Terrace is located at 1511 Greenwood Road in Glenview. For more information and to register, call Ginee Ames at (847) 729-9090.

## Don't overlook your changing sleep needs

(NUI) -

Many seniors are becoming all too familiar with the "tired" part of "retired." While many anticipated a new and more relaxing chapter in their lives in retirement, some are finding that a good night's rest is more and more difficult to obtain.

The culprit might be more than noisy grandkids. Experts say it might be the quality of their mattresses.

"Retirees are usually very cost-conscious," said Arthur Grehan, executive director of the American Innerspring Manufacturers, a nonprofit trade

group that provides free information on restful sleep and sleep surfaces. "That leads many of them to try and squeeze a few more years out of a 10-, 15-, or even 20-year-old mattress. It's a recipe for sleepless nights ... and a not-so-restful retirement."

Grehan is not alone in his concern about the sleep patterns of retirees. Dr. Neal Aguilard, director of the Methodist University Hospital Sleep Disorder Center in Memphis, Tenn., says that a good night's sleep is vitally important to seniors.

"They need more time in bed, and they need more sleep overall

than younger people," he said.

A lack of adequate sleep, Aguilard said, can trigger a downward spiral in activity levels.

"An older person who is not getting enough sleep, they're going to have less stamina, they're going to have less energy, they're going to do less," he said.

In an effort to turn the tide, AIM offers a number of tips for seniors, including the following:

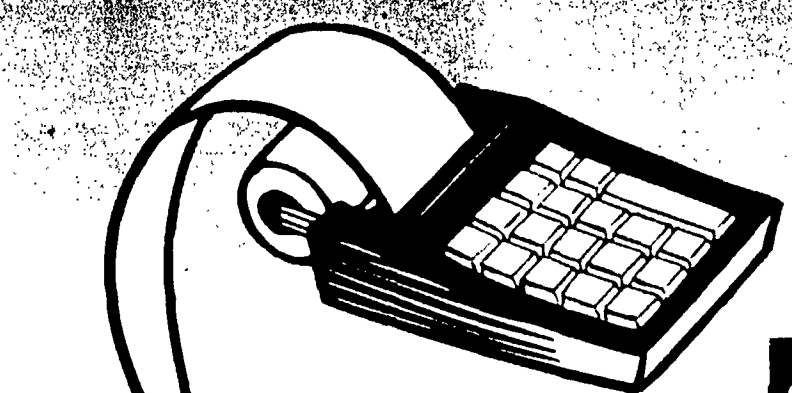
\* Out with the old. There's nothing nostalgic about an old mattress. A new mattress should be purchased every 8 to 10 years.

\* Don't break up a good pair. When it's time to get rid of an old

mattress, the same is true for the boxspring. Always replace them both.

\* Avoid the fads. Besides healthy firmness, innerspring mattresses have something trendy new sleep surfaces don't: the benefit of years of research and testing. Sturdy, well-made mattresses have been through years more rigorous testing than novelty sleep surfaces like waterbeds, foam mattresses, and airbeds.

\* Buy size. You'll be shocked at the difference a little room can make. The industry typically recommends a double bed for one person and a queen or larger for two.



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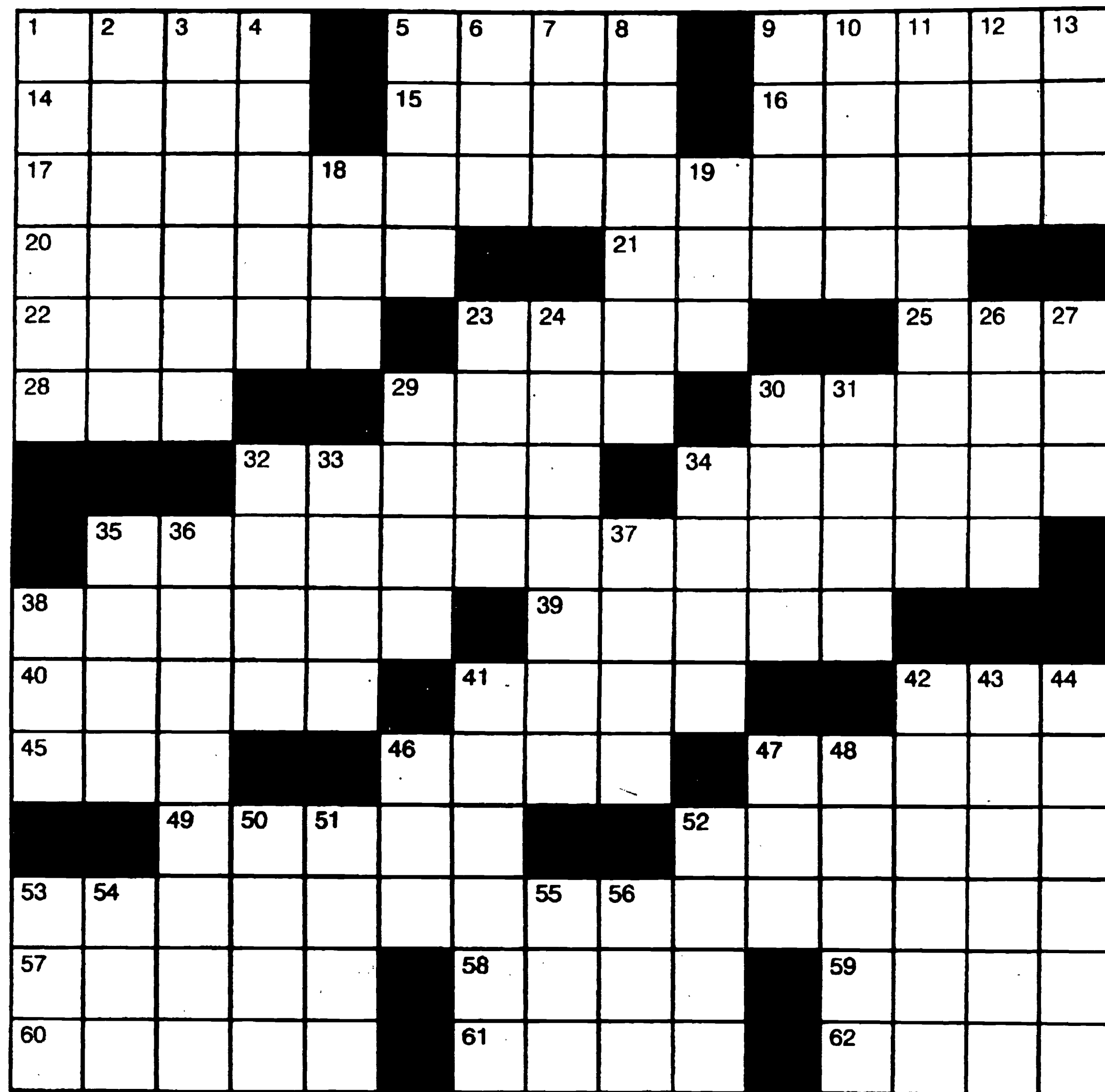
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## EVENTS CALENDAR

### GOVERNMENT

**Thursday, March 3**  
-7:30 p.m. Park Ridge Park Board meeting  
**Monday, March 7**  
-7 p.m. Maine Township High School District 207 Board meeting  
-7:30 p.m. Park Ridge City Council Meeting  
**Monday, March 14**  
-7 p.m. Morton Grove Village Board meeting  
-7:30 p.m. Park Ridge/Niles Elementary District 64 Board meeting  
-7:45 p.m. Niles Township High School District 219 Board meeting

### COMMUNITY

**Friday, March 4**  
Church Women United of Park Ridge will present a World Day of Prayer Service on Friday, Mar. 4 at 10 a.m. All are welcome to attend the 90-minute service and Lenten lunch hosted by Mary Seat of Wisdom Church, 920 W. Granville Ave., Park Ridge, with the entrance on Cumberland and Granville. Parking is available across the street from the church. The theme is "Let our Light Shine." The service is prepared by the Women of Poland, who represent nine denominational groups.  
**Thursday, March 10**  
-The Morton Grove Woman's Club will meet at noon on Thursday, Mar. 10 at the Evanston Golf Club, 4401 Dempster, Skokie. The cost of the luncheon is \$17.50. At the short business meeting, President Louise Starzynski will ask members to vote on disbursements of the philanthropy donations of \$10,500 to various charities including \$4,000 for scholarships and \$400 for EPA-related donations. The program will also feature entertainment by a Barber Shop Quartet from the North Shore Harmonizers.  
-The Park Ridge Garden Club will meet on Mar. 10 at 7:30 p.m. at the Park Ridge Senior Center, 100 S. Western in Park Ridge. Guest speaker Cindy Tyley is the owner of the Carriage House Garden Design. She will discuss basic principles of design with a practical approach to applying these Design Principles to work in your garden or landscape. Guests are invited. For information call (773) 792-2158.

### 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  
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Morton Grove Park District: Prairie View Center  
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# LIFE

Thursday March 3, 2005

## Chef Harry presents

Onions spring forth and a man's heart turns to dinner

BY HARRY SCHWARTZ  
Copley News Service

Ah, spring! It's the bulbs that peek out of the ground first. One commonly consumed bulb is the ubiquitous onion. It is sliced, diced and minced worldwide. In the spring, when there is a small white globe underground and the greens are very vibrant and green above, you have spring onions. They are sweet and strong at the same time. They are delicious with crusty bread and butter as a snack and terrific with which to cook.

Spring is in the air. Eat a spring onion and breath on someone you love. You'll find out just how true that love is!

This works well in baked potatoes. Add cooked bacon bits if you really want to indulge.

### SPRING ONION-BLUE CHEESE DIP

2 tablespoons olive oil  
2 cups spring onions, white globes and greens, coarsely chopped  
2 cloves garlic, minced  
1 teaspoon soy sauce  
1 teaspoon Worcestershire sauce  
1 cup sour cream  
2 tablespoons mayonnaise  
2 tablespoons fresh parsley, minced  
1 cup crumbled blue cheese  
Cracked pepper, to taste  
Yields about 3 cups, serving 8 to 10 as an appetizer.  
Heat oil in large, heavy, nonstick saute pan over medium-high heat and saute spring onions until their edges begin to toast. Add garlic and soy sauce to pan and stir-fry, 1 to 2 minutes. Remove from heat and cool.  
Sprace onion mixture into

bowl and stir in Worcestershire sauce and sour cream. Fold in mayonnaise, parsley and blue cheese. Season with cracked pepper, to taste. Serve with crackers or crisp flatbreads.  
**SPRING ONION-CUCUMBER SALAD**  
2 cups spring onions, white globes and greens, thinly sliced  
1 English cucumber, peeled, seeded and thinly sliced  
**SPRING ONION SOUP**  
6 tablespoons butter  
4 cups spring onions, white globes and greens, chopped  
1 cup extra-dry vermouth  
6 cups vegetable, chicken or beef broth  
1 cup seasoned bread crumbs  
Salt and pepper, to taste  
Yields 4 to 6 servings.  
In 3- or 4-quart Dutch oven over medium-high heat, melt butter



1 red bell pepper, seeded and finely chopped  
1/3 cup cider vinegar  
1/3 cup water  
2 tablespoons sugar  
Salt and pepper, to taste  
1 clove fresh garlic, chopped  
1 tablespoon fresh parsley, minced  
Yields 6 servings.  
Place onions, cucumber and bell pepper in mixing or serving bowl.  
In small bowl, whisk together vinegar, water and sugar. Season with salt and pepper, to taste. Adjust sugar, if needed. Stir in garlic and parsley, and pour over vegetables. Toss together to combine.  
Cover and refrigerate for 2 hours or overnight, tossing every now and then.

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# Antiques and Collectibles

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Thursday March 3, 2005

**Q:** I can't tell you much about the Japanese flag in this photo. My uncle gave it to me before he died. He was a Marine in World War II and didn't talk much about his combat duty. He did tell me that in the summer of 1943 after an island was cleared, he climbed a pole and cut down this flag. Does the flag have any value?

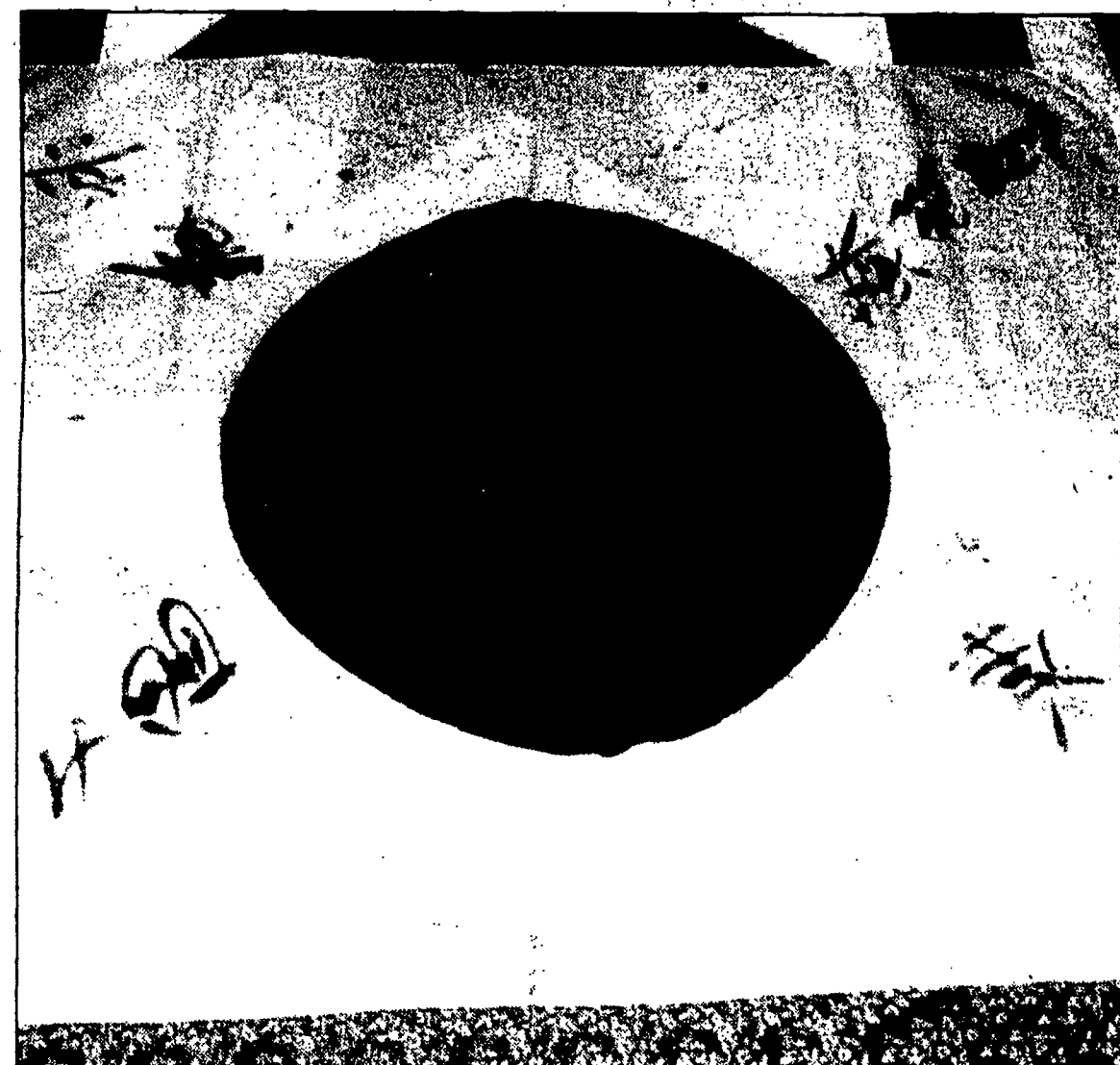
**A:** American soldiers sometimes captured the Japanese flag after a battle and returned home with it as a trophy. Not to be confused with the Japanese "rising sun" flag, the style of yours was referred to as a "meatball" because of the symbol. Flags were often presented to Japanese soldiers by their families, friends or communities. The black writings on the flags were usually well-wishes of long life, safe return and success in battle. In recent years, some American veterans who have kept their flags have tracked down the original Japanese owners and returned the trophies. Your flag would probably be worth \$100 to \$275.

**Q:** This mark is on the bottom of a silver teapot that was my grandparents. It's possible that my grandfather bought the teapot at an auction years ago in Chicago. It stands over 9 inches tall, has an ornate handle and spout, and there is a finial on the lid. I'd appreciate any information you can give me including its value.

**A:** Derby Silver Co. made your silver-plated teapot around 1890. The firm was founded in

## Antique or Junque Battle trophy still has value

Anne McCollam  
Copley News Service



1873 in Derby, Conn. They made silver plate and sterling hollowware and flatware. "Quadruple Plate" is a term that refers to high-quality silver plate and "1674" is a design number. In 1898 Derby joined International Silver Co.

Your teapot would probably be worth \$75 to \$125.

**Q:** Before my mother-in-law passed away she gave me a blue

glass vase. She called it a "Mary Gregory" vase and said it was valuable. It stands about 13 inches tall, is decorated with the image in white enamel of a young girl and flowers, and is in perfect condition.

**A:** Clear or colored glass decorated with white enameled figures of children at play is called

Mary Gregory glass. The story that has been passed down through the ages is that Mary Gregory, an employee of Sandwich Glass Works in Boston, decorated their glass with whimsical figures of children in the 1870s. No one knows for certain how the oral history began. The legend has never been documented and remains a mystery. It is still made today. Similar Mary Gregory type vases are seen in antique shops in the range of \$170 to \$385.

**Q:** I have a pottery scoop that I am curious about. It measures 4 inches high and 7 inches long, is dark green, and stands on a pedestal. Marked on the bottom are the words "Hull - USA-F476."

**A:** You have a "flower scoop" planter that was made by Hull Pottery Co. in Crooksville, Ohio. It was part of their Imperial line of pottery designed for florists. Hull made a plethora of planters, vases, flower bowls, and baskets in a variety of colors, glazes, and textures. "F476" is the design number. Your "flower scoop" was made around 1960 and would probably be worth \$25 to \$50.

Address your questions to Anne McCollam, P.O. Box 490, Notre Dame, IN 46556. For a personal response, include picture(s), a detailed description, a stamped, self-addressed envelope and \$15 per item (one item at a time). © Copley News Service

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## Collectors love Bakelite baubles

Linda Rosenkrantz  
Copley News Service

Costume jewelry is red hot in the collecting world these days, and that includes everything from semi-precious, stone-encrusted gold and rhinestone pieces by well-known makers to the Bakelite and other plastic bracelets and brooches made from the 1920s on.

A new book, "Collecting Art Plastic Jewelry" by Leigh Leshner (Krause Publications), which is brimming with vividly colored, lusciously textured illustrations, gives evidence of just how prices in this latter category have escalated.

Although jewelry had been made from celluloid (the first successful

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## Bakelite

semi-synthetic thermoplastic) as far back as 1875, plastic jewelry really became the rage in the flapper era and into the succeeding decades. It was produced by several different manufacturers, each of whom slapped their own trade name on their wares, such as Catalin, Prystal, Marlette and Durez. The three most prominent types were the original celluloid (technically pyroxylin-camphor thermoplastic), Bakelite (phenol formaldehyde resin combined with fillers like wood flour and asbestos) and Lucite (thermoplastic polymethacrylates, or acrylic).

Bakelite, the first completely man-made plastic, was the brainchild of a chemist named Leo H. Baekeland, who established the General Bakelite Company in 1910, a firm that first used the material as an insulator, before it later switched to making Bakelite jewelry. Baekeland's patent expired in 1926, opening the door to such competitors as the Bakelite Corporation and American Catalin Corporation, which introduced an amber color now referred to as apple juice Bakelite. Other tasty sounding color names include butterscotch, licorice, root beer, banana, wintergreen, tomato, caramel, custard, cherry and even creamed spinach.

The pieces were formed from sheets, rods, tubes or slabs of plastic; pins and clips were stamped from sheets or thick blocks, then carved with jigsaws and lathes, and polished in a tumbling machine. The final process was polishing, again by hand or on a felt wheel. It could be laminated to geometric shapes or carved into naturalistic configurations. Obviously, deeply carved pieces required more work, whether by hand or on a lathe, and they are among the examples that are particularly sought after today.

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Here's an idea of the hefty prices being fetched by some plastic jewelry these days, particularly fine bangle bracelets, as reported in "Collecting Art Plastic Jewelry":

- Brooch in the form of a frog riding an alligator, Bakelite and wood, \$1,100.

- Marbled green Bakelite bangle bracelet with rhinestones, \$950.

- A set of Asian figural brooches, earrings and bracelet of thermoplastic set with red, aurora borealis rhinestones, \$1,400.

- Trifari elephant fur clip with Lucite body, enameling and rhinestones, \$1,900-2,300.

- Two-toned zigzag Bakelite bangles, \$750.

- Green and corn polka dot Bakelite bangle, \$1,900.

- Reverse-carved Bakelite bangle, \$1,200.

- Adrian dunce cap brooch with dangling Bakelite and celluloid charms (books, apple, slate, pencil, ruler, ink), \$900 and up.

Linda Rosenkrantz has edited Auction magazine and authored 15 books, including "Beyond Jennifer & Jason, Madison & Montana." She cannot answer letters personally.

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In addition to Hudson, CHICAGOLANDZCON welcomes an impressive list of celebrities, including Larry Thomas, known to millions of SEINFELD fans as "The Soup Nazi" and Erin Gray, known for her

roles in the TV series' SILVER SPOONS and BUCK ROGERS IN THE 25TH CENTURY. Fans can even meet the original Jason, Kane Hodder. Most celebrities charge a fee for autographs and photos.

For comic book fans, legendary Disney and Hanna-Barbara animator and comic artist, SCOTT SHAW! will make a very rare Chicago convention appearance. He will entertain attendees with his hilarious ODDBALL COMICS presentation, made popular at the San Diego Comic Convention and through a trading card set and calendar series. In addition, Mike Kennedy, comic book writer known for his LONE WOLF 2100 series for Dark Horse Comics, PUNISHER artist Bill Reinhold and Andrew Pepoy, artist on THE X-MEN, G.I. JOE, and ROBIN will also be exhibiting. Local and national comic book and toy dealers will be selling a wide variety of collectibles all weekend.

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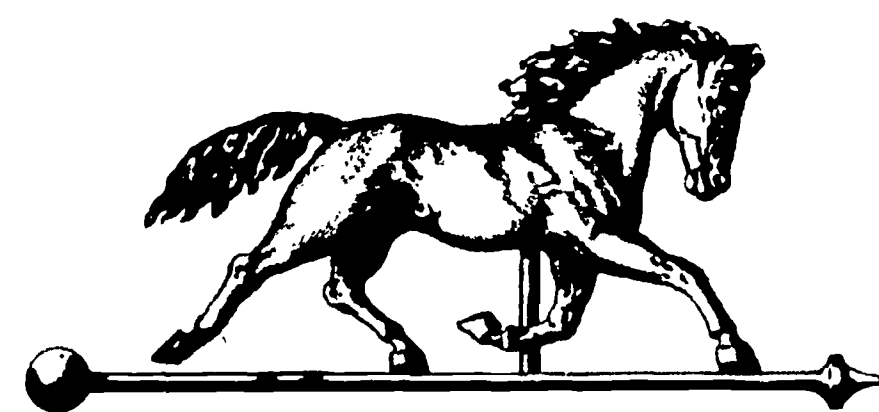
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## Porcelain dolls 'baby-sit' your piano

BY ANNE MCCOLLAM  
Copley News Service

Q: What can you tell me about the porcelain babies in this photo? My stepmother gave them to my daughter who would like to learn more about their background. Each is over 10 inches tall and in perfect condition. They are both marked with the letter "C" superimposed over an "N" and also with the number "6640."

A: You have a pair of piano babies that were made by Camille Naudot around 1900. Naudot produced porcelain in Paris from 1900 to 1919. Several other companies, including Gebruder Heubach in Germany, made piano babies. Most babies were bisque and available in a variety of sizes and poses. Victorian homemakers often placed a scarf or shawl on their pianos and piano babies were designed to sit on the scarves to keep them from slipping.

Your "baby sitters" would probably be worth \$500 to \$700 each.

Q: We have a hand-painted vase that we have owned for several years. It is approximately 8 inches tall and decorated with a multicolored floral design against a chocolate background and trimmed in gold. I have enclosed a drawing of the mark that is on the bottom of the

vase.

If you could tell me its value and when it was made, it would be very much appreciated.

A: "Nippon" is the Japanese word for Japan. The letter "M" in the wreath represents the Morimura Brothers. They were New York importers of porcelain and pottery from Japan. In 1891, the United States Government established the McKinley Tariff Act that required any foreign-made objects that were imported to the United States be marked with the country of origin. The word "Nippon" was included in trademarks from 1891 to around 1921.

Your vase was made in the early 1900s and would probably be worth \$300 to \$500.

Q: My family has a tabletop music box and record cabinet made by Regina. It was presented to our great-grandfather by his parishioners when he started the Methodist Church in Sioux City, Iowa. It is in perfect condition, plays beautifully and has 20 records. The records have a June 27, 1893, patent date on them.

Can you tell me where it was made and what it is worth?

A: Regina Music Box Company was founded in Rahway, N.J., in the late 1800s. Even though many music boxes were made in Germany and Switzerland, Regina produced high-quality music boxes with excellent sound. As a rule, the records are

referred to as discs. Although disc music boxes were extremely popular, they were short lived. By 1915 they were replaced by phonographs. Similar sets have been seen in antique shops priced from \$10,000 to \$16,000. Records of actual sales have been listed in the \$4,600 to \$5,000 range.

Q: I am curious about a porcelain commemorative plate that I have. It is decorated with a black-and-white image of Queen Victoria framed by a yellow star and surrounded with flowers and ribbons. The edge is scalloped. It also has the dates 1837-1887 and a list of the following countries: England, Ireland, Scotland, Wales, India, Cape Colony, Australia and Canada.

Does my plate have any value? A: Your plate was made to commemorate Queen Victoria's 1887 Jubilee celebration. It would appeal to collectors of British Royal Family memorabilia. The multicolored flowers were enameled.

The value of your plate would probably be \$250 to \$300.

Address your questions to Anne McCollam, P.O. Box 490, Notre Dame, IN 46556. For a personal response, include picture(s), a detailed description, a stamped, self-addressed envelope and \$15 per item (one item at a time).

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## REAL ESTATE

THE BUGLE

Thursday March 3, 2005

BY ROSE BENNETT GILBERT  
Copley News ServiceDecor Score  
Dealing with tall walls

Q: We have really high ceilings in our living room, and I'm having trouble figuring out how to keep them from making us feel as if we're sitting at the bottom of a well. I hung a big mirror over the mantel but don't know what to put on the other walls. My husband suggests a tapestry but we can't find one we can afford.

A: Other inexpensive options abound, such as a can or two of paint. Color can work magic, instantly and cheaply bringing a tall room down to human size. Simply painting the ceiling darker than the walls will make it look lower. Ditto for wide crown moldings, installed around the ceiling line and painted to match the ceiling, not the wall.

As for decorative hangings for your tall wall, consider a quilt if your decor is informal, or a few yards of handsome fabric, say, a damask, if it's more formal. Instead of a costly frame, tack the hanging to wood dowels, top and bottom, to hold it taut against the wall.

Rely on tall furniture, too. Here's where a hefty armoire, imposing secretary or big bookshelves should throw their visual weight around. Think also of grandfather clocks, of standing screens that will bisect the wall's height at a comfortable level, of an art collection hung right up to the ceiling, Victorian-style.

The bedroom in the photo we show here boasts a high, beamed ceiling - a bright idea worth stealing if you can find the right antique screen. Stripped of its tattered fabric, the wooden frame becomes unorthodox wall art, accented with a tic-tac-toeish arrangement of smaller artworks. Featured in "At Home in Nantucket" by designer/author Lisa McGee (Chronicle Books), the old home offers other suggestions for taming too-tall walls. For example, the owner ran a bookshelf up the wall and across the top of the wide doorway in the living room. And to make her own bedroom feel more intimate, she swagged a canopy of simple blue-and-white patterned fabric from the sloped ceiling over her bed.

Q: I have fallen in love with a beautiful, handmade Tibetan carpet I found at a charity consignment store. It's in perfect shape, the colors are great for my hall,



and I can afford it. But my girlfriend says it was probably made by child labor. I don't want anything to do with that, but how can I know?

A: Go study the labels on the object of your desire. If it says "Rugmark," you can breathe easy. Rugmark is a global nonprofit organization created by the carpet

industry itself to end child labor and offer educational opportunities for children in India, Nepal and Pakistan. If the rug you love is a Tibetan made since 1959, it was

probably made in Nepal by refugees who fled Tibet when the Chinese took it over.

One of the largest contributors to the Rugmark foundation is American importer Stephanie Odegard, who honed her social conscience as a Peace Corps volunteer. An important resource of original and antique Tibetan rugs, Odegard donates a good chunk of its selling price to the foundation, which funds rehabilitation centers and pays schooling expenses for children who might otherwise spend their young lives laboring over rug looms. For a closer look at what the foundation does, go to [www.rugmark.org](http://www.rugmark.org). For more about Odegard, go to [www.odegardinc.com](http://www.odegardinc.com).

Q: We are planning to add a great room addition that includes the old kitchen, which has a brick wall we love. We want a huge fireplace in the great room, which will have a cathedral ceiling with beams. Here's our question: Should we make the fireplace wall stone, or brick to match the kitchen wall? Also, is there anyplace we can find old - or old-looking - beams?

A: Your timing is terrific. America's collective urge to reclaim and recycle offers a wide choice in "pre-owned" building materials, like used brick and old wood planks that are being refinished for another lifetime of service. Expect to pay more - it's expensive to take down old buildings, brick by brick, and board by board. Vintage lumber is also being dredged up from lake bottoms and underwater bridge supports. What you may get for your money, besides the lovely patina of age: old-growth and wood species that simply aren't available today.

For your fireplace, I say go with the old brick. If you can't find it locally, jump on the Internet and tap into the many salvage yards that are flourishing coast to coast. A sample to get you going are [www.oldmississippibrick.com](http://www.oldmississippibrick.com); [www.heartpinefloors.com](http://www.heartpinefloors.com); [www.aurooramills.com](http://www.aurooramills.com); [www.architecturalartifacts.com](http://www.architecturalartifacts.com). Rose Bennett Gilbert is the co-author of "Hampton Style" and associate editor of Country Decorating Ideas. Please send your questions to her at Copley News Service, P.O. Box 120190, San Diego, CA 92112-0190, or online at [copleysd@copleynews.com](mailto:copleysd@copleynews.com).

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## REAL ESTATE

## Tips to help you find your new home

(NUI) - How can you find and buy a home to enjoy for years to come? The first step is to answer this simple question honestly: Is it the right time for you to buy?

You need to consider the tax deduction, building equity, monthly mortgage payments and maintenance expenses, funding for a down payment and closing costs, and staying in the home long enough for its appreciation to cover your transaction costs.

If you can afford and want to buy a home, the next step is to get pre-approved for a mortgage from a lender.

"I ask buyers to do this right away, before we start looking for homes," said Bill McCarthy, a Certified Residential Specialist with Coldwell Banker Devon-shire in Peoria, Ill. "That way I know what price range the buyer can afford. Otherwise, a buyer could find the 'perfect home' only to be

disappointed when he or she cannot afford it."

An experienced real estate agent - especially one who is recognized as a Certified Residential Specialist, the highest designation awarded to agents in the residential sales field - can help you decide on your needs and desires for a home. For example, how important is its location? How long is your commute? How are the schools if you have children? How many bedrooms? A one- or two-car garage?

Once you have prioritized your answers, a real estate agent will know which homes to show you.

"I always explain a home's advantages and disadvantages to buyers," McCarthy said. "For example, one home may have a great layout but need updated decorating. Another home may be nicely decorated but have an awkward kitchen and dining room. I tell clients that decorating is easy to fix, but major structural deficits are not."

Once you find the right home in your price range, your agent will make an offer on your behalf and negotiate with the seller's agent. If your offer is accepted, there are a few more steps before closing.

"I always advise my clients to get a housing inspection," McCarthy said. "It ensures whether your future home's structure and mechanical systems, from the furnace to plumbing, are working properly or not."

The lender requires an appraisal of the property to confirm the home's value is sufficient to support the sales price. If that goes smoothly, you are ready for the closing. Once that's done, the home is yours.

With planning and the help of qualified professionals, such as real estate agents with the CRS designation, your home-buying experience will be rewarding instead of frustrating. To find agents nationwide with the CRS designation, go to [www.crs.com](http://www.crs.com).

## 4 Money-Saving Tips for Every homeowner

(NUI) - Losing weight. Finding a new job. Spending more time with the family. A new year means setting new goals. Why not make saving money one of them?

If you're a homeowner, there are many ways you can cut costs and still live comfortably. The following tips will help lead you to financial success.

- First, set a budget. Figure out exactly how much you spend on the upkeep of your home. Compare each month's expenses with the previous month's to get a better idea of how much to budget for each necessity. Then, see what costs you can cut. Once you set a budget, stick to it.
- Save energy. You might be losing a substantial amount of energy dollars during the winter and summer because of air leaks. By caulking,

sealing and weather-stripping all cracks and openings, you can save 10 percent or more on your energy bill.

Also, look into replacing older appliances with newer, more energy-efficient alternatives. Your light bulbs can make a difference, too. Fluorescent bulbs are four times more energy efficient than incandescent bulbs.

- Refinance. Shop around to see if you can replace your existing home loan with one that has a lower interest rate. You can easily save hundreds of dollars each month by refinancing your home.
- Purchase a home warranty. Most homeowners don't account for possible repairs in their annual budget. There is a 68 percent likelihood of a home system or appliance failure in a given year. The average replacement cost of one of these

systems or appliances is \$1,085. A home warranty is your best defense against unexpected and costly repairs to your home's appliances and mechanical systems.

The American home Shield home Warranty, for example, ensures you get the best possible service through the company's network of pre-screened technicians. The minute something breaks down, you can contact American home Shield and a local service technician will schedule an appointment that fits your schedule. The warranty covers a multitude of household systems and appliances, regardless of age.

The American home Shield home Warranty is a one-year contract that requires no home inspection to enroll. Several affordable plans are available to fit every budget.

## Common household myths debunked

(NUI) - Can talking on your cell phone at the gas station cause a fire? Can household bug bombs cause explosions? Do "heavy duty" batteries last longer?

These notions may sound familiar, but are they actually true? To find out, Jamie Hyneman and Adam Savage from the Discovery Channel's hit show "MythBusters" span the globe putting these and other well-known urban legends to the test.

In their search for truth and logic, the MythBusters found that, contrary to recent reports, using your cell phone while pumping gas won't make a gas station explode. However, getting in and out of your car while filling the tank can build static elec-

tricity - and that can start a fire.

They also addressed the dilemma of "bug bombs." Many people try to solve bug problems by using common aerosol "bug bombs." In extreme attempts to get rid of pests, some people use more than the recommended amount of bug spray. The problem is that when the spray is used in a large quantity, your pilot light can ignite the spray and potentially cause an explosion.

There is good news for those who swallowed chewing gum as children, however. Hyneman and Savage confirm that gum doesn't stay in the stomach for seven years; it is digested in a few days at the most.

Finally, when it comes to powering products such as digital cameras

or flashlights, Hyneman and Savage have news for you about the performance of "heavy duty" zinc batteries.

"Batteries labeled 'heavy duty' aren't so tough after all. Alkaline batteries actually last up to four times longer than cheaper batteries marked 'heavy duty' and 'super heavy duty,'" Savage said. "For example, using an alkaline battery in your digital camera will allow you take about 75 to 100 pictures, while a 'heavy duty' battery might only power a handful."

"While the term 'heavy-duty' may seem longer lasting, it's actually not true at all," he said. "Alkaline batteries, like Duracell, will work harder and last longer, every time." That's another myth busted.



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## GARDEN TIP

## Ash tree answers

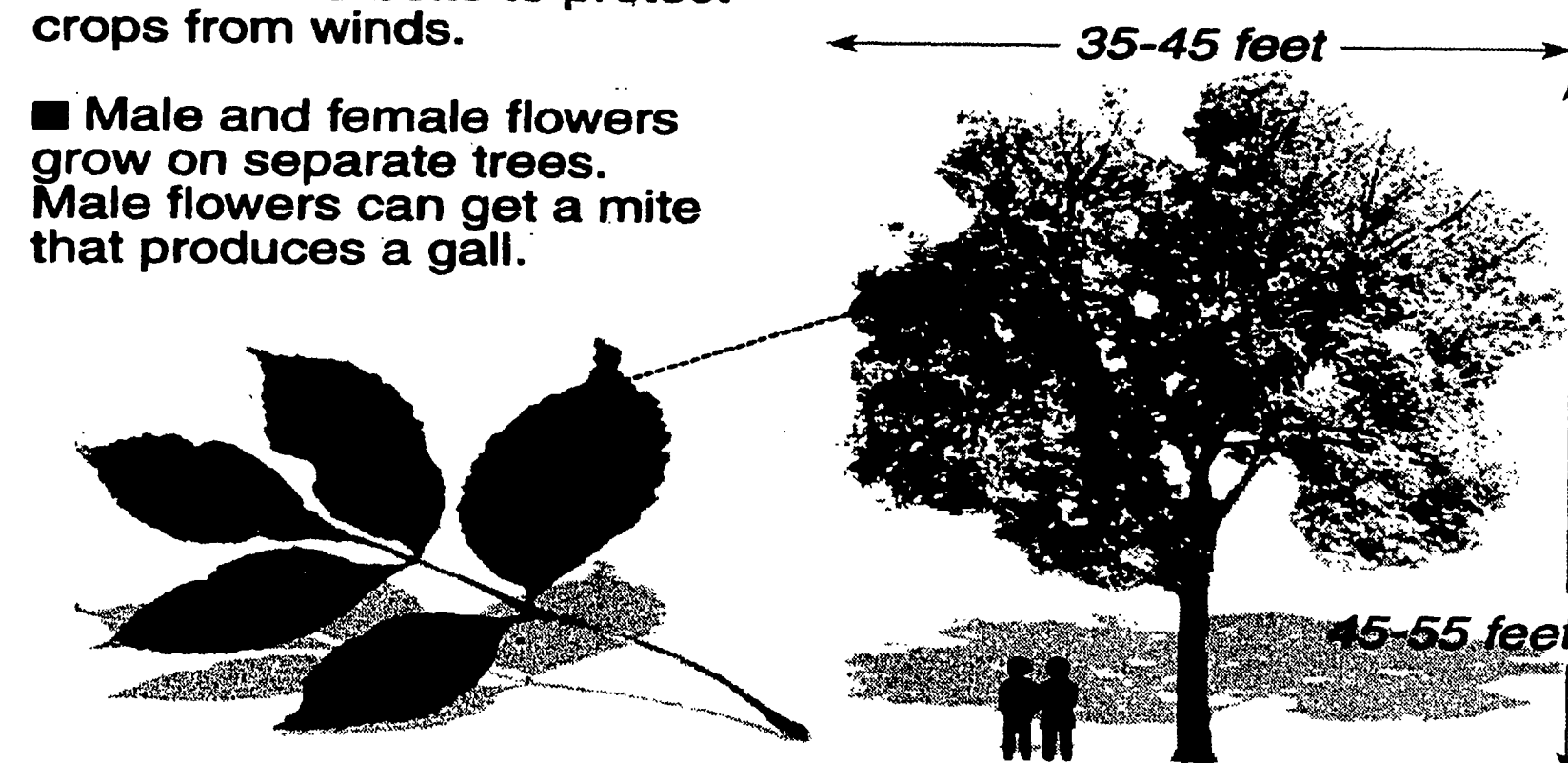
The green ash has lustrous dark green leaves that become yellow to deep bronze in the fall. It has a round, crown shape and impressive, deeply furrowed bark with a diamond-shaped pattern.

## MORE ASH FACTS

- The green ash is native roughly from the Rocky Mountains east. Its native range also borders Canada.
- The green ash is the most widespread native ash in the United States because it is hardy and fast-growing.
- It is planted on soil banks after strip mining and to create shelterbelts to protect crops from winds.

- Galls are present for a year and are very evident in the winter.
- Dead branches or dead male flower clusters can be confused with galls.
- Ash trees also develop a dieback problem where branches die from an unknown cause.

- Male and female flowers grow on separate trees. Male flowers can get a mite that produces a gall.



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doesn't pick on just the old interior branches, so it doesn't quite fit the situation.

Q: We are avid feeders of the wild birds and squirrels that enjoy our back yard

as much as we enjoy them. Our deep concern is the fact that several squirrels we feed are experiencing severe fur loss. The loss appears to start on their necks and quickly spreads to the sides

and hips. A friend informed us that feeding these little friends too many sunflower seeds could be a probable cause. We have refrained from feeding these seeds and

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## How to buy a big house for a small-house price

BY PETER CONTI  
For NewsUSA

(NUI) - If you are considering buying a house within the next two or three years but are waiting until you can afford the house of your dreams, you may want to reconsider.

With housing prices going up as much as 10 percent per year in some areas, the longer you wait, the farther that perfect house can

move out of your reach. Along with the hike in house prices, interest rates are starting to creep up as well. This is even more of an incentive to buy a house now, rather than later.

How can you get a big house for a small-house price? The following tips will reveal the secrets to getting a great deal on your dream house.

1. Get to know house values.

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## REAL ESTATE

## How to buy

Before you get started, look at the areas in which you want to purchase a house. Monitor the prices of houses in that area until you are fairly comfortable with those values. Your goal is to know the value of homes so well that a great deal will be obvious to you.

2. Make low offers. Start by making offers that are as low as 65 percent to 70 percent of the asking price. Rather than making only one offer at a time, make five or 10 offers each week. Make sure you write "To be deposited only upon acceptance

of this offer" on your earnest deposit check.  
3. Expect most of your offers to be rejected. You'll know you are on the right path when your real estate agent complains that your offers are too low.  
4. Wait for a great deal. If a seller accepts your offer, or counters

with an offer at 80 percent or less of the home's value, you've probably found a great deal. You will be able to live in a bigger house than other buyers who didn't take the extra time to find a seller willing to sell for less.  
This strategy will test the

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patience of both you and your real estate agent. You will be tempted to think that no one will ever accept one of your low offers. However, when a good offer finally comes along, the extra space you get to enjoy in your new house will make it all worthwhile.

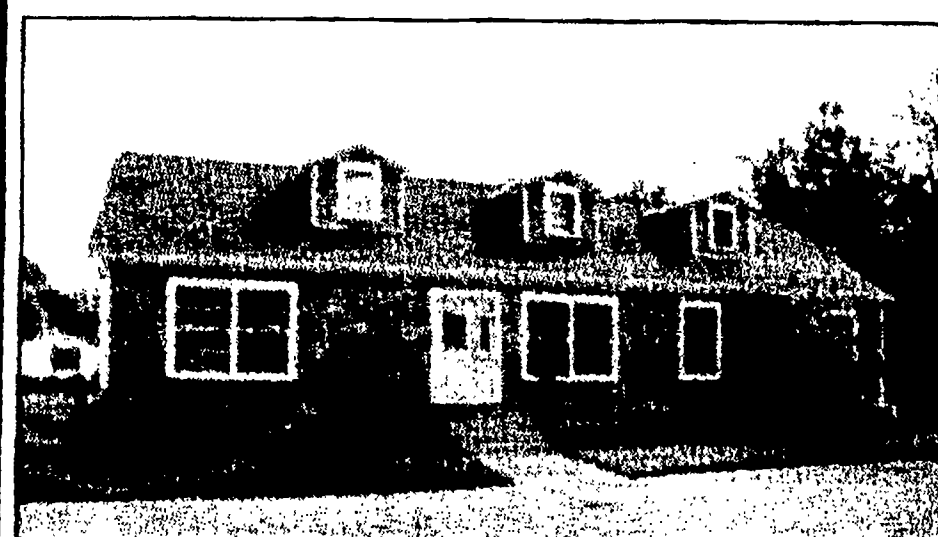
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