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Workshop for Milwaukee Study went well

About 75 residents, business owners and others attended the second of four public workshops on the Niles Milwaukee Corridor which went well, according to Assistant Village Manager and Project Point Man Steve

Final report on Milwaukee Corridor expected in October

Vinezeano.

"When the meeting was over, people came up and congratulated me," Vinezeano said. "But I told them that it was really the

work of the consultants and let them know how confident we feel in their ability."

Vinezeano said that the project, which is funded in partnership

with the Regional Transportation Authority (RTA) is concluding its study phase and is entering its "visioning" phase where it maps out a potential development strat-

egy and transit plan for the corridor, one of Niles' most prominent retail districts.

The meeting began with a presentation of the consultant's find-

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Residents, business people urge Morton Grove to retain OTB option

Inter-Track still looking for Morton Grove site, says it could net village \$600K

Residents, business owners and horse-racing enthusiasts urged the Morton Grove village board to retain the option of an Off-Track Betting (OTB) facility within the village's corporate limits at the last village board meeting.

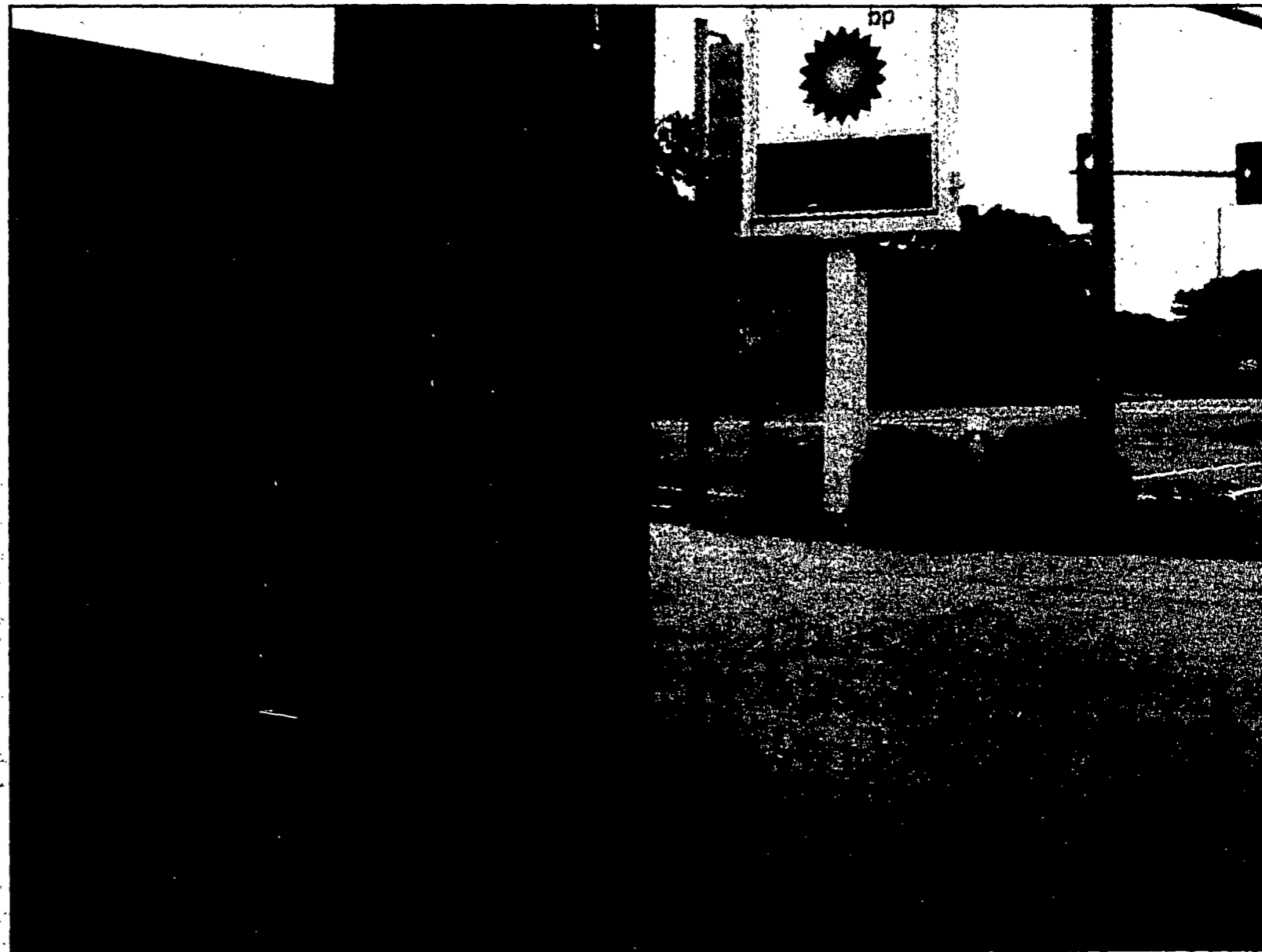
After a proposal from Inter-Track Partners, an Illinois-based operator of OTBs met with stiff opposition before the April election members of the Morton Grove village board decided that the village should consider amending their zoning ordinance in order to remove OTB as a permitted use. The proposal itself, where Inter-Track planned to put

a facility on the eastern Menards outlot at Oakton and Lehigh was reportedly tabled because of a disagreement between the two parties over construction and leasing costs.

Residents from Morton Grove, Niles and other towns surrounding the village spoke against removing the option of OTB, citing the extreme financial straits of the village.

"I think it would be a huge mistake for us to eliminate OTB as a permitted use," said Resident Dwight Roepenack. "This could be an attraction people would

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A sign at the BP Amoco station at Central and Dempster in Morton Grove informs customers that they are out of gas because of a dispute with the regional office of BP. The signs accuse BP of price gouging and corruption.

OUT OF GAS

Pumps dry up at Morton Grove BP Amoco Station in act of retribution, operator says

BY ANDREW SCHNEIDER
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Motorists driving up to the BP Amoco Gas Station on the corner of Dempster and Central in Morton Grove were surprised

last week to find signs informing them that the station was out of gas.

The reason? According to the signs, the station's franchise holder Salik Rao is being punished for blowing the whistle on a culture of bribery and extortion in the

company's Chicago division. BP owns the property and Rao leases it from them as a franchisee.

"They are trying to kick us out because we blew the whistle on them," the Station

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BY JEFF BORGARDT
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Niles Public Library staffers are looking for a raise in the 2005-06 library budget.

Library Administrator Cary Czarniecki included a cost of living increase in the proposed 2005-06 budget.

A total of 97 people are on the Niles library payroll. 43 of these are full-time workers.

"We have not had a cost of living

increase since 1998," Czarniecki said.

Entry-level pages and circulation clerks would be the greatest beneficiaries of the proposed pay increase.

The pages who shelf books are usually high school students. They earn \$6.50 per hour.

"It was \$6.20 at the start of the year but the Illinois minimum wage went into effect," Czarniecki

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Nekritz Awards General Assembly Scholarships

State Rep. Elaine Nekritz (D-Northbrook) recently announced the recipients of the 2005-2006 General Assembly Scholarships. These full tuition awards allow deserving constituents the chance to attend Illinois State Universities.

Since taking office in 2003, Rep. Nekritz has awarded twenty-four scholarships to students enrolled in undergraduate curriculums. The College Board estimates that the tuition-and-fee for four-year public universities increased an average of 14.1 percent for the 2003-2004 academic year.

"As tuition continues to grow, so does the number of highly qualified scholarship applicants," Nekritz said. "Every young adult deserves the chance to excel, but students and parents need help to combat mounting expenses."

The 2005-2006 recipients of the full one-year scholarships include: Rebekah Lim of Glenview, Ahmed Mujovic of Glenview, Adarsh Patel of Mt. Prospect, Dhaval Patel of Niles, Adam Reisberg of Niles, Payal Surati of Des Plaines, Darius Sutrinaitis of Mt. Prospect and Jennifer Yeh of Northbrook.

"I am delighted to award these deserving students scholarships and I am confident in their ability to succeed. Next year's applicant pool will surely prove to be just as gifted" said Nekritz.

For more information on the General Assembly Scholarship, please contact State Representative Elaine Nekritz's constituent service office at 847-257-0450. You can also visit www.repnekritz.org or send an e-mail that includes your name and home address to: repnekritz@aol.com.

A New Logo



The Niles CrimeStoppers honored the winner of their logo contest at the May meeting of the Niles village board. CrimeStoppers Board Member Morgan Dubiel came forward at the meeting and introduced the winner, Meghan Cheever. She was presented with an award. Pictured above from left to right are, Marimel Lim, Morgan Dubiel, Meghan Cheever, Niles Mayor Nick Blase, Deputy Chief of Police Charlie Giovannelli and Trustee Bart Murphy.

MILWAUKEE: Due in October

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ings on the existing conditions of the corridor and then broke into groups to workshop with residents and business owners.

Other goals for the study include improving traffic movement and access to busi-

nesses, fostering an environment that's friendly to pedestrians, upgrading architectural and streetscape elements and identifying potential redevelopment areas and projects.

The next opportunity for

public input on the project has yet to be scheduled, but Vinezeano said that it should take place in the mid-summer with the study scheduled for completion in October.

The final study will provide

a variety of suggestions for the village to guide development along the corridor and upgrade aging and deteriorating infrastructure.

New 'first reading' procedure possible for Morton Grove

A new procedure may be put in place in Morton Grove after Trustee Dan Staackmann proposed a "first reading" of all ordinances be added to the board's standard practices at their last meeting, Monday, June 13.

Under the procedure, new ordinances would have to be passed twice, once on first reading and again at the next board meeting on "second reading." First and second reading procedures are used by other boards and allows members and the public to review ordinances before they become law.

"I think that a requirement of a first reading would give the village board members additional time to study important matters and receive input from the public," Staackmann said.

Such a procedure would be useful, Staackmann believed. At the June 13 meeting, for instance, he had a variety of revisions to make to a proposed tree ordinance. Rather than shooting from the hip, members of the board could have approved the ordinance on first reading and returned two weeks later with revisions.

"Each week the board has received an extraordinary amount

of documents and information," Staackmann said at the meeting. "The board is asked to make decisions, many of which will have a significant impact on the village. I applaud our village administrator for getting most of the ordinances and resolution to the board at early stages and in draft form, but the public first gets notice of these items when they are posted to the village's website - approximately three days before the board is asked to vote."

All members of the board agreed and voted unanimously to direct the village attorney to draft the new procedure.

Morton Grove Mayor Rick Krier said that he agreed with Staackmann that it would bring more open government.

"I agree with him," Krier said. "Anyway we can be more open is a good thing."

Krier said that there may be occasions when the procedure wouldn't be appropriate and, for those who, agreed with Staackmann that the rule could be suspended.

"It makes sense," Krier said. "We're going to look and see if we can accommodate such a procedure."

Park Ridge cautions residents about Internet phones

VoIP users may not be able to reach 9-1-1 in an emergency

Users of new Internet phone services know the advantages: free long-distance, period. The service, which is still in its infancy is offered by Vonage, the largest of the providers, but America Online and Yahoo! Both have plans to roll out the service soon.

Vonage, the industry leader, has an estimated 600,000 customers, including approximately 17,000 in Illinois. Since the introduction of the service two years ago, 1 million households have had the service installed.

The problem is, sometimes these phone services, called Voice over Internet Protocol (VoIP) are not routed directly to 9-1-1 call centers and can, as a result, cause serious delays to life-saving emergency services. Worst case scenarios have occurred in isolated incidents around the country. An infant died in March in Florida, a Houston teenager

couldn't get through to emergency services after an intruder shot and wounded her parents.

Vonage cites incompatibility with regional phone companies that do not allow VoIP providers access to their 9-1-1 routers and databases.

These incidents prompted the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) to issue a strict guideline to Internet phone providers to provide 9-1-1 connectivity by Fall of this year. But Park Ridge Ald. Mark Anderson (6th) raised the issue at a recent meeting of the city council and Police Chief Jeff Caudill released a statement on June 6, cautioning local users that the phones are not yet connected.

"Currently, some residents who use VoIP may not have the full benefit that a hardwired telephone system has when it comes to connecting directly to emergency police and fire dispatch through 9-1-1," Caudill

stated. "Some providers do not offer this feature with their services. In addition, some VoIP services may not function during power outages and the service provider may not offer backup power to the system."

Several other problems exist with the phones: if the home loses power then the phone service goes down the Internet line and some services that do offer 9-1-1 connectivity do not transmit caller identification information to emergency services.

Caudill urged residents that use VoIP to contact their service providers if they offer 9-1-1 connectivity. If they do not, municipalities provide local emergency numbers.

To reach Park Ridge Emergency Services call, (847) 825-2131.

To reach Niles Emergency Services call, (847) 298-7431.

To reach Morton Grove Emergency Services call, (847) 965-2121.

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NEWS

Two Evanston Mosquitoes test positive for West Nile Virus

Local officials remind area resident to proactive steps to protect themselves from the mosquito-borne virus

Two samples of mosquitoes collected in Evanston have tested positive for West Nile Virus, sparking local officials and public health personnel to remind residents to take action to protect themselves from the virus that has proven deadly in the past.

The North Shore Mosquito Abatement District, which covers parts of Niles and Morton Grove along with Evanston collected the mosquito samples June 6. No human cases have been reported as yet.

Hot, wet weather can increase mosquito breeding. Mosquitoes can breed in any water that stands for more than three or four days. Residents are reminded to empty buckets, watering cans and report any depressions on their property

where water can collect.

Actions that should be taken include: Limiting time outdoors at dawn and dusk when mosquito activity is heaviest. If you must be outside between dusk and dawn, keep your skin covered. Wear socks, shoes, long pants and a long-sleeved shirt.

Apply mosquito repellent containing 20-35 percent DEET, primarily to clothing. Concentrations of 10 percent or less are indicated for children. Use sparingly on exposed skin. This year, in addition to DEET, the Centers for Disease Control is recommending products containing picaridin and lemon of eucalyptus. Always follow label directions.

Eliminate any containers from

around the outside of the home that may hold water. This includes old tires, tin cans, buckets or bottles. Plastic wading pools and birdbaths should be emptied frequently.

Keep gutters, downspout screens and flat roofs cleared of debris and in good repair.

Make sure screens in homes are intact and tight fitting to prevent entry of insects. Use mosquito netting over strollers.

Small pools of water can be treated for mosquito larvae with "Bit," a bacterial insecticide. Many hardware stores carry doughnut-shaped Bit briquettes for this purpose.

Keep weeds and tall grasses cut short. Adult mosquitoes look for these shady places to rest during

Protect Yourself

Here are some easy tips to help protect yourself against the West Nile Virus

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the hot daylight hours.

Whether West Nile is a serious threat this summer remains to be seen so it is important that people protect themselves. The public can help monitor West Nile Virus by reporting dead birds, especially a dead crow or blue jay to the Cook County Dept. of Public Health by calling (708) 492-2650.

Additional information on West Nile Virus can be found on the Cook County Public Health website at www.cookcountypublichealth.org or by phone at (866) 369-9710 (toll-free).



Production staff for 'Drunk Boat' examine a sailboat on location in Morton Grove last week. The film is being shot across from Hynes School.

Independent movie is shot in Morton Grove

Village native chose to set film in childhood home of his friend

Residents of Belleforte in the western part of Morton Grove have had no complaints about an independent movie starring John Goodman and John Malkovich which is being filmed at the end of their street, just across from District 67's Hynes School.

Magnificent Mile Productions, Ltd. are producing the movie, "Drunk Boat," written by Morton Grove native Robert Meyer. He is also directing the film.

Village Administrator Ralph Czerwinski, who watched a scene with Malkovich as it was being filmed said that the production was excellent and that the staff had little impact on the neighborhood.

"We've had no complaints from the neighbors," Czerwinski said.

OTB: Issue could be at board June 27

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use, holding out the carrot of tax revenue.

"When we said that it would bring \$400,000 in tax revenue we were being conservative," said Bilocerkowycz. "It could bring as much as \$600,000 with the same amount going to the county which could be earmarked for Morton Grove projects."

Bilocerkowycz also said that the OTB would bring more than 100 jobs to the village, many of them union jobs.

Some residents, however, urged the board to ban OTBs completely from the village.

"This board was elected, in part, because it opposed OTBs," said Resident Bill Luksha. "Now, if the board thinks it can shirk this responsibility, then they should take a good hard look in the mirror."

The village could draft an ordinance to remove OTBs as a permitted use at their next meeting, Monday, June 27. If the board takes no action, then OTBs will remain as a permitted use.

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OUT OF GAS: Station operator seeks injunction to restart flow of fuel

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Manager said.

ABC7 News broke the story in February. According to their report, the Federal Bureau of

“Before we filed out lawsuit we were receiving awards as one of the best stations.”

Salik Rao
BP Franchise Holder

Investigations (FBI) is looking into the corruption scheme and a grand jury has been convened to investigate.

Rao, who came to the United States from Pakistan almost two decades ago and now owns several suburban Chicago gas stations, says that he was extorted to the tune of \$100,000 over an eight-year period, according to the ABC7 report. He has filed a civil racketeering lawsuit.

According to the report, Rao said he complained to company officials and got nowhere, prompting the civil suit.

While the suit has been in court, gas has run out at Rao's Morton Grove station. According to Rao, the last delivery of fuel was on June 4 and the station dried up two days later. The signs up at the station accuse BP Amoco of corruption, price gouging and price zoning of consumers, citing a "long history."

The Morton Grove Station Manager said that Rao is currently in court seeking injunctive relief and a re-supply of fuel. Signs on the pumps conclude: "Perfect example of BP Amoco's bias and unfair business practices is that they have stopped supplying gas to us just to make us run out of business. This is the time we need our customers help and support."

Rao said that there will be a hearing on the injunction on June 27 in federal court. He says that BP had no reason to cut off his supply of fuel.

"When we ran out on June 6 we asked them why," Rao said. "They said, as long as this lawsuit is going on, we aren't going to refuel you."

Rao also said that BP has no reason to stop supplying him fuel other than the lawsuit.

"Before we filed out lawsuit we received awards as one of the best stations," said Rao. "Since I blew the whistle, I'm the worst guy."

According to the ABC7 report, BP alleged that Rao was a willing participant in any corruption. They also said that they are conducting an internal investigation.

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A sign at the entrance to a BP Amoco Station on Central and Dempster informs potential customers that the station has run out of gas. The station's operator, Salik Rao, has accused BP of punishing him for blowing the whistle on what he calls corruption.

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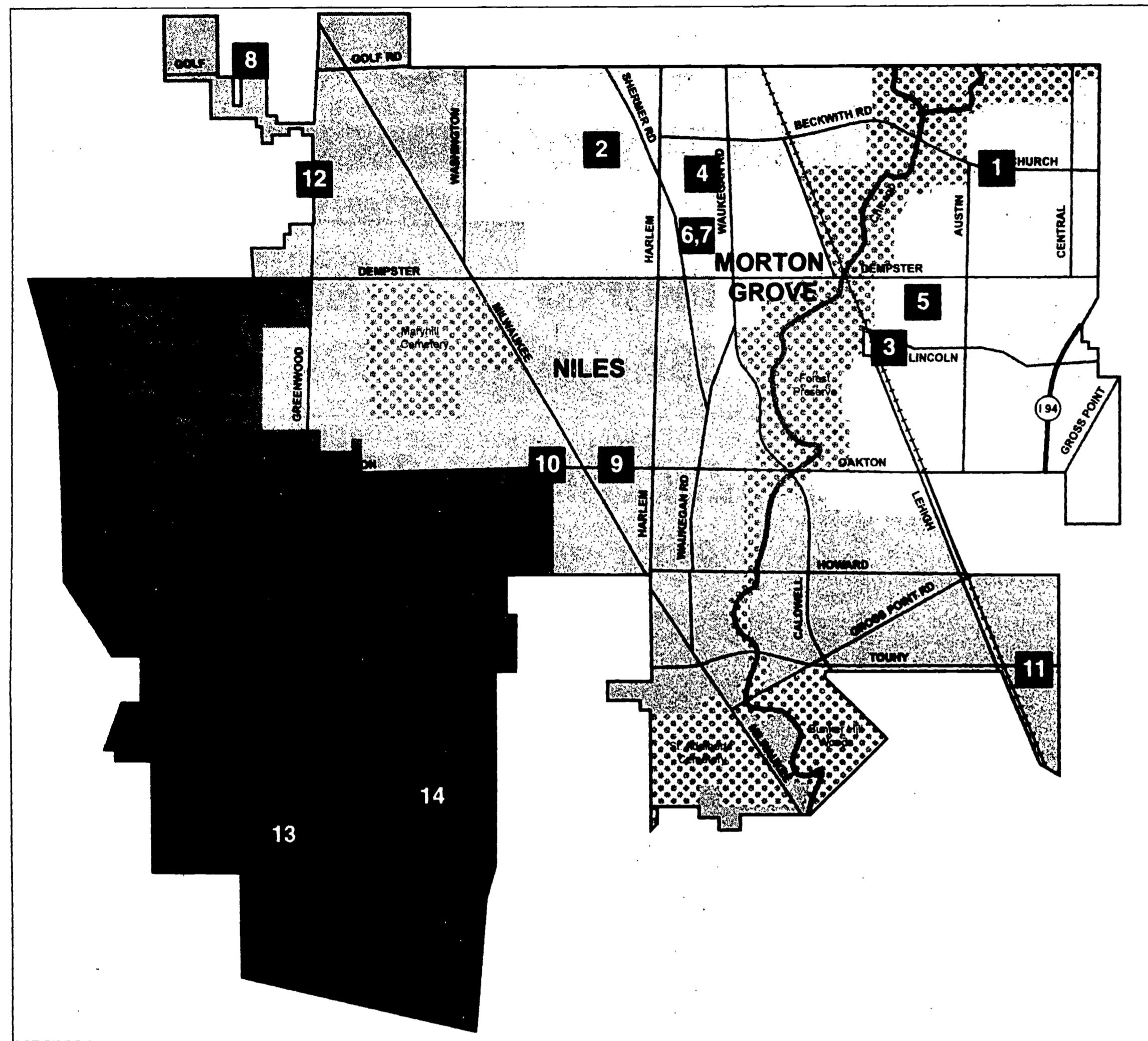
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(9000 Golf)
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9 No Hustler in Niles
(7400 Oakton)
A convenience store on the 7400 block of Oakton was caught selling pornographic magazines in violation of Niles rules. The store vowed to stop selling the magazines.

10 Broken Windshield for Med Student
(8000 N. Oriole)
A medical student, 26, was leaving for school June 15 when she discovered the windshield.

11 Cashier Steals \$720
(5600 Touhy)
A woman, 19, of Chicago admitted to pocketing more than \$700 from the cash register of Baby's 'R Us over six weeks.

12 BB Breaks Glass
(9400 Western)
A BB gun shooter shattered the glass door of a patio June 15 at 6 p.m.

PARK RIDGE

13 Garage Door Opener Aids Burglary
(900 S. Seminary)
A thief opened a car-door, pushed the garage door opener and then walked into the garage and stole a \$150 electrical tool June 15.

14 Side Mirrors Taken
(100 S. Summit)
Two side mirrors were removed from a vehicle June 14.

The defendants and his father denied any involvement to police.

A woman who lives in the building, 25, got into a fight with her boyfriend. The boyfriend became enraged and shattered the door. He admitted breaking the door and agreed to pay restitution to the condo association so no charges were filed.

A 21-year-old Utah man with a criminal background was cited for going door-to-door selling books and magazines without a permit. When the man approached one door, he was asked for his permit. The solicitor then "gave the man a hard time."

A tree fell on a parked minivan June 10 at 8:30 p.m.

Two men were spotted on the second floor of a new home construction June 14 at 1 a.m. Police arrived and the men were gone.

A man departed a cab without paying his \$36 fare June 12 at 10 p.m. The cab ride began in Jefferson Park and then stopped on the 9100 block of National. At this point, the rider got out of the cab, went inside a building and then returned five minutes later. He then requested a ride to Milwaukee and Glenview. He walked out of the cab and promised to return, but never did.

MORTON GROVE

The father of a man awaiting trial for burglary was accused of threatening the Morton Grove residents pressing charges last week. Three offenders are now awaiting trial for a March burglary on the 9200 block of Mango.

The residents of the home reported to police last week that the father of one of the defendants has been spotted sitting in his car outside the home 12 times. On June 11, one of the residents was walking to his car when he noticed the car once again parked outside the home. The car drove away, turned around then sped toward the resident. At that point, someone inside the vehicle yelled "You'll Get It!"

The glass doorway to the entrance of Lexington Condominiums was shattered June 11 at 11:20 p.m.

- 1 Pre-Trial Threats Issued**
(9200 Mango)
- 2 Painter Problems**
(9200 Odell)
- 3 Shattered Glass Door**
(6300 Lincoln)

NEWS

News from the Police Reports
Woman Reports Scam Loss

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A 48-year-old Chicago woman reported a detailed scam to Niles police June 15 that allegedly cost her \$25,000.

According to a police report, the woman was walking in Wal-Mart May 25 when she was approached by a Hispanic man in his 50's.

The man asked the woman for help. He said he is an illegal immigrant and heard of a local church that helps illegals.

At this point, a second Hispanic man approached and said he knows about the church.

The woman agreed to drive the

men there. When they got in the car, however, the second man said the church is actually no good and is known for stealing from immigrants.

At this point, the initial man explained that he had recently won the lottery but feared he would be unable to cash in due to his immigration status.

The second man said he'd call the lotto office and report back.

He then pretended to call a lotto office and explained the man needs two witnesses to cash in the ticket.

Each witness must pay \$35,000 in taxes.

The victim and the 'lotto winner' then went inside a Starbucks. The

second man purportedly went into a bank and withdrew \$35,000.

He returned to the Starbucks with a bag. He said the bag was filled with cash and showed it to the other man.

The woman then went to her bank and withdrew \$25,000 since she did not have \$35,000.

The trio then got into her car and drove to a local store.

The two men left the car with a bag. The woman thought it was the first bag, but when she looked inside she discovered her \$25,000 was replaced with newspaper wrappings.

The woman reported the May 25 incident to Niles police June 15.

On Point



Six students were recognized for their penmanship ability at the May meeting of the Niles village board. The Optimist Club of Niles honored the winners in the annual handwriting contest. This year, they were awarded \$100 savings bonds and achievement certificates. The objective of the contest is not to teach penmanship, but to emphasize the importance of good penmanship. Pictured above from left to right (front row): Mahek H. Dhanani, Annmarie Mahoney, Regina Garcia and Kelly Carrera. Back row, John Jekot, Mayor Nick Blase, Jerry Szczepanski and Trustees Kim Biederman, Louella Preston and Tom Bondi.

St. John Brebeuf honors best at awards fete

St. John Brebeuf School recently held their 2004-2005 Awards Ceremony to recognize the accomplishments of students in grades one through eight. Mrs. Margaret Whitman, the school principal, began the ceremony by thanking the students for the fine effort and work they've accomplished this year.

The first awards were given to students who have been blessed with good health and have attended school every day this year. Next, students in grades six through eight were awarded pins for being on the Honor Roll for the first three quarters. Mrs. Willert, the Physical Education teacher, then honored students in grades five through eight who received the highest scores on the Presidential Fitness Tests.

The ceremony continued with academic awards. Pins and certificates were given for achievement in the SJB Math League for students in grades four through eight. Those who participated in various high school sponsored Math contests were also recognized.

Students in grades two through eight were awarded pins and certificates for their achievements in the National Leagues for Social Studies, Language Arts, and Science. Those who participated in the Regional and State Science Fair competitions were also honored.

Reading is valued and enriched at St. John Brebeuf by participation in the Battle of the Books competition and through the Accelerated Reader program. Mrs. MaryAnn Casey and Mrs. Kathy Johann recognized the Battle of the Books team, who won first place in this year's competition. Special thanks was given to Mrs. Casey and Mrs. Johann for their many years of commitment to this program. Ms. Giannelli acknowledged the students in grades five through eight who achieved high points in the Accelerated Reader program.

Service to one's school and parish community is treasured, and therefore, the students who serve as members of Patrol and Student Council, as well as, Altar Servers and Door Openers were thanked and received certificates.

The ceremony concluded with Special Awards for the Class of 2005. Students whose cumulative GPA was 3.5 were awarded the Presidential Academic Excellence Awards.

Presidential Academic Improvement Awards were also given to students whose cumulative GPA was 3.0. A letter from President Bush congratulating them on their accomplishments was read. Joseph Mahoney was awarded a \$1,000 academic scholarship to Notre Dame High School for Boys. The winners of the Citizenship Awards were Alexis Bargione and Joseph Mahoney. The runners-up were Emily Szachowicz and Raymond Ramos. The American Legion Award was bestowed upon Atlaissa Dean and Eric Neuhengen.

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NOR-WOOD LIFE CARE NFP INVITES COMMUNITY TO VIEW PROPOSED RENDERINGS

Residents of the 41st Ward are invited to view preliminary renderings and elevations for the renovation and repositioning of the Norwood Park Home (NPH) campus, 6016-20 N. Nina Ave. in Chicago, on Mon., June 27, at 7 p.m. in the NPH dining room.

For the past four years, the Nor-Wood Life Care Board of Directors has been working on formulating a plan for the Norwood Park Home campus. The intent is to create a design that fits comfortably and aesthetically within the Norwood Park community, is compatible with surrounding residential properties and meets the needs of current and future adults. To date, five meetings have been held with immediate neighbors and Norwood Park residents. In response to their comments, a number of design adjustments have been made. The June 27 meeting will be conducted to encourage additional input.

On hand to explain the proposed project will be the architect, zoning attorney, several members of the Nor-Wood Life Care NFP Board of Directors, the CEO of Nor-Wood Life Care, and the administrator of Norwood Park Home. A question and answer session will follow the presentation. Refreshments will be served.



Grand Opening Ribbon Cutting Ceremony for the New Caboodle Cartridge in Niles

Caboodle Cartridge celebrated its grand opening celebration of its new franchise retail location at 5697 West Touhy Ave., Niles, Illinois. In attendance was the mayor of Niles, the honorable Nicholas B. Blasé, members of the Chamber of Commerce, owner Jay Dembsky, and other local store owners and friends.

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"The Chicago area in general is a great place to do business, and the Village Crossing Shopping Center is ideal for a Caboodle location," said Jay Dembsky, owner of the local franchise. The Niles store in the Village Crossing Shopping Center is the first Caboodle Cartridge in Illinois. "The Caboodle promise is that we will save our customers as much as 65 percent, while providing them with the highest quality inks, toner, and remanufacturing processes available today. In addition, because our cartridges are refilled and remanufactured in our centralized, advanced facilities before they reach the store, obtaining high quality, inexpensive cartridges has never been more convenient, with or without an exchange. Furthermore, it is environmentally friendly, helping to cut into the 350 million cartridges that are discarded in North American landfills annually."

Blood Pressure Screening Friday, June 24 Golf Mill Shopping Center

Niles, IL (June 15, 2005) – Stay on top of your health and monitor your blood pressure! A normal pressure won't guarantee that you'll be healthy but it can increase your chances for a long and healthy life. High blood pressure is a factor in about 70% of strokes and contributes to heart disease, kidney disease and other circulatory problems.

Maryhaven Nursing & Rehabilitation Center will be at Golf Mill on Friday, June 24 from 9am – 12pm to offer shoppers free blood pressure screening. They also will be surveying walkers on interest in forming a Mall Walkers Program at Golf Mill.

Golf Mill Shopping Center, located at Milwaukee Avenue and Golf Road in Niles, IL, is anchored by JCPenney, Kohl's, Sears, Target and Value City Furniture and includes more than 120 specialty stores.

500 ATTEND RESURRECTION HEALTH CARE HOSPITALS' 14TH ANNUAL CANCER SURVIVORS DAY CELEBRATION

Chicago, Ill. (June 14, 2005) – Five hundred cancer survivors, their family and friends—patients present and past from Resurrection Medical Center and Our Lady of the Resurrection Medical Center in Chicago and Holy Family Medical Center, Des Plaines—attended a free National Cancer Survivors Day celebration hosted by the three Resurrection Health Care hospitals on Sunday, June 5 at the White Eagle Banquets and Restaurant in Niles.

"A Celebration of Life" was our theme this year," said Carol Flanagan, R.N., Manager and Clinical Educator of the Cancer Treatment Center at Resurrection Medical Center. "National Cancer Survivors Day recognizes a cancer survivor as anyone living with a history of cancer, from the time of diagnosis through the remainder of life. The survivors who attended represented a total of 2,282 years of cancer survivorship," Flanagan said. Highlights of this year's celebration included:

- A keynote presentation by Terry "Moose" Millard, a retired flight captain with Southwest Airlines, former U.S. Air Force fighter pilot and F-16 fighter squadron commander and a cancer survivor.

- A family-style dinner

and door prizes—including a pair of tickets to a Chicago Cubs game.

- A commemorative gift—a sport FM radio—for each guest.

National Cancer Survivors Day celebration

National Cancer Survivors Day was developed by the National Coalition for Cancer Survivorship to draw attention to issues faced by the more than 9.8 million cancer survivors across America.

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Joe Volz
Copley News Service

Charlene Trane, 78, lived in a home she owned free and clear of debt in San Fernando, Calif.

But her developmentally disabled son lost several jobs and needed help financially. So, she took out a \$100,000 mortgage on her house, which was worth around \$350,000 or more.

Subsequently she ran into her own medical expenses, including large monthly drug costs. Before long, she fell behind in her mortgage payments and received a foreclosure notice from her mortgage company.

In a panic, Trane didn't know what to do. When three strangers visited her at home and offered to help her with her mortgage payment difficulties, she was more than ready to listen.

Trane agreed to the men's terms, signing over her deed to the three men and receiving in return an assurance that they would pay off her mortgage, which was in her name. She also received about \$11,000 and a used car.

"I wasn't thinking straight," Trane says now. "I was so down and out I felt like I was a hundred years old."

Trane was a victim of unscrupulous salespeople who prey on vulnerable people, reports "Dreams Foreclosed," a newly published report from the National Consumer Law Center, based in Boston. She is one of thousands and thousands of Americans who are finding themselves falling behind in their mortgage payments and then being bilked of their homes' equity.

Often the smooth-talking salespeople target the elderly, the sick or minorities, who can least fend for themselves.

Echoed by many others around the country, a Colorado attorney general says in the report, "We absolutely experience a problem here." The attorneys general expect the housing scams to increase in the coming months as the interest rates go up.

In many communities, the num-

ber of foreclosures is rising as well.

The massive increase in the value of houses in many areas of the country has led to many homeowners turning to their home equity to help them when they need money. Some have refinanced twice annually.

Perhaps they want to pay off their credit card debt. Or they want to finance home repairs. Or put a down payment on a retirement home for themselves.

Then, when an emergency arises such as an illness or a job loss, they may find themselves faced with onerous mortgage payments and not enough income to pay the monthly amount.

That's when scam artists strike. Sometimes they offer the worried homeowner help for huge fees or high interest rates. Or they mask the real terms the owner is agreeing to by burying them in a massive amount of paperwork.

Other times they ask that the house deed be signed over to

them while the homeowner becomes a renter, paying an amount that is somewhat less than the original mortgage payment.

The carrot here is that the owner can buy his or her home back later. But "later" never arrives.

In many instances, the wrongdoers get away free and clear. Most "go either completely unexposed or unpunished" because homeowners don't realize that they have been taken or they don't know how to find help before they lose their homes, the report says.

So what can homeowners or their families do if they have received an eviction notice?

- Be vigilant. If a sales representative offers to help you with your mortgage payment but requires a fee upfront, say "no" and show the person to the door.

- Stay in touch with your mortgage company or a lawyer. The scam salespeople often advise you not to contact your mortgage company. But, often, mortgage

companies will help owners in trouble work out a new schedule of payments when the equity in your home has increased significantly.

- Don't sign anything with blank spaces on it. They can be filled in later with terms you never agreed to.

- Don't fall for a promise such as, "We'll save your credit." So what happened to Charlene Trane?

Before her home could be sold at foreclosure, a legal aid lawyer contacted her. To date, the lawyer has succeeded in eliminating the foreclosure threat, paying the back mortgage payments and returning to Trane the fees she had paid.

Contact the National Consumer Law Center at 77 Summer St., 10th Floor, Boston, MA 02110, by phone at (617) 542-8010 or on the Web at www.nclc.org.
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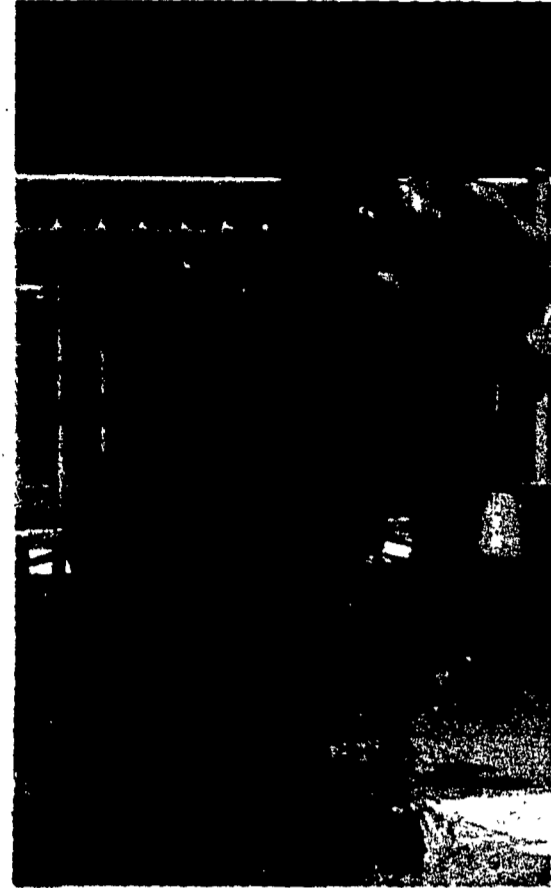
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NEWS

AREA FATHERS APPRECIATE THEIR DAY!



Drake Foster, 8, gets ready to hit the water as his father Chip tosses him in at the Harter Park pool Sunday afternoon. (Photo by Allen Kaleta)



Jimmy Horkavi, 5, of Park Ridge gets some help with his golf swing from his father Frank as they spend some time on Father's Day at the Oakton Park driving range Sunday June 19. (Photo by Allen Kaleta)



A family pauses for a moment before the grave of their father at St. Adelbert's cemetery in Niles Sunday afternoon June 19. (Photo by Allen Kaleta)



James Francqua, 6, makes sure his son Elias is covered with sunscreen as they spend time at the Oakton Pool in Park Ridge on Father's Day June 19. (Photo by Allen Kaleta)

LIBRARY RAISE: Due in October

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said.

Circulation clerks earn \$8.35 per hour.

These employees must have a high school diploma and computer skills.

The overall requested pay increase would total \$107,565. Three new positions would be created under the proposed budget.

These positions include a new computer services technician, maintenance worker and children's department employee.

The pages and clerks would receive the majority of the pay increase. Other workers would also accrue a more modest pay increase, such as two percent.

In April 2003, voters approved a referendum to increase taxation. It took about a year and a half for the increase to make its way into library tax coffers.

The 2004-05 budget for the library contained \$5.35 million in revenue and \$5.25 million in expenditures.

The 2003-04 budget had \$4.20 million in revenue and \$4.28 million in expenditures.

Last year, the library increased funds for library materials such as books.

That increase pumped library materials from \$290,000 to \$510,000.

"Last year, the priority for the budget was library materials. This year, we are looking at a salaries," Czarnecki said.

Budget committee meetings were held June 1 and June 8. The final meeting is expected at the end of the month.

Library board president Dennis O'Donovan could not be reached for comment.



Isabel Ullman, 5, of Niles plays Bongo Bunch at the Niles Park District Penny Arcade at Oak Park Friday June 17. (Photo by Allen Kaleta)



Niles Park District employee Aracelia Sobal removes the blindfold from Vicky Griyuk, 8, while they play "Pin the Tail on the Dog" at the Niles Penny Arcade Friday night June 17 at Oak Park. (Photo by Allen Kaleta)

Summer Fun



(Top) Saxophone player Scott Williams of the Retrocoasters plays at the Oak Park outdoor concert Friday June 17. (Bottom 2 pictures) Best friends Sydney Richter (left) and Grace Waters dance to the oldies at the Oak Park outdoor concert Friday June 17. (Photos by Allen Kaleta)

SPORTS

'World's best softball player' Finch takes the field at Benedictine



(Pictured right) Approachable and easy on the eyes, Jennie Finch is one of the reasons interest in women's softball is on the rise. Considered one of the world's best softball players, Finch is pictured here playing at Benedictine University in West Suburban Lisle.

CNS photo by K.C. Alfred.

7-foot prep star in no rush to chase NBA millions

SPORTS UNLIMITED

BY MICK MCGRANE
Copley News Service

It's a tale so well-worn it comes with holes in its high-tops.

A superstar high school basketball player, perched atop a pedestal with its pinnacle in the clouds, succumbs to the seduction of millions, shoe companies panting for his endorsement like a Saint Bernard at the height of summer.

What the player lacks in maturity is meaningless. The NBA's hunger to hype the next-great-whatever is akin to pacifying a bear with bean sprouts. Swimming in a sea of unsolicited and often unsound advice, the schoolboy signs, walks away with a fistful of dollars and, LeBron James aside, promptly takes a dive into the depths of obscurity.

And then there is the tale of Greg Oden, which in an era of inflated egos and instant gratification seems firmly rooted in retro.

Oden is the Gatorade National Boys' Basketball Player of the Year. He has led his high school team - Indianapolis Lawrence North - to consecutive Indiana Class 4A state titles. He averaged 20 points and nearly 10 rebounds a game this season. He was the Parade Magazine Co-Player of the Year and is the only player other than James to win the Gatorade award as a junior.

He also happens to be 7 feet tall, an asset that induces knee-knocking among NBA scouts and prompts owners to part with cash faster than an out-of-kilter ATM.

The kicker? Oden couldn't care less. In possession of a 3.5 grade-point average, Oden, of all things, plans to go to college.

Next thing you know, Terrell Owens will take on the regimen of a Trappist monk.

"My high school career hasn't been that great," said Oden, a member of the U.S. under-19 men's basketball team.

Oden's USA White team recently routed China 112-59 in San Diego as Oden scored 16 points on 7-of-8 shooting from the field. He also recorded six rebounds and six blocked shots.

"Any 7-footer can average 20 points a game," Oden said. "Right now, I'm not good enough for the NBA. I'm just hoping I'm good enough for a Division I college, so it can help prepare me to get to the next level."

Humble? By comparison, Bob Cratchit was overbearing.

If Oden has his reasons for remaining reserved, he also has a shining example in Washington Wizards forward Kwame Brown. The first high schooler ever selected No. 1 in

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Professional Golf Tips With Tina Mickelson

Gravity will do the work

It's no secret that rhythm and tempo are crucial in the golf swing. And it is believed that having good rhythm and tempo means a slow, fluid swing. However, there are many successful players both past and present who have swings that are rather fast. How can this be? No matter how fast the golf swing, one factor must always remain: starting the downswing slowly (compared to the rest of the swing) and gradually generating increased acceleration so the club is traveling at its maximum velocity at impact.

In an attempt at increased swing speed, many amateurs exert too much effort and energy at the top of the swing and beginning of the downswing. This can produce a number of negative side effects which can include coming over the top, upper and lower body not working in unison, and deceleration at impact, just to name a few.

To ensure you are not too quick at the top, feel like the initial part of your downswing is initiated by gravity. The club should literally feel like it is "falling" at the beginning of the downswing. Gravity is initiating that first move for you. Then throughout the downswing power is accelerating until maximum power occurs at impact. By not exerting all your power and energy at the top of the swing you not only find that you actually have more power at impact, but your rhythm and tempo are fluid as well.



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A Sports Roundup

Padres' Hoffman one of the few closers without injury this year

Chris Jenkins
Copley News Service

Were Trevor Hoffman almost anybody else, his first thought might've been to quickly reach for a bat and bang it off his unhelmeted head. Just for luck. Superstition, you know.

But he is Trevor Hoffman, quite literally about the last player in the National League that you'd expect to find with a bat in his locker, let alone his hands. In fact, the only locker in the San Diego Padres clubhouse without a box of sticks on the upper shelf belongs to Hoffman, who hasn't stepped to the plate since 2001.

Making do, then, Hoffman rapped his skull a few times with his knuckles. Indeed, knock on wood.

Hoffman had just been confronted with a list, a highly impressive list, but also highly disturbing in its assembly. All of the pitchers listed either are or have been on the disabled list already this year.

Closers, every one. Not just

your garden-variety closer, either. Good ones. Some of the very best.

Eric Gagne. Troy Percival. Jason Isringhausen. Armando Benitez. Francisco Rodriguez. Octavio Dotel. Guillermo Mota. Joe Borowski. Brandon Lyon. Antonio Alfonseca.

And, egad, that was before we'd reached June. So far, to be sure, it's been a brutal season on closers.

Stress, for the close-out man, comes in all forms. There's the kind of job pressure that gets Danny Graves - an All-Star closer just last year - summarily dumped by the Cincinnati Reds.

Dan Kolb lasted less than two months as the replacement for John Smoltz in the Atlanta Braves' closer role. Let's not even go anywhere near Byung-Hyun Kim.

But it's the physical stress - caused by either overwork or overthrowing - that's causing most of the extraordinary attri-

tion.

"I've noticed," said Hoffman. "Unbelievable, isn't it? I don't know what it is. You never want to see anybody having those sorts of problems, but it really hits you when you see it happening to others who do what you do and know what it's like."

"There's a fraternity of closers in a sense, this built-in feeling that there are other guys out there who know exactly what you're going through. We can relate. I mean, it's a tough enough role, just to try to be successful, just to escape unscathed."

Hoffman, of course, is not a man without scars of his own. He'll forever carry the reminder of 2003, the season he mostly missed with a shoulder injury that required surgery. Incredibly, especially put in the context of what's happened to his peers this season, that was the first time Hoffman had ever gone on the disabled list in a career that already had spanned a decade.

"When he earned another Reliefs Relief Man Award last year, Gagne was the first closer since all-time saves champion Lee Smith in 1992 to repeat as the National League winner. A huge part of the syndrome being closers couldn't stay uninjured long enough to do it two years in a row."

"Closers have to go all-out, all the time, every time," said Hutcherson. "When the closer's in the game, the game's on the line. There's no saving anything. He might be throwing five straight games, then not throw again for another five games. That's a hard way to go."

Isringhausen was 16-for-16 in saves until blowing one last week, an even more impressive feat when you consider the St. Louis Cardinals closer is working with a strained oblique muscle that got him DL'd once this year. But that's only the latest of his maladies.

"Three elbows, two shoulders and a hip," Isringhausen told the St. Louis Post-Dispatch. "I keep the doctors busy. That's what they're there for, isn't it?"

Hoffman and Isringhausen are different from a vast majority of the game's top closers. Most are pure power pitchers, more dependent on velocity, thus more over-demanding of their shoulders and elbows.

Philadelphia Phillies lefty Billy Wagner still has the giddyp, hit triple digits, and physiologists will tell you that Wagner's biomechanics are virtually perfect. Yet he spent two stints on the DL last year for strains to the right groin and left rotator cuff.

"God gave Hoffy good tissue, like Rickey Henderson, a body that withstands the grind," said Hutcherson. "But there is something else about him. That is one tough son of a bitch."

In previous seasons, he'd been DL'd for a flexor tendon in the elbow and a forearm strain. (This is not to mention a different sort of pitching peril, the line drive to the head in '98 that got Wagner carried off to the DL in a stretcher.)

The masterful Mariano Rivera of the New York Yankees hasn't been a closer as long as Hoffman, but he's been on the disabled list five times since '98, and the fact that he's throwing his cut fastball with recurrent shoulder problems isn't keeping the howling wolves off his back in New York.

"First of all, you're doing something you're not intended by nature to do a lot, and that's hold your arm over your head," said Cubs reliever Joe Borowski, just off the DL himself. "Pitching a softball underhanded is natural; what we do isn't. Plus, we're constantly throwing. Even when you don't go in to pitch, you're up and down in the bullpen, up and down, up and down."

"When you do get in there, you're there to go as hard as you can for as long as you can. There's no pacing yourself. You hold nothing back."

Hoffman certainly has the physique of a flamethrower - the boulder shoulders and the thick legs - but some of his best fastballs would be passed with impunity on the 805 Freeway. Throw out '03, however, and Hoffman has not finished a season with fewer than 31 saves since 1994, and that was a strike year in which a young Hoffman tried to pitch through a shoulder problem.

A year later, he did have a procedure on the rotator cuff. It was on the mend from that that Hoffman, really just beginning to establish himself as a closer, started getting religious about both preparation and preservation.

The routine he established 10 years ago to have his body ready for those 10 p.m. work calls - and injury avoidance - remains a ritual to him. After all these years and saves, Hoffman knows exactly how to warm up, then exactly how to cool down, and manager Bruce Bochy has had Hoffman long enough to know to leave him on his own program.

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Story Continues... see CHEF HARRY page 18.

LIFE

Chef Harry Presents Wonders of watercress

BY HARRY SCHWARTZ
Copley News Service

Watercress finger sandwiches suffer from reputation: passe, elitist, bland. That boring demeanor is based on use rather than the aquatic plant itself.

"Watercress rocks!" said Alice Price, a trained chef and director of support services at Methodist Medical Center in Peoria, Ill. The versatility and nutritional punch of watercress make it a superfood of the 21st century, but it's an ancient food with heritage back to early Greece and Rome. In China, watercress is consumed in large quantities for food, nutrition and medicinal value.

Allison Tran, owner of Lin Hing Food Market in Peoria, with her husband, Luong, said, "Watercress is really good for health. One older lady from China comes in for six or 10 bunches every week. She eats it to clear her lungs."

Tran receives fresh watercress every Thursday morning year-round. Packed on crushed ice, the bunches usually sell for under \$1, but cost of fresh produce fluctuates.

Price said she cuts about 1 inch from the tip of the stems and stands the bunch in a bowl with a "lip" of water on the bottom.

"It keeps fresh for up to a week," she said, describing the taste as peppery with a crunchy bite. "It's a couple of notches below arugula." A beautiful advantage to watercress is it keeps its vivid green color even after cooking. While spinach baked in quiche may look wilted and gray-green, watercress looks verdant.

NUTRIENTS GALORE
Nutritionally, watercress is a mother lode, with all the powerful antioxidants and phytochemicals of other members of the cruciferous family. It's a good source of beta carotene, vitamins C and E, calcium, iron and iodine. In China, it's referred to as a "spring tonic" for cleansing blood and restoring inner balance. It is eaten to cure rheumatism and used as a diuretic and expectorant, stimulant and digestive tonic to help with anemia and lower blood sugar levels.

Watercress can be used for salad, mixed with other lettuces or straight, as a plate garnish, sauteed in stir fries, chopped and sprinkled on foods in place of parsley or cilantro, in soup, quiche and frittata, folded into omelets or steamed. Saute it with garlic and onion and mound it on bruschetta with a dash of balsamic vinegar. Add it to



peasant breads to bake in a fleck of green. Use is limited only by imagination.

To show the diversity of watercress, known in Ireland as "St. Patrick's Cabbage," Price prepared cold cream of zucchini and watercress soup; watercress, potato and bacon frittata; and watercress, pear and gorgonzola salad with walnuts and raspberry balsamic vinaigrette.

"It is really so amazing with so many health benefits... sort of like garlic. We don't work with it enough in America. You can use it almost like spinach, but it is way prettier," she said. "It's much more than a garnish. People don't think much about watercress anymore. It's sort of out of style and once was thought of as elitist."

In putting together the watercress salad, Price used a bottled salad dressing. Congorzo raspberry and balsamic fat-free dressing.

"Hey, cut to the chase. Make life a little easier," she said. The cold watercress soup is elegant and tasty, but Price said any one who objects to the heavy cream called for in the recipe can substitute half-and-half, whole milk or skim milk. It can be thickened with cooked, pureed white potatoes or cornstarch.

roughly chopped
6 eggs
Salt and pepper, to taste
1/3 cup cheddar cheese, grated
Yields 6 servings.

Cook potatoes in pan of salted boiling water for 10 minutes, or until tender. Drain and slice. Heat oil in nonstick frying pan, add bacon and onions and fry, 3 to 4 minutes, until beginning to brown. Add sliced potatoes and cook 5 minutes. Add watercress to pan and cook for 2 minutes, stirring until it has wilted.

Beat eggs with salt and plenty of ground black pepper, to taste. Pour mixture into pan and cook, stirring for 1 minute or until most of the egg has set. Shake pan to level surface and cook 2 minutes.

Sprinkle cheese over top of frittata and cook under hot grill, 2 minutes, until cheese has melted and top is golden brown. Cut in wedges and serve with tomato salsa and watercress salad.

Nutritional analysis per serving: 368 calories, 13.5 grams protein, 24.4 grams fat (59.5 percent of total calories), 23.8 grams carbo-

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Events Calendar

GOVERNMENT

Monday, June 27

-7 p.m. Morton Grove Village Board meeting
-7:30 p.m. Park Ridge/Niles Elementary School District board meeting

Tuesday, June 28

-8 p.m. Niles Village Board meeting

COMMUNITY

Sunday, June 26

-Special Agent David I. Young, from the Civil Rights Division of the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) Regional Office in Chicago will address the cause and effects of hate crimes in a multi-cultural society. The program is free. For more information call (847) 675-4141. The event is sponsored by the Ezra Hahonim Niles Township Jewish Congregation.

Sunday, July 10

-The Park Ridge Garden Club will hold its annual Garden Walk on Sunday, July 10 from noon to 5 p.m. For more information, visit www.geocities.com/parkridgegardenclub.

UNLIMITED: Responsibility an issue

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the NBA draft (2001), the 7-foot Brown was handed a season-ending suspension last month for what Wizards president of basketball operations Ernie Grunfeld called "philosophical differences." Long frustrated by his inability to become a consistent part of Washington's offense, Brown, who was 19 when drafted, is averaging 7.7 points and 5.5 rebounds.

The suspension came on the heels of NBA commissioner David Stern's push to implement an age limit of 20 for players entering the league. As much as Oden admits to his own limitations, however, he views Stern's proposal as poppycock.

"Just because somebody isn't ready to go (to the NBA) doesn't mean he shouldn't be able to," Oden said. "I'm not a fan of the rule, because I know there are lots of high school kids that are ready. To deny them that right, just because they're young, doesn't seem fair."

Neither is this: In a state tournament championship game this year against nationally ranked and previously unbeaten Arlington High, Oden blocked a staggering 18 shots.

"The coach of the other team decided they were going to go right at him and try to get him in foul trouble," said USA Basketball coach Pat Fitterer, who while not overseeing Olympians serves as head coach at Eisenhower High in Seattle. "I can't even imagine someone blocking 18 shots. That's incredible."

"He's recognized as the top high school player in the United States, but you would never know it by his demeanor. He's just so humble and such a good person, but you can't overlook his talent. He's a very focused player. When we scrimmaged this week and substituted for him, the whole game changed."

As could the rest of Oden's life, should crates of cash crowd the mind of a premiere player said to have narrowed his college choices to Indiana, Michigan State, Ohio State and Wake Forest.

"To have as many kids who have come before him be sucked in by all that money, he is a

rare case," said Fitterer, a proponent of Stern's under-20 proposal.

"One of the reasons they're having problems in the NBA is that the kids aren't mature enough to have that kind of money or the responsibility that comes with it. A lot of them end up doing things that are destructive."

"Just having the college experience for a year or two can make a lot of difference. If you look at a guy like Marvin Williams at North Carolina, (a graduate of Bremerton High in Washington who played against Fitterer's teams), he was ready to go out of high school. But he decided to go to college for a year to get that experience and now he's a lottery pick. He was mostly a sixth man, but that maturity and the unselfishness he developed showed him that even greater things could happen."

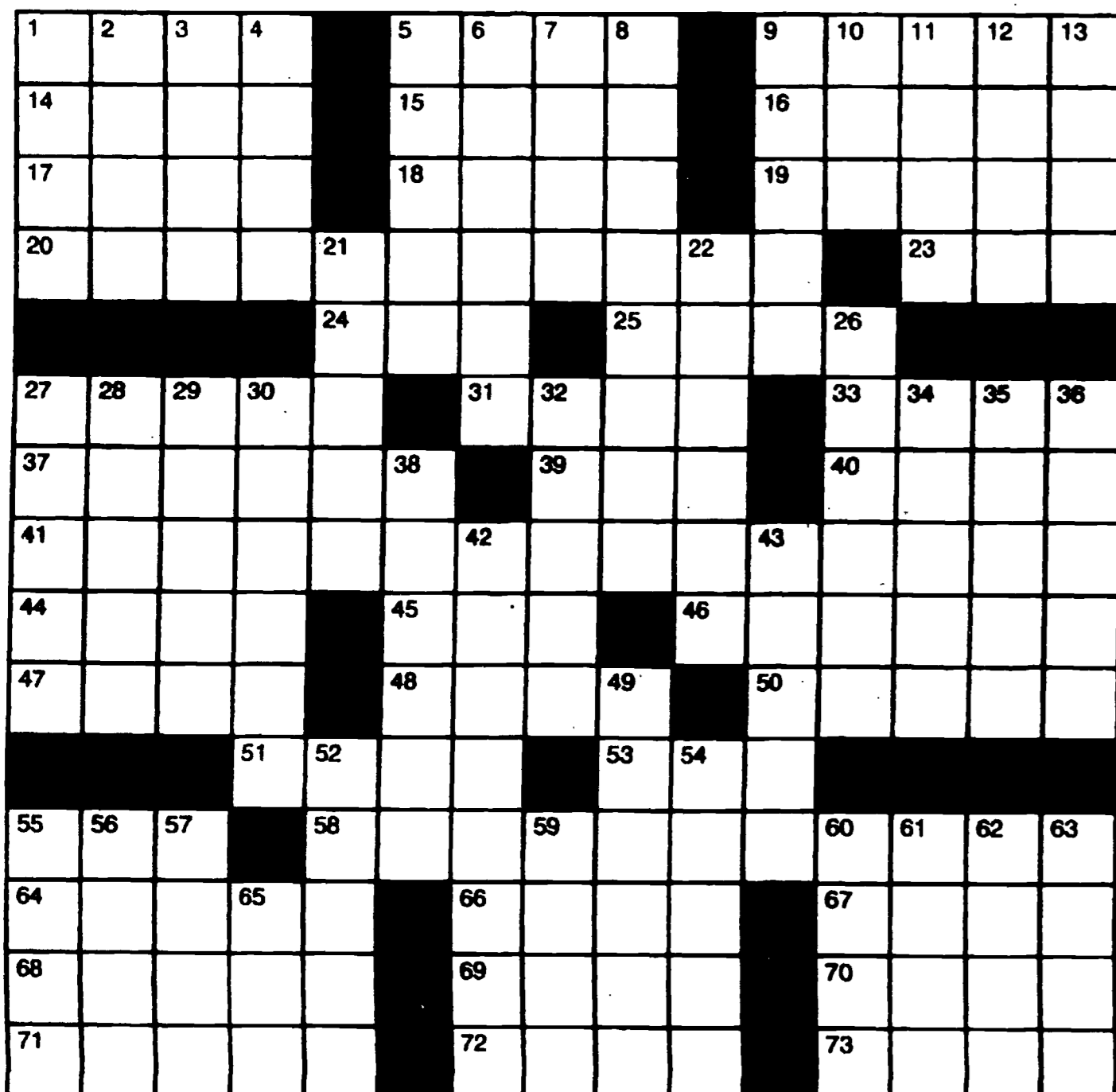
Things that Greg Oden envisions for himself. "I'm still trying to take everything in," he said of the recruiting process. "All I can do is just keep working hard and keep trying to improve my game. And, hopefully, one day I will be able to say I made it to the NBA."

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By Charles Preston

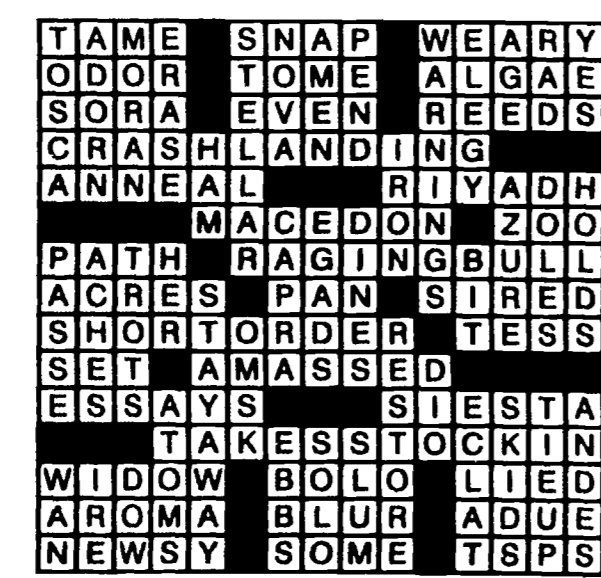
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- 14 Drive an 18-wheeler
- 15 Baylor University city
- 16 Last name in winemaking
- 17 "Written in the Stars" musical
- 18 Concerning
- 19 Cornwallis, to Washington
- 20 July golf tournament
- 23 Novelist John _____ Passos
- 24 Laverne or Shirley, e.g.
- 25 _____ off!
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- 39 Hebrew high priest
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- 50 Chromosome components
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- 3 "Magister _____"
- 4 Venetian blind feature
- 5 Flooded
- 6 Windings
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- 8 CPA's find
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IN THE MARKET



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Be the first to send in the answers to this week's crossword puzzle and your name will be listed in next week's Bugle.

This Week's Winner is **Lorraine Truskolaski**

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CHEF HARRY:

Wonders of watercress

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hydrate, 2.7 grams fiber, 238 milligrams cholesterol and 314 milligrams sodium.
WATERCRESS, PEAR AND GORGONZOLA SALAD
Dressing:
2 tablespoons sherry vinegar
4 tablespoons cranberry juice
1/4 cup dried cranberries
1 tablespoon walnut oil
2 teaspoons groundnut oil
Juice of 1 lemon
Salt and freshly ground black pepper, to taste
Salad:
1/3 cup gorgonzola cheese
4 ripe pears, halved and cored
5 cups watercress, tightly packed
1/4 cup roasted walnuts, chopped
Yields 8 dinner salads.
Preheat grill to moderate heat.
To prepare dressing: Heat vinegar, cranberry juice and dried cranberries in saucepan over low heat until cranberries have plumped up. Remove from heat and allow to cool.
Chop 1/2 of the soaked cranberries and set aside.
Place remaining cranberries in food processor with walnut oil and groundnut oil, lemon juice and seasoning. Process until smooth.
To prepare salad: Place some crumbled gorgonzola on top of pear halves. Place under preheated grill and cook until slightly colored.
Toss watercress in cranberry dressing. Sprinkle with roasted walnuts and reserved cranberries. Place warm pear halves on top, drizzle more dressing over pears and serve.
Nutritional analysis per serving: 130 calories, 3.5 grams protein, 7.2 grams fat (50.1 percent of total calories), 12.7 grams carbohydrate, 2.1 grams fiber, 8 milligrams cho-

lesterol and 157 milligrams sodium.
COLD CREAM OF ZUCCHINI AND WATERCRESS SOUP
2 tablespoons unsalted butter
1/2 cup yellow onion, chopped
1 teaspoon garlic, minced
1 1/4 pounds zucchini (about 4 to 5 cups), trimmed and chopped
1/2 teaspoon salt
1/4 teaspoon ground white pepper
3 cups chicken stock
1 sprig thyme
1 cup watercress leaves, packed
1 tablespoon parsley leaves, minced
1 cup heavy cream
1/4 cup creme fraiche, or sour cream
Watercress sprigs, tough stems removed, and chopped chives, for garnish
Yields 8 servings.
In saucepan, melt butter over medium-high heat. Add onions and cook, stirring, for 3 minutes. Add garlic and cook for 15 seconds. Add zucchini, salt and pepper. Cook until tender. Add stock and thyme and bring to a boil. Reduce heat and simmer, stirring occasionally, about 20 minutes.
Add watercress and let wilt, about 5 minutes. Remove from heat, add minced parsley leaves and discard thyme sprig.
With hand-held immersion blender or in batches in food processor, puree soup. Return to heat and stir in cream. Heat gently and cook 5 minutes. Adjust seasoning, to taste, keeping in mind that salt is less evident in cold foods.
Let cool and refrigerate until well chilled, at least 4 to 6 hours. Serve in small bowls or cups. Garnish with creme fraiche, watercress sprigs and chives.
Nutritional analysis per serving: 189 calories, 6.1 grams protein, 16 grams fat (76.1 percent of total calories), 5.2 grams carbohydrate, 1.2 grams fiber, 51 milligrams cholesterol and 755 milligrams sodium.
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MONEY & YOU

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provide your host with any of your financial information. During the presentation, listen for buzz words like "guaranteed," "sure thing" and "risk free." There are no such things. Also pay attention to promises made by the speakers, especially when a graph or chart indicates what will happen to an investment years from now. If somebody starts talking about tripling or quadrupling money or making similar claims, it's time to stop listening. No one can predict what returns an investment will generate in the future.

Once the seminar is over, remain resolute. That's because you will inevitably receive a follow-up phone call from the guy who paid for the doughnuts or the spaghetti. He's probably going to ask to meet you for a complimentary follow-up session where your financial situation will be explored. This time, don't bite.
Lynn O'Shaughnessy is the author of "The Retirement Bible" and "The Investing Bible." She can be reached at LynnOShaughnessy@cox.net. Visit Copley News Service at

SCANNING THE BOOKSHELF
Brief book reviews

"Before the Fallout: From Marie Curie to Hiroshima," by Diana Preston; Walker & Company; 400 pages; \$27.

Some historians treat their subject as if it were mere chronology, a simple recounting of past happenings with people relegated to a kind of biological filler, occasionally interesting but generally secondary to describing the great events of the day.

It's an utterly wrong-headed point of view, and one that English historian Diana Preston clearly, happily and eloquently does not share.

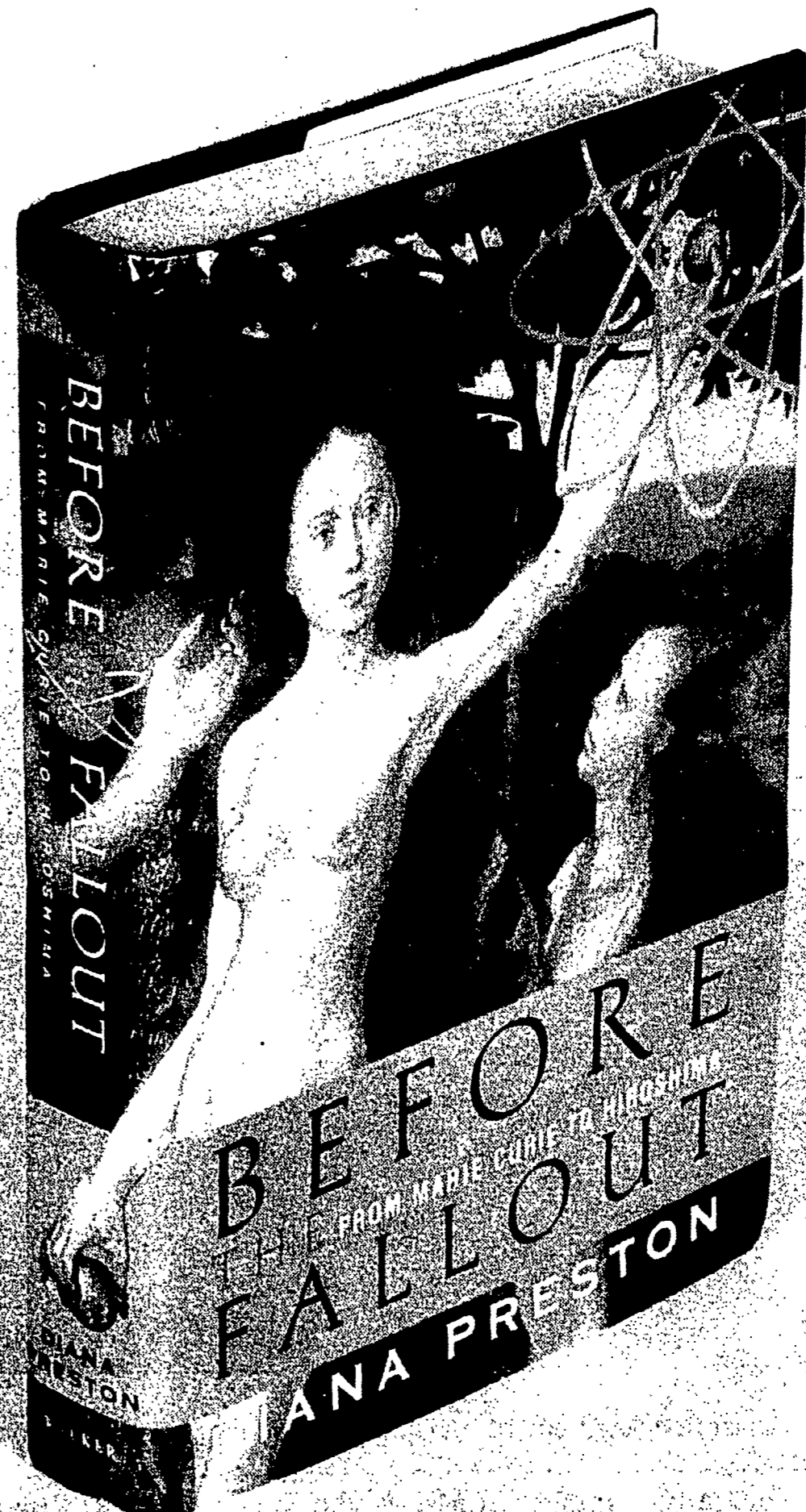
"History - even the history of science - is inherently about people, how they thought, what they did with their thoughts, and how they interacted with the individuals immediately around them and then with society and the greater world order," she writes in the epilogue to "Before the Fallout."

For proof, you need look no further than the preceding pages of her book. Preston has crafted - skillfully and meticulously - an engrossing narrative of the people who discovered radioactivity, conquered the atom and, ultimately, created the bomb.

All of the science is here, of course. Preston is pretty good at explaining some rather difficult physics. And she's equally adept at describing the state of the world in the years leading up to and through World War II.

But her greatest strength is in portraying the players, large and small, who made atomic history in just 47 years. Her prose is clean and concise, akin to that of Barbara Tuchman ("The Guns of August," "A Distant Mirror") - spare but nonetheless rich in detail and texture.

The story begins with Marie Curie, the Polish-born physicist



who overcame a male-dominated society to discover the elements radium and polonium and tease out the first real glimmers of how radioactivity works. Curie is usually depicted in broad strokes - a brilliant, determined woman with no inner life. Preston adds layers of depth to the portrait. Curie was a real

person, but her compulsions were almost entirely scientific. She considered nothing more important than the pursuit of knowledge. It was more compelling to her than her friends, her family, her health. "We must be interested in things, not persons," she once said.

Curie lived for science. And ultimately, she died for it. From Curie, Preston creates a kind of human chain reaction. There's Curie's friend and longtime defender Ernest Rutherford, who parsed the atom, discovering the proton and various kinds of radiation.
In the first decades of the 20th

century, physics was a different kind of business. It was more collegial, less constrained by proprietary or secretive interests. Rutherford collaborated with colleagues throughout Europe and America, and Preston traces the results through the comings and goings of some of the great physics minds of the time: Niels Bohr, Werner Heisenberg, Robert Oppenheimer.

These physicists do great things. They do stupid things too: They're human. Mistakes are made because Bohr was a notoriously poor communicator, prone to mumbling. Heisenberg easily grasped abstruse ideas but was uncertain how to deal with co-workers. Oppenheimer struggled to balance the perceived need to build an atomic bomb with his fear that his efforts would succeed.

Preston's best work, perhaps, is saved for last. Her retelling of the bombings of Hiroshima and Nagasaki are grim, with enough new and personal details to horrify anew.

She describes a Japanese mother struggling to stay alive until her children were saved; a pregnant woman, dying from radiation poisoning, begging doctors to cut out her unborn child before it was too late. Then, Preston goes aloft to describe the sights, sounds and feelings of the American aircrews who dropped the bombs.

She ends with a series of "What if?" questions: What if the Americans hadn't taken up the quest to build the bomb? What if the Germans had built one first? What if the bomb had not been dropped at all?
- Scott LaFee
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Corrected

Doughty-Ashcroft

Lenore and Steve Doughty of Niles announce the engagement of their daughter, Ticia Ann to Kevin Glenn Ashcroft, son of Donald and Anita Ashcroft of Franklin, Illinois (Formerly of Niles).
The bride-to-be is a 1991 graduate of Niles West High School. She graduated with a Bachelor's Degree in Psychology and a Master's Degree in Special Education, both from National-Louis University. Ticia is a 6th Grade

Special Education teacher at Nelson School in Niles.
The future groom is a 1984 graduate of Niles West High School. Kevin is attending Oakton Community College and will be transferring to the Illinois Institute of Art in Schaumburg to major in 3D animation. Kevin works for Costco Wholesale Club in Niles.
The couple will be married in June at St. John Brebeuf Catholic Church in Niles.



Announcements

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LIFE

Niles hot-rodder Asien completes power tour

Niles Car Enthusiast Ron Asien Completes the Week-Long Hot Rod Power Tour Through the Heart of America

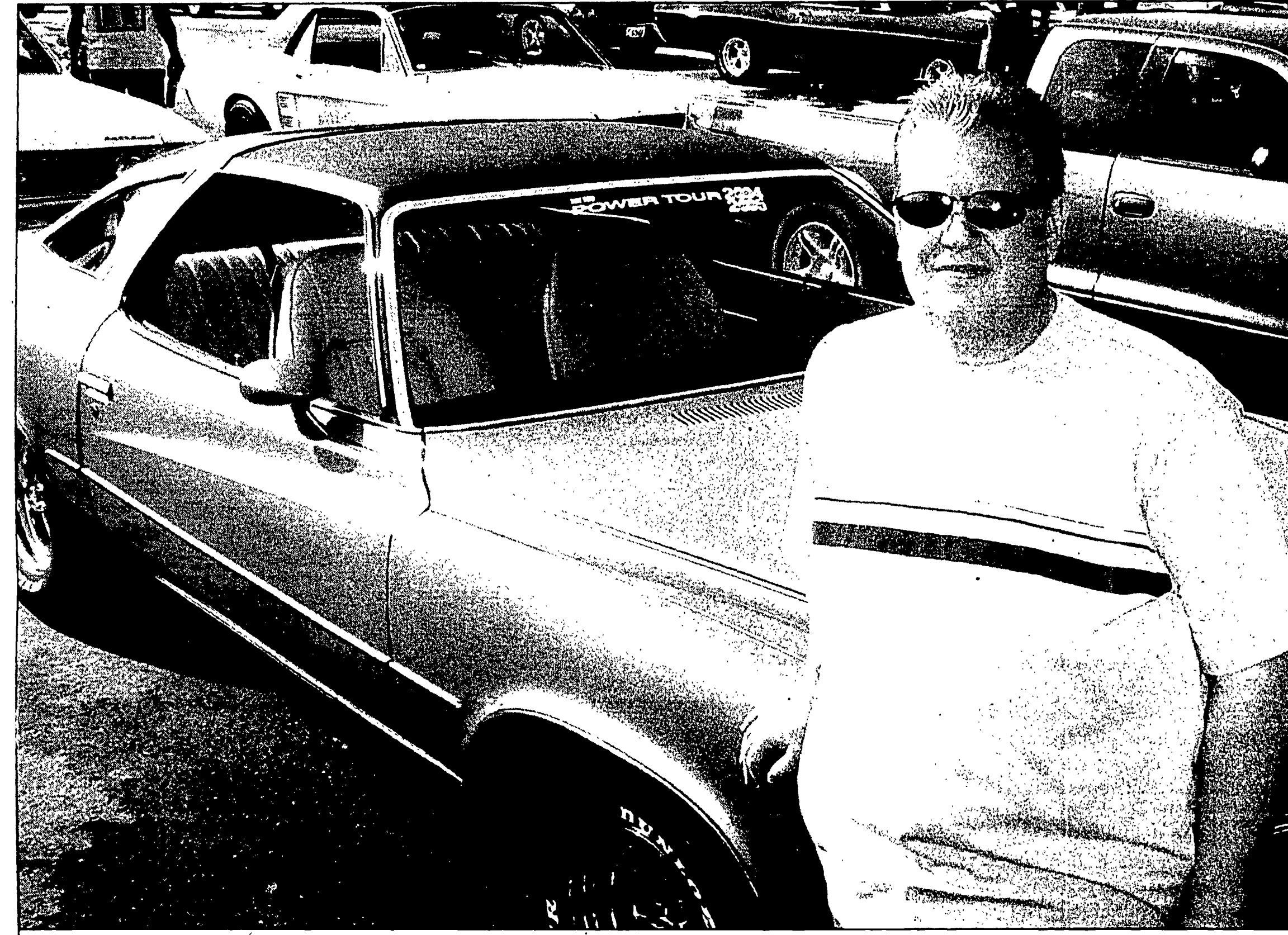
Niles resident Ron Asien took to the road in his head-turning Buick Gran Sport last week to complete the 11th annual Hot Rod Power Tour—a dazzling seven-day cross-country rolling car show.

This year's Hot Rod Power Tour, presented by GM Performance Division and co-sponsored by Flowmaster, began in Milwaukee on June 4 and covered 1,350 miles before reaching the finish line in Kissimmee, Fla. on June 10. Along the way, 50,000 spectators watched as an estimated 5,000 vehicles participated in the tour, with 1,300-1,500 long-haulers running the entire route.

Asien considers this event a once-in-a-lifetime experience for those connected with America's car culture. Like the *Route 66* television show of the Sixties, this event allows collectors of every sort and age to come together and see America from behind the wheel of their favorite vehicle.

"There's nothing like it anywhere else in the world," he stated.

Participants such as Ron Asien, spectators and the tour itself are all part of the \$31 billion industry known as the specialty automotive aftermarket.



Niles, Ill., hot rod enthusiast Ron Asien and his Buick Gran Sport in Springfield, Ill., on the second day of the Hot Rod Power Tour.

SEMA, the Specialty Equipment Market Association, is the non-profit organization representing this ever growing and evolving industry. Over 5,700 members

strong, SEMA is the leading source for research, data, trends, and market growth information in the industry.

"We are thrilled that so many Americans are enthu-

siaistic and dedicated to this great hobby, and it's wonderful to get out and meet these car lovers who SEMA works hard to protect, so that they can continue to enjoy their

favorite past-time and participate in events such as this," said Christopher Kersting, president and CEO of SEMA.

Museum chronicles history of espionage

Arts and Leisure

BY ED BALINT
Copley News Service

WASHINGTON - James Bond is the king of suave.

The mythical British secret agent dodges bullets gracefully. His sports cars double as submarines, watches print top-secret messages and snow-skiing poles fire bullets. Agent 007 is the ultimate renaissance man, bungee jumping off a 700-foot-high dam, fluent in multiple languages, a connoisseur of fine wines - and women.

Bond comes to life at the International Spy Museum.

So do his less dashing, but much more real, historical counterparts. Video screens, interactive exhibits and chilling tales of

espionage pack the three-level spy shrine a few blocks from the White House, Smithsonian and other Washington institutions.

And visitors learn that not every Bond-like item was a figment of Hollywood's imagination. There's the CIA-issued doggie-doo transmitter, the KGB-issued lipstick pistol (branded the "kiss of death") and the German-issued wristwatch camera.

There's also the downside of spies, suspected spies and spy catching, such as the grainy, crackling footage of the McCarthy hearings during the Red Scare of the '50s and the mailbox at 37th and R streets, where CIA double agent Aldrich Ames left secrets for the Soviets.

Kids can crawl through ducts at the "School for Spies" exhibit. You can break the code of the World War II German

Enigma Cipher Machine, or punch in your home address to view an aerial photo of it - close enough to see the park or grocery store nearby.

The private museum, founded by Milton Maltz of Cleveland, features the largest collection of international espionage artifacts displayed publicly anywhere in the world.

A special exhibit to be featured throughout the summer, "The Enemy Within: Terror in America," traces acts of terrorism and sabotage from 1776 to today. Every period is covered - the Revolutionary War, World War I, Pearl Harbor, Nazi Germany, the Ku Klux Klan, the Cold War, the militia movement and the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks.

Since it opened in July 2002, 2 million visitors have come to the museum, said Amanda Abrell, media relations manager.

"This is a world that has been disguised

in the shadows and now we're just learning some things about it," she said. "And I think that's just what really piques peoples' interest."

"Everyone's perception ... is crafted from Hollywood," she said, "so they really don't know the reality behind what these intelligence agencies do."

About 5 percent of the museum is devoted to popular culture in the spy genre, including Bond memorabilia such as 007 cologne and the snorkel blaster gun.

"When programs like 'Mission Impossible' were on," said museum director Peter Earnest, agents with the KGB, the Soviet Union's version of the CIA, "would watch those shows and say, 'Why don't we

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LIFE

Niles Leaning Tower Concert Series 2005 begins July 7

The village of Niles Summer Concert Series will begin on Thursday, July 7 at the Leaning Tower Plaza. Each Thursday evening from July 7 through August 25, 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. the village will sponsor assorted performances. These performances are free and

open to the public. Howard Street Inn, located on 6700 W. Howard St. in Niles will be selling a variety of delicious foods at each concert.

The 2005 Concert Series continues this excellent tradition with eight scheduled performances and four new acts: July 7,

Enzo Incandela & Al Anile, July 14, Undercover (New), July 21, Meisner Magic, July 28, Chauffers (New), August 4, The Katie Sullivan Band (New), August 11, Blooze Brothers, August 18, Larry Bemben Orchestra, August 25, Half Day Bluegrass Band (News).

History of the Leaning Tower

The Niles Leaning Tower has a long history, dating back to the 1920s when Robert Ilg built a 22-acre park on the current Leaning Tower site at 6300 W. Touhy, then called Mechnluger Road. Ilg had a water tower in the park to service two swimming pools and constructed the leaning tower to conceal the water tower.

The Niles Leaning Tower was complete in 1934, exactly 600 years after the Leaning Tower of Pisa was completed. It is a one-half size replica of the tower in Pisa, Italy, one of Niles' sister cities.

When Ilg died in 1964, he left the Tower and the land to the nearby YMCA, who had helped him earlier in his life. A condi-

tion of the donation was that the Tower was to remain standing until 1059 with at least \$500 a year spent on maintenance and upkeep, or Ilg's heirs would inherit the land.

In 1995, Niles Mayor Nicholas Blasé and the village board began a plan to renovate the Tower. The improvements on the structure, façade, and surrounding plaza area were completed in 1996. The Leaning Tower Plaza area now has four fountains, a 30-foot reflecting pool and landscaping.

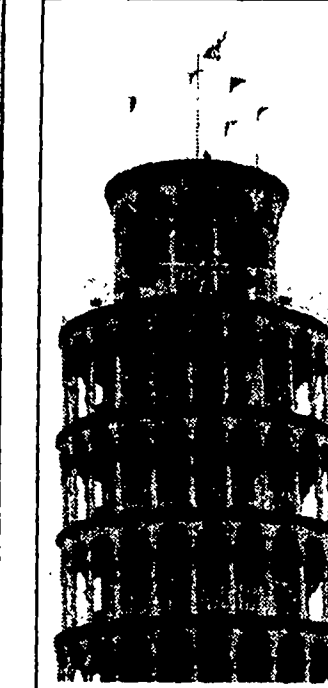
At the dedication ceremonies in 1997, the village of Niles hosted a concert featuring Italian Muscienzo Enzo Incandela to celebrate the new look of the Leaning Tower. There was great response, so the village decided to those three more concerts in 1997.

Leaning Tower Facts
The village of Niles Leaning Tower is a one-half size replica of the Tower in Niles' Sister City of Pisa, Italy.

Comparison of the Towers		
	Niles	Pisa
Height	94 ft.	177 ft.
Diameter	28 ft.	56 ft.
Leaning	7.4 ft.	15.2 ft.
Year Began	1934	1171
Year Completed	1934	1334
Object and Use of the Towers	The Niles replica was originally a utility tower to store water; it no longer serves that function and is now a landmark.	The Tower of Pisa is a detached bell tower for an adjoining cathedral.
Why a Leaning Tower?	The tower design was chosen by the original owner, Robert Ilg, to honor the famous scientist Vincenzo Galileo, or Galilee, 1564-1642. Galileo was an astronomer and developer of telescopes and a professor at the University of Pisa in 1589.	

Concert Series Schedule

July 7: Enzo Incandela & Al Anile
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A&E:

Spy museum a must-see

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have all those things, we want all these."

Earnest worked for the CIA for 36 years and spent 20 years in the agency's clandestine service.

Board members of the museum include a former general of the KGB, a former senior officer with the CIA's scientific and technical directorate, and the world's leading expert in the history of code making and breaking.

Spy history is documented from Moses, who sent spies to Canaan, to Julius Caesar, who devised secret codes. George Washington, widely considered the father of American intelligence, wrote a letter in 1777 authorizing a New York spy network. The letter is the most valuable item on display, Earnest said.

"I think part of (the museum's appeal) is man's fascination with secrets and with

things that are hidden," he said, "and that's why so many movies and so forth begin with, 'The secret of and finally revealed.'"

Despite the fall of the Soviet Union and advancements in technology, human intelligence continues to be critical to national security, Earnest said. "You cannot pick up the paper, certainly in this town, without reading about intelligence, and what's gone right, what's gone wrong and the need for reform. So it's very much a subject that's on peoples' minds."

IF YOU GO
 Where: 800 F St. NW, Washington, D.C. In the historic Penn Quarter, within four blocks of the National Mall, directly across the street from the National Portrait Gallery and within one block of FBI headquarters and Ford's Theatre.

What: A 68,000-square-foot museum dedicated to the trade, craft, history and contemporary role of espionage. Open since July 2002.

Features: 20,000 square feet of permanent exhibit space, interactive exhibits, video screens and the largest collection of international espionage artifacts displayed publicly.

Admission: \$14 for adults; \$13 for age 65

and older; \$11 for children ages 5-11; children under 5 are free. Advance tickets are recommended.

Founder: Milton Maltz, chairman of The Malrite Co. in Cleveland, founded and designed the museum. Maltz, chairman of the museum's board of directors, worked for the National Security Agency and retired from the broadcasting industry.

Gift shop: More than 500 books, maps, spy-related toys, educational products, disguise kits and collectibles. Merchandise includes a voice-recorder pen, lipstick pen, compass watch, digital camera watch and a spy vest with more than 40 hidden pockets.

Restaurants: On-site eateries include Spy City Cafe and Zola.

For more information: www.spymuseum.org or (202) 393-7798.

SIDEBAR
 Spy gadgets
 Copley News Service

Artifacts once used in the spy trade are displayed at the International Spy Museum.

- Lipstick pistol (KGB issued, 1965): Nicknamed the "kiss of death," the 4.5 mm single-shot weapon was disguised as a tube of lipstick and used by KGB agents during the Cold War. Its existence was first detected

at a border crossing into West Berlin.

- Tree stump listening device (CIA issue, early 1970s): A listening device disguised as a tree stump was placed in the woods near a Soviet military base to capture secret military radio transmissions. It was solar powered and the exterior resembled tree bark.

- Pigeon camera (U.S. issued, World War I): Distinguished by their speed and ability to return home in any weather, pigeons outfitted with tiny cameras were released over military sites.

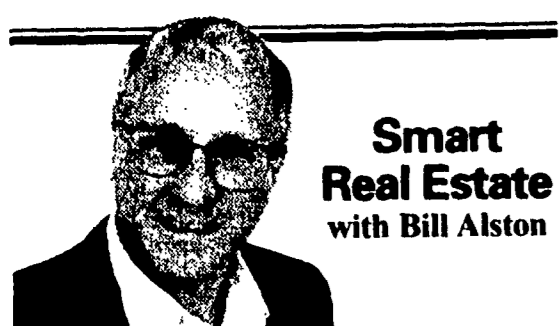
- Shoe with heel transmitter (KGB, 1960s): The shoe transmitter was produced by the KGB to monitor secret conversations. A transmitter, microphone and batteries were imbedded in the heel.

- Escape boots: These boots were designed for British pilots during World War II by MI9, an organization that provided escape equipment to the Royal Air Force. The bootstrap concealed a small penknife used to cut off the tops of the boots, making them appear to be civilian walking shoes, so the soldier could blend in with the population.

Source: International Spy Museum

REAL ESTATE

Getting Your Home Sold for the Highest Price



Smart Real Estate with Bill Alston

In earlier reports we discussed removing excess clutter and taking care of minor repairs, to prepare your home for sale. Now you are about ready to place your home on the market. How should you choose a real estate company and agent?

Your real estate agent will be representing you in what is probably the highest price transaction in your life, so you want to make an informed decision. The skills of the agent and office you hire will have a direct impact on the price you get and the problems you encounter during the sale.

A local realtor will normally have a better knowledge of the local market, and where buyers for this community come from. If you don't already know a successful agent, call a couple of offices and interview the agents. There is a range of value on any home of about 10%. Where your home sells within this range is dependent on the condition and appearance of the real estate as well as the marketing and negotiating skills of your broker. Besides helping you establish an asking price for your home, the agents should be able to give you ideas and tips that will help sell the real estate near the top end of that 10% range, instead of the bottom end.

A good agent should have a marketing plan. Specifically, what are they going to do to

attract buyers to your home. If one method of marketing will attract 20 buyers to your real estate but a better way of marketing will attract 40 buyers, it is just business logic that you will get a better price using the method that attracts more buyers.

What marketing tools do you have? A home warranty, for example, can easily add 2% to the selling price. 2% of a \$350,000 house is \$7,000. Isn't that worth knowing about?

How many agents and offices will your broker be co-operating with? The multiple listing services are like computerized catalogs. If your home is available to an office and they have a buyer for it, they can sell it. If your home isn't in their catalog, they don't know it is for sale and can't show it to their buyers. So often we think of Chicagoland as being mainly Cook County, but buyers for this area can come from any of eight local counties, as well as from out of town. You want 100% coverage of all offices, nothing less.

A good agent should help you to stage your home for sale. What is staging? We all live in our homes in a manner that is comfortable to us. We get so used to the objects in our home that we no longer consider them. When we place our real estate for sale, however, we want to impress strangers so they will pay us the highest price. For example, kitchens can have clutter counter tops and a bunch of refrigerator magnets. Cleaning up these minor items makes your kitchen look larger and cleaner. Women like nice kitchens, and

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Decor Score Draperies as an aside

BY ROSE BENNETT GILBERT
Copley News Service

Q: The whole front wall of our living room is windows, floor-to-ceiling, and I don't know how to deal with them. I know I don't want vertical blinds - too office-like - and we don't want to block the light and the view. Also, can I put furniture against the windows as if they were a wall? Our decorating scheme is fairly traditional. How would side draperies work?

A: Side draperies are a solution as traditional scheme. The only problem is, they are like a chandelier without a dimmer switch: they are either on (open) all the way, or off (closed). That's OK if you don't have to contend with glare or energy lost to such a wide expanse of glass. Tied back, like the billowing side draperies in the photo we show here, they can form an elegant frame for the view.

In this room, thanks to the handsome wood framing, the win-

dow can be handled as if it were just another wall. Here, it supports an arrangement with a lamp table and chairs. The designers (from Southern Accents) have even hung a work of art - the magnolia wreath - on the "wall," a gentle note of demarcation between the inside of the room and out. If your window-wall is not blessed with woodwork, you might consider installing a low, tailored cafe curtain on a decorative wood rod from wall to wall between the side draperies.

Then you'd have a logical background against which to work a similar furniture arrangement.

Q: I recently purchased a condo with a loft. The wall of the loft is about 3 feet high and is dry-wall. When you look up at the entrance way, this wall is not very attractive. I am trying to make it more interesting. How do you suggest I decorate it? I thought about some gold bor-

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der paper or a wall hanging.

A: I vote for the hanging. A high wall like yours is a ready-made place to show off something spectacular, say, an heirloom quilt, tapestry or even an imposing painting or poster, matted and framed to look important.

Q: I have white paint on my living and dining room walls. I would like to change the color to make the room more homey and cozy. The room is 15 feet by 20 feet, has a fireplace and is L-shaped with a sunken living room. There is a wrought-iron railing separating the spaces. I have bright red carpeting, a black-and-white stripe couch, black-and-white (toile) love seats. Dining room (furniture) is cherry; the chairs have black seats with a small, white dot. I thought of black walls with white crown

moulding, and my husband looked at me like, "Are you kidding!" There is a lot of light in the room.

A: No, I don't think you're kidding at all, considering how far you've already come with your black-white-and-red color scheme. This highly charged, totally dramatic setting you've created is the perfect background for an equally dynamic person. Let me guess that your own coloring features a dramatic contrast between your skin tone and the color of your hair and eyes. In the old "seasonal" color system, you'd be called a "winter," as opposed to the other seasons, who have softer skin, hair and eye colors.

Black, white and red is about the liveliest color trio you could conjure. Perhaps that's why your husband's uncomfortable with the idea.

It's also sophisticated, energiz-

ing, blood-stirring - about as far as you can get from the "homey, cozy" look you mention.

Like you, I'd thrive on the contrast of black walls, white mouldings, red rug and black-and-white prints. But you might have your general scheme and keep your husband from hyperventilating, too, if you choose red for the walls instead of stark black. Look for a cool - that is, blue-based - red. Nothing tomato-y, nor leaning toward orange. Only a red that really crackles can stand up to polar opposites like black and white.

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women have a lot to say when buying a home. Taking the leaf out of the dining room table makes the dining room look a little larger. Overgrown houseplants can make any room look smaller. Kids like to decorate their bedrooms and doors with pictures, posters and stickers, but that is a bug turn off for buyers. Bathrooms are usually limited in size. What can you do to make

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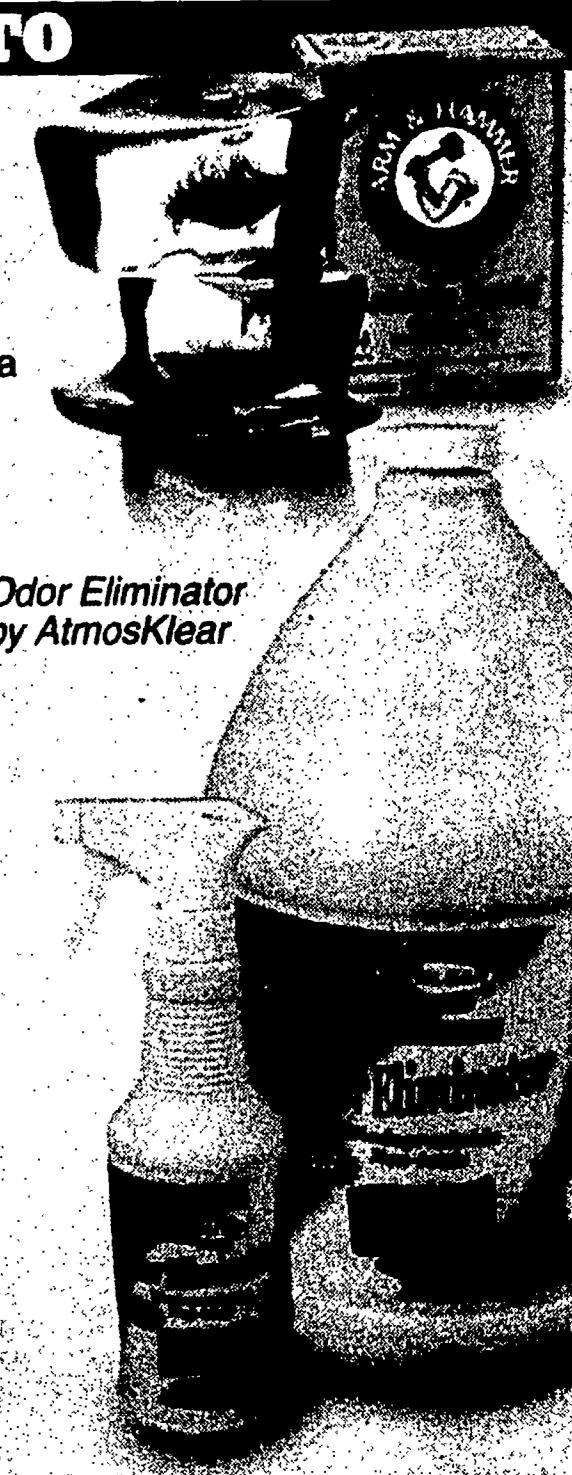
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Take care when removing poison ivy

Jeff Rugg
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Q: What is the best way to remove poison ivy from a hedge?

A: Actually, it will be the same method no matter where it is growing. You will have three things you are trying to do at the same time: 1. Avoid contacting the poison ivy with your bare skin. 2. Put herbicide on the poison ivy. 3. Avoid getting herbicide on the hedge plants.

I would use Roundup or a similar complete plant-killing herbicide. It only works on green material, so if you spill it, it won't soak into the soil and kill more plants. Wear rubber gloves and long sleeves and if you have to reach deeply into the hedge to get the plant, wear eye protection and a hat. Use a rag or sponge soaked in the herbicide solution prepared according to directions. Wipe it in the ivy leaves, keeping it off the hedge plant as much as possible. Afterward, wash your clothes and gloves with soap and water. You will have to be very careful not to wipe away sweat or touch anything where the sap could stick and be picked up later.

It is the oil from the poison ivy plant that causes irritation and it is found in all parts of the plant. It must be washed away with a detergent. If it is just washed in water, the oil might float around and not rinse away. Anything the oil contacts in the future could transfer the oil to someone's skin. If you wash the skin with soap and water, the oil will go away, but the appearance of the irritated skin may become visible later. Skin drying agents like rubbing alcohol or baking soda can also stop the oil.

If the ivy is rampant in the hedge,

you will want to cut it out first. Once you are properly protected, cut off the vine near the ground and unwrap it to the ends. After the ivy is cut out, it will sprout again. It will be easier to wipe with herbicide when it is small and you will use less herbicide, too. You can spray paint the spot so that when any new growth comes out, you know where it is and can spray it with weed killer or cut it off again. If you keep after the new growth on at least a weekly basis, you will eventually win.

It would be a good idea to remove dead ivy branches from the hedge because anyone cutting the hedge in the future, might get poison ivy oil on themselves from the old dead vines remaining in the hedge.

Poison oak and poison ivy can both grow as vines that grow on other plants and as free-standing shrubs. As a vine, they can grow up to the top of a large tree and have a stem 5 inches in diameter at the base. It could take a while to pull it all out of a hedge. Throw the cuttings away in a sealed bag. Never burn these plants or even logs with the vine wrapped on it. The sap can evaporate into the smoke and coat other things that will give you a rash. Even worse, you could get the oily smoke on your skin or even breathe it in to your throat and lungs.

Q: What are the pea pod-looking things hanging from the redbud trees in my neighborhood? My tree is 2 years old but already 8 feet tall. I never noticed those hanging things on it before. One woman I know said her redbud doesn't have them. Can you help us figure out this mystery?

A: Believe it or not, the redbud tree is in the pea family (botanically, it is called the legume family) and those are the seed pods. Some trees seem to be more fertile than others and are either covered with them or not and, of course, some trees just get a few at a time. Some trees will alternate with heavy years and light years. Your tree is just a youngster and even though it may have had some flowers, it will produce more seeds as it gets older.

Q: I recently planted white petunias and placed them on my front steps where they get a good amount of sun each day. I have always placed them on my steps and never had a problem with them. I recently noticed that the new blooms quickly turn brown and die. I water them every other day. The leaves look healthy otherwise. What could be wrong?

A: Try watering them without getting any water on the flowers. Just water the soil around the base of the plant without getting water on the top of the plant. Some flowering plant varieties seem to be more susceptible to bacteria and fungal problems when they get wet too often. The variety you have this year might be one that needs to be drier. As the weather warms up and the plant dries off faster after each watering, it might go away.

Q: Our lawn has always been one of the prettiest on the block until several years ago when it started looking straw-like from the root and I was told that we have grubs. I want to know how to get rid of them because they are destroying our lawn. I bought a grub control from the local big box store, will it work?

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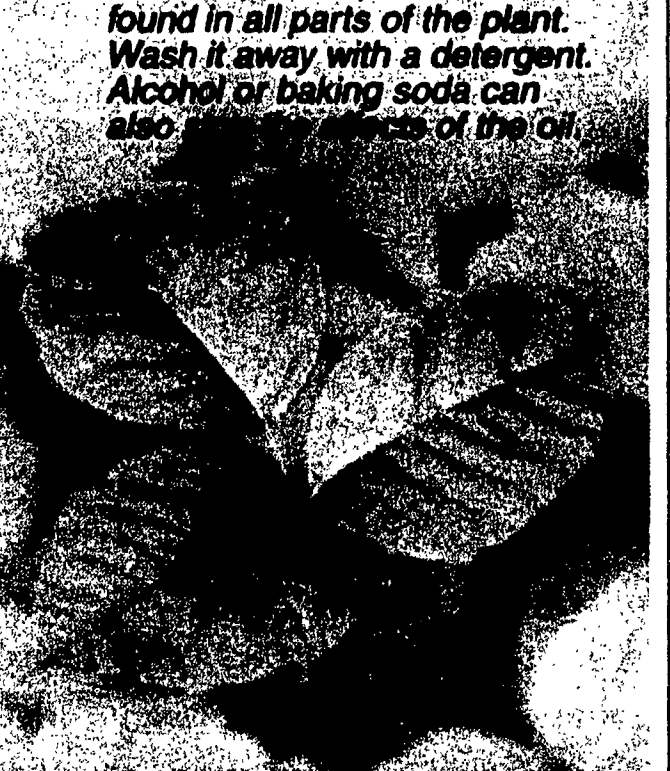
Garden microclimates

When eradicating poison ivy, keep the plant from contacting bare skin and prevent herbicide from touching nearby plants.

TO ERADICATE THE PLANT

- Wear rubber gloves, long sleeves, eye protection and a hat
- Use Roundup or a similar total plant-killing herbicide.
- Use a rag or sponge soaked in the herbicide solution and wipe it on the ivy leaves.
- Wash all clothes and gloves with soap and water following the job.
- Cut out any ivy that is rampant, starting near the ground, and unwrap it to the ends. Throw the cuttings away in a sealed bag.

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A: If you follow the label directions on the package, you should get good results. You will get good results from all name brand grub control products as long as you follow the directions for timing and dosages and grubs are the problem. Grubs can turn the lawn brown as they eat the roots, but a more sure way of telling if they are there is to pull up the brown grass and look for them. If it pulls up easily, there are probably white grubs visible. Grubs are very seasonal and if the problem has stayed for several years, it might not be grubs. If the grass is brown, but

still solidly rooted, then there is a different problem. Such as a broken irrigation zone or irrigation head that is not working properly. Adult beetles know that green, well-irrigated lawns have more tender roots in larger quantities, than brown, dry and not well-tended lawns. So unfortunately, all that good care you gave your lawn may have attracted the current problem. The female beetles lay their eggs in the greenest lawns so the grubs can have the most food. At the same time, a well-cared for lawn should recover faster.

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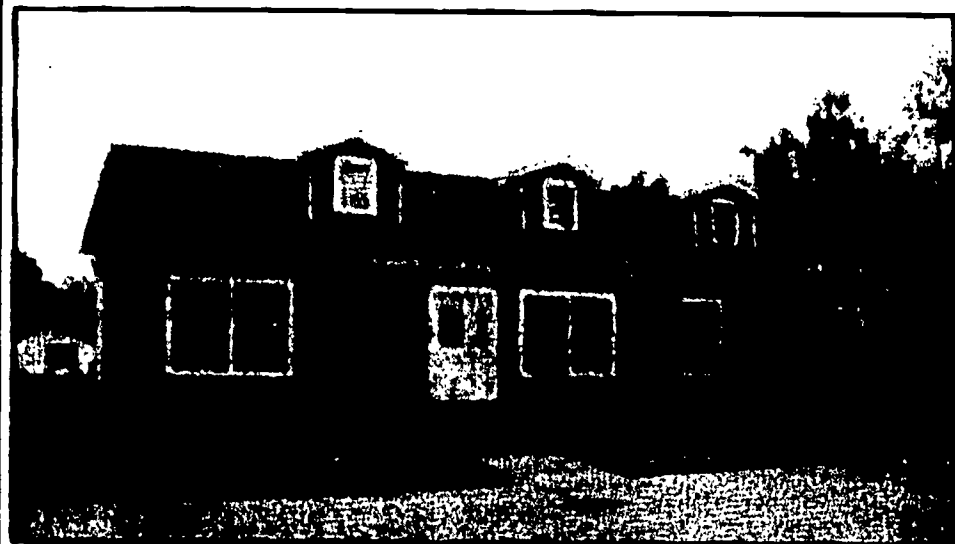
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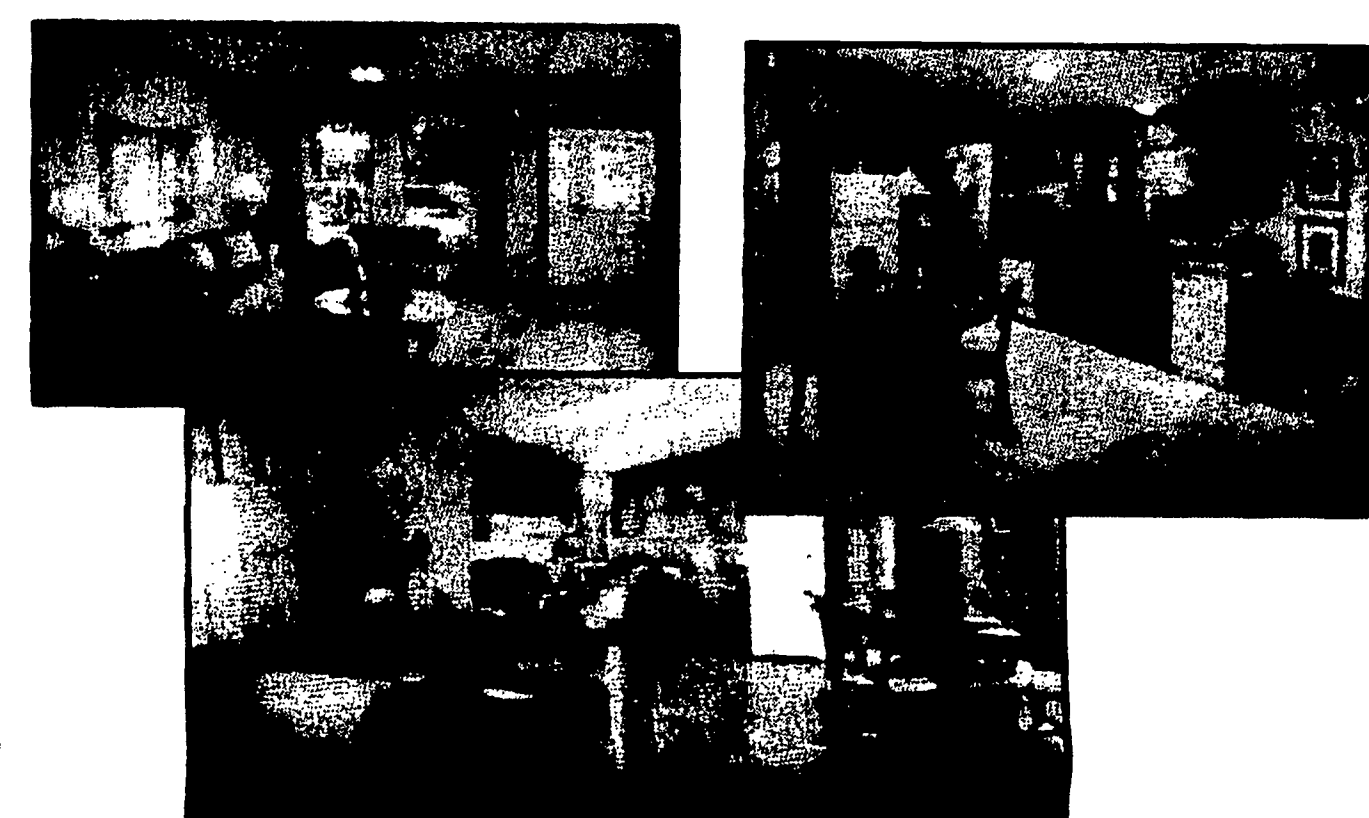
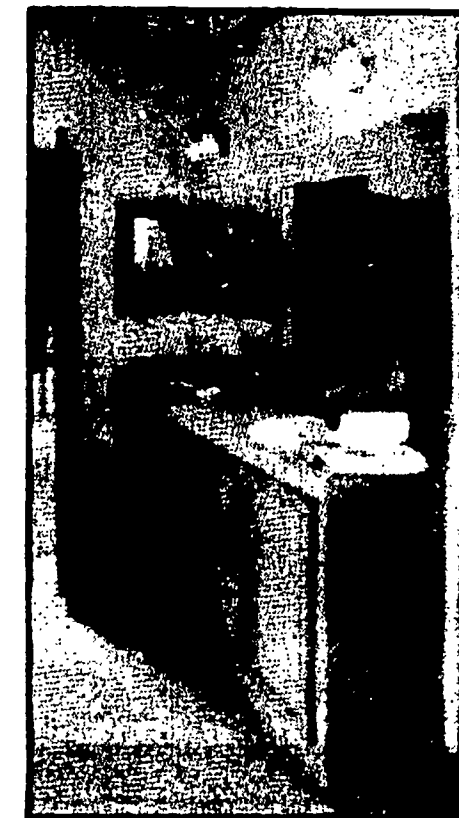
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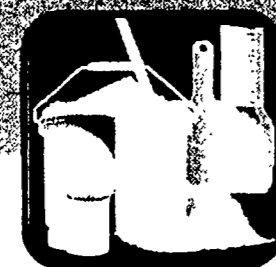
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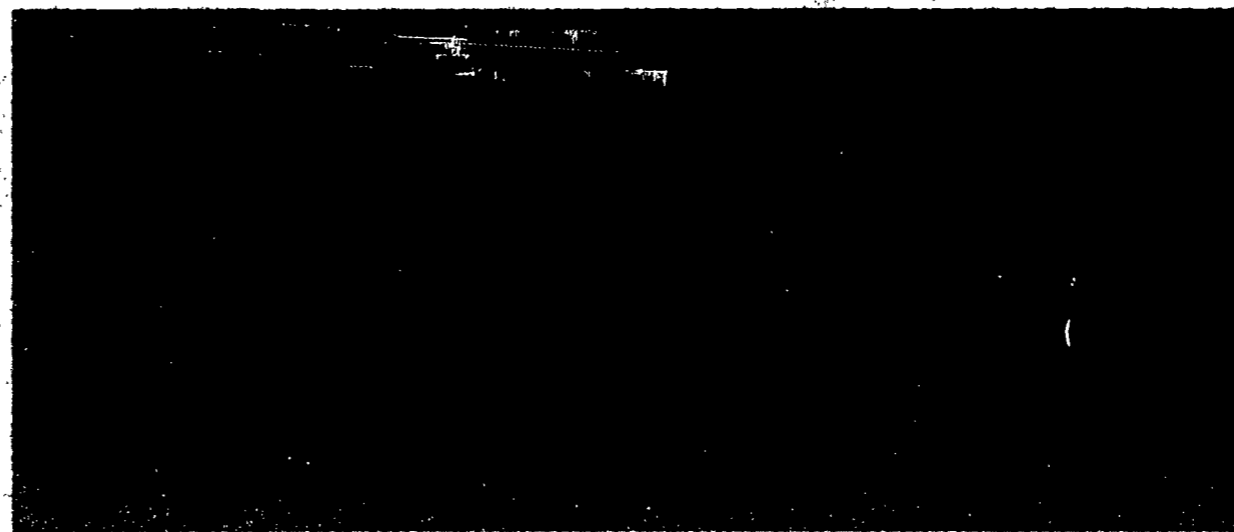
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