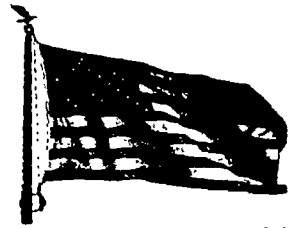


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Two of a kind



Cathy Peters, a resident of Morton Grove holds two Australian Shepherd puppies. They will be trained to act as seizure response dogs. Peters has suffered from seizures since a car accident several years ago and hopes the dogs will help others as her dog has helped her. For more on the story and for helpful advice on your pets, see The Bugle's new, once-a-month pet section, "Pet Stop" on pages 15 and 16.

(Photo by Andrew Schneider)

Morton Grove liquor licenses under scrutiny

Village may update liquor ordinance

BY ANDREW SCHNEIDER
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Morton Grove Mayor Rick Krier confirmed last week that the village was currently conducting an audit of its liquor licenses and its liquor ordinance because of missing information and a complicated two-installment procedure.

In Morton Grove, liquor licenses are granted annually but business owners are given two different certificates that expire every six months.

"It's an annual license," Krier said. "There's no such thing as a bi-annual license."

The problem confronting the village, as Krier saw it, was that licenses were granted to 42 businesses in the village and their applications were incomplete so after becoming mayor this year, Krier put all the licenses on hold.

"As mayor, I'm the liquor commissioner," Krier said. "The ordinance hasn't been re-written in 15 to 20 years. I didn't want anything to go out of this village with my

Story Continues...
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Inter-Track mum on potential Niles OTB

Blase has received seven calls on issue

Inter-Track Partners, LLC, declined to comment on the possibility of locating an off-track betting (OTB) facility in

Niles and, as of Monday, Niles Mayor Nick Blase had received seven phone calls on the proposal for an off-track betting site to be placed in the village, five in favor, two against. Blase said

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New commission would promote community health

Park Ridge 'Community Health Commission' is designed to fight drug abuse

BY ANDREW SCHNEIDER
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Saying that it would help fight drug abuse in Park Ridge, Dr. John Bello, whose son is currently undergoing drug rehab-

ilitation treatment, hopes that the City Council will support the creation of "Community Health Commission," expected to clear the Council's Procedures and Regulations Committee on Aug. 1.

The Commission could consist of somewhere between seven and

nine members including a drug treatment specialist from Lutheran General Hospital, Maine Township High School District 207's new Student Assistance Program (SAP) Coordinators, a High School Coach and two residents among others. Bello said that the

Commission was designed to clean up the community.

"We want to make it a clearer community," Bello said.

Bello became involved fighting

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"We can be a model for other communities.

Frank Wsol
Park Ridge Alderman

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NEWS

Students new to Maine High School District 207 urged to register

If you hate delays and missing out on valuable instruction time, register now for classes at Maine Township High School District 207. Students who have moved into the district over the summer and who have not yet enrolled in school are urged to contact their school

immediately. By starting the registration process now, students can avoid delays caused by the large number of students who wait until the first day of school to register.

Parents may call the director of Student Personnel Services at their respective school to

arrange for an appointment. At Maine East, contact the office of Mr. Vic DiPrizio at (847) 692-8526; at Maine South, Ms. Maryanne Kelly, (847) 692-8214; and at Maine West, Mr. John Rauch, at (847) 803-5757.

In order to register, the student's original birth certificate,

three proofs of residency, and a copy of the student's grades or transcript are required. Entering freshmen and transfer students who do not have a physical on record must also have a physical exam.

Physical forms are available in the Student Personnel

Services offices at the three schools. Other items may be required depending on individual circumstances. The first day of classes for the 2005-2006 school year is Monday, August 22.

Do not wait until then to call for a registration appointment.

Congrats to local graduates

The Bugle congratulates the recent college/university graduates:

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Merril Kottor Joy, BS,
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National Merit Scholarship recipients honored

The Bugle congratulates the following area National Merit Scholarship Program winners for 2005:

Anne H. Borkowski, Niles
Corinne T. Ullrich, Park Ridge.

More than 2,200 additional high school graduates of 2005 have won college-sponsored Merit Scholarship awards. They were chosen from among Finalists in the National Merit Scholarship program who will

attend the sponsor college or university. This release lists the winners who live in this area.

This is the last group of Merit Scholar designees to be announced in 2005 by National Merit Scholarship Corporation (NMSC). In three spring releases, NMSC announced winners of National Merit \$2,500 Scholarships, corporate-sponsored Merit scholarship awards, and the first group of college-sponsored Merit Scholarship awards.

NEWS

Niles Lions Name new officers



The Niles Lions Club has named its new officers for the 2005-2006 year.

The officers are:
President: Phillip Bergquist
Vice-President: Norbert Johnson
Secretary/Treasurer: Dennis

Burns.
Recording Secretary: Ingrid Kubitz
Tail Twister: Glenn Steude
Lion Tamer: Lou Valerio
Director: Randy Groco
Director: David Hoppe

Director: Russell McAndrew
Director: Harry Kinowski
Director: Dr. John Preston
Life Director: Angelo "Ginger" Troiani.
The immediate past president is Norbert Johnson.

Former Kraft site purchased by A American Flooring

American Flooring is currently in the process of renovating the former Kraft plant located at the corner of Caldwell and Howard in Niles and could end up redeveloping their former site just to the north as condominiums.

According to Chuck Ostman, head of Niles' Community Development Department, A American Flooring began moving from its former, 2.5-acre parcel to the 9-acre Kraft site after Kraft closed up shop at the end of last year.

Ostman said that the company is currently renovating the 9000-square foot entryway to act as a

showroom for their products. They make flooring, countertops and other home-building essentials to sell directly to developers.

"It's good for the village too," said Ostman, "because they generate sales tax from that facility."

While A American hasn't put in an application yet, Ostman said that they were exploring the possibility of razing their old site and constructing condos. There are two other parcels in that area south of Oakton on Caldwell that have condos. One also has townhouses. Ostman said those sites were constructed about eight years ago.

New Public Works head on Agenda

The Niles village board planned to discuss a recommendation from the village staff for the vacant position of Niles Public Works Director in a closed session before the regular open meeting.

According to Village Manager Mary Kay Morrissey, 14 applications were received for the position which were reviewed by village staff and Trustees Bob Callero and

Bart Murphy.

If the board approved of the appointment in closed session, the unnamed individual would then have been approved in the subsequent public meeting.

The Public Works Department has been led by Niles Engineer Scott Jochim since the retirement of Teofilio "Jun" Noreiga earlier this year.

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NEWS

Bands of 20, 30 Loitering Teens Irk

Roudy teens leave behind beer bottles, drug paraphernalia and vandalism

BY JEFF BORGARDT
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It's nothing new. During the warm, hot nights of summer teens congregate in Uptown Park Ridge.

Each summer, authorities receive complaints of large groups of teens 'rough housing' along Prospect Avenue and near the library in Uptown Park Ridge.

Business owners worry the youngsters scare off customers while elderly shoppers often complain of inappropriate behavior and foul language.

Deputy police chief Tom Swoboda said groups of young-

sters congregate in Uptown at night.

Sometimes, the groups may contain 20 or even 30 kids.

In such cases, police seek to disperse large groups into smaller packs of roving teens.

"When there are four or five of them, we don't worry. But when we have groups of 10 or more, we try to break it up. Such large groups can be intimidating to shoppers," he said.

The deputy chief also stated that technically a gathering of this size requires a permit.

After police disperse the large groups, smaller gatherings then head to the parks or out of the uptown area.

But it's not just large groups

that are the problem.

The youngsters may also leave litter in their wake.

"We have found empty alcohol bottles and drug paraphernalia in the area," Swoboda said.

There have also been reports of vandalism such as plants pulled out of pots and shapes etched in glass.

Swoboda noted the youth gatherings are an 'annual thing' and seem to occur every summer.

He said there is a Park Ridge teen center available in the area.

Authorities say there is not a specific location the teens frequent, but they tend to hang out on Prospect off Northwest Highway to Summit.

Park Ridge Blood Drive to showcase antique fire trucks

Fire fighters fight fires and save lives, and you can honor them by fighting the summer blood shortage and saving lives by donating blood at the Park Ridge Blood Drive! An antique fire truck will be on display and available for photo opportunities.

The community is invited to give the Gift of Life at the blood drive scheduled from 2-8 p.m. August 1 at the First Presbyterian Church, 1300 W. Crescent Ave., Park Ridge.

"I think that everyone who is able should come forward to do what they can to help others," said George Johnson, blood drive chairperson.

"We are proud to sponsor this blood drive with LifeSource which helps the members of our community.

"We appreciate the cooperation of the Des Plaines Fire Dept. and Chief John Heavy for loaning us the 1953 Seagraves Pumper. It has been driven 13,307 miles, but the engine, which pumps the water at the fires, has the equivalent of 92,435 miles. Park Ridge Firefighters will be staffing the engine from 2 P.M. until 6 P.M. for photo opportunities. Your children, who dream of being fire-fighters, can see what it feels like to be the driver of this beautiful restored piece of equipment," said Johnson.

Because of how valuable everyone's time is, Johnson strongly urges donors to phone 847-803-7943 to set up an appointment so all donors can be processed quickly and efficiently.

TOWN HEALTH: Commission would have a new approach

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the drug problem among youth in Park Ridge and local schools after his own son became addicted to drugs. After several unsuccessful attempts to resolve the problem locally, Bello and his wife decided to send him to a treatment program in Utah. Bello spoke publicly about his son's problem earlier this year and called on local governmental bodies to do more to fight the problem.

The proposed commission is one of the fruits of the labor of Bello and others who support him including Park Ridge Ald. Frank Wsol (7th). The commission would try to combat a drug problem that is moving from Chicago's West Side to the suburbs.

"There are two ways we can fight drugs," Wsol said. "We can increase the cost by enforcement or we can increase the rewards for positive behavior."

Among the rewards that have been proposed are working with the local high schools, for instance, to offer students who participate in voluntary drug testing programs preferential treatment for student parking permits, class registration or even gift cards and scholarships.

"Gangs and drug sellers are moving to the suburbs," Wsol said. "We're not saying that Park Ridge is plagued by drugs, we're asking for our community to create a safe haven."

Wsol said that the commission would not be a duplication of services, since it would take a different angle than other local organizations like the Maine Community Youth Assistance Foundation (MCYAF), which is currently working to promote what it calls its "Social Norms" Campaign.

"We don't think that anyone in the community is focusing on the aspects this commission would," said Wsol. "That makes us unique and different."

A United Front

The personal tragedy of the Bello family sparked the campaign that has culminated in the proposal for a Community Health Commission, but that doesn't mean that John Bello is going to bow out now, even though he no longer has any children in the area's schools.

"I want to keep a high level of involvement," he said. "We want to get the community to realize that this is an issue and if we can make it a little more difficult for kids to get their hands on drugs then it's a good thing."

Bello and Wsol both believe that the commission would help coordinate the services that are currently available to local families.

"We want to open communications to other organizations and make sure that we are moving in a united front," Bello said.

Bello believed that the commission could set up the volunteer drug testing program, bring a non-threatening drug-sniffing dog to the schools, coordinate existing services and set up a dedicated phone number.

"Most of all we want to do it in a non-punitive way as much as possible," Bello said.

A Center By Teens

One of the proposals that both Wsol and Bello have proposed is the creation of a new teen center to serve the community's youth.

Currently, the city of Park Ridge subsidizes a teen center in the basement of the 1st Methodist Church on Touhy just east of Northwest Hwy.

"The current teen center has done a fantastic job with the resources they have" said Wsol. "But we need to do more as far as a functioning and inviting teen center."

At recent meetings, business owners in Park Ridge's Uptown area complained that youths were congregating in the business district and were a nuisance to them and their customers.

Wsol said that he felt the youth of the community need someplace to go and that they should be the one to design it.

"Don't ask me what we should have in a new teen center," Wsol

said. "Ask the teens."

As to the overall cost of a teen center, Wsol said that the community needed to ask itself whether it should be a priority.

"We managed to find the money to build a nice place for our trucks," Wsol said of the Public Works Service Center at Busse Hwy and Greenwood Ave. "And the Public Works Center is very nice. But do we have the same interest in doing something for our kids? I hope so."

All those opposed...

If the Community Health Commission is approved at the Aug. 1 Procedures and Regulations Committee then it would be up for discussion at the Aug. 15 city council meeting. While no one on the city council has openly said they would oppose the creation of this commission, Bello and Wsol both questioned whether the entire council would vote to create it.

"[The Commission] has been received pretty positively," said Bello. "But there may be some

concern that it will affect the image of the community."

Wsol said that no one should oppose the commission because of concerns over the community's image and tarnish the reputation of its schools.

"If it helps just one family," Wsol said, "it's worth it. No one is saying that Park Ridge has drug schools but the city council can and should do more."

If approved, the commission could have a broad impact on not only the residents of Park Ridge but those of other communities as well. Though the commission is designed to fight drug abuse in both adults and adolescents, one of the primary fronts in the fight against drugs would be the community's schools. Those schools serve residents beyond Park Ridge in Niles, Morton Grove, Des Plaines and Chicago among others.

"I think that once we've started and made a positive impact, then we can be a model for other communities," said Wsol. "I think they'll jump on board."

On the Scene

Park Ridge Ald. Jim Radermacher is on hand to represent diabetes patients as Blagojevich allocates funds for stem cell research

Park Ridge 4th Ward Alderman Jim Radermacher represented the American Diabetic Association at a press conference announcing that \$10 million will be provided for stem cell research.

Gov. Rod Blagojevich issued the executive order that directs the money from the state's medical research budget to be used for research using adult, cord blood and embryonic stem cells.

Blagojevich mentioned Alderman Radermacher by name in recognizing those who represent people with illnesses that stem cell research might help. Diabetes is one of the most common diseases in the U.S. today, with millions of Americans affected, and Radermacher has been a volunteer and leader in the American Diabetic Association for a number of years.

Blagojevich's order provides that the \$10 million be given in grants to medical research facilities as part of a new program to be overseen by the Illinois Department of Public Health. This new program, called the Illinois Regenerative Medicine

Institute, is scheduled to be operational by the end of 2005.

Illinois joins New Jersey, California and Connecticut in providing state funding for stem cell research.

The Bush administration has dramatically restricted federal funding for the practice due to concerns about embryonic stem cells.

Blagojevich said he felt it would be immoral not to act because stem cell research is an important avenue through which some diseases could be cured.

"As a person who has dealt with insulin-dependent diabetes for 37 years, I am just one of millions and millions of Americans who is hoping this research will yield cures," Radermacher says. "This is a great victory for people who are paralyzed with spinal cord injuries, plagued by Alzheimer's, living with the effects of Parkinson's disease and others who are in need of the regenerating miracles stem-cells which this research may offer. I'm proud to have been at this historic signing and look forward to significant breakthroughs in improving our citizens' health."

Morton Grove names 'Natural Resources' Commission members

The Morton Grove village board named the members of the new Natural Resources Commission at its July 11 board meeting.

Those named to the commission are: Sherwin Dubren, John Thill, Mary Busch, Sal Oliveri, Bill Simkins, Douglas Steinmann, David Conrad and Mary Ellen Cohen.

Morton Grove Mayor Rick Krier praised each of the individuals for their willingness to contribute to the community.

The Morton Grove village board created a Natural Resources Commission at its meeting Monday June 13. The Commission will, eventually, govern the removal of trees

throughout the village but its first duty will be to refine a tree management ordinance that was tabled by the board at that same meeting.

The Natural Resources Commission is expected to meet each month over the next year. The scope of the commission's responsibilities has yet to be determined, but it could include a review of permits to remove trees from private property.

The new commission could also play a role in the preservation of Cook County Forest Preserve sites within the village. 20 percent of the village is Forest Preserve Property, most of which follows the course of the north branch of the Chicago River.

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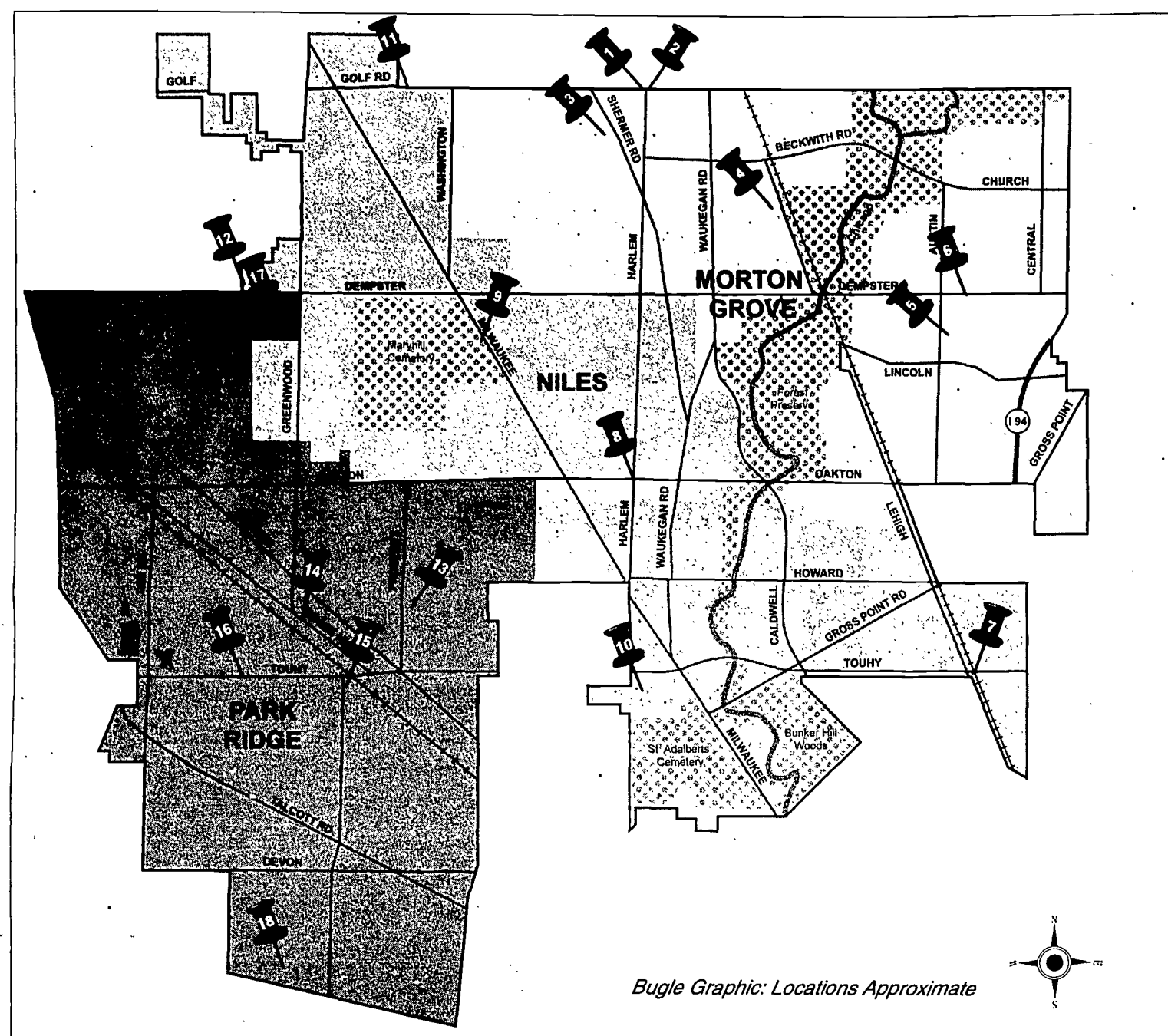
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POLICE BLOTTER



Bugle Graphic: Locations Approximate

MORTON GROVE

The following was derived from the official reports of the Morton Grove Police Department for the week ending Friday, July 22.

- 1 Car Wash Damage (Golf and Harlem Citgo)**
A Chicago woman's car sustained \$350 damage in the Golf and Harlem Citgo car wash July 19. A rear tire-cover attached to the back of the car was damaged in the wash.
- 2 More Car Wash Damage (Golf and Harlem Citgo)**
A motorist, 52, of Skokie drove his 1993 Mazda convertible into the Citgo car wash at 7153 Golf Road July 19. While inside the wash, the brushes pushed down too hard on the convertible top causing it to come loose. This car wash is under investigation by village inspectors as nearly a dozen incidents of car wash damage have been recently reported.
- 3 Yard lights (9300 Oriole)**

Two solar powered yard lights were taken from the front-yard of a residence July 10.

- 4 U-Haul Theft (9000 Waukegan)**
U-Haul reported a rented trailer dropped off recently had been stolen. The Morton Grove U-Haul received a trailer July 10 that had been dropped off on the north-side of Chicago. As they prepared to rent the trailer, they discovered the trailer was reported stolen May 18, 2004 in Florida.
- 5 Car Fire (6300 Capulina)**
The car of a waitress, 20, caught fire July 19. Police observed a thick smoke coming from inside the vehicle. The Fire Department extinguished the car fire. Authorities determined the blaze began on the driver's side passenger seat but further information is unknown.
- 6 Parking Lot Fight (Dunkin Donuts)**
Police arrested two men who fought one another in the park-

ing lot of Dunkin Donuts on the 5800 block of Dempster July 17 at 11:30 a.m. The Skokie men, 43, and 44, of Asian backgrounds, have been rivals since one of them altered a personal check to drain the others bank account of several thousand dollars. In the Dunkin Donuts parking lot, they happened across one another and an argument escalated into a fist fight. Both men were injured and arrested for battery.

NILES

The following was derived from the official reports of the Niles Police Department for the week ending Friday, July 22.

- 7 Retail Theft (5600 Touhy)**
A mom, 34, was cited for retail theft July 17 at Wal-Mart. The mom allegedly put a \$4 tiara on her daughters head and they walked out without paying for the tiara.
- 8 Driver Didn't Pull Over (Oakton and Harlem)**

When an officer activated his lights to pull over a driver July 20 at 11:40 p.m. the driver didn't pull over. The officer followed him for awhile and then the pursuit was terminated by the officers supervisor.

- 9 Truck Driver DUI (8600 Milwaukee)**
A truck driver, 32, of Des Plaines was arrested for driving under the influence in Niles last week. He was driving a red Nissan and pulled over for speeding.

- 10 Fire (Pioneer Park)**
A small fire was put out by a handheld fire extinguisher in the field house of Pioneer Park on the 7100 block of Harlem July 17. The fire broke out in two park district display cases. No permanent damage was reported.

- 11 Dog Fight (8200 Golf)**
Two dogs fought in the parking lot outside of a pet store July 14 at 4:45 p.m. The dogs, Max and

Goldberg, bit each other in the fight. It began when Max the boxer escaped a vehicle when his owner's daughter opened the car door. Max charged and attacked Goldberg, owned by a woman, 27, of Des Plaines. The fight occurred in front of the PetSmart store. The same dog was discovered to have bitten a person in Wisconsin July 10. He was brought to the police station for a rabies test.

- 12 Nurse had no license (Dempster and Western)**
A male nurse, 49, of Hammond, Ind. was pulled over July 11 and arrested for speeding and driving on a suspended license.

PARK RIDGE

The following was derived from the official reports of the Park Ridge Police Department for the week ending Monday, July 25.

- 13 Robbery (600 N. Prospect)**
Multiple offenders approached a victim from behind July 17 at 8:10 p.m. and struck the victim. They removed \$22 from the wallet and ran away.
- 14 Wallet Grabbed (400 Busse)**
Someone was standing in line waiting to pay a cashier and holding a wallet. Someone else in line grabbed the wallet and ran off July 18.

- 15 Car Taken (900 Garden)**
A locked Mercury was stolen July 15. Broken glass was found near where the car was parked.

- 16 Don't Move (1400 Touhy)**
A 'for sale' sign was removed from a front lawn last week in front of a multi-unit building.

- 17 Unlawful use of a weapon (1300 Carol)**
A 32-year old was arrested for unlawful use of a weapon last week.

- 18 Burglary (1800 Brophy)**
Someone forced open the rear-door of a residence July 10 and stole an Acura SUV. The keys were inside the home.

All information printed in the 'Police Blotter' is obtained from written reports of the respective police departments. Publication in the Police Blotter does not presume guilt or innocence.

NEWS

News from the Police Reports

Two cases of indecency in one week

BY JEFF BORGARDT
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Two separate indecent exposure incidents occurred last week; one in Niles and another in Morton Grove.

In the first case, a man exposed himself to two juvenile girls and masturbated while sitting in his car.

This occurred July 17 at 3:30 p.m. at 5801 Dempster in Morton Grove.

According to a police media release, "One of the girls first observed the offender in his car which was parked in the east out lot at 5945 Dempster, Osco Drug. After they walked past the vehicle, the car exited the lot and drove to the Marathon service station at 5801 Dempster. As they walked past the gas station parking lot, they again observed

the offender masturbating in his vehicle."

The offender is believed to be a long-haired Hispanic man who possibly wears a pony tail.

He had a beard or goatee and was driving a beater 1990's copper or rust colored Mitsubishi Eclipse, or similar vehicle.

Morton Grove police request anyone with information to call them.

In another case, a woman, 20, of Skokie reported indecent exposure to Niles police.

The woman was driving on the 7300 block of Milwaukee July 21 when a man in a t-shirt and blue pants drove up beside her in a green 1998 Honda.

The offender saw the girl, smiled and blew her a kiss.

He continued to drive beside her.

Then, he pulled down his pants and masturbated as he glared at her.

Park Ridge Chief Caudill's Garage Sale Plan Rebuffed

BY JEFF BORGARDT
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Park Ridge Police Chief Jeff Caudill's garage sale permit plan was detained and sent to committee by the City Council at the July 18 meeting.

Caudill asked the city council to change garage sale rules but the council feared the change would lead to 'chronic garage sales' clogging residential streets every weekend.

Currently, residents hosting a garage sale must obtain a free permit; 996 permits were issued last year.

Residents are allowed a maximum of three sales per year.

Caudill asked the city council to eliminate the permits.

"It's a matter of cutting red tape.

Right now, we have 1,000 people coming into the police station to fill out this paperwork," the chief said. "It's a drain on our resources."

But the council decided not to eliminate the permits.

Third ward Alderman Andrea Bateman said there have been garage sale problems in the past.

She said before the maximum of three sales per year restrictions were put in place, several residents of her ward hosted garage sales every weekend irking neighbors.

"The third ward was a hot bed of garage sales and it caused major problems," she said. "It was like weekend stores were open for business."

Without the garage sale paperwork, the city would have no means of tracking garage sales.

Niles Officer Robert Tornabene receives national service honor

Niles Police Officer Robert Tornabene will receive the 2005 "Thrasher Award" from the National Gang Crime Research Center on August 10.

The award honors individuals for superior service accomplishments and leadership in the fight to make our society safer from the threat posed by violent criminal

gangs. Tornabene started a gang awareness program that informs parents and children of the dangers of gangs and their methods.

The award will be presented at the Chicago Westin Hotel at 910 N. Michigan Ave., Chicago by Dr. George W. Knox, executive director of the National Gang Crime Research Center.

Niles Police Chief Dean Strzelecki congratulated Tornabene on a job well done.

"We're very fortunate and honored to have Bob Tornabene in our employ," said Strzelecki. "He's a valuable asset for his knowledge in this area. This award is well-deserved recognition for his dedication and service to the community and to law enforcement."

Niles plans National Night Out Aug. 2

The Niles National Night Out Against Crime and Drugs is set for Tuesday, August 2 at Notre Dame High School, 7655 Dempster from 7 p.m. to 10 p.m.

This event, in its 22nd year and is held worldwide with over 34 million people participating last year's event. The National Night Out is designed to heighten crime and drug prevention awareness, generate support for and participating in local anti-crime programs, strengthen

neighborhood spirit and police community partnerships as well as sending a message to criminals to know that their neighborhoods are organized and fighting back.

This year's National Night Out event will be packed full of fun and games as well as demonstrations by the Niles Community Emergency Response Team (CERT), Niles Police Department K-9 Unit, a live Disc Jockey playing music, Bingo, DUI demonstration cul-

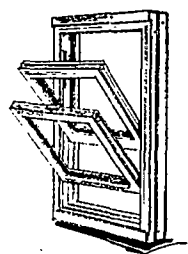
minated at 8:45 p.m. with a flash light walk through the neighborhood.

Simultaneously there will be a teen "glo light" dance from 8:45 p.m. until 10 p.m.

The Niles National Night Out Committee is looking for volunteers, donations and financial support to make this event better than last year's.

For more information, contact Officer Ronald Brandt or Officer Robert Tornabene at (847) 588-6500.

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Park Ridge/Niles 'Relay for Life' set for Aug. 5-6

The Park Ridge/Niles Relay for Life will be held next week from Aug. 5-6 at Maine East High School.

The event is community based and is designed to honor loved ones, celebrate cancer survivors and raise money for the American Cancer Society. It offers everyone

in the community an opportunity to participate in the fight against cancer.

The event's committee would like to invite all community members to put together a team and camp out at Maine East High School taking turns to walk the track. Relays are overnight fami-

ly/friend events. While the relay is in progress, team members will enjoy entertainment, food, games and camaraderie.

There are a number of ways to participate in the event including starting a team of 8-15 people to walk the track. Each team is supposed to fundraise \$1,000.

Corporate sponsorships can be obtained, event volunteers are needed, invite a survivor to the relay or purchase a \$10 luminaria bag to be displayed in honor of a survivor at the event.

For more information, contact Elizabeth Vchlow at (847) 358-9218.

COMMENTARY

Another View



Letters to the Editor

Stem Cell research will ease suffering of many

The announcement this week by Governor Blagojevich and Comptroller Hynes that the state of Illinois will fund stem cell research gave us hope. Great advances in stem cell research are right around the corner, and now Illinois will be at the forefront in developing therapies and cures for debilitating disease.

Though stem cell research is a

relatively new field, this exploration has shown great promise for curing debilitating diseases, such as cancer, diabetes, ALS, Parkinson's, spinal cord injury, and heart disease, that affect millions of people. As Illinois puts real money into this research, the sky is the limit for how we can improve the lives of those who are suffering.

Stem cell research is legal and it is already going on in Illinois hospitals and universities. The Governor's Executive Order ensures that research funded by the state is conducted ethically. With public funding comes proper oversight.

The action by the Governor and Comptroller allows those who are suffering to remain hopeful that

stem cell research will yield a therapy or a cure. Our dreams have been delayed for long enough, thank you to all those who made this possible.

James Radermacher
American Diabetes Association,
Illinois Advocate Leader
Park Ridge Alderman

Morton Grove resident against Niles OTB

Dear Editor,

Just when we thought we were rid of OTB's in our area, these persistent unsavory peddlers have found a sucker in our neighboring village of Niles.

Never mind that the projected profits for these establishments are way overstated, or that our youth will be corrupted, or it will attract all kinds of undesirables, it means more money in the till.

It's not that Niles is desperate for the income, so Mayor Nick Blase's attraction to this kind of establishment is hard to comprehend. Sure the place will be dressed up and made to look respectable, but underlying all that is a place to encourage a nasty habit, which can lead to more serious problems like crime.

The people of Niles and the surrounding area should stand up to

Norway, My Way

Kathryn Sjurseth
Columnist



Oscar Meyer or Martyr

It's a great thing when the desire to burn things and the desire for picnics meet. Fortunately, for me, in Norway such a thing is not only possible, but celebrated once a year in late June. The legend goes that a few days after the solstice the ancients

noticed that there was no longer sun for all hours of the day and realized "Crud! We're going back to lousy winter weather!" Under the stress of having to live for five months out of the year in freezing temperatures and darkness, they panicked and tossed a Christian martyr onto the bonfire in order to appease the gods.

The day is known now as St. Hans Day, probably after one of those martyrs, and is still celebrated.

Fortunately, St. Olaf converted the majority of Norwegians to Christianity and Martin Luther further pounded it in so they now sacrifice hotdogs rather than people. It was too fun to give up entirely so every year on the longest day, Norwegians loose their pagan instincts and build enormous bonfires out on the beach.

Last year, we celebrated in a way that probably would have amused our ancestors if not appalled them. My husband, Knut, and I were in charge of finding a suitable sacrifice. Since we're far too law abiding to find a human subject, we built one out of old branches, newspaper, and a disgusting old sheet Knut had kicking around. I made a paper mache head which Knut attached to the dry branch body. We dressed it in the sheet and I used a few strips of cloth to make a wig. Since most St.

Hans witches are two boards nailed together with a paper plate face and a rival team's soccer jersey, our friends were pretty impressed. The hardest part was cramming her into our little Volvo and driving to the beach.

After fifteen minutes of having dry branches poking me in the face we got to the shore of the North Sea. The lads had built a six foot tall bonfire using boards from a renovation at Simen's house. I'm not sure what response the gods would have to the strips of 1970s orange paisley wallpaper still stuck to the lumber. It's hard to imagine the smoke of garish wallpaper floating up into the sky and being used to decorate the walls of Valhalla.

Maybe Norse gods favor kitsch. After all, Scandinavia is the native land of Ikea.

Once we had burned the witch and the horrible wallpaper we retired for hotdogs and potato salad. I had assumed that we would roast the dogs using the same fire on which we burned the witch, but apparently that's a little tasteless.

Despite our best efforts the winter came back and the darkness set in again. Maybe next year if we only build a better witch or make a bigger bonfire the gods will take pity on us and save us from the dark weather.

Wish us luck!

predators away.

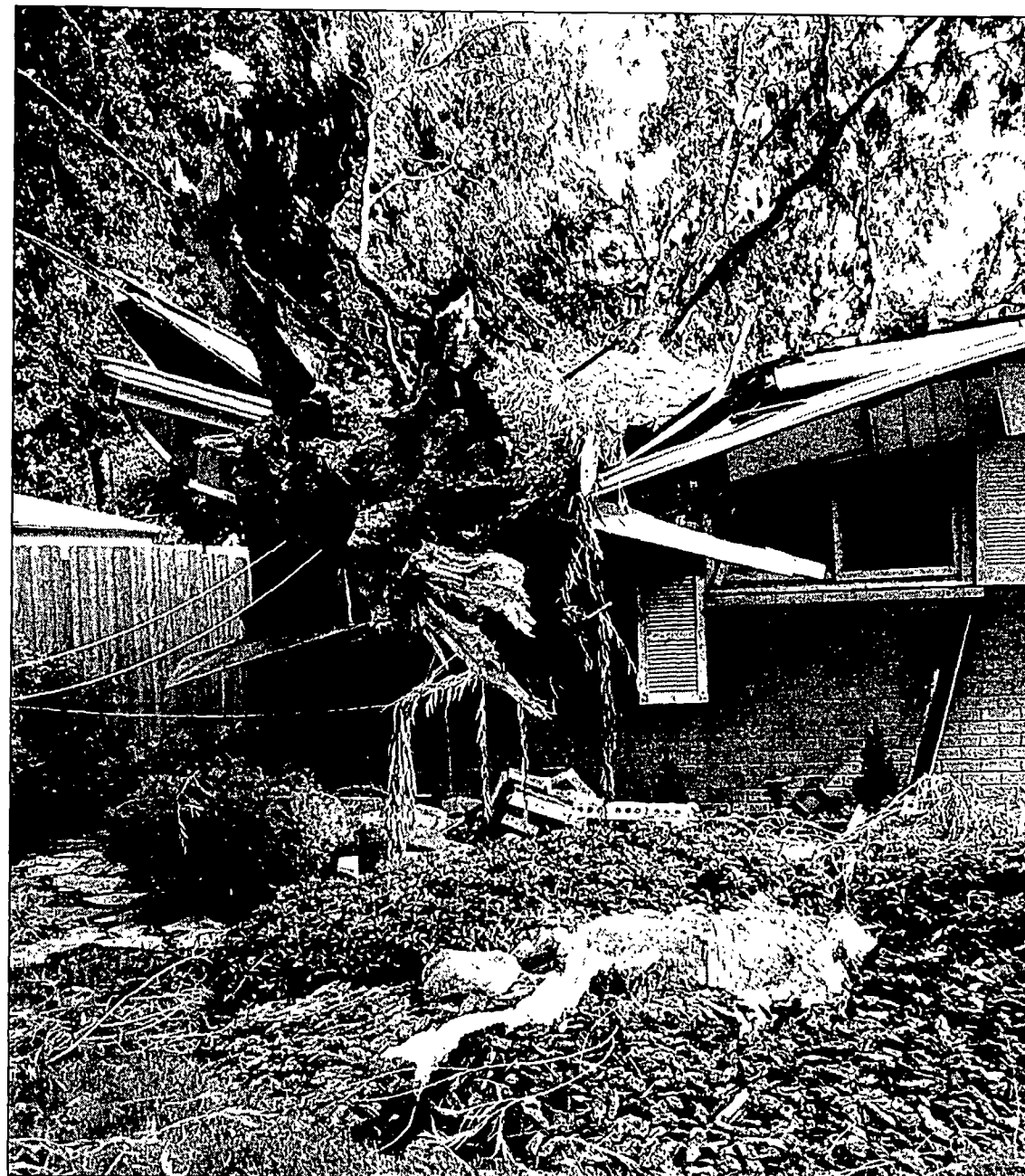
Lets hope Niles does the same.

Sherwin Dubren, Morton Grove

this latest invasion of our neighborhood, and let the gamblers know they are not welcome here. Although Morton Grove can surely use additional income, it had the courage and fortitude to turn these

Tree falls on Morton Grove garage

10 trees destroyed in Niles, power was still out in some areas Tuesday following storm



A tree fell on the garage of a home in the 8300 block of Oketo Monday night. The storm also caused power outages to many residents.

Neuendorf named Morton Grove Economic Development Director

The Morton Grove village board named William Neuendorf its new Community and Economic Development director Monday night.

Neuendorf is currently working as a consultant, serving clients such as the city of Chicago and the village of Oak Park. He specialized in revitalization work in small business and tax increment financing (TIF) districts.

Neuendorf said he was looking forward to working in Morton Grove.

"I'm sincerely excited about the future of economic develop-

ment in Morton Grove," he said. "In this village, the roots are very deep and stable. Prospects are bright."

Neuendorf fills a position left vacant since Tim Angell, former Community and Economic Development Director left for the city of Des Plaines in January. Morton Grove Mayor Rick Krier said that he was pleased to have Neuendorf on board.

"Based on recruitment, which brought over 20 letters of interest and resumes, William Neuendorf was found to be the best candidate for the position," Krier said

at the meeting.

Neuendorf holds a Bachelor of Science Degree in Civil Engineering from Marquette University in Wisconsin and a Masters Degree in Urban Planning and Policy from the University of Illinois at Chicago.

As the Community and Economic Development Director, Mr. Neuendorf's primary focus will be on business retention, attraction and commercial area revitalization within the village. He will also assist the village board in promoting affordable housing and long range planning activities.

A tree in the backyard of a home in the 8300 block of Oketo, Morton Grove was snapped off at its base Monday night, falling onto the home's garage and crushing its roof.

The residents were philosophical this week, but hoped that the garage would not be a total loss in spite of cracks in the walls.

A strong storm passed through the area of Niles and Morton Grove west of Harlem and downed trees throughout the area. Power was still out in Niles between Milwaukee and Harlem and Oakton and Dempster Tuesday morning. In total, about 14,000 Chicago-metro Commonwealth Edison customers were without power. The signal was out at the intersection of Milwaukee and Oakton in Niles. Police were directing traffic.

Crews from Niles Public Services had also been working since 9 p.m. Monday clearing debris.

"All available men are driving down streets and picking up

debris," Scott Jochim, acting Public Works director said Tuesday. "We hope to be done by tomorrow."

Several homes were damaged slightly, according to Jochim. On Carol Ct. a tall pine tree was uprooted and fell onto the hood of a car.

In Park Ridge, damage was less severe. Tree limbs were downed throughout the city and crews were collecting debris Tuesday.

Overall, the storm was little relief to the area's drought. The storm averaged only about a half inch of rainfall. Fortunately, not enough to overwhelm most sewer systems, though some flooding was reported. The region's rainfall is still well below established patterns and may prompt the federal government to declare a "disaster" and help subsidize Illinois farmers.

Residents are reminded to keep close watch on their trees, as they continue to suffer in the drought. Some trees were destroyed during this storm because of brittle root systems.



This tree was downed at the intersection of Oketo and Monroe in Niles during a storm Monday night.

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Planning for retirement program planned at Abington of Glenview

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and loving care to enable our residents make the transition into a skilled nursing facility as smooth and pleasant as possible. We provide 24 hour care to meet the individual needs of each person. We are celebrating our 15th year of service to the community; stop by to see our newly remodeled Lobby and Dining Room. Tours are available everyday!

Maine Township Hosts First Annual Peanut Butter & Jelly Golf Tournney

Supervisor Bob Dudycz is known as a creative person so no wonder he came up with the idea for a Peanut Butter & Jelly Golf Tournament. The charity effort benefiting the Township's Emergency Food Pantry will be held from 5:30-7:30 p.m. on Monday, August 8 at Mountain View Adventure Golf, 510 E. Algonquin Rd., Des Plaines.

The public is invited to participate along with elected state and local officials, township staff, and township vendors. Admission is three jars of peanut butter and three jars of jelly. Financial contributions will also

be accepted.

The event includes refreshments, prizes, and entertainment.

Sponsors are sought for individual holes and the hole-in-one contest. Interested parties should contact Dick Barton at 847-698-5069 for details.

Mountain View Adventure Golf is an 18-hole miniature golf course designed with a mining theme complete with creeks, bridges, waterfalls, and rock formations.

Carol Langan, the Township's Food Pantry Coordinator, says any contributions of non-perishable food and money are always

appreciated. The most pressing needs are for peanut butter, jelly, spaghetti sauce, canned fruit, chunky soaps, and large cans or plastic bottles of juice especially apple, orange and grape flavors. The Pantry is open for needy residents on Tuesday and Friday from 1-4:30 p.m.

Donations may also be brought to Maine Town Hall, 1700 Ballard Rd., Park Ridge on Monday-Friday between 9 am and 5 pm.

For questions or assistance with large deliveries, contact Langan at 847/297-2510.

PR Parks hold 'County Farm Fair' Sunday, July 30

Country Farm Fair - Enjoy a day on the farm right here in Park Ridge from 1:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m., Saturday, July 30 at Maine Park, 529 Forestview, Park Ridge, IL.

The Park Ridge Recreation

and Park District will have \$3 pony rides, a petting zoo with 20 animals, snow cones, and hot dogs. On the farm you can also find the needle in the haystack enjoy a hayride for 50 cents, milk a cow and more.

Events include 2:00 p.m. Pic Eating Contest
2:30 p.m. Potato Sack Races,
3:00 p.m. Tug-of-War, 3:30 p.m. Seed Spitting Contest
Liberty Bank sponsored the event in part.

Park Ridge Resident Named Director at Resurrection

Park Ridge resident Betsy Pankau, R.N., M.S., has been appointed Director, Performance Improvement/Utilization Review at Our Lady of the Resurrection Medical Center, Chicago.

In this position, Pankau plans, directs and analyzes all hospital-wide quality improvement activities to assure that the quality, appropriateness and efficiency of patient care is consistent with institutional, professional, external agencies and accreditation

standards. She also ensures the implementation of performance improvement activities, the operational process of the medical staff peer review activities.

With more than 20 years of nursing and administrative experience, Pankau most recently served as Director of Nursing, responsible for Maternal Child, Substance Abuse and Surgical Services at Holy Family Medical Center, Des Plaines, where she also served as Director of

Inpatient Nursing. She also has served as Clinical Director/Chief Nurse at Rainbow Hospice and Program Director, Geriatric and Rehabilitation Services at Saint Joseph Hospital, Chicago.

Pankau's areas of expertise include extensive nursing operations and leadership as well as knowledge of Illinois Department of Public Health, Omnibus Reconciliation Act of 1987 (OBRA) and Joint Commission on Accreditation of Healthcare

Organizations' standards for acute, skilled nursing, rehabilitation, hospice and home care. Her additional expertise includes achieving measurable improvements in quality outcomes and financial performance, collaborative physician relationships and excellent customer relations. Pankau earned a Master's of Science degree in Management and a Bachelor's of Science degree in Health Care Leadership from National-Louis University,

Joliet. She is a Licensed Nursing Home Administrator and Registered Professional Nurse, having graduated from the Ravenswood Hospital School of Nursing, Chicago.

Pankau has given numerous professional presentations, including those for Resurrection Health Care, the Illinois State Hospice Organization and the American Medical Directors' Association.

Edward Jones named No. 1 full-service broker

The financial-services firm Edward Jones was named No. 1 full-service broker in the August edition of SmartMoney magazine, according to Roland Keller, the Romeoville investment representative.

The firm placed ahead of seven other firms and received the highest possible ranking in all four categories surveyed by the magazine: stock-picking, customer satisfaction, trust survey and customer statements.

"Thousands of one-man offices welcome accounts of all sizes and win high marks for customer satisfaction," the magazine said. "Conservative stock picking helped during the downturn."

"I'm honored by this latest ranking from SmartMoney magazine," said Keller. "We are committed to a long-term investment philosophy that emphasizes quality and diversification and believe that relationships with our clients are key. We meet face to face with our clients to build strong relationships."

This year, SmartMoney gave brokerage clients a greater voice by adding the results of a customer-satisfaction survey from J.D. Power and Associates and a trust survey from Forrester Research.

Edward Jones ranked first in J.D. Power and Associates' annual survey of customer satisfaction among full-service investors. The ranking, released as the 2005 Full-service Investor Satisfaction Study, placed Edward Jones ahead of 19 other firms.

For the second consecutive year, Edward Jones was among the best advocates for its customers, according to a research study of U.S. financial-services firms conducted by Forrester Research, an independent research company.

Edward Jones earned an "excellent" designation for its comprehensive, yet easy to read and understand client financial statements, according to a recent evaluation of customer statements by the Dalbar 2004 Trends and Best Practices in Brokers Statements.

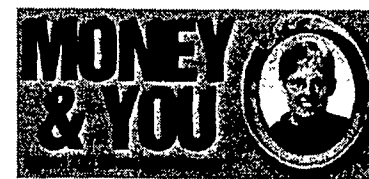
Edward Jones is one of the only major financial-services firms giving advice to individual investors exclusively and currently serves more than 6 million clients. The firm offers its clients a variety of investments, including certificates of deposit, taxable and non-taxable bonds, stocks and mutual funds.

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

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BUSINESS

Free Meal Does Make Investment Safe



Does this make any sense to you?

An elderly couple buy an annuity that 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-

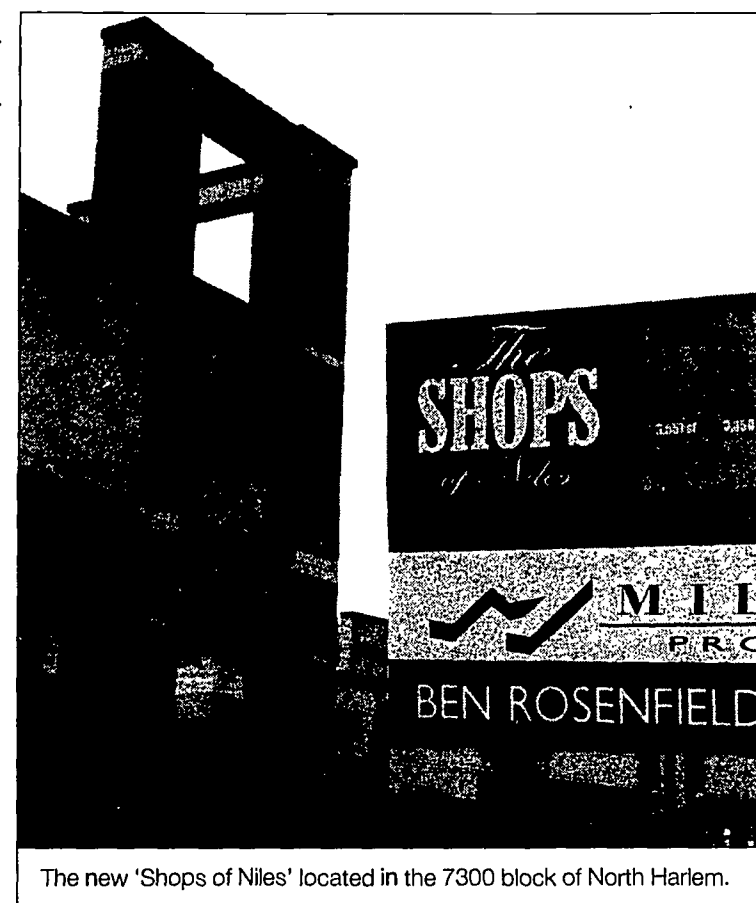
free investment that starts with an upfront 7 percent rate of return? With that sort of marketing appeal, he may run out of chairs even though his motivation is still to push the annuities.

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 disclosed.

It's not just senior citizens who are being misled. **Story Continues...** see **INVESTMENT** next page.

A 'Premium' Shopping Experience

New 'Shops of Niles' now open, up to seven stores yet to come



One of Niles newest development, the "Shops of Niles" is moving towards completion. Three leases are

"We're working to make it a premium shopping center."

Joseph Marcheschi
'Shops of Niles'
Developer

signed for the storefronts on Harlem Ave. just north of Touhy and according to developer Joseph Marcheschi, two more are in negotiations.

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The new 'Shops of Niles' located in the 7300 block of North Harlem.

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BUSINESS

Economic Development in Park Ridge;

Lutheran General the Bulwark of Local Economy

This article is the first in a three part series analyzing economic development in Niles, Morton Grove and Park Ridge.

BY JEFF BORGARDT
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With a large base of residential property, a developing uptown commercial area and no industrial operations, economic development in Park Ridge faces unique challenges.

The 7.1 square miles city is 48 percent residential, 5 percent commercial, 24 percent parks and open space and 23 percent transportation and utilities.

The largest employer in Park Ridge is Lutheran General Hospital, 1775 Dempster.

In February, the 609-bed hospital held a ground-breaking on a new \$44.5 million cancer center.

Lutheran General, which opened in 1959, now has 4,100 employees.

This makes it far and away the largest employer in Park Ridge and neighboring communities.

Mayor Howard Frimark said the hospital is a boon to the community.

"It brings a lot of people to Park Ridge. Hopefully, they shop in Park Ridge and may even decide to live here since we are close to the hospital."

The George S. May business-consulting company at 303 Northwest Hwy. is another top Park Ridge employer, along with the Xerox Company. The Million-Dollar Roundtable and a couple of medical associations also employ contingents of workers. The schools and city hall round out the list of top employers in Park Ridge.

First settled in the 1830's and known as Pennyville or Brickton, the city was founded as Park Ridge July 4, 1873 and incorporated in 1910.

Park Ridge now has a population of 37,775; 95 percent are white and 3 percent are Asian.

With an average household income of \$99,066, Park Ridge is one of the most affluent municipalities in Chicagoland.

Village manager Tim Schuenke said rising housing prices have been a staple of Park Ridge.

"Housing prices have been steadily increasing," Schuenke said. "This is a good thing. It's adding value to our housing base." The median single family home in Park Ridge is worth \$380,000. Park Ridge has 14,365 households. 77 percent of Park Ridge housing is single family homes while 23 percent are multi-family condo and townhomes. 85 percent of Park Ridge housing is owner-occupied.

The lack of industrial business in Park Ridge means homeowners and commercial businesses foot the bill for public expenses.

Frimark said his economic development goals are to expand retail and retain the current base.

He said the Higgins Corridor at Higgins from Canfield to Dee is ripe for more business ventures. "We have a few vacancies

there," he said, adding that this area would be good for a few restaurants or associations.

He also said Dee Park and the Crossroads at Northwest Hwy and Oakton could use some development attention.

Frimark said economic development should include an aggressive public relations campaign to recruit more new businesses and promote the existing businesses.

These efforts could include sending businesses Park Ridge information and attending conventions such as the annual shopping mall convention in Las Vegas.

New director of economic development Kim Uhlig said she is creating a database to help better access property information.

This will detail specific property information to help locate vacant properties and assist possible developers or sellers.

"If there is someone looking to sell their property or come to Park Ridge, this database will tell us everything we need to know about the property," she said.

She also plans on establishing a

business retention development program in partnership with ComEd.

This program is intended to find out the needs of local businesses and "help assist them to grow their business and utilize resources."

Snow removal, exploitation of financial opportunities for expansion, developing business plans and marketing are some of the areas where the city can help businesses, Uhlig said.

In addition, "workforce development" is another area the program may address. This term refers to helping businesses find employees and working with the schools to ensure that the workforce is educated to help businesses.

In order to get more detailed information, an intern has been hired to go door-to-door to formulate data on the 1,057 businesses in Park Ridge.

Given uptown development, Uhlig said there is a "huge opportunity for additional retail."

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INVESTMENT: Protest yourself...

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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 financial books.

If 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 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 pre-

dict what returns an investment will generate in the future.

Once the seminar is over, remain resolute. That's because you will inevitably receive a follow-up phone call from the guy who paid for the doughnuts or the spaghetti. He's probably going to ask to meet you for a complimentary follow-up session where your financial situation will be explored. This time, don't bite.

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SHOPS:

Merle Norman open in center

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"We're working to make it a premium shopping center," Marcheschi said. "We've done a good job with the development and we want our tenants to complement the premium image of the center."

Currently, Merle Norman Cosmetics/Remembered Image Salon has opened in the Shops of Niles using state of the art technol-

ogy. Lak Forest Kitchen and Bat, a company specializing in cabinetry and fixtures and a company called "Old Chicago," formerly the Niles Cigarette Depot have also moved in.

"But anyone who frequented the Cigarette Depot won't recognize it," Marcheschi said. "The interior of the store is being completely redone. We told them they needed to equal a premium image."

The development has a total of 18,000 square feet in 10 storefronts ranging from 1340 to 8300 square feet. It has 72 parking spots and is located from 7313 to 7337 Harlem. Ground was broken in September of 2004 and was completed for occupancy last month.

NEWS

New Websites for New Times

Park Ridge, Morton Grove and Niles Revamping websites for increased public access

BY JEFF BORGARDT
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As more and more local businesses move online, local governments are responding in kind and catapulting their websites into the 21st century.

Park Ridge launched a new site Friday, Niles revamped their site in May and Morton Grove is currently working to redesign their website.

The site parkridge.us was redesigned by Americaneagle.com of Park Ridge. The 85-employee company is based in the Bank One building at 1 S. Northwest Hwy.

They have designed approximately 2,500 sites since 1993 including sites for the Chicago Blackhawks, Portillos, Fannie Mae, the CTA, New York Giants and the City of Elmhurst.

American Eagle spokeswoman Jacqueline Methling said the company began working on the new Park Ridge site four months ago. She said city administrators have been given the capacity to upload information relating to their departments.

When adding new articles, city staffers can designate an expiration date that will automatically eliminate the article on that date or send the page to an archive.

According to one of the owners of Americaneagle.com Michael Svanascini, "It has been a pleasure working with the City of Park Ridge on this project. There was a definite sense of pride within our company while we have been working on the redesign due to the fact that Park Ridge is such a great community."

The new site does not allow residents to order permits online.

Public Information Officer Mary Ann Irvine said the new site is "fabulous."

It is better looking and easier to use than before, she said.

The previous site had been built ten years ago. During that time, it had components added on in an ad hoc manner. It was time to bring in some professionals to revamp the site, Irvine said.

The site cost \$9,995. Funds were allocated in the 2004-05 budget and parkridge.us will be updated

every Friday with agendas for the next weeks' public meetings.

Minute meetings will also be added to the site.

She was asked if the agendas will include links for each item that provides details about each item.

For example, if an agenda declares the city council will be considering a zoning variance, the web agenda could also include a link to a document that describes all the details of that variance.

"Right now, I'm the only one updating the site. Maybe once I get more people trained we can do that," she said, adding that such a move is "on her mind."

The site is red, green and tannish grey.

The red represents bricks commonly found in Park Ridge, the green symbolizes the parks of Park Ridge and the tannish grey color was selected to honor limestone.

The new site also has email addresses for aldermen, a comment form and more links.

It also includes a current events calendar and a news section composed by public officials. Currently, this section details road closures due to construction and other press releases.

Niles

The Niles site vniles.com was revamped in mid-May.

Niles Assistant Village Manager Steve Vinezeano said the site does not publish agendas for village meetings.

He agreed that the site could be an opportunity to provide more transparency in government by putting a wealth of documents online pertaining to matters of public controversy.

The village does not accept permit applications online because this would require a support infrastructure not currently in place.

"We hope to add that in the future," Vinezeano said.

The Niles site features flashy graphics atop the home page that gracefully shift from one image to another. The site also features a striking map of Niles where the village boundaries jump out in red on a regional sized map.

Programmer Steve Cusick said

"I think they're going to move fast," Blase said. "Once they have an agreement on rent then we'd be able to bring the proposal to the board."

Blase said last week that he had been in talks with Inter-Track, a company that operates several OTBs in the state of Illinois. Inter-Track also attempted to put an OTB in neighboring Morton Grove.

The new Park Ridge website, www.parkridge.us.

Niles had a website just after the birth of the internet in 1992.

"We had a site before the .gov domain even existed," Cusick said.

The new Niles site changed the color and shape of the site in May. It took Cusick and MIS Director Bill Shaw two months of work to revamp the site. They also hired consultant Rebecca Henderson. All told, it cost about \$5,000.

The new site features a graphic-intensive news page and a navigation structure that allows visitors to travel from page to page easier, no matter what page a user is on.

While the OTB generated some fierce opposition, the reason it was reported to have failed was disagreement between Inter-Track and Menards, which would have developed a site at the intersection of Oakton and Lehigh.

Bob Bilocerowicz, president of Inter-Track Partners declined to comment on any potential Niles of northwest suburban OTB site until there was an agreement of a

Cusick said the most popular page viewed is the one listing job vacancies.

The program Absolute News Manager was tweaked and allows about 25 people in Village Hall to modify or add to the site anytime. The site also has a new search tool.

Cusick said the most important thing about a good website is to keep it up-to-date.

Morton Grove

Morton Grove is currently revamping their site too.

Blase said last week that, after Morton Grove turned down Inter-Track they approached Niles.

He also identified two potential sites for a Niles OTB, one at the vacant Circuit City in Golf Mill Mall and another at Village Crossing, near the intersection of Touhy and Lehigh, not far from the original proposed Morton Grove OTB site.

They have contracted with CherryOne of Chicago for \$6,500. They plan to launch the revamped site in the fall that will feature fresh new graphics and better navigation.

Village Administrator Ralph Czerwinski said the site provides valuable information to residents 24-hours a day.

"It's always glowing with information," he said.

The site features meeting minutes and agendas for board meetings.

It also has municipal codes, a zoning map and a warrant register.

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NEWS

Culver School teachers union in 'final stage' of contract bargaining

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While the teacher contract has expired and no formal talks are currently scheduled, the Culver School union chief says the teachers and administration are simply ironing out the final details before approving a new contract.

When asked if teachers would return to class without a contract, she stated that she is hoping to get everything settled and a work stoppage when school resumes August 22 is not being considered.

The four-year teachers contract expired June 30.

Niles Council of Teachers Co-President Kathy Richards says the union is "in the final stages of bargaining."

The union represents approximately 50 Culver teachers.

The executive board of the council is negotiating with the bargaining team of the Niles School District 71 School Board.

Richards declined to provide specifics on sticking points in the

talks saying both sides have agreed not to disclose details as talks continue.

Richards said talks began in February and have continued informally on and off.

"We are in contact. I have spoken with them as early as this morning," she said on July 25.

Richards said teachers are set to return to the job Aug. 22 and the contract talks are simply about reaching agreement on "the final details."

She declined to provide information about the past deal saying it's a "standard agreement."

Richards is a first-grade teacher. The other co-president of the teachers union is fifth-grade teacher Sarah Santana.

Clarence E. Culver School, 6901 W. Oakton, is a K-8 school with more than 550 students and the lone school in Dist. 71.

Dist. 71 Supt. Eugene Zalewski declined to discuss the talks.

"I understand that you have spoken with Kathy Richards and I'm not going to say anything more than she has," Zalewski told The Bugle. "I can't talk about the talks."

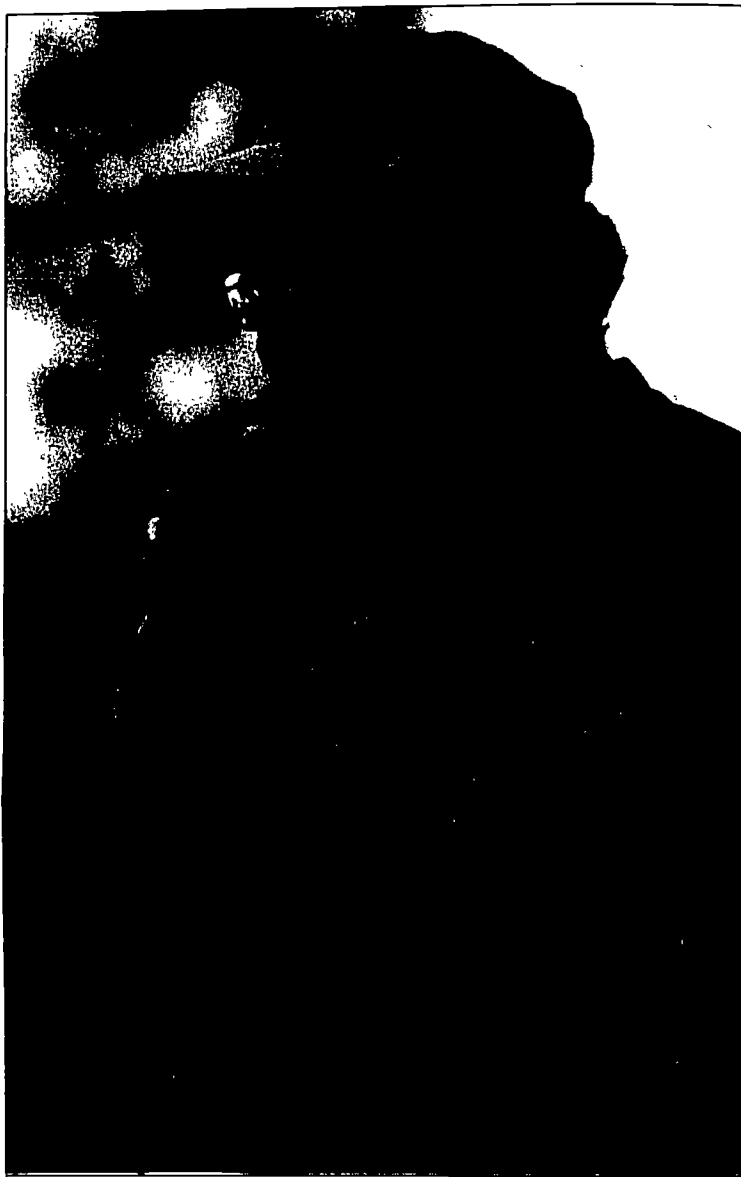
He said no discussions are scheduled and he is going out of town until Aug. 8.

Zalewski, 66, has been superintendent for 24 years.

At the July 19 School Board meeting, the board discussed the procedure for finding his replacement. They agreed to consider proposals from search firm companies. The proposals are coming in and the next step is for the board to examine the firms and then select one to help them find a new replacement. Zalewski is set to step down in less than a year on June 30, 2006.

His retirement has been known for some time, he said. When his contract was approved last year it was known he'd be retiring, Zalewski said.

Also at the July 19 meeting, the board approved a minor maintenance project for the South School building on the 6900 block of West Touhy. The school district rents this facility to Bridgeview Challengers, a special needs education school. Dist. 71 moved out of that building in 1998. It was vacant for 1-2 years and then the challengers moved in.



Joe Annunzio, singer for 'Undercover' and Niles Village Attorney rocks out at the last Leaning Tower concert. (Photo by Allen Kaleta)

Five concerts remain in 'Leaning Tower' series

There are five concerts remaining in Niles' popular Leaning Tower Concert Series.

July 28 - Chauffers
Introducing the Chauffers. Their

"Old Rock 'N Roll" show features authentic sounds of the 50s, 60s and 70s.

Aug. 4 - The Katie Sullivan Band
Introducing the Katie Sullivan Band, an Irish stew of talent, humor and lively renditions of favorite Irish Blues.

Aug. 11 - The Blooze Brothers
A favorite act from last season,

Blooze Brothers is a high-powered choreographed twelve-piece band covering a wide range of music.

Aug. 18 - Larry Bemben Orchestra
We welcome back the Big Band sound of Larry Bemben and his Orchestra, featuring vocalist Carol Bennet.

Aug. 25 - Half Day Bluegrass
From Chicago, a city sculpted by the power of the blues, another musical tradition that blends bluesy, raw emotion with driving rhythm is at work.

sel
"Both the corporate counsel and Ralph [Czerwinski] have been thinking that this is something we should do," Krier said. "There may be some price changes to the licenses too. The ordinance needs to be re-worked."

The village staff is currently reviewing the liquor ordinance in order to propose changes.

Krier said that a revised liquor ordinance could be completed within the next few months.

"I'd like to have something before the village board in October," he said. "By November I'd like to have notifications off to businesses."

DEVELOPMENT:

Office market in Park Ridge remains stable

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Office space turns over quickly in Park Ridge due to the 'great location' close to highways and the airport.

Schuenke said the brunt of sales tax comes from grocery stores and auto dealers.

"These are the two largest sources of sales tax. As long as they hold steady, we don't see

much of a blip in our sales taxes," he said.

Park Ridge houses a Jewel-Osco, 481 Busse, and Dominick's, 1900 Cumberland.

As for car dealers, Park Ridge hosts Bredemann Toyota-Chevy, 1301 Dempster, Napleton Cadillac, 200 Northwest Hwy., Napleton Park Ridge Lincoln-Mercury, 826 Touhy, Park Ridge Oldsmobile, 720 Busse, Tom Noe's Park Ridge, 518 Northwest Hwy. and Busse.

Frimark said the car dealers are the number one source of revenue and the city is working with Napleton on a future expansion.

"We are hoping to move them to a bigger location," Frimark said. "There may be an announcement in six months."

they can't expire. Krier said that the reason for the two-installment licenses was as a courtesy to businesses to allow them to split up their payments.

The hold being placed on the licenses, however, meant that on paper, all the village's liquor licenses "expired" last month.

The police department was instructed, through a daily bulletin dated July 10, that no liquor license checks were to be conducted or citations issued until further notice, pending the administrative review of the license procedure. Chief George Incledon said that the police department would still issue any citation, such as under-

The city manager noted the lack of factories means the city does not have to endure the ups and downs of industrial economics or union and worker strife.

He said Park Ridge commercial activity experienced a downturn in the past recession but there are "signs of new life."

Since commercial property pays double the property tax, increasing this source of revenue is good for public coffers.

The city has received 'lots of inquiries and interest' from businesses considering a move to Park Ridge and uptown development is rolling along nicely.

The Park Ridge office market remains relatively stable, though future growth may be on the horizon.

age drinking, that did not involve license expirations.

"Enforcement was never stopped on any liquor violations," said Incledon. "All we were doing was verifying that if we saw what looked like an invalid or expired license we were to check with the administration. It was so that we did not unnecessarily inconvenience a business owner with a valid license."

Incledon himself could only think of one case of invalid license off the top of his head in recent years.

The village needed to complete their files on the licenses and update the ordinance, but every

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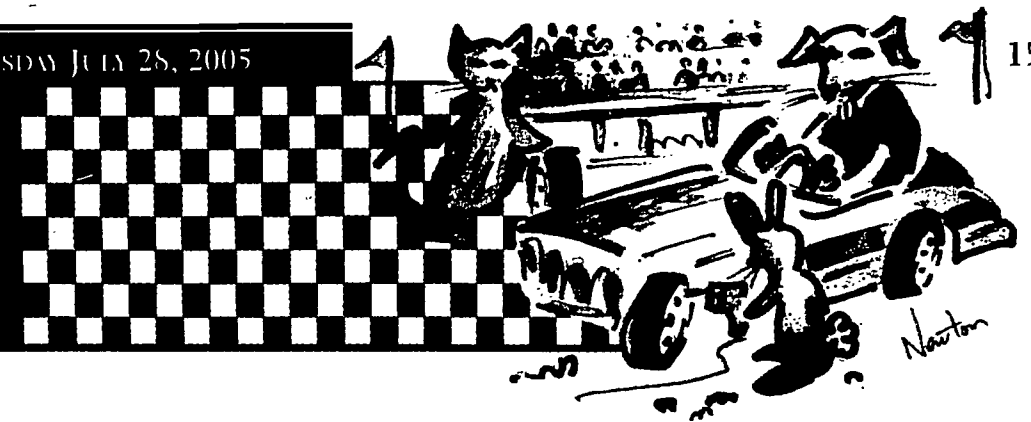
Licenses do not expire twice every year

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signature on it that I wasn't sure about."

The problem was the two-installment format. All liquor license certificates in the village stated that they expired on June 30, 2005. But, because they're annual,

the PET STOP



The Peters' Pups

Puppies will be trained to help those who suffer from seizures, physical disabilities

BY ANDREW SCHNEIDER
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Cathy Peters is one of only a few people who suffer from seizures but is able to enjoy a normal life thanks to her seizure alert dog, Spot. She

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If they can help others then I can't be so selfish as to keep them.

Cathy Peters
Morton Grove Resident

"

and her husband have crossed their fingers in hopes that Spot's six puppies will have inherited the ability from their mother and will be able to help others live normal lives.

"As far as we know, no one has ever determined whether the ability to detect seizures is inherited," said Cathy. "That's

the reason we bred Spot."

Spot, Cathy said, is the only second-generation seizure alert dog in the country. Cathy has suffered from seizures since receiving a head injury in a car seven years ago. Spot is able to sense when Cathy is going to have a seizure and gives her a crucial 10-minute window to prepare.

"Thanks to Spot I can fly alone," Cathy said. "I can walk to the library and live a normal life without having to worry about being robbed or raped. That's a genuine concern for those who suffer from seizures."

Cathy and her husband Gil, both Morton Grove residents, bred Spot with another Australian Shepherd, a champion named Caelin. They're hoping that the ability to sense seizures is genetic but they won't know for some time.

"We can't guarantee that these dogs will be seizure alert dogs," said Cathy. "But we can guarantee that they will be seizure response dogs."

There were six dogs in Spot's litter, four males and two females. The Peters will be tracking the puppies in an effort to determine whether they have the seizure alert ability. On the chance that they do, the male puppies will have their sperm



Cathy and Gil Peters hold the six puppies from the litter of Spot (Center). The Peters will be donating the puppies, pure-bred Australian Shepherds, to individuals who suffer from seizures or other physical disabilities. (Photo by Andrew Schneider)

banked before they're neutered and the female puppies will be bred twice in their lives.

Spot may be bred again if her ability does prove genetic, but it would put her health at risk and

would make life difficult for Cathy.

"When she's pregnant I'm out of commission for nine months," she said. "And after she's had the puppies she's torn

between tending to them and taking care of me."

It'll be difficult for the Peters

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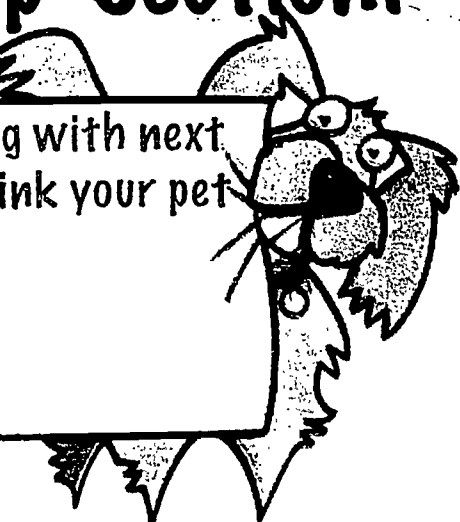
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Well we're going to run a new "Pet of the Month" starting with next month's "Pet Stop" Section, Thursday, August 25. If you think your pet is the most lovable, send your photos to:

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Good luck!



PET STOP

Points on Pets

Pet adoption should take place after much thought, consideration

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Q: Our children are begging us to adopt a dog from our local animal shelter. Every morning there is a different dog or cat from the shelter featured on our local television news channel. We, of course, like every one that is featured. Please give us some advice on how to pick out the right pet for us. Since we cannot adopt all of the featured animals, we want to be sure to pick the one most appropriate for us. This will be our first pet.

A: Of course it is a great understatement to say that adopting a pet is a huge decision that should not be made without a lot of thought and consideration, especially for first-time pet owners. Owning a pet usually requires a long-term commitment of time, money and patience. Pets should not be considered as disposable play-

things. Accepting ownership of a pet should not be taken lightly in any way. It is a huge responsibility over a long period of time.

When adopting a family pet the motivation for doing so should be carefully evaluated. Many animal owners adopt pets for the wrong reasons - merely wanting to save the life of a cute animal or wanting to provide an opportunity for children to accept the responsibility for caring for a living being. It must be realized that whenever the cute animal matures and is not so cute and cuddly or whenever the children shirk their responsibilities, the new pet can become a real burden for the rest of the family.

The amount of time that you have to devote to a new pet should be considered. Most pets need to be fed, watered, exer-

cised and given companionship every day of the year for several years. Time is required to take the pet to the veterinarian's office for routine health care procedures and to groomers, depending on the particular pet. Most pets desire human companionship and become disturbed or destructive when ignored excessively.

Adopting a pet usually requires a financial commitment over a long period of time. Veterinary care, grooming, boarding, food, toys, licensing, a suitable crate or housing and obedience classes must be figured into the family budget. Pets often live 10 to 20 years.

Pet owners must be willing to accept problems that pets can cause. These include urinating and defecating on the floor and chewing on everything within reach. Some pets bring fleas and

other external parasites into the house. Although these problems do not need to be major, pet owners must be willing to accept some inconveniences.

Owning a pet is usually a wonderful experience and the negatives are far fewer than the positives. Being knowledgeable about what to expect before accepting a new four-footed family member will make the experience the very best possible. Your veterinarian can give you additional advice regarding a suitable pet for your family.

Q: Are there blood substitute products available for dogs? I do not like the thought of my dog receiving blood from an unknown dog. I am concerned about how well veterinarians screen blood from donor dogs.

A: A sterile, ready to use solution consisting of ultra pure, chemically altered hemoglobin

can be given to dogs. This product is often referred to as a blood substitute because it is used to deliver oxygen to tissues throughout the body.

There are many advantages to using blood substitutes in dogs. These products do not require blood typing or cross matching before using them and they can be stored at room temperatures for long periods of time. Therefore, the chance that an adverse reaction because of mismatched blood types might occur is greatly reduced.

Send e-mail to copleysd@copleynews.com or write to *Pets, Copley News Service, P.O. Box 120190, San Diego, CA 92112-0190. Only questions of general interest will be answered in this column.*

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PUPPIES:

Interested parties should contact Peters

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to give up the three-week-old puppies who are all extremely cute.

"When you're holding them it's tough to pick which one's the cutest," said Gil. "They only had their first solid meal [last week]."

But the Peters console themselves by saying that the puppies will be going to help other people.

"If it gives others the freedom that I've enjoyed, then it's worth

it," said Cathy.

Generally, a seizure alert or other assistant do, such as a seeing-eye dog will cost in excess of \$15,000. The Peters intend to begin training these dogs at six weeks and then give them to their new home at nine weeks. They've already picked homes for two of the dogs and are hoping to have final homes selected for the other four in the next couple of weeks.

"We had these puppies for the sole purpose of helping others," said Cathy. "If they can help others, then I can't be so selfish as to keep them."

Anyone interested in consideration for one of the remaining puppies can either contact The Bugle at (847) 588-1900 ext. 120 and leave their contact information or can e-mail the Peters at STIAudio@aol.com.



Cathy Peters gives one of the puppies a kiss.

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SPORTS

Sports Unlimited

Cuban baseball players often can't live up to hype

Whitelaw Reid
Copley News Service

From the moment the New York Yankees signed Cuba's Orlando Hernandez to a four-year, \$6.6 million contract in 1998, they knew he was probably a little bit older than 28.

As it turned out, he was 32. Since "El Duque" went 41-26 in his first three seasons and helped the Yankees win three World Series titles, the discrepancy never became an issue. In fact, it seemed to add to the pitcher's lore (as if the bogus tale of his defection on a makeshift raft with sharks circling him wasn't enough).

A couple of years after Hernandez came aboard, the Yankees tried to fill a void at third base by signing another Cuban player, Andy Morales.

They forked over \$4.5 million to Morales, even though they weren't quite sure of his age and had only seen him play in a handful of international competitions.

In 48 games at Double A, Morales hit .231 with a homer and 14 RBIs.

That's about the time the Yankees "uncovered" some information that proved Morales was three years older than he had claimed when they signed him.

The Yankees immediately released Morales and attempted to void his contract.

The careers of Hernandez and Morales are a microcosm of the risk-reward riddle major league teams are faced with when trying to decide whether to sign players from Cuba.

Since teams cannot send scouts to Cuba to evaluate players, and are often uncertain of their ages, family backgrounds and medical histories, signing a defector from the country can be tantamount to playing craps in Vegas.

"We would have a hard time offering \$8 million a year to someone we had a lot of information on," said San Diego Padres GM Kevin Towers.

"We'd be more apt to go after a Dominican player, a player from Mexico or someone from Australia we could sign for a couple hundred grand and try and develop. A Cuban player will cost \$6 million or \$7 million and we don't have that much information on him. We can't roll the dice like some of the larger-market clubs can."

In 2002, the Yankees hit the ATM again. They outbid a number of teams, including the Red Sox,

for another Cuban defector - pitcher Jose Contreras.

They gave Contreras, who had never thrown a pitch in the big leagues, a four-year deal worth \$32 million.

Contreras' raw ability was pretty much what the Yankees expected - a mid-90s fastball and a nasty splitter - but Contreras couldn't put it all together and was traded to the White Sox.

A lot of Contreras' struggles may have had to do with the fact he spent a lot of time worrying about his wife and children who he had to leave behind in Cuba.

Arizona Diamondbacks pitcher Randy Choate, a former teammate of Hernandez and Contreras, can't fathom what it's like for Cuban players who come over. Not only do they have to make the adjustment to playing a different brand of baseball, but they also must adapt culturally.

"I think it just takes a special person," Choate said. "Contreras may not be the pitcher everybody thought he was, but he's done a lot better since his family got here. There's something to be said for that, especially if you're a big family guy."

"Having your family here to make you feel comfortable when nothing else is the same - I think it makes a big difference."

Diamondbacks coach Carlos Tosca grew up in Cuba. He fled the country with his family when he was 8 just before the Cuban revolution.

Tosca believes players who come over are sometimes rushed.

"They get the big money and are put at the major league level right away," Tosca said. "They've come from a pretty competitive situation, but now they're playing against the best players in the world. It's a different game."

"As we all know, baseball is a game of adjustments. Some guys' ability to adjust takes longer than others."

Before Fidel Castro's rise to power, several players - including Minnie Mino, Tony Oliva, Luis Tiant, Bert Campaneris and Tony Perez - were able to get here and achieve stardom. But the landscape is different now.

"Looking at the last 10 to 15 years, there really hasn't been that many Cuban players who have impacted our game," Towers said. "That's probably why we're less

apt to be aggressive after them."

For every Orlando or Livan Hernandez, there is an Andy Morales or Adrian Hernandez (the former Yankee known as "El Duquecito").

In his tenure, Towers said the Padres have had serious interest in just three Cubans - Rey Ordenez, Rolando Arrojo and Ariel Prieto. In each case, the Padres found the price too steep.

The Padres' Grady Fuson, Towers' assistant, drafted and signed Prieto when he was the director of scouting for the Oakland A's in 1995.

Fuson said the fact the A's knew they were going to be in a pennant race and needed immediate pitching help played a role in the decision.

They knew Prieto had more experience than the average draftee and could probably help them the quickest.

Prieto came out of the gates strong, but quickly fizzled. He went 15-24 in five years with the A's.

It was rumored that Prieto was a lot older than advertised and may have had some wear and tear on his arm that the A's were unaware of when they signed him.

"That's the problem," Fuson said. "It's not what you know. It's about the things you don't know."

SIDEBAR
Cuban connection
By Whitelaw Reid
Copley News Service

While the list of players who have defected from Cuba in the last decade to play Major League Baseball is fairly long, the number of players who have enjoyed successful careers is pretty short. As chance would have it, two of the Cubans who have made the biggest impact are brothers.

BIGGEST SUCCESSES
Orlando Hernandez: Helped lead the Yankees to three World Series titles. Won his first eight postseason starts. Went 7-2 this year for the first-place White Sox before being placed on the disabled list June 20 with a sore shoulder. "He throws from different angles which makes him effective," said San Diego Padres catcher Ramon Hernandez. "He locates the ball very good and always keeps the ball down and changes speed. He's a control pitcher."

Niles Park District Events

"Clown Around" for free at Pioneer Park

Everyone is invited to Niles Park District's annual "Clown Nite" at Pioneer Park, 7135 Harlem Avenue. This well-known and most popular event takes place on Thursday, July 28 from 7:00-8:00 p.m. Rain date is Thursday, August 4th.

Those who come "dressed up" for the occasion, wearing a costume, adult or child, will receive a prize! So come and play a round of mini-golf, or hit a few balls in the batting cages. IT'S ALL FREE! Also, take a look at our Classic Car Show from 7:00-9:00 pm.

Be sure to watch for Pioneer Park's upcoming special events. Our summer hours are 10:30 a.m. to 10:30 p.m. For more information, call (847) 647-9092.

Flick n' Float at Niles Pools!

Bring your family out to Niles Park District pools for our summer movie nights. "Shark Tales" will be shown Saturday, July 30th at IceLand Skate & Swim, 8435 Ballard Road. "Finding Nemo" will be shown August 6th at Oasis Waterpark, 7877 N. Milwaukee. Show time is 8:30-10:15 p.m., doors open at 8:00 p.m. Fee is Res \$2; Non Res \$4. Bring your own floats, snacks and drinks. For information, please call (847) 967-6633.

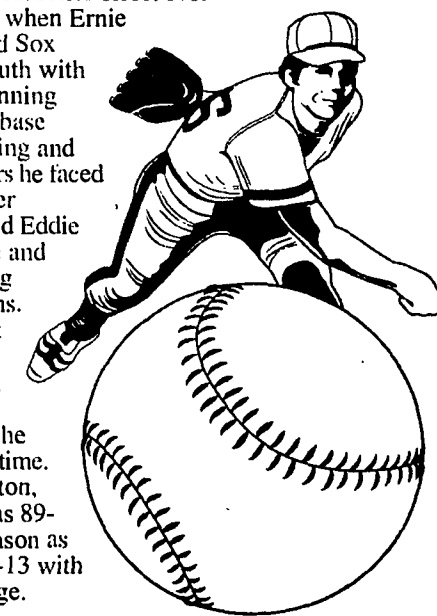
Park in need of Piano Donation

Niles Park District is looking to find a resident, business or organization who would like to donate a working, good conditioned piano. The park is expanding its Fine Arts department to include music lessons this fall season - guitar and piano. These classes will be offered to ages 8 & over youth and adults. For more information about these programs, please call (847) 967-6633. If you have a piano you would like to donate, please contact Laurie @ Ext. 141.

SPORTS FACT

Baseball's best relief appearance bailed out the Sultan of Swat

Perhaps baseball's greatest relief effort ever came on June 23, 1917, when Ernie Shore of the Boston Red Sox relieved pitcher Babe Ruth with nobody out in the first inning and a man on first. The base runner was caught stealing and Eddie Foster to open the game and was ejected after arguing with umpire Brick Owens. Many people forget that the Bambino was a pitcher, and a good one, before being sold to the Yankees in 1920, when he converted to outfield full time. In six seasons with Boston, the left-handed Ruth was 89-46. In 1917, his best season as a pitcher, Ruth went 24-13 with a 2.02 earned run average.



SENIORS

Aging Lifestyles

The hard search for retirees' health plans

Joe Volz
Copley News Service

A friend of mine living in Washington D.C. was forced to retire recently at 64 when her nonprofit organization killed her editorial department job. Because she had not worked for the required 10 years, she was not eligible for health insurance.

That was a major disappointment, partly because her husband, age 67, had a stroke a year ago that left him with decreased mental capacity and verbal ability; physically he looks fine.

My friend started searching for health insurance to supplement Medicare's insurance system. It was a tough job, but in time she succeeded, though she pays a monthly fee that is higher than she likes. But it is a full-time job looking for an insurer. Medicare

doesn't pay for everything.

Another couple in Naples, Fla., began looking for health insurance a few months before COBRA benefits were due to run out. The couple allowed four months, figuring that would be ample time.

COBRA is the shorthand name for a federal law passed in 1986 that gives people the right to continue their group health insurance after a divorce or layoff.

The husband and wife discovered that they were not eligible for Medicare because they were under 60 years old. Even though they are energetic, in good health and play golf and tennis, one company after another turned them down, usually citing the medicine the couple takes for high blood pressure and a heart

problem.

COBRA continues for varying periods, usually 18 months after a job loss or 36 months after a divorce. A considerable drawback is that people must pay the full cost of premiums plus a 2 percent administration fee.

Before registering for COBRA, though, it's wise to check your state health insurance requirements. A few states offer state subsidized programs that are less expensive than COBRA.

Healthy New York, the state's health insurance program for low-income people, also is available to recent college graduates, dropped from their parents' policies, until they find jobs. The plan doesn't offer everything that a group insurance policy does; mental health and substance

abuse treatment are not covered, for example.

The plan costs between \$141 and \$208 per month. Even a New York health maintenance plan is more expensive, somewhere between \$309 and \$648 monthly. Applicants must be without health insurance for at least a year, before applying for Healthy New York unless they are recent college graduates or have gone through a divorce or job loss.

New York stands out among the states because it is one of the few states that has guaranteed-issue laws. These ensure that all residents can buy health insurance. The law means that if major health insurance companies have turned down people, New York HMOs must sell them a policy. Another state, Florida, does not

have a guaranteed-issue law and even though the state has a program as the insurer of last choice, the program has not accepted new applicants for 15 years. The Naples couple was shocked to discover this when they moved to Florida.

The couple eventually found a high deductible (\$5,200 annually) policy that costs them \$608 monthly, about \$60 higher than they paid for COBRA. Several medical conditions are excluded. Resources:

For Cobra questions, go to www.dol.gov or write to the U.S. Department of Labor, Employee Benefits Security Administration, Division of Technical Assistance and Inquiries 200 Constitution Ave NW, Suite N-5619 Washington, DC 20210.

Clergy Appreciation week at Morton Grove

Morton Grove Senior News

MORTON GROVE SENIOR CITIZENS NEWS RELEASE
Contact: Bud Swanson, Family & Senior Services, 847/663-6110
July 25, 2005

LUNCH BUNCH CLERGY APPRECIATION WEEK

Morton Grove Senior Center "Lunch Bunch" diners are welcome to invite their clergyman/woman for a free lunch during the week of Monday, Aug. 8 through Friday, Aug. 12 at 6140 Dempster Street in Morton Grove. Reservations are required and can be made by calling the "Lunch Bunch" at 847/967-6876. Lunch is served at 11:45 a.m. but the Center opens at 9 a.m. where many come in for bingo, cards, camaraderie, crafts, games, health screenings, quiet reading, seminars and just plain fun. Other special events appearing on the "Lunch Bunch" calendar will be: Ice Cream Social on the Patio on Monday, Aug. 8. Lunch will be Sliced Ham and Cabbage. German Day & Root Beer Floats on Wednesday, Aug. 17. Lunch

will be Sliced Roast Pork. Watermelon Party on Monday, Aug. 22. Lunch will be Pollack Florentine.

Thanksgiving USA Day on Wednesday, Aug. 24. Lunch will be Turkey Breast with Stuffing and Gravy. The cost is a \$2.75 to \$3 donation and the menu includes a hot entree, potatoes or rice, and vegetable; or a sandwich, soup and salad at the deli bar. For more information about the menu or transportation call the Morton Grove "Lunch Bunch."

BLOOD PRESSURE SCREENING

Periodic blood pressure measurement is helpful in determining if health is threatened by high blood pressure (hypertension). Hypertension is a contributor toward strokes, heart disease and kidney failure. Unfortunately, hypertension usually has no symptoms so a person can feel great and not know they have it. Free screenings are offered from 9 to 11 a.m. on Tuesday, Aug. 9 in the Morton Grove Senior Center.

COCA-COLA "COOL DOWN FOR THE SUMMER" PARTY

Cool off at the Morton Grove Senior Center while sipping ice cold Coca-Cola and listening to

the refreshing sounds of Larry Levin. The party begins at 1:45 p.m. on Wednesday, Aug. 10 and is free but space is limited to the first 70. Sign up today by calling the Morton Grove Senior Hot Line at 847/470-5223.

"THE IMPORTANCE OF SELF EXPRESSION LATER IN LIFE"

A certified Art Therapist from the Council for Jewish Elderly will be at the Morton Grove Senior Center on Monday, Aug. 15 to discuss the importance of self expression and how to get started! She will help participants explore the benefits of creativity and how to incorporate creativity into every day life. This free program begins at 1:30 p.m., so please register today by calling the Senior Hot Line at 847/470-5223.

"IT'S NEVER TOO LATE TO EXERCISE"

Hear about the benefits of exercise and then participate in an actual senior exercise class at 1:30 p.m. on Thursday, August 18 at the Morton Grove Senior Center. This dynamic program is designed especially for seniors emphasizing non-vigorous exercise while increasing joint mobility.

Story Continues...
see MG SENIOR next page.

SENIORS

Secretary of State unit at Niles Senior Center

Niles Senior News

NSC Highlights

For a detailed description of programs & activities or to ask about membership requirements, please check the Naturally Active Program Guides or

call the Niles Senior Center at 588-8420 ~Visit us online at www.vniles.com.

Pre-registration is required for most programs. Call for more info.

AUGUST REGISTRATION

Drop-Off Registrations for programs and classes advertised in the August Naturally Active are due at the Center on Friday, August 5th. Walk-in registrations for programs with openings begins on Wednesday, August

10th.

SECRETARY OF STATE MOBILE UNIT AT CENTER

Monday, August 1 9:30AM - 2:30PM
It's Super Senior Day at the Niles Center! The Secretary of State's Office is sending out its mobile unit for the following: Rules of the Road Class, Vision Screening, License renewals (NO driving tests), License Plate Sticker Renewals and State ID's. No reservations are accepted. First-come, First-served.

Beginner Tai Chi classes at Maine Township

Maine Township Senior News

Maine Township's MaineStreamers Offer Senior Programs

The Maine Township MaineStreamers program offers a variety of opportunities for residents 55 and older. Membership is free and includes a subscription to the monthly newsletter that details all activities for the upcoming month. All activities take place at Maine Township Town Hall, 1700 Ballard Rd., Park Ridge, unless otherwise noted. For further information on membership or call MaineStreamers at 1-847-297-2510.

Here is a sampling of available activities:

"AARP'S DRIVER SAFETY PROGRAM"

Mon., July 25 & Wed., July 27 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.
Instructor: Stanley Fukai, AARP
Cost: \$10.00* check due on the day made payable to AARP

This two-part class helps you update your knowledge of age-related changes and rules of the road. Upon completion, your automobile insurance company will offer a discount.

"DO I HAVE TO MOVE" PROGRAM

Tuesday, July 26 10:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.
Presenter: Jack Hoffman
No Charge - Registration Required
Jack Hoffman from Moving Seniors with Care, Ltd., is a relocation specialist who, with a group of retired teachers, helps seniors pack and move. They charge a nominal fee, but do everything for you.

BEGINNERS/INTERMEDIATE TAI CHI

Thursdays, July 28 to Sept. 15 3:30 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.
Instructor: Sylvester Marshall
Cost: \$40.00 for 8 classes
Learn and review your Tai Chi postures and stances in this class. Wear comfortable clothing. Newcomers are welcome to join.

"A Taste of Hawaii" Luncheon
Tuesday, Aug. 9
Doors open at 11 a.m. Lunch served at 12 noon
Casa Royale, 783 Lee St., Des Plaines
Cost \$13 members/ \$14 guests

Don your Hawaiian outfits and join us as we travel to a Hawaiian experience. Our menu will be salad, ham with pineapple glaze, rice medley, vegetable, and chocolate sundae. Then, enjoy the beautiful dancers as they take you "to the islands".

Bring a food donation for the emergency food pantry this month. Reservations and cancellations must be received by Aug. 2.

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Sculpting with Clay, Mondays, Sept. 12 to December 5 \$20 returning students/ \$30 New Oil and Watercolor, Tuesdays, August 30 - Dec. 13 \$30 Stamping/Card Making Classes, Thursdays, Sept. 8 - Oct. 27th \$8 per session WoodCarving, Wednesday Mornings, Sept. 14 - Dec. 7 \$25 The Carving Center, Thursday Afternoons, Sept. 8 - Dec. 8 \$25 Ceramics Class, Thursday Afternoons, Sept. 22 - Dec. 1 \$30

SOUNDS OF JAZZ, Wednesday, August 24th 5:30- 8:00 PM \$10 Join us for at our August Evening at the Center. Join us for dinner, served at 5:30PM; feast on Grecian Chicken, Salad, Dessert then sit back, relax, and "slide into the groove" as John Temmermans dazzles you with his sounds of Classical Jazz. Must register in advance.

MOONLIGHTERS OFF TO RENAISSANCE FAIRE, Sunday, August 28 10-5PM \$20 Travel back to the time when knights were noble and maids were merry. Enjoy the joust! Laugh along with the master swordsmen as they teach "gentlemanly behavior," stroll the mar-

ketplace where over 200 artisans display their goods, and be prepared to be dumbfounded at the infamous Mud Show. Great Fun BUT All Walking! Purchase your own food from one of many stalls. Must register in advance.

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: August 18th. Please register in advance by calling (847) 588-8420.

GRIEF WORKSHOP TO OFFER SUPPORT - THREE SESSION SERIES BEGINS IN SEPTEMBER

Beginning Wednesday, September 14, the Niles Senior Center will hold a three-session grief workshop for Niles residents touched by the loss of a loved one. Participants can come for one workshop or join us for the entire series. Please call Bev Wessels, MSW, LSW, ACSW or Melanie Amin LCSW for more information (847 588-8420). The workshops will meet on Wednesdays from 1:30PM- 3:00PM.

Hanna, the saucy widow, knows just how to make them dance to her tune! This is one the most popular Viennese operettas of all time... filled with waltzes, can-can, and dreamy melodies. The bus leaves the Morton Grove Senior Center at 1 p.m. on Wednesday, Aug. 24 and returns at 5 p.m. The fee is \$37 for Senior Center Members and \$44 for non-members. Please register in person at the Center and also note that there will be no lunch on this trip.

MG SENIORS: 'Merry Widow' at MG

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ity and flexibility. There is no charge for this program, which is being presented by Fitness Instructor, Leslye Lehman of the Morton Grove Park District. Please register by calling the Senior Center at 847/470-5223.

COUNTRY WESTERN PARTY

Members of the Morton Grove Senior Center are invited to munch on Western fixins' from the chuck wagon; do some do-si-doe square dancing with caller, Cliff Benson; and enjoy the western atmosphere for the Senior Center at the Center's annual "Members-Only Event" from 1 to 3 p.m. on Sunday, Aug. 21.

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PERFECT PAIRINGS

Wild salmon with an Asian flair meets the Sauvignon Republic

Ron James
Copley News Service

THE CHEF

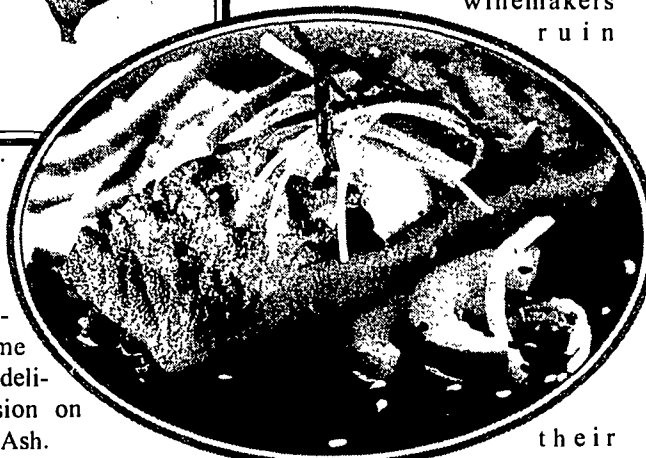
A working ranch in Colorado may seem like an unusual place to



One-on-One: Kitchen Secrets From a Master Teacher" was named "Best Cookbook" in the 2005 James Beard Foundation Awards.

THE DISH

"This is a simple dish," Ash points out. "It reflects my evolving style of cooking - simpler and more straightforward. I let the wonderful fresh ingredients do their magic with a minimum of handling. It's much like making great wine. Too many chefs and winemakers ruin



develop a passion for food, but the meals at his childhood home made an indelible impression on young John Ash.

"My grandmother cooked for the ranch hands and was a wonder in the kitchen," he recalled. The memory of those meals stayed with him as he earned a degree in fine arts and began work as an illustrator for a New York advertising agency. Eventually he rethought his life's work. In an epiphanic moment he realized, "Everything I could do on canvas, I could do on a plate - and I could eat the art!"

In 1980, Ash opened John Ash & Co. in Santa Rosa, Calif., where he pioneered California wine country cuisine.

"Prior to this," he said, "most chefs focused on the food and not about creating a dish that would work with wine. When I'm doing food, I'm always thinking of the flavor contribution of wine and food - and I look for bridges between them."

In 1985, Food & Wine Magazine named Ash one of the "hot new chefs" in America. An educator and media personality, he teaches at the Culinary Institute of America Greystone in Napa Valley and has starred in radio and television programs. His latest cookbook, "John Ash Cooking

THE WINE

Ash believes that wine, more than any other beverage, "has the ability to complement and enhance other flavors. For me a glass of wine is food - another flavor to be enjoyed with a meal." The combination of the salmon dish and sauvignon blanc is a great example of this. The wine's bright acidity is a refreshing counterpoint to the sweet, succulent salmon.

Ash recently partnered with industry veterans who have a passion for sauvignon blanc in a new wine venture, Sauvignon Republic Cellars. The company plans to produce sauvignon blancs from the best wine regions around the world to showcase the grape's unique flavors developed in each location. "We're intent on producing wines with the distinctive taste of each place," Ash said.

The two wines he paired with this dish have already garnered high scores and praise. The 2004 Marlborough Sauvignon Blanc from New Zealand shows a spectrum of tropical fruit flavors and flinty minerals along with the varietal's trademark of crisp acidity. The pale-straw-colored 2003 Russian River Valley Sauvignon Blanc Classic from California boasts rich pineapple and tropical fruit layers with a touch of grassiness. It has firm acidity but rich mouth feel and length.

THE RECIPE

MISO-GRILLED SALMON WITH CUCUMBER SALAD

6 5- to 6-ounce fillets of salmon, skin on
For the marinade:
1/4 cup white (Shiro) miso
1/4 cup mirin

2 tablespoons unseasoned rice vinegar

2 teaspoons toasted sesame oil
2 tablespoons minced scallions
1 1/2 tablespoons minced fresh ginger

Cucumber Salad (recipe follows)

Toasted sesame seeds, daikon sprouts, slivered nori for garnish

Story Continues...

see PERFECT PAIRINGS page 21.

Events Calendar

GOVERNMENT

Monday, August 1

-7:30 p.m. Park Ridge City Council meeting

Thursday, August 4

-7:30 p.m. Park Ridge Park Board meeting

Monday, August 8

-7:30 p.m. Morton Grove village board meeting

COMMUNITY

Tuesday, August 2

The Niles National Night Out Against Crime and Drugs is set for Tuesday, August 2 at Notre Dame High School, 7655 Dempster from 7 p.m. to 10 p.m.

The Niles National Night Out Committee is looking for volunteers, donations and financial support to make this event better than last year's. For more information, contact Officer Ronald Brandt or Officer Robert Tornabene at (847) 588-6500.

Tuesday, August 16

Come out and view and learn about the summer stars and planets of the night sky. Several telescopes will be set up in Harrer Park, near the Morton Grove Historical Museum, 6240 W. Dempster, on Tuesday, Aug. 16 at 8:30 p.m. Though hampered by the metro area's skyglow, the Milky Way's vistas are most prominent in August, which happens to be the month with the least frequency of clouds.

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PERFECT PAIRINGS

Asian Flair CONTINUED FROM PAGE 20

Yields 6 servings.

Remove any pin bones from salmon and set aside in bowl. Mix marinade ingredients together and coat salmon. Cover and refrigerate for at least 30 minutes (and up to 2 hours), turning occasionally.

Wipe excess marinade off salmon with your fingers and over medium fire (or alternately under a broiler), grill salmon on both sides or until just cooked through. Fish should still be translucent in the very middle.

Place on warm plates with skin side down and top with Cucumber Salad. Sprinkle sesame seeds, daikon sprouts and nori strips over fish and serve immediately.

CUCUMBER SALAD

3/4 pound (1 medium) English cucumber

2 teaspoons sea or kosher salt
1/4 pound daikon or other radish, peeled, cut into fine julienne and soaked in cold water

1/3 cup unseasoned rice vinegar

1/4 cup sugar or to taste
2 teaspoons finely minced fresh

ginger

2 tablespoons olive oil
Salt and a pinch or two of cayenne pepper, to taste
Peel, cut cucumbers in half and scoop out seeds with teaspoon. Cut cucumber into thick slices, sprinkle with salt and toss. Let sit for 15 minutes in colander over a bowl or in the sink. Rinse, drain and pat dry with paper towels and place in bowl. Drain daikon, pat dry and add to cucumber. Separately whisk remaining ingredients together and pour over cucumber mixture. Cover and refrigerate for at least 30 minutes before serving.

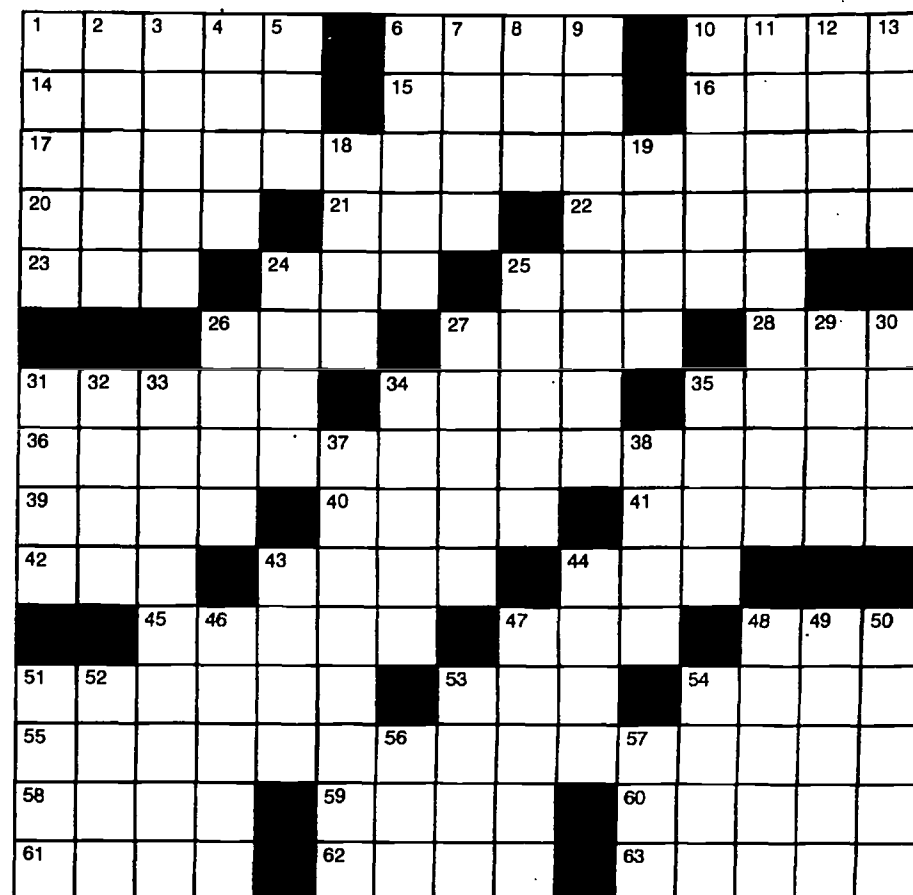
"John Ash Cooking One-on-One: Kitchen Secrets From a Master Teacher" (Clarkson Potter, \$37.50).

Ron James welcomes comments and suggestions. E-mail him at ronjames@perfectpairings.us. Listen to his "Gourmet Club" radio show and see archives of previous columns at www.perfectpairings.us.

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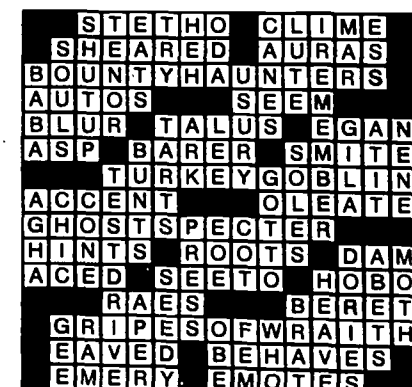
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Be the First to send in the answers to this week's crossword puzzle and your name will be listed in next week's Bugle.

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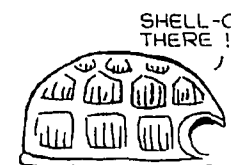
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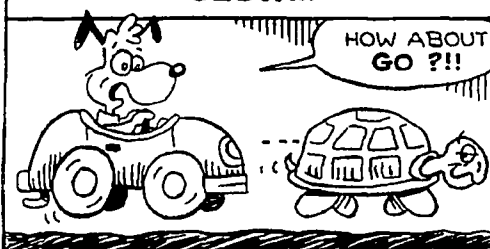
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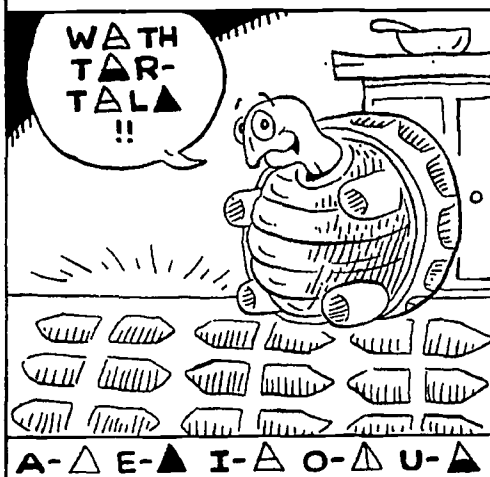
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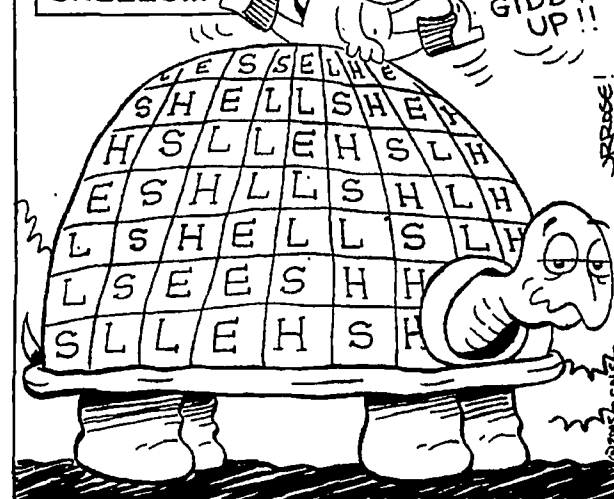
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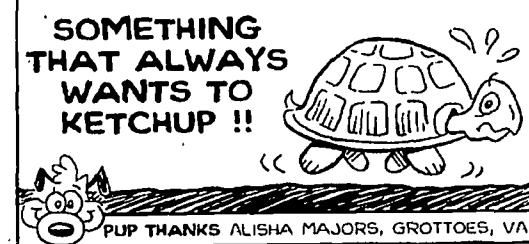
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Lessons on Less

Which of the following sentences are correct?

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2. Doesn't it seem as if there are less people at this reunion than last year?
3. The team forfeited the game because they had fewer than nine players.

Answers:
1. Incorrect. You see this sign everywhere, but it is not grammatically correct.
2. Correct. People can be counted. There are fewer people at the conference.
3. Incorrect. People can be counted. There are fewer people at the conference.

A dozen eggs... Does this mean I can't use the express line?



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Nature Newswatch

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skeleton for muscle attachment as well as for protection from predation and the rough and tumble forces of nature.

The whelk is a member of the snail family, with a flat, solelike foot with which it moves and literally muscles in on its prey. When feeding on clams or other bivalves, it wedges its foot to force the shells open just wide enough for its own shell's edge to enter so it can eventually chip away a hole big enough to feed.

The knobbed whelk shell opens to the right, where it is white to brick red. Flattened knobs adorn the whorl's end. Young are often striped purplish-brown.

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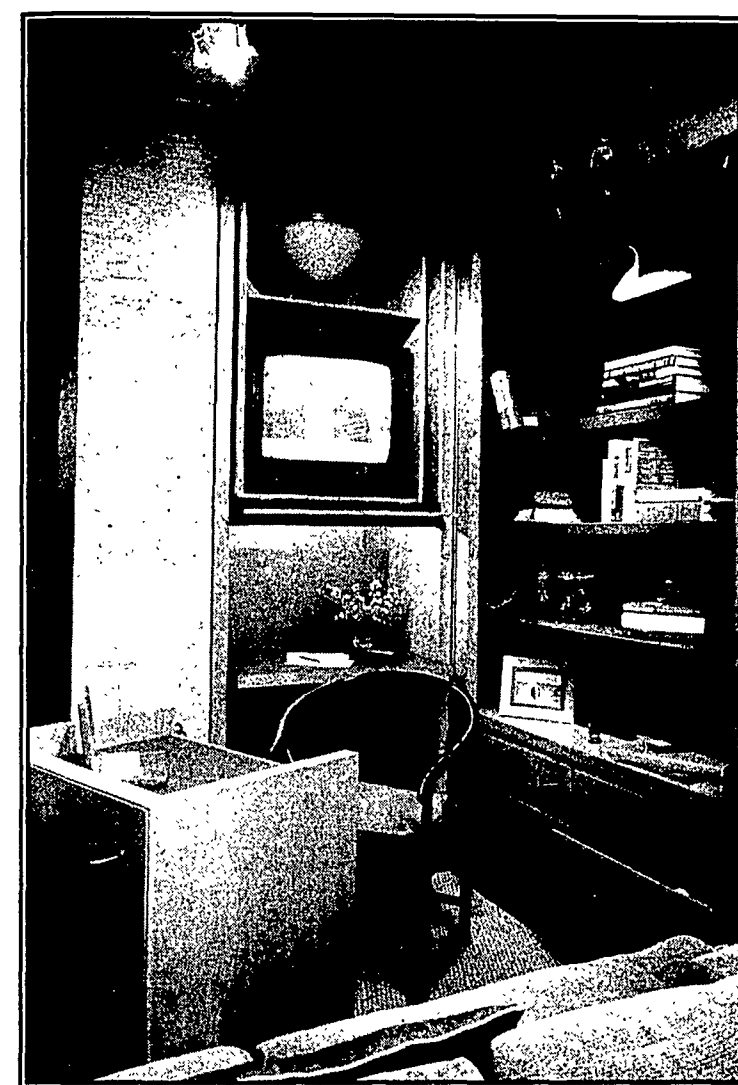
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REAL ESTATE Decor Score

A handsome solution to the space race



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the tiny study we show here. His inspired solution to the space race involves built-ins - and not just the bookshelves that make the most of storage space on the walls: the small desk you see in the middle of the floor pulls out during office hours, then rolls

Q: I need help figuring out how to fit both my home office and a guest room in the very small second bedroom of our apartment. I looked into Murphy beds - the kind that fold up against the wall - but ended up with a neat little sleep sofa. The problem is my desk. I've thought about putting it into an armoire or cupboard where I could simply close the doors. Would it be smarter to have it built in? With the sofa bed open, there would be just enough room to squeeze around it. Ideas wanted!

A: Here's a handsome one from top interior designer Leonard Braunschweiger (www.lbspace.com), who took a golden shoebox, so to speak, to

back into place in the wall arrangement by night.

Because the arrangement is so elegantly designed and finished in hardwood veneers, guests can settle in comfortably, never suspecting Braunschweiger's sleight-of-hand.

Q: I have a galley kitchen. What would look better, a round or a rectangular table? I have a round glass top-rattan base table and rattan barrel chairs with cushions that are very comfortable but take up walking space. I have considered a bench or a church pew with a small farm table. The way it is now is very crowded. Also, is there a rule that a rectangular space should have rectangular furniture?

A: No rule, but a common sense of proportions tells us that it would be the most economical use of your limited space. Obviously, you've already intuited exactly that - I like your idea of a bench or church pew, both of which are basically rectangular in shape. I suggest that you move your round table ensemble to another location and focus on the, ahem, straight and narrow for this striated space with which you are dealing.

Under the circumstances, one of the best tables would be an old-fashioned drop-leaf. It can go

from mere inches wide with the sides dropped down to a generous serving space for many when the leaves are raised. Flanked by your bench or church pew on one side and pull-up chairs on the other, a drop-leaf would max the overall elbow room within your open dining "room."

Q: You have suggested that one place an area rug over existing wall-to-wall, to bring color and pattern into a room. My problem is, the edges lift up when you step on them, and also, the area rug "walks" on the main carpet. Also, when I try to set my coffee table on the area rug, it settles in and then pulls up the sides of the area rug. I would appreciate your advice on this.

A: A piece of no-slip mesh under the rug should keep your "walking" rugs at home. As for the curling sides, sounds as if you need a thinner, more pliable area rug, say, a flexible oriental - the kind rug dealers can fold almost to napkin-size. It's probably their stiff backing and thick, tight weaving that's making your rugs so unyielding.

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A GREENER VIEW

Hot chocolate: drama and dimension from dark flowers and foliage

Mary James
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These days, a garden can be like a box of chocolates.

When you stroll its paths, you might pass chocolate cosmos, milk chocolate foxglove, royal chocolate painted tongue, hot chocolate calla and maybe even some chocolate mint.

No, this isn't just a clever way to sell plants to millions of chocoholics who also like to play in the dirt. These sweet sensations - some with tempting candy scents - appeal to gardening's newest color trend - rich, spicy - and yes - chocolaty brown.

Foliage, flowers or bark in these fudgy shades are catching the eye of many already seduced by the black plant craze ignited by England's Karen Platt a few years ago.

But comparing black to brown is a bit like comparing licorice to chocolate. For most of us, the choice is obvious, whether from a menu or a nursery shelf.

"Chocolate flowers and foliage are more of a comfort zone for most gardeners," says Marie Lincoln of Chocolate Flower Farm in Langley, Wash.

Her eight-acre seaside nursery could be a confectionery given the plant list that starts with chocolate soldier columbine and ends with frosted chocolate viola. Plus there's an active message board called "Let's Talk Chocolate."

Niche nurseries, though, aren't the only ones tempted by this trend.

"I like to look at what's going on in fashion and fabrics and the like. And I think these dark chocolate colors are becoming popular," says Nicholas Staddon, who heads new plant development for Monrovia, one of the nation's largest growers. A native Brit, Staddon often measures flowers and leaves against the lip-smacking shade of Cadbury dairy milk chocolate bars. "Put one of those candy bars up against the foliage of the new Canna tropicanna and it disappears," he says admiringly.

Plenty of chocolate cravings were aroused at this year's Chelsea Flower Show, London's influential showcase of landscape design and plant trends. One of the most popular gardens was the bronze medal-winning Roald Dahl Foundation Chocolate Garden, inspired by Dahl's classic book (and upcoming movie), "Charlie and the Chocolate Factory."

Designer John Carmichael combined chocolate-scented and shaded flowers with hardscape shaped like cocoa pods and water features that flowed and bubbled with "chocolate."

"Just delicious," gushed Pippa Greenwood in the London Mirror.

CHOCOLATE DREAM

Lincoln and her husband, Bill Schlicht, opened Chocolate Flower Farm in May, fulfilling her dream to have a small nursery. "Chocolate is his passion; gardening is mine," she says with a laugh.

At the end of last year, the couple had moved from Redmond to Langley, purchasing a run-down farm with a windfall from one of Schlicht's recent inventions. There Lincoln, who was inspired by a black plant display garden at the 2002 Seattle Flower and Garden Show, propagates chocolate plants from cuttings, bulbs and seeds she seeks out around the world.

"There are chocolate plants I just can't live without," she says of her obsession. "There's this calla Hot Chocolate - it has the most incredible tall maroon flowers and black stems. I had to have it, but it's very hard to come by. I finally got a grower in Oregon to part with 30 corms. I'm determined to get more so I can offer them in quantity."

Seeds for milk chocolate foxglove were tracked down in England. Hot chocolate day lily was imported from Europe via a Canadian friend. Other dark gems were found at legendary Heronswood Nursery on nearby Bainbridge Island. Sunflower seeds are carefully hand selected to favor blooms that she calls BOBs - Bordering on Black. "Originally, I loved an English-style garden - lots of flowers and

climbing vines, mostly in pastels," Lincoln says. "Adding plants with those dark maroon colors adds drama and sophistication to a garden."

"The more you get into gardening, the more you want to add dimension, and chocolate lets you do that. But you don't want to have everything dark because plants will seem to disappear, especially if they are in the shade. I like to add complementary color, like charcoal or yellow, for brightness and contrast."

When she isn't pursuing plants, Lincoln dreams up chocolate-themed gardens. One of the horticultural connoisseurs would spotlight rare beauties such as Clematis recta serious black, with its deep wine-brown leaves and stems.

Platt's black with maroon burnished blades; and elegant blackbird fairy wand (Dierama Blackbird), with its plum-chocolate bells. She also suggests the exotic (and erotic) voodoo lily (Dracunculus vulgaris), for its burnt burgundy color. Just don't expect a whiff of chocolate from this Mediterranean native, accurately dubbed the stink lily.

For a children's garden, she envisions black velvet nasturtium and black prince snapdragon easily grown from Thompson & Morgan seeds; the ticklish fuzzy seed heads of purple fountain grass; some of the new purple vegetables; chocolate cherry sunflowers from Rene's Garden seeds; and chocolate cosmos and ace of spades pincushion flowers (Scabiosa) for bouquets. A tepee of Vitis vinifera purpurea

with its wine-green leaves is a perfect hideaway. "When I think of children's gardens, I think of edible, fun, fragrant and safe," says Lincoln, the mother of two college-age daughters. These plantings could be linked rivers of cocoa mulch; a soil topping of crushed cocoa bean shells with the unmistakable aroma of

iegated leaves and blue flowers, or Worcester gold blue mist (Caryopteris x clandonensis Worcester gold), with its soft yellow leaves and fragrant lavender-blue blooms.

New-fashioned versions of old favorites also have caught his eye. "Enormous work has been done with Heucheras (coral bells),"



chocolate. Because the mulch can be toxic to pets, Lincoln sells a cocoa mulch minus the theobromine that pets can't metabolize. On her Web site (www.chocolate-flowerfarm.com), she also has a selection of chocolate-scented candles, metal garden art and "poetry" that rusts from pewter to chocolate, and signs that proudly proclaim "Chocolate Garden."

"The chocolate gardening possibilities are just endless," she says.

CRACKERJACK COLOR

While some may see chocolate plants as eye candy, Nicholas Staddon views them as high fashion. "People love black, and now I think this dark chocolate color is coming around. I think that will have an impact on flower colors," he says. "There is so much interest in outdoor rooms today. People are treating them like the rest of the house, responding to seasonal changes and fashion. I think there's a link to the garden as well."

Dark flower or foliage plants in blood-red or jade-green glazed decorative containers are "drop-dead gorgeous," Staddon says. "I'm also a real fan of 'migrating plants' - harvesting flowers and foliage for decorations in the house. Some of the dark-leaved cannas or cordylines can be used this way to great effect."

In the garden, avoid creating "a black hole," Staddon says, with careful placement of chocolate plants. Some with a metallic gleam or deep ruby glow seem to reflect light. Others are a dramatic backdrop for garden stalwarts like hostas, lily turf (Liriope) with var-

category, almost every garden element has a chocolate and "Charlie and the Chocolate Factory" connection.

GREENER VIEW

Dark flowers

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Home," a fan's garden inspired by his local team, Newcastle United. This year, he traded soccer's sass for sweets.

"We wanted something that would appeal to most people," he wrote via e-mail of the idea for a chocolate garden. "Then we thought of the connection between chocolate and the children's book by Roald Dahl."

In Carmichael's garden for Chelsea's chic or contemporary

The book's river of chocolate came to life via colored water that rippled down a copper waterfall in the rear and flowed to a "gloop" pool (named for the character Augustus Gloop), where it bubbled like melted chocolate. Nearby, a copper rill spiraled into a paving of recycled white glass shaped like a cocoa pod.

"The effect was milk and chocolate being mixed together," Carmichael

wrote.

Panel of orange and white per-spex, a kind of Plexiglas, added "chocolate confectionery colors" to the neutral green backdrop. Cocoa beans and shells used as mulch added candy-shop scents.

Initial plans to use plants with a chocolate cultivar or variety only were expanded to include flowers in compatible shades of white, cream, rust, black and brown. Think of caramel, plus milk, white and dark chocolate.

Chocolate cosmos, chocolate vine (Akebia quinata), chocolate ruffles

coral bells, chocolate chip carpet bugle and chocolate Joe Pye weed mixed with white foxglove and columbine, inky maroon black star calla lily, rusty Geum borisii, bronzed Kent Pride iris and white, orange and red-black tulips.

Carmichael also added dahlias, a play off Dahl's name, although the author is no relation to Swedish botanist Anders Dahl, after whom dahlias are named. Once dahlia, though, the dark-leaved Bishop of Llandaff, recalled the town where Dahl was born.

Few children are among the

throngs at Chelsea, but those that came to The Chocolate Garden were curious whether the "gloop" pool contained real chocolate. "It was actually glycerol and vegetable dye with a hint of chocolate scent to add the final touch," wrote Carmichael, who would like to see a children's afternoon added to Chelsea's events.

"There also was a good smell of chocolate from the cocoa beans. We gave every child a few to take home."

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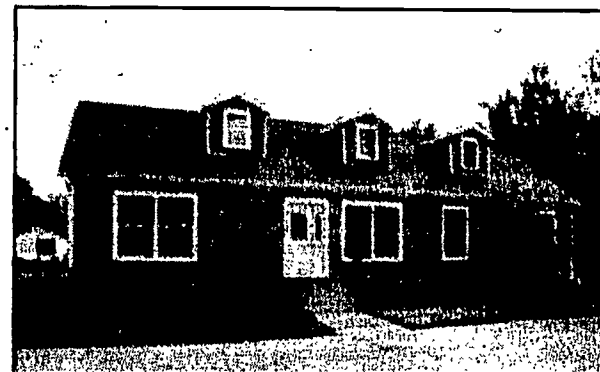
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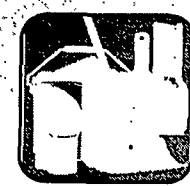
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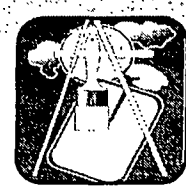


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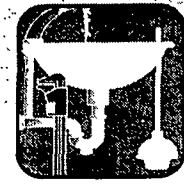


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AUTO SCENE

New model Aston Martin epitomizes elegance and speed



Aston Martin is on the threshold of achieving contemporary greatness with two ravishing and powerful models. One is on sale now and one is on the way. The company flagship is the 12-cylinder, aluminum-bodied Vanquish S coupe (\$256,000). The current bread-and-butter Aston model is the DB9, sold in coupe and convertible body styles with prices starting at \$155,000 for the hardtop and \$168,000 for the Volante convertible. On sale late this year will be the smaller V8 Vantage, selling in the \$110,000 range. The V-8 will poach sales from Porsche 911 and the Lamborghini Gallardo. This little ultra-luxury division at Ford is struggling to keep up with demand in this high-luxury sector. Sales in North America for 2005 will total 1,250 with only the Vanquish, DB9 coupe and Volante. With V8 Vantage in the mix for 2006, annual sales could double, the company says. Aston Martin was in Southern California recently for media and customer test drives of the DB9 coupe. I put in a little more than 300 miles on a back-road run to the desert and back. And Aston sold at least three cars. Ownership is a bragging-rights

package of inspired styling, a 450-horsepower 12-cylinder engine and an occasional meeting and handshake from company Chief Executive Officer Ulrich Bez, guiding the venerable British nameplate since 2000. Does it matter to these buyers that the car has everyday drivability? The DB9 is such a significant improvement over the last generation DB7, for which Aston Martin chose to skip the DB8 badge and skip upward. Some inside Aston Martin say that while the DB nameplate still carries the initials of past company owner David Brown, the new DB association is for Dr. Bez. Pronounced Bets, the German-born CEO has a doctorate in engineering and seat-of-the pants common sense when it comes to driving and building a sports car. He has spent time in design and development at Porsche, BMW and Daewoo. The German accent in this British-engineered car is evident, though a driver might fuss about some interior function. The suspension, brakes, steering and gearbox are a buffet of pleasure for anyone who likes to drive ... fast. Pick a pace and the DB9 responds. The cockpit is a modern British/German design treatment of

balance and harmony, following form over function in some areas. The design treatment is rich in hand-stitched leather, handsome colors and textures and Rolex-like jewel tones to the gauges and metallic trim pieces. Choices for wood trim are unique, particularly the bamboo. Options are plentiful and pricey. Cruise control adds \$450, a navigation system is \$2,655, the smoker's kit (tiny glass ash tray) is \$220, the gorgeous wood trims are \$750. And so on. But they are all for a good cause. The center console spans from the back seats to front and gently arcs upward to meet the windshield. Driver controls are neatly arranged and easily reached, including the row of five large buttons for the six-speed automatic transmission, centered by the engine start button. Imagine that, a push-button gear selector made cool. Inserting the key into the ignition on the steering column is a cramped procedure if the steering wheel is telescoped to the dashboard for long arms. (A keyless ignition system would be a better way to go - and expected - in this class.) However, sending the charge that spins the starter to stir the 12 cylinders is a wonderful send-off. These mighty multivalve engines are as much about sound as the power they produce. At 5,000 revolutions per minute in second gear the resonance of the 6.0 liter 12-cylinder is addictive. I went looking for sections of road that paralleled a wall, just so I could lower the window to hear the

blend of engine and exhaust. Not that this driver worries much about fuel economy, but the DB9 gets 11 mpg around town and 24 on the highway, or less. On the trip to the desert, my co-driver and I burned through three-quarters of the 22-gallon tank before lunch at the halfway point. Yet at 80 miles an hour, the engine lopes at barely 2,700 rpm. This is not a difficult car to drive at high speed. It not only looks like a sports car, it is. The engine is mounted just aft of the front suspension for a "front mid-engine" layout and a 50/50 front-to-rear weight balance. The suspension is hard, but not as jarring as that in the Ferrari 360. Steering inputs at high speed take just slight and measured adjustments to stay the course. Push the drive button and the DB9 moves away from the curb with a smooth lunge. Push harder on the accelerator and the engine responds, but not in the lusty, potent force one might wish of a 12-cylinder. But grab a gear and the power level escalates to attack mode. The six-speed Touchtronic2 automatic with steering wheel-mounted paddle shifters is an outstanding engineering accomplishment. Flick the paddle for a downshift and the engine gives a perfect blip of the throttle and a slick gear change. All the best sports cars offer such an automatic, but this unit steals the thrill of a perfectly timed heel-toe manual downshift. The timing and fluid response feel too good to be machine-made, but the user will never curse a missed shift again. Thanks to Dr. Bez for insisting on that calibration. At 15.7 feet long, the DB9 is about a foot longer than a Corvette but with even tighter interior dimensions and probably less cargo space.

The smallish trunk might hold a modest bag of golf clubs or a couple of pieces of soft luggage. The back seats, for the 2 + 2 seating, are usable only for transporting the grandkids back to the parents' house, or an overnight bag or two. Some in the company say there is a plan to add a back-seat delete to add a parcel shelf, others deny it. The seat delete could add an inch or so to the front-seat adjustment, which might be of interest to tall drivers. The cabin was sized to fit a 6-foot-6 man, but while head room seemed adequate, the aft adjustment of the 10-way power-adjusted front seats was a bit short for some journalists on the test drive. And two cars I drove had malfunctions of the electric seat adjustment. Sometimes the problem was intermittent, sometimes the seat got stuck in an uncomfortable position. The doors angle upward about 12 degrees on opening so they won't scrape a curb. And hydraulic closers diminish the weight and prevent the door from flinging open. Seats grip in enthusiastic driving but aren't so severely bolstered as to make it hard to get in and out. But after 300 miles they can bring on some numbness. And not that it matters, but the windshield wipers are of the now old-fashioned arms and blades, not the latest contoured aero blades that lie flat. The DB9 is a modern collectible, parts of which I loved and some parts seeming that they could be dated in just a few years. Aston is again building cars that challenge drivers and dress up the landscape with more than skin-deep beauty.

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