

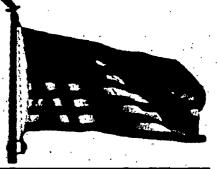
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Workshop for Milwaukee Study went well

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 strategy 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

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.

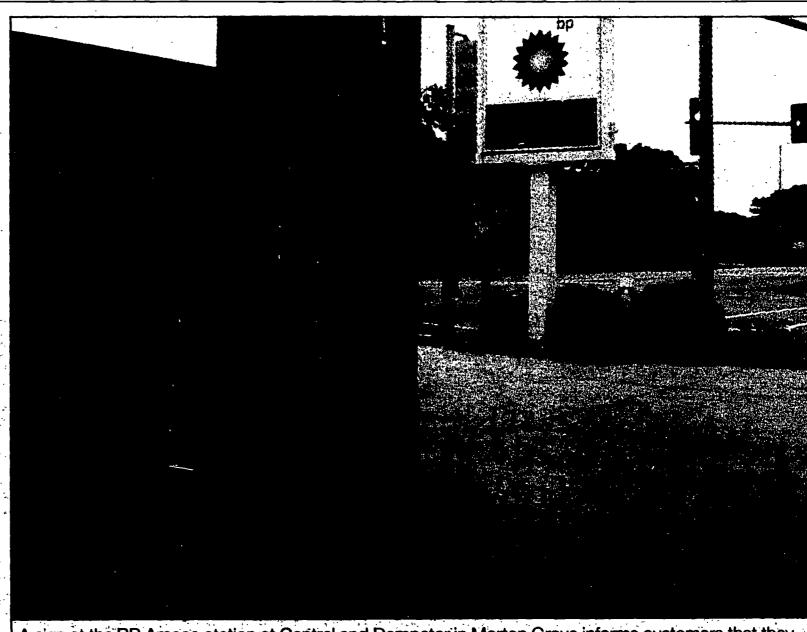
After a proposal from Inter-Track Partners, an Illinois-based operator of OTBs met with stiff opposition before the April election members of the Morton Grove village board decided that the village should consider amending their zoning ordinance in order to remove OTB as a permitted use. The proposal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

esidents, business owners a facility on the eastern Menards and horse-racing enthusi- outlot at Oakton and Lehigh was asts urged the Morton 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

> Story Continues... see OTB page 5



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.

BY JEFF BORGARDT borgardt@buglenewspapers.com

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

Library Adminstrator Cary Czarnecki 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 re full-time workers.

We have not had a cost of living

increase since 1998," Czarnecki 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," Czarnecki

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OUTOFGAS

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

BY ANDREW SCHNEIDER editor@buglenewspapers.com

rotorists 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

> Story Continues... see OUT OF GAS page 4.

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-andfees 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 257-0450. You can also visit young adult deserves the chance www.repnekritz.org or send an to excel, but students and par- e-mail that includes you name ents need help to combat mount- and home address to: reping expenses."

The 2005-2006 recipients of (D-Northbrook) recently the full one-year scholarships announced the recipients 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 847nekritz@aol.com.

A New Logo

NEWS



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 nesses, fostering an environthe corridor and then broke into ment that's friendly to pedesgroups to workshop with resi- trians, upgrading architectural dents and business owners.

include improving traffic opment areas and projects.

and streetscape elements and Other goals for the study identifying potential redevel-

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public input on the project has a variety of suggestions for the viltake place in the mid-summer deteriorating infrastructure. with the study scheduled for completion in October.

The final study will provide

yet to be scheduled, but lage to guide development along Vinezeano said that it should the corridor and upgrade aging and

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New 'first reading' procedure possible for Morton Grove

1 Lafter Trustee Dan Staackmann proposed a "first reading" of all ordinances be added to

Under the procedure, new ordinances would have to be passed twice, once on first reading and items when they are posted to the 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 procedure. 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, approved the ordinance on first reading and returned two weeks later with revisions.

received an extraordinary amount dure."

new procedure may be put of documents and information," in place in Morton Grove Staackmann said at the meeting. "The board is asked to make decisions, many of which will have a significant impact on the village. I the board's standard practices at applaud our village administrator their last meeting, Monday, June 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 village's website - approximately three days before the board is

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

asked to vote."

Morton Grove Mayor Rick Krier 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 members of the board could have Staackmann that the rule could be suspended.

"It makes sense," Krier said "We're going to look and see if we "Each week the board has can accommodate such a proceNEWS

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Park Ridge cautions residents about Internet phones

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

Tsers of new Internet couldn't get through to emer-stated. "Some providers do not long-distance, period. The ents. service, which is still in its infancy is offered by Vonage, the largest of the providers, but that do not allow VoIP America Online and Yahoo! Both have plans to roll out the routers and databases. service soon.

tomers, 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 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

phone services know gency services after an intrud- offer this feature with their the advantages: free er shot and wounded her par- services. In addition, some

Vonage cites incompatibility with regional phone companies providers access to their 9-1-1

These incidents prompted Vonage, the industry leader, the Federal Communications has an estimated 600,000 cus- 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 (VoIP) are not routed directly local users that the phones are emergency numbers. not vet 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 dis-Florida, a Houston teenager patch through 9-1-1," Caudill

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 it they offer 9-1-1 connectivity. If they do not municipalities provide local

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

wo samples of mosquitoes where water can collect. collected in Evanston have Nile Virus, sparking local officials dawn and dusk when mosquito and public health personnel to activity is heaviest. If you must be remind residents to take action to outside between dusk and dawn, quently. protect themselves from the virus keep your skin covered. Wear

The North Shore Mosquito long-sleeved shirt. Abatement District, which covers Apply mosquito repellent conparts of Niles and Morton Grove taining 20-35 percent DEET, prialong with Evanston collected the marily mosquito samples June 6. No Concentrations of 10 percent or human cases have been reported less are indicated for children.

mosquito breeding. Mosquitoes the Centers for Disease Control is can breed in any water that stands recommending products containfor more than three or four days. ing picaridin and lemon of euca-Residents are reminded to empty lyptus. Always follow label direcbuckets, watering cans and report tions.

L tested positive for West include: Limiting time outdoors at that has proven deadly in the past. socks, shoes, long pants and a

clothing. Use sparingly on exposed skin. Hot, wet weather can increase This year, in addition to DEET,

While the suit has been in

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

> 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

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

Keep weeds and tall grasses cut short. Adult mosquitoes look for any depressions on their property Eliminate any containers from these shady places to rest during

Protect Yourself

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

Limiting time outdoors at dawn and dusk when mosquito activity

Apply mosquito repellent containing 20-35 percent DEET, primari-

Eliminate any containers from around the outside of the home that may hold water.

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

Whether West Nile is a serious threat this summer remains to be can help monitor West Nile Virus by reporting dead birds, especially a dead crow or blue jay to the 369-9710 (toll-free).

Cook County Dept. of Public Health by calling (708) 492-2650. Additional information on West

seen so it is important that people Nile Virus can be found on the protect themselves. The public Cook County Public Health website at www.cookcountypublichealth.org or by phone at (866)

OUT OF GAS:

Station operator seeks injunction to restart flow of fuel of consumers, citing a "long his-

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Manager said.

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

66 Before we filed out lawsuit we were receiving awards as one of the best statsions. 99

Salik Rao BP Franchise Holder

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

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

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

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

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.

Sorry, Out Of Gas!

We are out of Gas as Bp Amoco stop supplying gas to our station as a punishment to us, because we blow the whistle about corruption in Bp Amoco.

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

Independent movie is shot in Morton Grove

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

esidents of Belleforte in the "They've been very good neighwestern 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

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

Village Administrator Ralph Czerwinski, who watched a scene 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

The film is described as a com-

ing of age story. Malkovich plays a father of two in the film, which, as vet has no distribution date. Some scenes were filmed in Produce across from District 67's Hynes World, a grocery story at the corner of Waukegan and Dempster. Others, featuring John Goodman, were shot in downtown Chicago. The filming was begun in early

Magnificent Mile Productions. Ltd. is producing the film with Anthony and Joseph Tomaska, Paris Mudd and John Malkovich. The Tomaskas are also the produc-

ers of the hit "Tony N' Tina's Wedding" and own the Chicago Center for the Performing Arts.

OTB:

Issue could be at board June 27

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gather and then spend money in the village's other businesses."

Roepenack also cited other instances of gambling in the village such as bingo and the lottery.

"I feel it would be hypocritical to eliminate OTB as a permitted use," he said.

Other individuals, some from neighboring communities, said that an OTB would draw them to the village.

"When I heard that an off-track betting parlor might be going into Morton Grove," said Sydney Goldberg of Niles, "I was very excited and I hope it happens.

Bob Bilocerkowycz, the president of Inter-Track Partners, said that the company was still searching for an acceptable Morton Grove site and urged the village to keep it as a permitted

use, holding out the carrot of tax

"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 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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MORTON GROVE

Pre-Trial Threats Issued

(9200 Mango)

The father of a man awaiting trial for burglary was A 32-year-old man hired a and agreed to pay restitut the men were gone. accused of threatening the painter to help decorate his tion to the condo associa-Morton Grove residents home. The painter arrived pressing charges last week. at the house June 13 and

awaiting trial for a March friend arrived and the duo burglary on the 9200 block stopped working and began of Mango.

reported to police last week want the friend there that the father of one the The painter refused and the door selling books and defendants has been spotted two left. When the home- magazines without a per- the cab, went inside a buildsitting in his car outside the owner called the painter mit. When the man ing and then returned five home 12 times. On June 11, someone else answered the approached one door, he minutes later. He then one of the residents was phone and threatened to was asked for his permit. walking to his car when he harm the homeowner. noticed the car once again parked outside the home.

The car drove away, turned around then sped toward the The glass doorway to the (8600 Georgiana) resident. At that point, entrance of Lexington A tree fell on a parked minisomeone inside the vehicle Condominiums was shat- van June 10 at 8:30 p.m. yelled "You'll Get It!"

The defendants and his A woman who lives in the Suspicious People father denied any involvement to police.

Painter Problems (9200 Odell)

Three offenders are now went to work. However a just "hanging around."

Shattered Glass Door (6300 Lincoln)

tered June 11 at 11:20 p.m.

building, 25, got into a fight (9100 National)

Solicitor Violation 4 (7000 Wilson)

A 21-year-old Utah man began in Jefferson Park and The residents of the home The owner said he didn't with a criminal background was cited for going door-to-The solicitor then "gave the Milwaukee and Glenview. man a hard time."

Tree Falls

with her boyfriend. The Two men were spotted on June 15 at 6 p.m. boyfriend became enraged the second floor of a new and shattered the door. He home construction June 14 admitted breaking the door at 1 a.m. Police arrived and

tion so no charges were Cab Stiffed (9100 National)

A man departed a cab without paying his \$36 fare June 12 at 10 p.m. The cab ride then stopped on the 9100 block of National. At this point, the rider got out of requested a ride to June 14. He walked out of the cab and promised to return, but never did.

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■ Graffiti Tagged 8 (9000 Golf)

Someone spray painted graffiti on the back wall of a building reading "Even," "Remix" and "Jesus" as well as a vulgarity condemning law enforcement professionals.

■ No Hustler in Niles 9 (7400 Oakton)

A convienance 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.

Broken Windshield for Med Student (8000 N. Oriole)

A medical student, 26, was leaving for school June 15 when she discovered the windshield.

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.

BB Breaks Glass 12 (9400 Western)

A BB gun shooter shattered the glass door of a patio

PARK RIDGE

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.

■ Side Mirrors Taken (100 S. Summit)

Two side mirrors were removed from a vehicle

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THURSDAY JUNE 23, 2005

NEWS

News from the Police Reports

Woman Reports Scam Loss

BY JEFF BORGARDT jborgardt@buglenewspapers.com

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

On Point

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

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

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

bank and withdrew \$25,000 since she did not have \$35,000.

drove to a local store.

first bag, but when she looked inside she discovered her \$25,000 was replaced with newspaper wrappings.

incident to Niles police June 15.

bag. The woman thought it was the

The woman then went to her

The trio then got into her car and

The two men left the car with a

The woman reported the May 25

est 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. various high school sponsored Math contests were also Students in Language Arts, and Science. Those who participated in the Regional and State Science Fair competitions were also honored.

eight who received the high-

Reading is valued and enriched at St. John Brebeuf by participation in the Battle of the Books competition and Reader program.

St. John Brebeuf honors best at awards fete

t. John Brebeuf School MaryAnn Casey and Mrs. recently held their Kathy Johann recognized the Battle of the Books team, Ceremony to recognize the who won first place in this accomplishments of students year's competition. Special in grades one through eight. thanks was given to Mrs. Mrs. Margaret Whitman, the Casey and Mrs. Johann for school principal, began the their many years of commitceremony by thanking the ment to this program. Ms. students for the fine effort Giannelli acknowledged the and work they've accomstudents in grades five plished this year. through eight who achieved The first awards were given high points in the Accelerated to students who have been Reader program.

blessed with good health and Service to one's school and have attended school every parish community is treasday this year. Next, students ured, and therefore; the stuin grades six through eight dents who serve as members were awarded pins for being Patrol and Student on the Honor Roll for the first Council, as well as, Altar three quarters. Mrs. Willert, Servers and Door Openers the Physical Education were thanked and received teacher, then honored stucertificates. dents in grades five through

The ceremony concluded with Special Awards for the Class of 2005. Students whose cumulative GPA was 3.5 were awarded the Excellence Awards. Presidential Academic Improvement Awards were also given to students whose Those who participated in cumulative GPA was 3.0. A letter from President Bush congratulating them on their accomplishments was read. grades two through eight Joseph Mahoney was awardwere awarded pins and cer- ed 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 Reymond Ramos. The American Legion Award was bestowed upon Atlaissa Dean and Eric

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Letters to the Editor

Off-Track Betting should be allowed in Morton Grove

Dear Editor,

The Morton Grove Board of Trustees is considering removing Off Track Betting (OTB) from the Zoning code, which closes the door to a potentially lucrative revenue source for the village.

My name is Dwight Roepenack and I have been serving on the zoning board of appeals and plan commission since January 1993 and traffic safety commission since 1984. I have always been sensitive to my neighbors and their needs, as well as helping in planning for the future of our village.

Let me begin by stating I personally support the location of an OTB in the village. It is highly regulated by the state and not much more than a sports bar and restaurant with wagering on horseracing, as allowed by state law. Many of you may have been to one. The proposed business owners have several of these facilities in and around the Chicago-land area and would construct it with a theme around the rich Morton Grove history of horse related businesses. The Village Plan Commission carefully reviewed this case with a vote of 5 to 0 in favor of leaving the zoning code alone. The Intertrack Partners would only go to a mutually agreeable location with the support of the village.

I visited their Joliet facility and it was clean, well managed with private guards and a first class food facility. (I work as the for non-smokers with a library type atmosphere. They had small can enjoy race activity with excitement as well. This business operates by pari-mutual wagering. There are no outside

This facility would encompass about 12,000 square feet, which Morton Grove could easily accommodate, as land is very limited. The potential revenue could be as high as \$600,000 annually. Morton Grove has a 22 million dollar budget with about 7.4 million dollars in sales tax revenue, about a third. We foot most of the cost. For local taxpayers, this is a huge source of revenue representing up to \$100 per household. Realize that to get up to \$600,000 from any other venue would require a lot more land than is available. What land we have is being developed into condos and town homes, as there isn't enough land for larger retailers. In addition an equal amount would go to Cook County, which would then come back to the village for special projects, possibly another \$600,000. How can we as resi-

There are some residents against this business, as they believe gaming is addictive and a moral issue. There are all sorts of gaming going on in the village. You have the lottery, bingo, private card games and the Internet. In addition, there is some type of gaming all around us in other communities. What is interesting about this business is any money lost in gaming creates an instant return to the village. It will not hurt existing business as it creates healthy competition and

dents ignore this golden opportu-

Health Officer for the Village of brings people to the village for Niles). There were two private our goods and services. The rooms, one for smokers and one OTB is clean and self regulated whereby we can restrict access to 21 years of age or older. It would carols for individuals to study be a destination for the village, their interests. There is also a attracting customers from sursocial area whereby everyone rounding communities and a source of local entertainment that the village desperately needs.

I don't know about you but I am looking forward to the streetlights that were marked out and then forgotten when ABT left the

Come out to the village board meeting on Monday the 27th of June at 7:30 p.m. and please join me in speaking out. The location is 6101 Capulina Avenue.

Dwight Roepenack,

Congrats on **Memorial Day** Parade

Dear Editor,

Congratulations American Legion, VFW and all those associated with putting on this year's Memorial Day Parade in Park Ridge. It was one of the best ones I can remember.

walked, marched, or rode in the parade to the delight of thousands of Park Ridge families and visitors. As one of those who walked, I had a great time.

Such events are part of the good stuff about living in a wonderful community. The parade reflected our civic pride, sense of patriotism, and upbeat spirit.

Nice job. Keep up the good

Dick Barton, Park Ridge

Another Perspective



Driving with a hole in your wallet

s Illinois having a budget crunch? I am certain that we are. Read this and you will be certain to:

Illinois will begin using photo radar in freeway work zones in July.

Illinois will use speed cameras in areas designated as "work zones" mailed a \$375 ticket for the first offense, but a second ticket will cost \$1000 and comes with a 90day license suspension. Drivers against their license, which

Of course if they really cared about the workers they would stop the speeders immediately. Why let them keep racing by and ticketing them later if you actually want to stop accidents? Furthermore, why don't they simply work at night?

speed limits lowered to 45 MPH.

Photographs of both the driver's

face and license plate will be

The extra expense of lighting the roadsides would easily be offset by the wasted time and pollution caused by bumper to bumper traffic jams. Think about this: If the commute adds just twenty minutes to five-hundred thousand commuters for ten days it is almost 28,000 hours of wasted time. Don't even bother to add in wasted gas and pollution.

Working at night or around the clock would get the projects completed either without delaying commuters or three times as fast. Take your pick. The problem is that Illinois politicians don't really care. They simply need an additional revenue source. Show me the "public safety concern" and they will show you the money.

According to provisional data

Second offense tickets are \$1,000 from 2004, 39 people were killed with license suspension, in work zones last year, with two Beginning in July the State of of them being workers. In 2003, 44 people were killed in work zones, with 5 being workers. on major freeways. Anyone These deaths are terrible, tragic caught by the devices will be and sad. Children and families are left without a loved one, this is a horrible pain to bear.

But, how many of these deaths were caused by people speeding? will also receive demerit points. That is a statistic I could not find on the IDOT website. Note that allows insurance companies to the vast majority killed are not raise their insurance rates. The workers, but drivers. Could the state will begin with two camera real problem be the work zones vans issuing tickets in zones with themselves? Shouldn't we, for reasons of real public safety, get the jobs done quickly and at times that are the least congest-

Chicago has installed traffictrap cameras and during the first year cameras at 10 locations generated approximately 67,400 citations. At \$90/ticket that is \$6 million a year. Plus, it is not even a moving violation, but treated like a parking ticket. Really, driving and parking are now the same?

Once again, it is about the money. They really don't care, but are glad to pretend to, if it lets them into your wallet. This effort to generate revenue comes at the loss of your rights. The question to you is: What will you do about government's insatiable appetite for your money?

Anyone for a tea party?

Morgan Dubiel is a resident of Niles and a member of the Niles Library Board. His column appears twice a month in The Bugle. He can be reached at m.dubiel@buglenewspapers.com

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Business Free meal doesn't

make investment safe



to you? An elderly couple they've been promised will generate regular income, just like their Social Security checks. These payments, however, weren't scheduled to start for 42 years. If the husband had lived that long, and he didn't, he would have been 115 before he could cash the first check.

What would prompt intelligent Americans from sinking money into investments that are horribly inappropriate? Some of the blame can be placed on the nation's free-meal epidemic. Every morning across the nation, investors are munching on cherry Danish and endless coffee refills At lunch, hungry investors are polishing off club sandwiches and plates of chocolate chip cookies. As evening approaches, steaming lasagna and salads tossed in bowls the size of sinks are rolled out to guests. All this food is gratis.

You see, the best way to get Americans to buy investments that don't make sense is to feed them. It's amazing what you'll agree to do when your stomach is full and your guard is down. Which is one reason why so many people, especially those who are retired or nearing that milestone, are invited to financial seminars, many of which serve food. What is dangerous about all too

many of these financial presentations is that the true mission of the sponsors can be hidden. Imagine what would happen if a seminar sponsor invited retirees to sit through a two-hour presentation on expensive annuities that carry stiff insurance and surrender fees. With this sort of candor, the folding chairs at the senior center would remain empty. But what if the sponsor promises that he will reveal foolproof ways to protect guests' assets, avoid probate court or provide a risk-free investment that starts with an upfront 7 percent rate of return? With that sort of marketing appeal, he may run out of chairs even though his motivation is still to push the annuities.

Deceptive marketing techniques have not gone unnoticed by regulators. This year, for example, the California attorney general and the state insurance commissioner

filed a \$110 million-plus lawsuit against the operators of some of these seminars. According to the authorities, the offending firms located in San Diego, Los Angeles and elsewhere reeled in customers by ostensibly selling living trusts that the backers claimed would avoid probate and reduce estate taxes. The real intent of these living-trust mills was to sell the victims annuities, which was never adequately dis-

It's not just senior citizens who are getting lured into presentations. After I wrote a column criticizing equity index annuities, a reader sent me an e-mail about a seminar he had recently attended on leveraging home equity. The married, middle-aged man with two kids was on the verge of ditching his 30-year fixed mortgage and swapping it for a risky interest-only loan. He was going to sink the money that this refinancing would free up into an equity index annuity. An insurance agent at the seminar had urged him to make this move. In fact, the agent was going to present the man with the paperwork the next day for his signatures. My immediate reaction, after reading the e-mail, was to blurt out loud, "Oh, my God!"

How do you protect yourself from falling for slick marketing? The simplest way is to eat at home. Don't attend financial seminars. And that includes free real estate seminars that are typically aimed at luring attendees into buying expensive tapes and books that promise to share the secrets of amassing a real-estate empire. It's amazing how fast these tapes end up on eBay.

I'm not suggesting that all financial seminars are worthless. There are reputable financial speakers and firms that sponsor seminars that impart solid information. But how are you supposed to tell the difference? A safer way to learn more about investing is to stretch out on the couch and read some good finan-

the lure of free food proves irresistible or you're simply curious, take precautions. Before the event, ask the sponsor to send you a biography of the speaker(s) and the firm. The material should include how long the person has been in the financial industry, his or her area of expertise, as well as a list of credentials and education. And for heaven's sake, don't

> Story Continues.. see MONEY & YOU page 18

DIHO Market Closed



Morton Grove Business the "DIHO" Market has closed. The business, which is located on Dempster St. closed without giving any reason and the space is now available for rent or sale



BY JEFFREY CARDELLA Special to The Bugle

PUBLIC SERVICE ADVERTISEMENT

Edward Jones When Investing for Kids, Decide Who Owns What.

To make sure your kids have some money when they start out their adult lives, you'll want to start saving and investing for them when they are young. But what's the best way to do that?

Start by deciding on an ownership structure. In other words, whom do you want to own the investments? You or your children?

If you want to be the owner, you may want to set up a Section 529 plan. All withdrawals will be free from federal income taxes, as long as the money is used for a qualified college or graduate school expense of the beneficiary you've named — typically, your child or grandchild. (The money will appear as income on the child's tax return.) This tax benefit is effective through 2010, unless extended by the U.S. Congress. Withdrawals for expenses other than qualified education expenditures may be subject to federal, state and penalty taxes.

One of the biggest advantages of a Section 529 plan is that you own the account. You decide who will get the money and when he or she will get it. You can even change the beneficiary to another family mem-

Children as Owners

If you want your children to own investments you've earmarked for them, you may want to establish either a custodial account or a Roth IRA. Let's take a quick look at both:

Custodial accounts — You can set up a custodial account as established by either the Uniform Gift to Minors Act (UGMA) or the Uniform Transfers to Minors Act (UTMA). This type of account may offer you some tax advantages. In an UGMA or UTMA account, the first \$800 of investment income is tax-free

to a child under 14, and the next \$800 is taxed at the child's rate. Any amount over \$1,600 will be taxed at your rate. After children reach 14, all their investment income is taxed at their rate.

You will have to balance the potential tax benefits of an UGMA/UTMA account against another factor: loss of ownership. While your children are minors. you can still own the account, but once they reach the age of majority, the money is theirs to do with as they please — and what they choose may not please you.

Roth IRA --- A Roth IRA's earnings grow taxfree, provided certain conditions are met. Also, if you make withdrawals from a Roth IRA in the same tax year in which you contributed these dollars, your withdrawals are treated as "non-events" from a tax standpoint.

Keep in mind, though, that your children must have earned income if they are going to open a Roth IRA Consequently, this type of account may be more suitable for children who are at least old enough to earn money.

See Your Tax Adviser

Before you establish any account for your children — UTMA, UGMA, Section 529 plan or Roth IRA — consult with your tax adviser. When it is time to make withdrawals from these plans, you may face unanticipated tax ramifications.

Start Investing Early

No matter what type of ownership arrangement or investment accounts you choose, start investing early. Your children may want Power Rangers or Dora the Explorer dolls right now, but, before you know it. they'll need college tuition, a car or a down payment on a home. Do what you can to be ready for those days.

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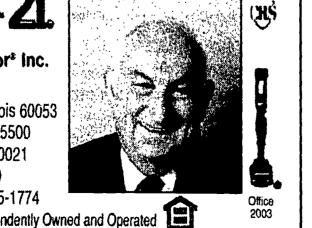
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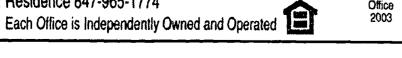
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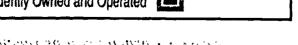


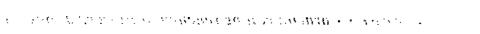
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NOR-WOOD LIFE CARE NFP **INVITES COMMUNITY** TO VIEW PROPOSED RENDERINGS

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 aestheti cally 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 Norwood Park residents. In response to their comments. number of design adjustments have been made. The June 2' meeting will be conducted to introducing an advanced recharg- facturing processes available encourage additional input.

On hand to explain the proposed project will be the architect, zoning attorney, several members | a local store and purchase refilled of the Nor-Wood Life Care NFI Board of Directors, the CEO of Nor-Wood Life Care, and the administrator of Norwood Park 65%. Business customers can ly friendly, helping to cut into the Home. A question and answer session will follow the presentation Refreshments will be served.



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owner Jay Dembsky, and other local store owners and friends.

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grand opening celebration of its great place to do business, and the new franchise retail location at Village Crossing Shopping 5697 West Touhy Ave., Niles, Center is ideal for a Caboodle Illinois. In attendance was the location," said Jay Dembsky, mayor of Niles, the honorable owner of the local franchise. The Nicholas B. Blasé, members of Niles store in the Village the Chamber of Commerce, Crossing Shopping Center is the first Caboodle Cartridge in Carol Flanagan, R.N., Manager Illinois. "The Caboodle promise and Clinical Educator of the America. is that we will save our customers Cancer Treatment Center at Caboodle Cartridge is creating an as much as 65 percent, while pro- Resurrection Medical Center. entirely new channel for ink jet viding them with the highest quality inks, toner, and remanutoday. In addition, because our cartridges are refilled and reman-Caboodle Cartridge enables print- ufactured in our centralized, er & fax users to simply walk into advanced facilities before they reach the store, obtaining high and remanufactured printer car- quality, inexpensive cartridges celebration included: tridges, with or without an has never been more convenient, exchanged cartridge, without with or without an exchange. by Terry "Moose" Millard, a waiting for savings of as much as Furthermore, it is environmentaltake advantage of delivery servic- 350 million cartridges that are es for additional convenience. Its discarded in North American

Blood Pressure Screening Friday, June 24 Golf Mill Shopping Center

Niles, IL (June 15, 2005) – Stay on top of your health and monitor vour 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 prob-

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

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 Caboodle Cartridge celebrated its "The Chicago area in general is a 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 "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.

• A keynote presentation flight captain with Southwest Airlines, former U.S. Air Force fighter pilot and F-16 fighter squadron commander and

a cancer survivor.

Chicago, III. (June 14, and door prizes-including a pair of tickets to a Chicago

> A commemorative gift—a sport FM radio—for each

National Cancer Survivors Day celebration

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

Resurrection Medical Center, Our Lady of the Resurrection Medical Center and Holy Family Medical are members of Resurrection Health Care, a family of health care services providing advanced medical care and exceptional customer service with compassion and hope. Our hospitals, nursing homes, retirement communities, home health services, behavioral health programs and other services are conveniently located in many Chicagoland neighborhoods.

Resurrection Health Care is a notfor-profit Catholic organization sponsored by the Sisters of the Holy Family of Nazareth and the Sisters of the Resurrection.

A family-style dinner

Highlights of this year's

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

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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.

Fernando, Calif.

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.

a home she owned free Trane says now. "I was so down and clear of debt in San and out I felt like I was a hundred years old."

Trane was a victim of unscrupulous salespeople who prev on "Dreams Foreclosed," a newly published report from the National Consumer Law Center, thousands and thousands of Americans who are finding themselves falling behind in their mortgage payments and then being bilked of their homes'

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-

value of houses in many areas of then the original mortgage paythe 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 ers get away free and clear. Most their credit card debt. Or they want to finance home repairs. Or or unpunished" because homeput 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 their families do if they have 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

Other times they ask that the you not to contact your mortgage house deed be signed over to company. But, often, mortgage

harlene Trane, 78, lived in "I wasn't thinking straight," ber of foreclosures is rising as them while the homeowner companies will help owners in becomes a renter, paying an trouble work out a new schedule The massive increase in the amount that is somewhat less of payments when the equity in your home has increased signifi-

have been taken or they don't

know how to find help before

they lose their homes, the report

So what can homeowners or

received an eviction notice?

- Be vigilant. If a sales represen-

tative 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 mort-

gage company or a lawyer. The

The carrot here is that the owner can buy his or her home back spaces on it. They can be filled later. But "later" never arrives. in later with terms you never In many instances, the wrongdoagreed to.

- Don't fall for a promise such as, "go either completely unexposed "We'll save your credit." So what happened to Charlene owners don't realize that they

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. E-mail Joe Volz at jvolz2003@adelphia.net or write to 2528 Five scam salespeople often advise

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JUNE REGISTRATION Drop-Off Registrations for pro-

grams and classes advertised in the June Naturally Active were due at the Center on Friday, June 3rd. Walk-in registrations began Wednesday, June 8th. Drop-off Registration for July will be Friday, July 1st.

For more information, call 847

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MONTHLY

GET ACQUAINTED MEETING 10AM - 11:00AM Meet with the staff, learn what the Center offers in the way of classes, programs, and outings. You'll have a chance to tour the building, and ask questions. Meets the third Thursday of every month. The summer schedule of remaining meetings is as follows: July 21st,

and August 18th. Please register in

Maine Township

Senior News

MaineStreamers program offers a

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dents 55 and older. Membership is

free and includes a subscription to

the monthly newsletter that

details all activities for the

upcoming month. Here are some

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MaineStreamers are on their way

Registration

Aloha! The

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examples.

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The Maine Township

THE SUMMER WEDNESDAY EVENING DINNER AND MOVIE SCHEULE RESUMES Join us Wednesday evenings from Lipizzans. The program begins 5:00 PM to 8:00 PM for a Hot Dog Dinner followed by a new release movie. All for only \$2.00. The June and July Schedule is as fol-

BABY with Clint Eastwood, at the Country Squire Restaurant, Hilary Swank (PG 13 2005) July 13 ~ SIDEWAYS with Paul Giamatti and Thomas Hayden

Church (R 2005) July 20 ~ SPANGLISH with Adam Sandler and Tea Leoni (PG SING-A-LONG WITH

July 27 ~ OCEAN'S TWELVE Thursday, July 7th 12:00 noonwith George Clooney and Brad Pitt (PG 13 2004)

IT'S THE BIG BAND ERA at noon starting with lunch at 12:15, the NILES SENIOR CENTER with THE ARLINGTON JAZZ Tuesday Evening, July 12 from

5:00PM - 8:30 PM. \$8.00 Open to residents and non-residents. Enjoy a delicious dinner of rolls, salad, mostaciolli with Italian Sausage, and dessert. Then be pre- BIG BAND ERA with THE Kapoor's reflective sculpture, Hollows in Cary, IL - Friday, July pared as the Arlington Jazz brings ARLINGTON JAZZ, you the sounds of the big band era Tuesday, July 12, 5:00PM with music of Stan Kenton, 8:30PM you're sure to enjoy this evening Arlington Jazz. Hear the music of

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Tuesday, July 5

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Wed., July 6th 8:45AM-4:00PM. We're off to Wadsworth, Illinois, to see the magnificent Tempel with an introduction of the foals and takes us through all the various stages of training, finishing with the Quadrille, referred to as the "Ballet of the White Stallions." July 6 ~ MILLION DOLLAR Following the show, lunch will be formerly part of the Sears Estate. Choice of entrée: Prime Rib. Broiled Lake Superior Whitefish, or Chicken Wellington. Cost: \$40.

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many more of your favorites. Tap your feet or dance til you drop! either way you're sure to enjoy this evening of musical memories. OPEN TO ALL! Cost: \$8.

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The Morton Grove Civic Center is open weekdays from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. for seniors who wish to drop in to cool off from the summertime heat. Seniors may come in and eniov a wide array of activities or just soak in the cool air. Anyone needing more information about the Center or a schedule of activities can call the Morton Grove Senior Hot Line at 847/470-

"TRASH OR TREASURE" **RUMMAGE SALE**

Due to the overwhelming response of many generous donors, the Morton Grove Senior Center cannot accept any further contributions for its Sept. 10 Rummage Sale until after Sept. 5. The Center is very grateful for this response and looks forward to displaying its merchandise to all between 9 a.m. and 12 noon on Sept. 10. For further information contact the Center's Senior Activities Coordinator, Kathlyn cost is \$10 for residents age 65+ Theatre in Chicago and will Williams by calling 847/663-6127. and \$12 for non-residents and residents and residents are include a 50's style dinner at Ed ERS PRESENT "HOLLY-

SENIOR CENTER CLOSED

Due to the activities surrounding NEW "WOMEN'S-ONLY the Morton Grove Days 2005 July 4th Festival, the Morton Grove Senior Center will be closed to all activities and services, except Seniortran transportation, between and including Wednesday, June 29 through Monday, July 4. All regularly scheduled events will resume starting Tuesday, July 5.

BRIDGE CLUB

Challenging Intermediate and Advanced Bridge matches are enjoyed by Bridge Club players in the Morton Grove every Tuesday from 12 noon to 3:30 p.m. with the next six-month (July through December) session starting July 5. The fee is \$13 for Senior Center Members and \$16 for non-members. Please register in person at the Senior Center.

MAH JONGG CLUB

Enjoy the fun and exhilarating game of Mah Jongg with a group of new friends! The Mah Jongg Club meets from 12:30 to 3:30 p.m. every Tuesday and will continue for another six-month series (July through December) starting July 5 in the Morton Grove Senior Center. The fee is \$13 for Senior Center Members and \$16 for nonmembers. Please register in per-

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"WWII MEMORIAL" PRE-Center's "Men's Only" Poker Club Historian, Donna Horwitz will will continue for another sixbe at the Morton Grove Senior month series (July through December) from 1 to 3 p.m. on Center to lead a thought-provoking Fridays, starting July 8. The guys slide presentation of the new WWII Memorial in Washington are always open to welcoming new DC at 1:30 p.m. on Wednesday, players. The fee for the Club is only \$13 for Senior Center July 6. The fee for this program is Members and \$16 for non-mem-50 cents per person. The World War II Memorial honors the 16 bers. If interested, please register million individuals who served in in person at the Senior Center. the armed forces of the U.S., the CROCHET CLUB more than 400,000 who died, and all who supported the war effort

People with all levels of crochet skill are welcome to join the from home. Symbolic of the Morton Grove Senior Center's "Crochet Club from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. every Friday morning from July 8 through Sept. 30. The fee for this club is \$6.50 for Senior register for this program at the Center members and \$8 for Reception Desk of the Senior non-members. Register in person at the Senior Center Registration Desk or call Senior Activities Coordinator, Kathlyn Williams at 847/663-6127. Please note that the Crochet Class taught by Diane Brunger will resume October. Screening will be held at 9 a.m. on

"CITY OF ANGELS" MUSI-

Wednesday, July 6. Swedish Covenant Hospital will administer the screening, which provides a CAL COMEDY "City of Angels" is the rarest of full lipid profile including total musical comedies, one that is not cholesterol. HDL, LDL and only loaded with music and writtriglycerides. Results will be ten in the contemporary jazz available within seven working days. Reservations are required idiom, but also filled sidesplitting comedy, which and can be made by calling the Morton Grove senior citizens will Morton Grove Senior Hot Line at enjoy on Wednesday, July 13. The 847/470-5223. Fasting for 12 show is produced by "One Theatre hours is also required but water Company" at the Athenaeum and medications are allowed. The Debevic's. The bus will depart from the Morton Grove Senior Center at 8:30 a.m. and return at 3 p.m. The cost is \$61 for Senior Center Members and \$70 for nonmembers. Please register in per-

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Learn the basics about computers

including Windows navigation and simple computer concepts at this four-week "Getting Started With Computers" course from 12:30 to 2 p.m. on Fridays starting July 8. The fee is \$32 for Senior Center Members and \$37 for non-members and is taught by the Center's instructor, R.J. Bruno. Please register in person at the Senior Center. An "Internet" class will help students develop the tools needed to overcome frustrations about the INTERNET!! This four-week series meets from 2:15 to 3:45 p.m. on Fridays starting July 8. The cost is \$32 for Senior Center Members and \$37 for non-members. Please register in person at the Senior Center.

MEN'S POKER CLUB

Morton Grove Senior Center. Center. The Morton Grove Senior Occupational Therapists from Resurrection Medical Center will be the guest speakers. Please register by calling the Moron Grove Senior Hot Line at 847/470-5223.

> **CHRISTMAS IN JULY** Join Peggy Strimple from

Mayflower Tours as the Morton Grove Senior Center celebrate "Christmas in July" at 1:30 p.m. on Thursday, July 14. Munch on Christmas goodies and hear about upcoming trips to Colorado. Niagara Falls and Toronto, and a special Christmas-time trip for the holidays to Germany and Austria. So, come join the excitement! Refreshments will be provided by Mayflower Tours. This presentation is free, but registration i required. To register, please call the Morton Grove Senior Hot Line at 847/470-5223.

"SOCIAL SECURITY SUB-SIDY PROGRAM" APPLICA TION SEMINAR

A representative from the Social Security Administration will be at the Morton Grove Senior Center to explain how seniors can purchase a new 2006 Medicare Drug Prescription Discount Card. This new Social Security subsidy will help pay for medications, save time, and save money. The time of with the seminar will be 1:30 p.m. on Wednesday, July 20. Please register by calling the Morton Grove Senior Hot Line at 847/470-5223.

> THE NORTH SHORE PLAY-**WOOD & VINE"**

Don't miss this hilarious music and dance show depicting "when Hollywood was Hollywood" presented by the fabulous and energetic North Shore Players at the Morton Grove Senior Center. Six big shows are offered on Friday, July 22 (7 p.m.); Saturday, July 23 (7 p.m.); Sunday, July 24 (2 p.m.); Friday, July 29 (7 p.m.); Saturday, July 30 (7p.m.) and Sunday, July 31 (2 p.m.). Tickets are \$12 at the door, \$10 in advance, and \$8 per person for groups of ten or more in the free lecture starting at 1:30 and available at the Reception

p.m. on Wednesday, July 13 in the Desk of the Morton Grove Senior

AFTERNOON HIGH TEA at the ADLER PLANETARIUM

Enjoy a delectable Afternoon High Tea in Galileo's Café featuring a breathtaking view of the Chicago Skyline, Monroe Harbor and Lake Michigan followed by the "Stars of the Pharaohs" sky show on Wednesday, July 27 at the Planetarium. There will be some mild museum walking and only 20 tickets are available, so don't miss this one. The cost is \$63 for Morton Grove Senior Center Members and \$73 for non-members. Please register in person at

For more information about senior services and activities, call the Morton Grove Senior Hot Line at 847/470-5223. Membership in the Morton Grove Senior Center provides Morton Grove newsletter; three issues of Diabetes Screening; free passage on the Seniortran (for residents); free Computer usage in the Senior Center Library; 15% discount on trips and classes; an annua members-only party; and a photo i.d. card Membership registrations are accepted any weekday morning at the Senior Center 6140 Dempster Street. The membershi fee is \$15 for an individual resident: \$25 for a resident married couple; \$25 for an indi vidual non-resident: and \$40 for a non-res-



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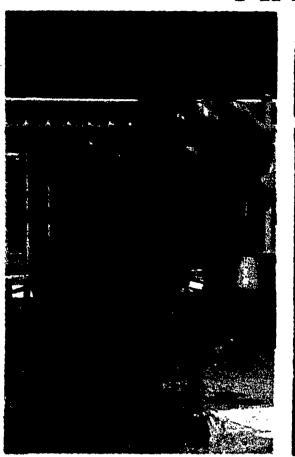
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Drake Foster,6, gets ready to hit the water as his father Chip tosses him in at the Harrer Park pool Sunday afternoon. (Photo by Allen Kaleta)



Jimmy Horkavi,5, of Park Ridge gets 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 some help with his golf swing from his 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



Circulation clerks earns \$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 budg-

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.



leabela Uliman, 5, of Niles plays Bozo Buckets at the Niles Park District Penny Arcade at Oak Park Friday June 17. (Photo by Allen







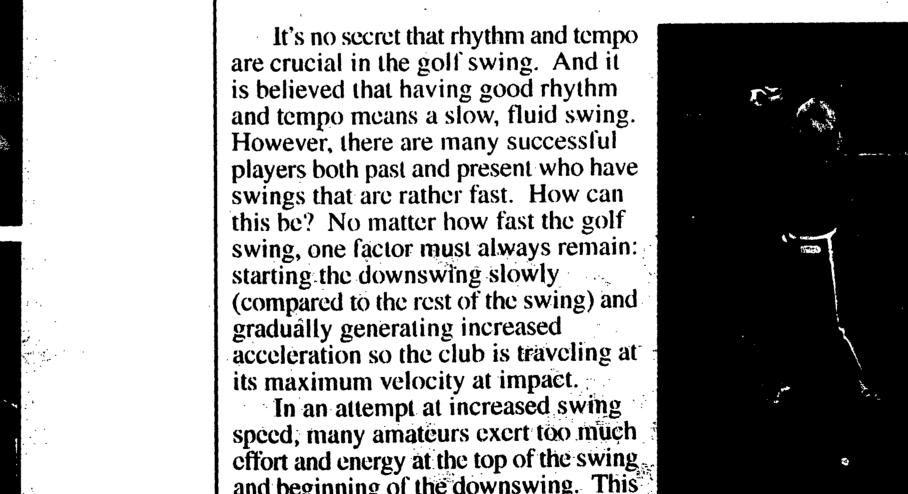




Niles Park District employee Angelica Schab removes the blindfold from Vicky Grieyuk.8, while they play "Pin the Tall on the Dog" at the Miles Penny Arcade Friday night June 17 at Oak Park. (Photo by Allen Kalete)



(Top) Sexophone player Scott Williams of the Retrorockets plays at the Oak Park outdoor concert Friday June 17. (Botton 2 plotures) Beet friends Sydney Richter (left) and Grace Waters dence to the oldies at the Oak Park outdoor concert Friday June 17. (Photos by Alien Kaista)



Gravity will do the work

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.

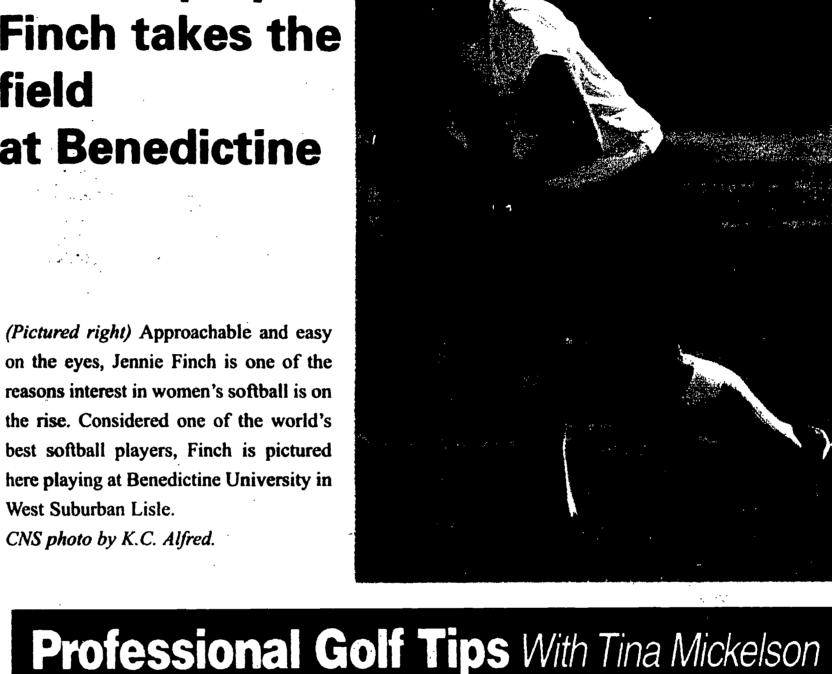
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SPORTS

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

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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-

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

What the player lacks in maturity is meaningless. The NBA's hunger to hype the next-greatwhatever 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.

Greg Oden, which in an era of inflated egos and instant gratification seems firmly rooted in

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 kneeknocking 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

Humble? By comparison, Bob Cratchit was overbearing.

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

see UNLIMITED page 16.

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

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Tere Trevor Hoffman your garden-variety closer, either. tion.

almost anybody else, Good ones. Some of the many than the state of the s 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.

impressive list, but also highly disturbing in its assembly. All of Hyun Kim. the pitchers listed either are or already this year.

Closers, every one. Not just

UNLIMITED: Responsibility an issue

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the NBA draft (2001), the 7-foot Brown was handed a seasonending 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."

Jason Isringhausen. Armando Benitez. Francisco Rodriguez. Octavio Dotel. Guillermo Mota. Antonio Alfonseca.

And, egad, that was before we'd reached June. So far, to be Stress, for the close-out man,

comes in all forms. There's the kind of job pressure that gets Danny Graves - an All-Star clos-Making do, then, Hoffman er just last year - summarily rapped his skull a few times with dumped by the Cincinnati Reds. his knuckles. Indeed, knock on Dan Kolb lasted less than two Hoffman had just been con- John Smoltz in the Atlanta missed with a shoulder injury that Braves' closer role. Let's not

have been on the disabled list caused by either overwork or Hoffman had ever gone on the most of the extraordinary attri- already had spanned a decade.

> year against nationally ranked al. and previously unbeaten "One of the reasons they're 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, tive. 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 incred-

high school player in the United States, but you would never know it by his demeanor. He's decided to go to college for a just so humble and such a good person, but you can't overlook now he's a lottery pick. He was his talent. He's a very focused player. When we scrimmaged this week and substituted for he developed showed him that him, the whole game changed."

As could the rest of Oden's pen." 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 suck-

"I've noticed," said Hoffman. 'Unbelievable, isn't it? I don't Eric Gagne. Troy Percival. 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 oth-Joe Borowski. Brandon Lyon, ers who do what you do and know what it's like.

"There's a fraternity of closers in a sense, this built-in feeling sure, it's been a brutal season on 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 months as the replacement for of 2003, the season he mostly required surgery. Incredibly, even go anywhere near Byung- especially put in the context of what's happened to his peers this But it's the physical stress - season, that was the first time overthrowing - that's causing disabled list in a career that

Neither is this: In a state tour- rare case," said Fitterer, a proponament championship game this nent of Stern's under-20 propos-

Arlington High, Oden blocked a 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 destruc-

"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 "He's recognized as the top Washington who played against Fitterer's teams), he was ready But that's only the latest of his to go out of high school. But he year to get that experience and mostly a sixth man, but that maturity and the unselfishness even greater things could hap-

> 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 ered in by all that money, he is a to say I made it to the NBA."

5 cups tightly packed watercress,

of balsamic vinegar. Add it to potatoes or comstarch.

C'mon. The dude's a freak. Not a freak of nature. Rather, he's a fitness freak who's making the

most of his own nature. Hoffman's pre- and postappearance regimens - and his commitment to staying toned and available - have kept him around long enough to be in position to challenge the all-time major league record for saves. That, and a change-up from a faraway gala.

"It says a helluva lot for Hoffy, to get to 400 saves, where only two others have gone," said Padres trainer Todd Hutcheson. "They said Gagne was sure to get there, but getting there isn't easy, no matter how good you are. Just staying on the field isn't easy. Only a few years ago, it looked like Robb Nen might get there, and then he was gone."

at least endangered, species. When he earned another Rolaids Relief Man Award last year, Gagne was the first closer since all-time saves champion Lee Smith in 1992 to repeat as the long enough to do it two years in hold nothing back."

"Closers have to go all-out, all the time, every time," said Hutcheson. "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

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.

and a hip." Isringhausen told the tion. 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 overdemanding of their shoulders and elbows.

Philadelphia Phillies lefty Billy Wagner still has the giddyup to 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 tough son of a bitch." groin and left rotator cuff.

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 stretch-

BY HARRY SCHWARTZ

atercress finger sand-wiches suffer from repu-

bland. That boring demeanor is

based on use rather than the aquat-

"Watercress rocks!" said Alice

Price, a trained chef and director of

support services at Methodist

The versatility and nutritional

punch of watercress make it a

superfood of the 21st century, but

it's an ancient food with heritage

In China, watercress is consumed

in large quantities for food, nutri-

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

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 fluctu-

Price said she cuts about 1 inch

from the tip of the stems and

stands the bunch in a bowl with a

"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 water-

cress is it keeps its vivid green

color even after cooking. While

spinach baked in quiche may look

wilted and gray-green, watercress

Nutritionally, watercress is a moth-

er lode, with all the powerful

antioxidants and phytochemicals

of other members of the crucifer-

ous 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

nner balance. It is eaten to cure

rheumatism and used as a diuretic

and expectorant, stimulant and

digestive tonic to help with anemia

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 fritta-

ta, 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

and lower blood sugar levels.

looks verdant.

NUTRIENTS GALORE

green. Use is limited only by

To show the diversity of water-

cress, known in Ireland as "St.

Patrick's Cabbage," Price prepared

cold cream of zucchini and water-

cress soup; watercress, potato and

bacon frittata; and watercress, pear

and gorgonzola salad with walnuts

and raspberry balsamic vinai-

"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

In putting together the watercress

salad. Price used a bottled salad

dressing, Congorzio raspberry and

"Hey, cut to the chase. Make life a

The cold watercress soup is ele-

gant 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 thick-

ened with cooked, pureed white

was thought of as elitist."

balsamic fat-free dressing.

little easier," she said.

potatoes or cornstarch.

"lip" of water on the bottom.

tion and medicinal value.

eats it to clear her lungs.'

back to early Greece and Rome.

Medical Center in Peoria, Ill.

V tation: passe, elitist,

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ic plant itself.

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 Talk about your vanishing, or 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, National League winner. A huge you're there to go as hard as you part of the syndrome being can for as long as you can. closers couldn't stay uninjured There's no pacing yourself. You

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 "Three elbows, two shoulders both preparation and preserva-

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.

"God gave Hoffy good tissue, like Rickey Henderson, a body that withstands the grind," said Hutcheson. "But there is something else about him. That is one LIFE

Chef Harry Presents

Wonders of watercress



recipes are simple, with relatively

made the night before and

microwaved for a "no fuss meal."

She poaches her pear halves in

water with a little lemon and sugar

and broiling so the pears are fork

She used golden and brown raisins

instead of dried cranberries in the

Price recalled a friend from

Princeton, Ill., Joan Marshall, who

collects wild watercress. She

makes watercress and sliced

cucumber sandwiches and tosses

watercress leaves in salads. She

has a favorite watercress soup

Wild watercress needs special

attention. It should not come from

a polluted water source and needs

to be thoroughly washed because it

is a noted haven for parasites such

as liver flukes, which are known to

infest water frequently visited by

WATERCRESS, POTATO AND

BACON FRITTATA

3 cups new potatoes

1 onion, sliced

1 tablespoon olive oil

4 slices bacon, cut into pieces

5 cups tightly packed watercress,

recipe.

before sprinkling with gorgonzola

few ingredients. The frittata can be

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-

Story Continues...

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Events Calendar

GOVERNMENT

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

Tuesday, June 28 -8 p.m. Niles Village Board meeting

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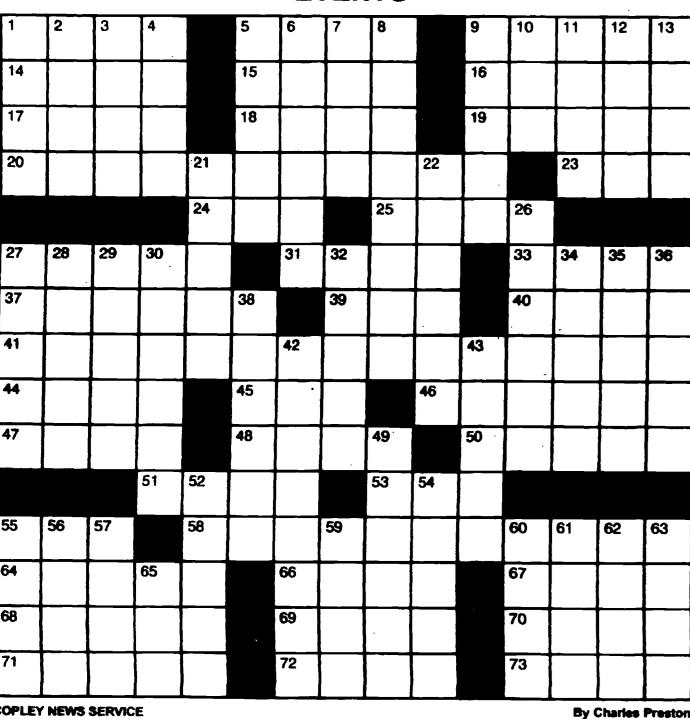
Sunday, June 26

-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 Habonim Niles Township Jewish Congregation.

Sunday, July 10

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

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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

Send your answers to the editor: Andrew Schneider Fax: 847.588.1911 **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

Chop 1/2 of the soaked cranberries

cranberries have plumped up.

Remove from heat and allow to

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 col-

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 cholesterol and 157 milligrams sodi-

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

I cup heavy cream

1/4 cup creme fraiche, or sour

Watercress sprigs, tough stems removed, and chopped chives, for

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 sodi-

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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 LynnOShaughnessy@cox.net.

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.

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In Break

THURSDAY JUNE 23, 2005

SCANNING THE BOOKSHELF Brief book reviews

LIFE

"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.

things, not persons," she once of radiation.

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, discover-"We must be interested in ing the proton and various kinds

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 the great physics minds of the time: Niels Bohr, Werner Robert Heisenberg, 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

Lengagement 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 Psychology and a Master's Niles. Degree in Special Education, both from National-Louis University. Ticia is a 6th Grade Catholic Church in Niles.

enore and Steve Doughty Special Education teacher at of Niles announce the 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

The couple will be married in June at St. John Brebeuf



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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

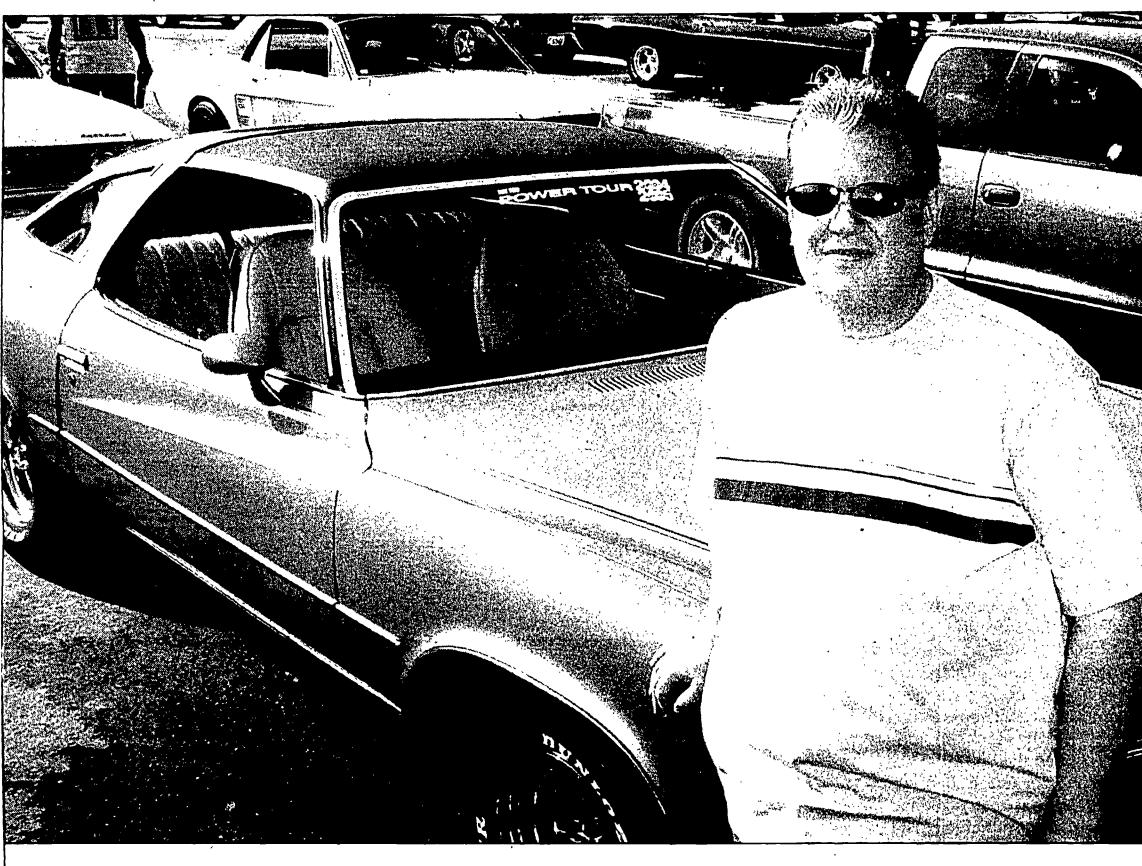
Asien took to the road in his head-turning Buick Gran Sport last week to complete the 11th annual Hot Rod Power Tour-a dazzling seven-day cross-country

This year's Hot Rod Power Tour, presented by GM Performance Division and cosponsored 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

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," 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.

organization representing this ever growing and evolving industry. Over 5,700 members so many Americans are enthu- can continue to enjoy their

"We are thrilled that hard to protect, so that they

Specialty strong, SEMA is the leading siastic and dedicated to this favorite past-time and partici-Market source for research, data, great hobby, and it's wonder- pate in events such as this," Association, is the non-profit trends, and market growth ful to get out and meet these said Christopher Kersting, information in the industry. car lovers who SEMA works president and CEO of SEMA.

Museum chronicles history of espionage

Arts and Leisure

BY ED BALINT Copley News Service

TASHINGTON - 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 Enigma Cipher Machine, or punch in your in the shadows and now we're just learning few blocks from the White House, home address to view an aerial photo of it - some things about it," she said. "And I think Smithsonian and other Washington institu- close enough to see the park or grocery that's just what really piques peoples' inter-

And visitors learn that not every Bondlike 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 movement and the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks. for the Soviets.

"School for Spies" exhibit. You can break the code of the World War II German

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

Since it opened in July 2002, 2 million Kids can crawl through ducts at the visitors have come to the museum, said Amanda Abrell, media relations manager.

"This is a world that has been disguised

"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

Plaza. Each Thursday evening at each concert. from July 7 through August 25, 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. the village will tinues this excellent tradition sponsor assorted performances. with eight scheduled perform-

Comparison of the Towers

Diameter

Year Began

Year Completed

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Why a Lenning Tower?

he village of Niles open to the public. Howard Enzo Incandela & Al Anile, July Summer Concert Series Street Inn, located on 6700 W. 14, Undercover (New), July 21, will begin on Thursday, Howard St. in Niles will be sell-July 7 at the Leaning Tower ing a variety of delicious foods

These performances are free and ances and four new acts: July 7,

BEAUTIFUL PROPERTY OF

nally a utility tower to store

The tower design was chosen by the original owner, Robert Ilg, to honor the

famous scientist Vincenzo Galileo, or Galiliei, 1564-1642. Galileo was an astronomer

and developer of telescopes and a professor at the University of Pisa in 1589

water; it no longer serves

of the Tower in Niles' Sister City of Pisa, Italy,

Niles

94 ft.

28 ft.

7.4 ft.

1931

landmark.

The village of Niles Leaning Tower is a one-half size replica

Meisner Magic, July 28,

Chauffers (New), August 4, The Katie Sullivan Band (New), The 2005 Concert Series con- August 11, Blooze Brothers, August 18, Larry Bemben Orchestra, August 25, Half Day Bluegrass Band (News).

detached bell tower for

an adjoining cathedral

History of the Leaning Tower The Niles Leaving 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 Mechlenuger

Road. Ilg had a water tower in the park to service two swimleaning tower to conceal the water tower. The Niles Leaning Tower was complete in 1934, exactly 600 years after the Leaning Tower of

half size replica of the tower in Pisa, Italy, one of Niles' sister Italian Muscian Enzo Incandela

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 surming pools and constructed the rounding 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 Pisa was completed. It is a one- in 1997, the village of Niles hosted a concert featuring to celebrate the new look of the When Ilg died in 1964, he left Leaning Tower. There was great the Tower and the land to the response, so the village decided nearby YMCA, who had helped to those three more concerts in him earlier in his life. A condi-

Concert Series Schedule

July 7: Enzo Incandela & Al Anile July 14: Undercover

July 21: Meisner Magic July 28: Chauffers (New)

August 4: The Katie Sullivan Band

August 11: Blooze Brothers August 18: Larry Bemben Orchestra

August 25: Half Day Bluegrass Band

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 and older; \$11 for children ages 5-11; chilwhy so many movies and so forth begin with, 'The secret of and finally revealed."

The Niles replica was origi- The Tower of Pisa is a

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

Admission: \$14 for adults; \$13 for age 65 This is a world that has been disquired

dren 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

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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 detect-

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ed 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

 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.

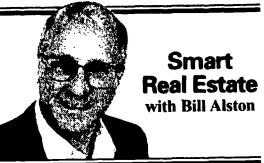
- Escape boots: These boots were designed for British pilots during World War II by MI9, an organization that provided escape equipment to the Royal Air Force. The bootstrap concealed a small penknife used to cut off the tops of the boots, making them appear to be civilian walking shoes, so the soldier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

Source: International Spy Museum

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REAL ESTATE

Getting Your Home Sold for the Highest Price



n earlier reports we discussed removing excess Lelutter 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 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 as 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

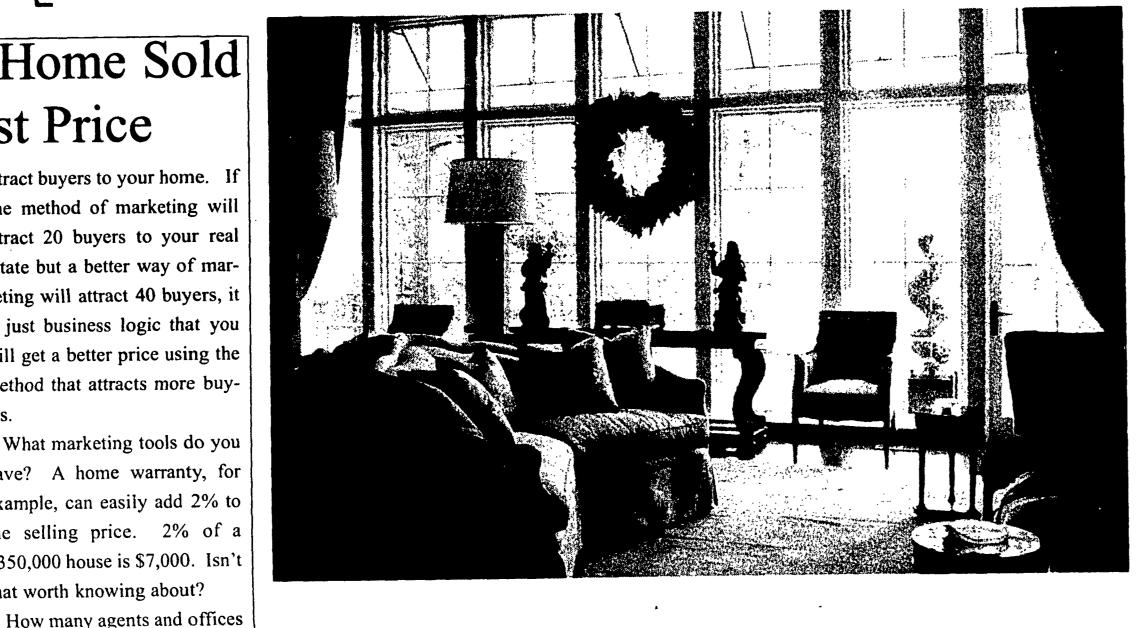
attract buyers to your home. If one method of marketing will attract 20 buyers to your real with Bill Alston estate but a better way of marketing will attract 40 buyers, i s just business logic that you will get a better price using the method that attracts more buy-

> 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?

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

: 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?

Side draperies are a solution as traditional **∠ L** as your decorating 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-

ports an arrangement with a similar furniture arrangement. 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 ailored cafe curtain on a decorative wood rod from wall to wall between the side draperies.

dow can be handled as if it were Then you'd have a logical backjust another wall. Here, it sup- ground against which to work a

: I recently purchased condo with a loft. The wall of the loft is about 3 feet high and is drywall. 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 might consider installing a low, thought about some gold bor-

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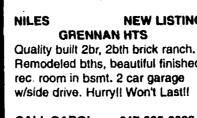
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vours is a ready-made place to show off something spectacular, say, an heirloom quilt, tapestry or even an imposing painting or poster, matted and framed to look important

is L-shaped with a sunken liv- tone and the color of your hair like black and white. ing room. There is a wrought- and eyes. In the old "seasonal" iron railing separating the color system, you'd be called a spaces. I have bright red car- "winter," as opposed to the other peting, a black-and-white seasons, who have softer skin, stripe couch, black-and-white hair and eye colors. (toile) love seats. Dining room Black, white and red is about the (furniture) is cherry; the liveliest color trio you could chairs have black seats with a conjure. Perhaps that's why your small, white dot. I thought of husband's uncomfortable with black walls with white crown the idea.

kidding!" There is a lot of cozy" look you mention.

scheme. This highly charged,

It's also sophisticated, energiz-

moulding, and my husband ing, blood-stirring - about as fa looked at me like, "Are you as you can get from the "homey,

Like you, I'd thrive on the con-No, I don't think trast of black walls, white you're kidding at all, mouldings, red rug and black-Laconsidering how far and-white prints. But you might you've already come with your have your general scheme and color keep your husband from hyperventilating, too, if you choose totally dramatic setting you've red for the walls instead of stark created is the perfect back- black. Look for a cool - that is, ground for an equally dynamic blue-based - red. Nothing tomato make the room more homey person. Let me guess that your to-y, nor leaning toward orange and cozy. The room is 15 feet own coloring features a dramat- Only a red that really crackles by 20 feet, has a fireplace and ic contrast between your skin can stand up to polar opposites

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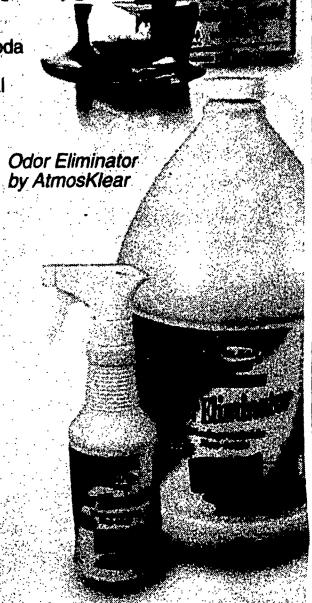
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buying a home. Taking the leaf should be looking at your home home? out of the dining room table with an experienced eye to make makes the dining room look a lit- suggestions that will add to the tle larger. Overgrown house- impression you wish to make on sell it at the high end of this plants can make any room look the buyers. Can the extra preparange or at the low end? Do your smaller. Kids like to decorate ration be a pain? Yes. Is an extra their bedrooms and doors with \$10,000 added to the selling pictures, posters and stickers, but price nice? Yes. that is a bug turn off for buyers. Bathrooms are usually limited in for the same price regardless of

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A Greener View

Take care when removing poison ivy

Jeff Rugg Copley News Service

: What is the best way to remove poison ivy from a hedge? : 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 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,

ou will want to cut it out first. Once you are properly protected, cut off the vine near the ground weekly basis, you will eventually seeds as it gets older.

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 have always placed them on my from the old dead vines remain-

up to the top of a large tree and What could be wrong? have a stem 5 inches in diameter at the base. It could take a while to pull it all out of a hedge.

plants or even logs with the vine water on the top of the plant. orate into the smoke and coat seem to be more susceptible to other things that will give you a bacteria and fungal problems the oily smoke on your skin or variety you have this year might

hanging from the redbud trees in my neighborhood? My tree is 2 years old but 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?

Believe it or not, the redbud tree is in the pea family (botanically, it is and unwrap it to the ends. After called the legume family) and again. It will be easier to wipe trees seem to be more fertile than others and are either covered with and you will use less herbicide, them or not and, of course, some too. You can spray paint the spot trees just get a few at a time. so that when any new growth Some trees will alternate with comes out, you know where it is heavy years and light years. Your and can spray it with weed killer tree is just a youngster and even or cut it off again. If you keep though it may have had some after the new growth on at least a flowers, it will produce more

I recently planted white petunias and front steps where they get a good amount of sun each day. I steps and never had a problem with them. I recently noticed Poison oak and poison ivy can that the new blooms quickly other plants and as free-standing them every other day. The

Throw the cuttings away in a Just water the soil around the sealed bag. Never burn these base of the plant without getting wrapped on it. The sap can evap- Some flowering plant varieties rash. Even worse, you could get when they get wet too often. The even breathe it in to your throat be one that needs to be drier. As the weather warms up and the What are the pea plant dries off faster after each watering, it might go away.

Our lawn has always been one of the prettiest on the block until already 8 feet tall. I never 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?

GARDEN TIP

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

■ Use a rag or sponge solution and wipe it of ■ Wash all clothes and gloves with soap and water following the job. ■ Cut out any ivy that is

rampant, starting near

The oil of the poison ivy plant

found in all parts of the plant

lash it away with a detergen

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: If you follow the label still solidly rooted, then there is a

to pull up the brown grass and lay their eggs in the greenest visible. Grubs are very seasonal and if the problem has stayed for er faster. several years, it might not be grubs. If the grass is brown, but

directions on the pack- different problem. Such as a bro-Lage, you should get ken irrigation zone or irrigation good results. You will get good head that is not working properly. results from all name brand grub Adult beetles know that green, control products as long as you well-irrigated lawns have more shrubs. As a vine, they can grow leaves look healthy otherwise. follow the directions for timing tender roots in larger quantities, and dosages and grubs are the than brown, dry and not well-Grubs can turn the lawn brown as all that good care you gave your they eat the roots, but a more sure lawn may have attracted the curway of telling if they are there is rent problem. The female beetles look for them. If it pulls up easilawns so the grubs can have the ly, there are probably white grubs most food. At the same time, a

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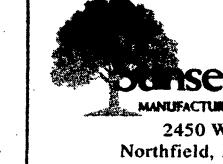
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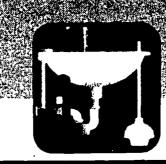
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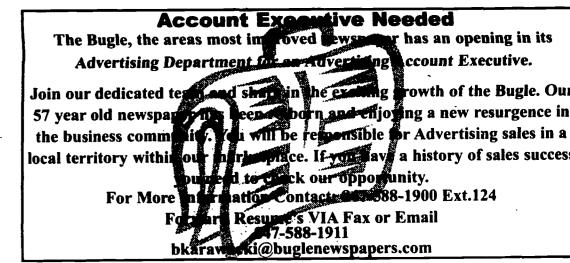
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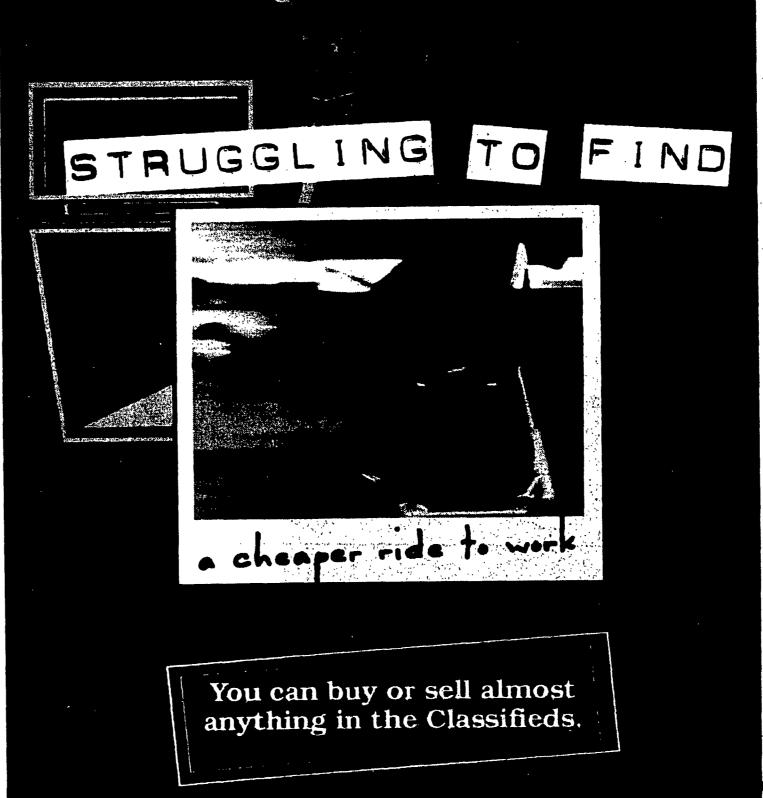
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