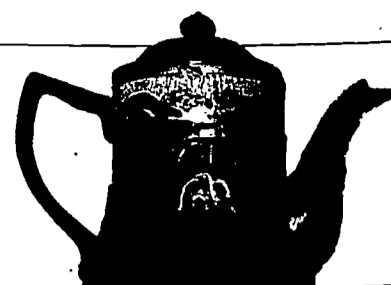


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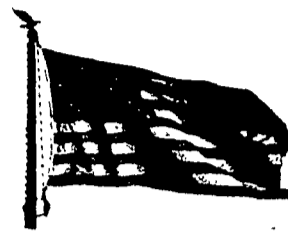


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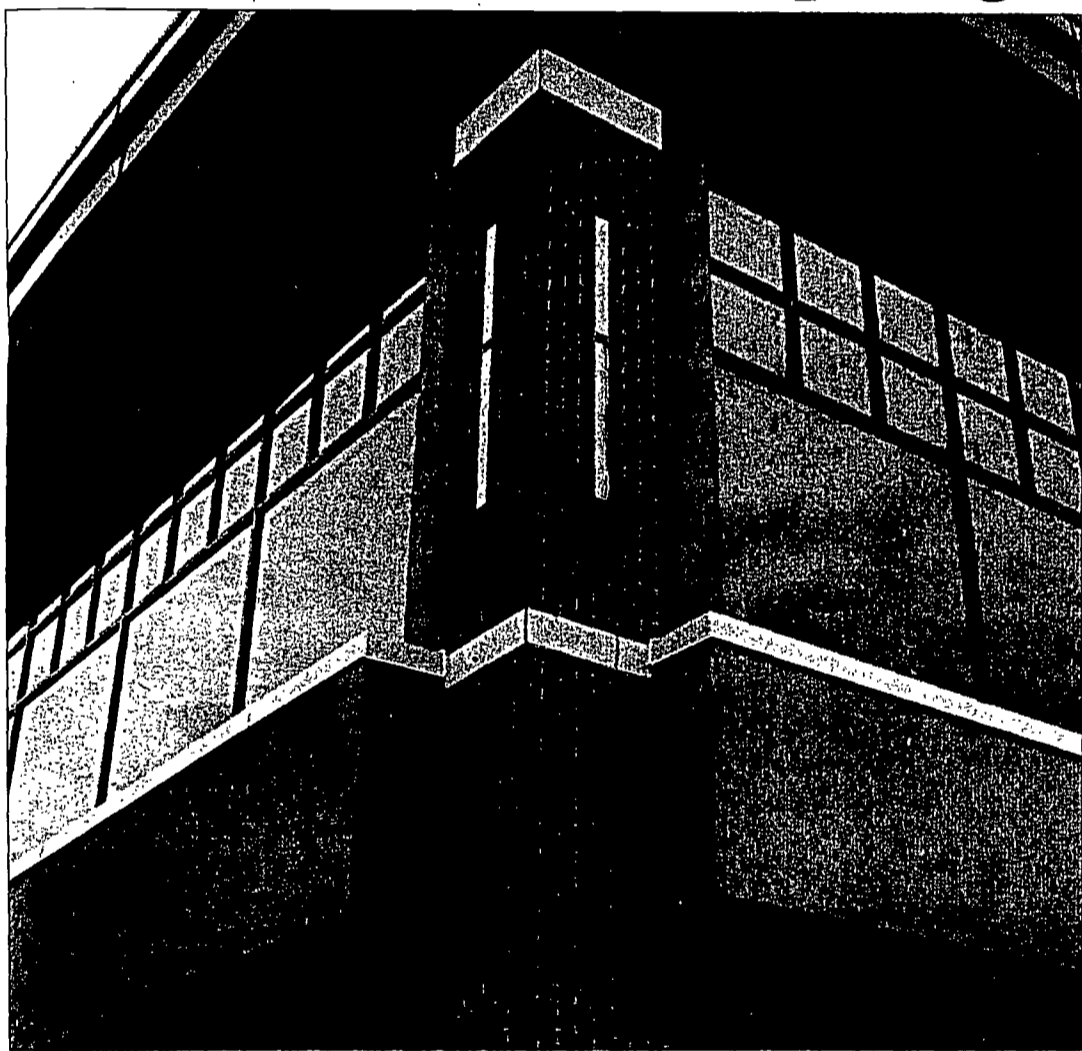


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New Gym on track for opening



Above, the exterior of the Niles Park District's Golf View Recreation Center. The space inside these windows will be dedicated to a social room with comfortable chairs, coffee and wireless internet. The Recreation Center, which will have a gymnasium, workout room, running track offices and concessions is on track for a scheduled opening at the end of the month. For more photos and the story, turn to page 4.

Sales tax in Niles increased .25 percent

Village: increase brings us in line with other communities

The Niles Village Board voted to increase their sales tax at their last meeting, Tuesday, Aug. 23 by a quarter of a percent, bringing the total sales tax to 8.75 percent. The village's new total tax rate is one percent over other agency's taxes. The new rate will take effect Jan. 1, 2006.

Trustee Kim Biederman dissented, saying that she would rather wait another year to see if economic conditions improved.

Village Staff said that many capital projects had been delayed year over year as sales tax revenues declined. The increase will bring approximate-

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Morton Grove Administrator resigns

Czerwinski will head Skokie Fire Dept.

BY ANDREW SCHNEIDER
MANAGING EDITOR

Morton Grove Village Administrator Ralph Czerwinski will depart in 60 days to head the Skokie Fire Department, the village

announced Monday. Czerwinski said that he was leaving with mixed emotions.

"There were other openings that I saw that I didn't apply for because I enjoyed what I was doing here," said Czerwinski. "But when I saw the Skokie opening, I thought it was a great opportunity to get back to something I really love."

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None arrested, none charged, none disciplined in alleged drinking party

Over 20 Maine South students were detained by Police after an Aug. 13 party, none were disciplined by school

BY ANDREW SCHNEIDER
MANAGING EDITOR

Park Ridge Police responded to a 9-1-1 call of an underage drinking party on Saturday night, Aug. 13 and, when four squad cars arrived,

Police say about 20 individuals fled the scene. No action was taken against the approximately 25 remaining youths, the majority of whom were Maine South High School students. Police related that the students maintained they were not drinking, that the fleeing individuals were

the ones that drank.

The incident did not, apparently, merit a mention in the Police Department's weekly blotter report and the report received by officials at Maine South High School has merited no action against those students, though the investigation is still

on-going according to Principal Dave Claypool.

Some parents and students at Maine South have raised allegations that discipline is enforced in an arbitrary manner at the school. An anonymous letter was sent to *The Bugle* this week alleging that star football play-

ers were involved in the alleged party, something that Claypool would neither confirm or deny.

"I don't think it's appropriate to disclose who was in the report because there were no grounds for going any further," he said.

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"There was no violation."

Claypool said that when something occurs off Maine Township High School District 207's property that might be a violation of the school's 24/7 policy, they must rely on the evidence presented in the police report. That report, Claypool said, did not indicate a violation of the policy, which sanctions students' extracurricular activities for their involvement in "inappropriate behavior." Athletes, for instance, can be suspended from their sport for up to 40 percent of the season depending on the severity of the offense.

District officials refused to say whether the presence of a student at a party where alcohol was being consumed was a violation of the policy.

Park Ridge Police Chief Jeff Caudill said that those present at the party specifically admitted to use of alcohol by other minors who fled the scene, something. The report that was forwarded to Maine South was not available for review.

Requests for a copy, even one where the names of individuals were blacked out was denied by Park Ridge Police, who said they were not legally allowed to release a report that involved juveniles.

Caudill did, however, describe the Aug. 13 incident in detail. Apparently the owners of the home, located in the 300 block of N. Prospect Ave., were not at home. The four police who responded to the 9-1-1 call were unable to apprehend any of the approximately 20 individuals seen fleeing the premises. Nor were any of them apprehended later.

Upon questioning at the home, the remaining 25 youths said that they had not been drinking and that those who had were no longer present. Police noted empty beer cans in the residence.

They also confirmed, according to Caudill, that there was no adult supervisor present.

Caudill said that the parents of the remaining youths were called to pick them up and that no breathalyzer tests were administered. Breathizers, he said, were only administered in drunk driving cases and only at the

police station. None of the youths were taken to the station.

The homeowners were not charged under the parental responsibility ordinance, Caudill said, because the Police Department only does that in incidents when the homeowner is present and is allowing underage drinking to go on.

"If a homeowner goes out of town and says, 'no parties,' and there's a party, we don't charge for that," he said.

The youths were not charged with anything either. Deputy Police Chief Tom Swoboda said that the department is always concerned about proving something in court and that, in this case, they didn't believe they could prove that anything occurred in a court of law.

Park Ridge Ald. Frank Wsol (7th) believes that what occurred in this instance was a miscommunication between the Police Department and Maine South and that it was possible a violation of 24/7 had occurred. He said that a proposed Community Health Commission could serve to organize the resources of the area to respond to an incident like this one, where it's possible that nothing

could be proven in a court of law, but where a 24/7 violation may have occurred.

"Obviously this is a case where there's been a miscommunication or a misunderstanding between governmental agencies," Wsol said. "It's a classic example of how a Community Health Commission could assist in making sure we're applying and supervising

SALES TAX:

Niles one of last towns under 1%

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ly \$2.2 million to the village coffers and put those projects back on track, Village Manager Mary Kay Morrissey said.

"Now we're going to have to re-evaluate our capital plans," Morrissey said.

She said the new revenue would help considerably, but that the money could be gobbled up quickly in an expensive water main or road project.

"Water mains are sometimes \$2 million at a crack," she said. "But this money will really help.

the 24/7 policy, something District 207 has embraced and endorsed."

The case has prompted anonymous letters, not only to the newspapers but also to the police department. Caudill declined to comment on the letters, because they were unsigned but he did say they were from concerned parents.

You can't ignore your infrastructure from year to year. This will really help us catch up."

The village board didn't have a great deal of discussion for the proposed sales tax increase, except for Biederman would want to wait a year.

"I'm voting no," she said, "because I'd rather wait to see if the economy improves next year."

But Mayor Nick Blaze said that the village needed the revenue and that the tax increase would bring the village back to its previous levels of funding.

Some trustees also pointed out that the Niles sales tax has been historically lower than its neighboring communities and that they were one of only a few that were still below one percent.

NEWS

High prices at the pump spark more gas crime

BY JEFF BORGARDT
STAFF WRITER

Filling up the average tank of gas is likely to set back motorists nearly \$50 as gas prices soar through the roof.

Prices in Niles, Morton Grove and Park Ridge were about \$2.80 per gallon last weekend.

Have the high prices resulted in increased gasoline crime?

Reading through the police reports in Niles, Morton Grove and Park Ridge every week, one is struck by the upsurge in reports of gas station drive-offs.

Gas drive-offs have even been reported for motorists driving high-end models.

On Aug. 14, Morton Grove police reported a new model Mercedes Benz drove off without paying. Police also fielded a call after a high-end Corvette sped off without paying the gas bill.

In a Niles crime report two weeks ago, two motorists paid the cashier \$20 at a gas station on the 6900 block of Milwaukee and then each pumped \$45 and drove off without paying the difference—almost as if to say "I'm not paying this high price."

Recreation officials have also noted a decline in summer boating

Mayors lament high prices that hit average motorists hard

as gasoline for speedboats has become highly costly.

Niles mayor Nick Blaze said gas prices are more affordable in Niles than elsewhere.

"We have no city gas tax," he said. "If you go into Chicago, it's going to cost you 10 cents a gallon more because they have a city gas tax."

Blaze said the high gas prices are more painful for Niles workers as opposed to those in more elite affluent communities.

"We are average workers in Niles and these high gas prices make a difference to regular people," Blaze said. The

"Our people have average incomes and may drive 10 or 15 miles to work. They are affected by the gas prices. It makes a real difference," he said.

"Most people think we are being abused. Abused by the Saudis and abused by our own gas companies."

Blaze said he recalls gas lines decades ago.

"It's not that. There are no gas lines. Now the problem is high prices. Some say the president should do something. But what's he going to do? People want to blame someone. Luckily, they

aren't yet blaming me — their friendly mayor."

Park Ridge mayor Howard Frimark said many drivers are filling up \$20 or \$25 worth of gas each trip to the gas station.

"Lots of people aren't filling up the tank all the way anymore. Not with gas prices these high. Instead, they fill it up half-way or 2/3's."

The Park Ridge mayor said it recently cost him \$60 to fill up his JEEP and when he saw the total bill he "almost fell down."

He said the high gas prices have led to less travel and more carpooling.

"It's bad now, but if it gets over \$3 a gallon, then that will be drastic."

Frimark noted that other motorists are taking out their gas price frustrations on pump cashiers.

He noted that he observed such an instance recently while standing in line waiting to pay after filling up his tank.

While the customer was not aggressively hostile to the cashier, a sense of injustice was prevalent as the motorist forked over big bucks to the gas station cashier.

The mayor noted that this situation was somewhat unfair, as the

cashier himself has no say in the economics of gas prices.

In fact, Bulge gas research shows gas stations themselves claim not to be profiting from the soaring prices.

The Illinois Petroleum Marketers Association says the gas producers are making the big money as the prices rise.

The gas stations themselves

must simply pay more to acquire the gasoline. The stations generally make their profits on sales of other items inside the station convenience stores and usually break even on gasoline itself.

As prices rise, fewer people come into the stations and pay with cash which hurts the gas stations since those venturing inside the convenience store are the ones that purchase gas station profit items such as cigarettes or coffee.

These prices at the pump were observed the morning of Friday, Aug. 26 for a gallon of unleaded gasoline:

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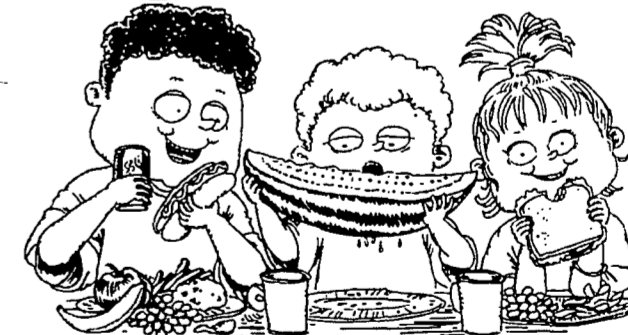
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NEWS

Golf View Recreation Center on track for September opening

'Social Room' will feature coffee, comfy chairs, free wireless internet

The Niles Park District's new multi-purpose gymnasium, the Golf View Recreation Center, is on track for a planned opening at the end of September. The new facility is located just north of the intersection of Caldwell and Howard.

A fee structure for the facility hasn't yet been set but Parks Director Joe LoVerde said that a membership at the neighboring Tam Tennis and Fitness Club will also allow use of the fitness room in the new building. The running track will be free and there will be a charge to use the gymnasium, but that charge has not yet been set.

LoVerde was on site last week, helping to double-check the last phase of construction on the building. He said that, overall, he was very pleased with the building and that he expected it to open on schedule.

The building has two professional-size basketball courts that can be turned into four smaller courts. The Park District plans to move some of their basketball programming in the new building, something that will ultimately save them money. According to LoVerde, the District has been renting space at East Maine School District 63's Gemini High School for \$65 an hour and that they will be able to stop using the facility and save money after the building is completed.

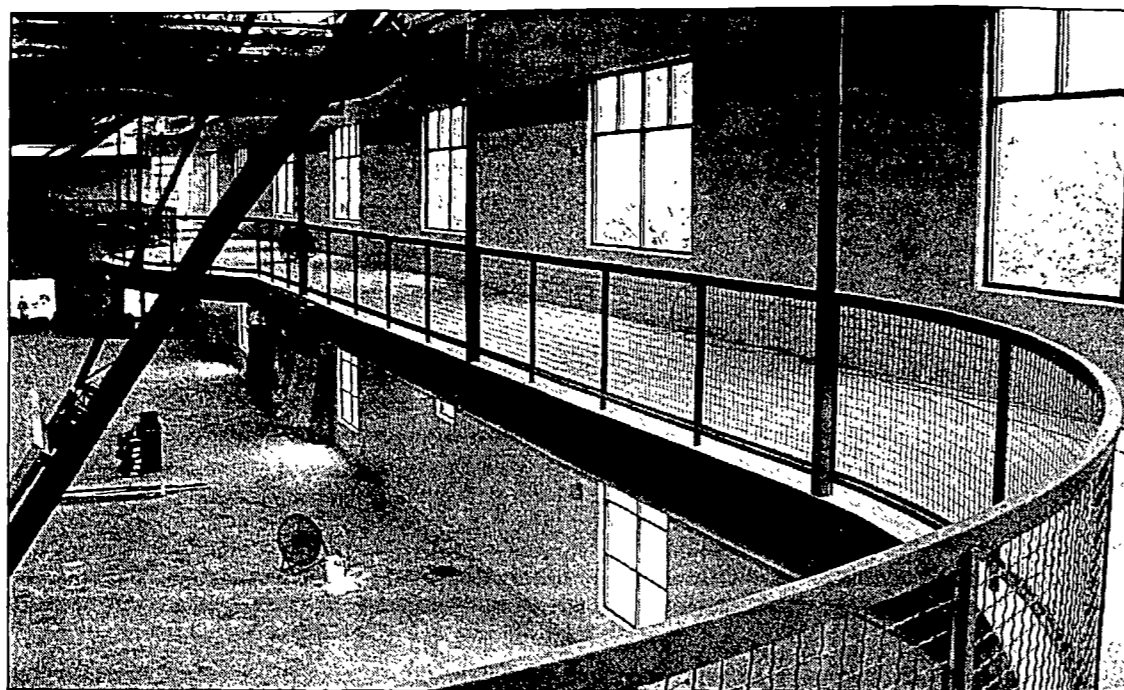
In terms of design philosophy, the new gym was designed to allow as much natural light in as possible, LoVerde said. There will be a "social room" on the

second floor with comfortable chairs, a coffee station and free wireless internet for people to relax. There are also showers, lockers, offices and a workout room on the second floor.

The first floor of the building contains the gymnasium and a concessions area, separated by windows.

"The windows will allow spectators to sit in the concessions area and still watch the games," LoVerde said.

The view of Tam O'Shanter Golf Course gives the Golf View Recreation Center its name. When the building is completed, LoVerde hopes some money will be freed up to renovate the tennis courts at the neighboring Tam Tennis Club.



The running track at the Golf View Recreation Center will be free for use. It overlooks the Tam O'Shanter Golf Course and the gymnasium.



A view of the golf course from the running track at the Golf View Recreation Center.

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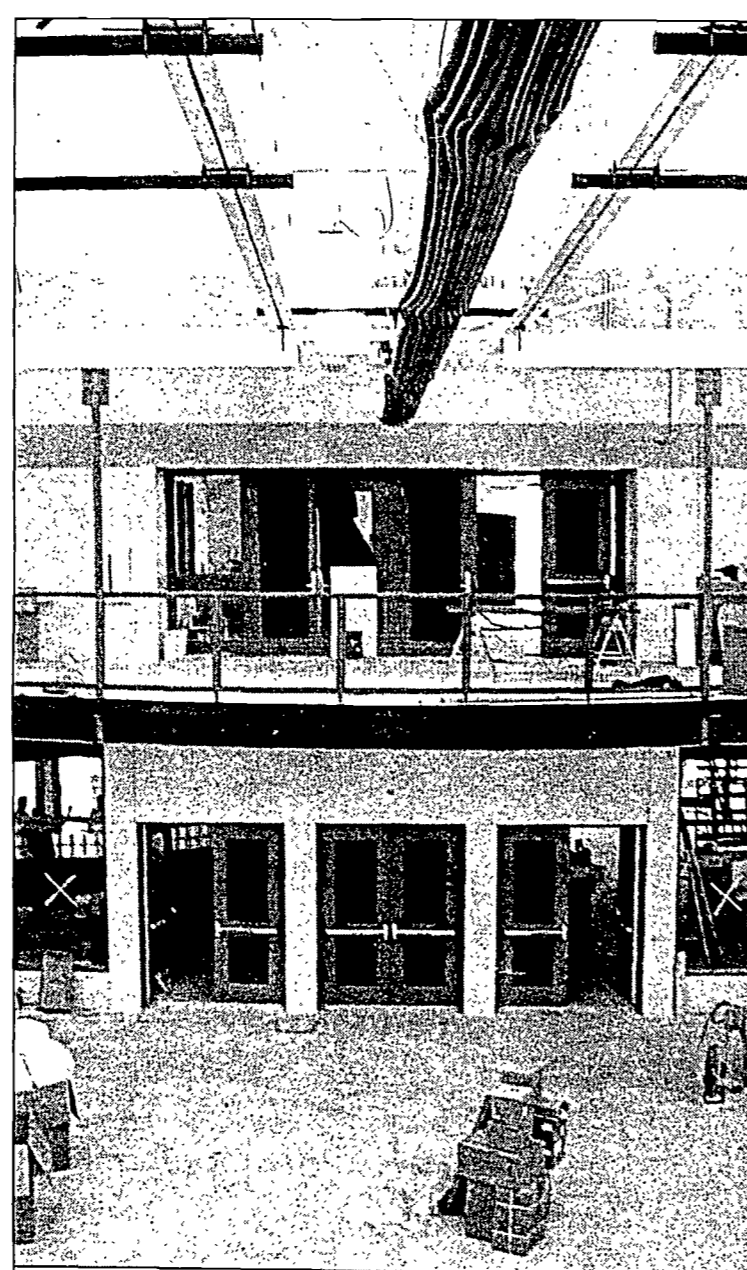
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The first and second floor entrances to the gymnasium and the running track at the Golf View Recreation Center. The new facility is set for an opening at the end of September.

NEWS

Golf Mill OTB proposal referred to Niles Plan Commission

A proposed off-track betting (OTB) facility will be before the Niles Zoning Board/Plan Commission on Monday, Sept. 12.

The proposal was referred to the Plan Commission by the village board at their last meeting Tuesday, Aug. 23. There was no discussion which is standard procedure. The board regularly sends zoning petitions to the Plan Commission.

The OTB petition was brought by Inter-Track Partners, LLC, a Melrose Park-based business that operates 14 OTBs in Illinois. Niles Mayor Nick Blase has said that the OTB is a non-issue and that the village needs the money. Inter-Track President Bob Bilocerowicz said that a similar proposal for neighboring Morton Grove could bring up to \$400,000 to village coffers. He

then upped that amount to \$600,000 after their initial proposal faltered and the village board was considering a total ban on OTBs. The village board did, subsequently, vote to bad OTB in a 4-3 vote with Mayor Rick Krier breaking a tie.

The Niles OTB would occupy a former Circuit City located in Golf Mill. If the Plan Commission reports out favorably and quickly on the proposal it could be before the village board as early as Tuesday, Sept. 26.

The proposal has generated more letters to the editor of The Bugle than any other single issue in the last two years. Last week three letters were printed in opposition to the proposal and this week one letter is printed in favor and one against. See COMMENTARY, page 8.

Niles Park District News

Niles Park District Adds New Garden to Cell Tower/Flag Pole

Niles Park District has become the home of one of the newest Cellular Phone Towers. However, it is not your normal tower at 7877 N. Milwaukee Avenue near Oasis Water Park. The tower is designed as a Flag Pole that serves two purposes; additional revenue for the park from cell company leases, and a tall & beautiful flag pole for the entire community to admire.

Currently U.S. Cellular and Sprint have occupancy on the tower. A 3rd carrier is in lease negotiations with the park district. The former Ciebartari Gardens is in the process of being reconstructed around the cell tower/flag pole. The gardens include a beautiful paved walkway, cascading water fountain and landscaping.

Park District officials said: "While you are driving or walking down Milwaukee Avenue, take a peek at our new flag pole. It is a great reminder of our national pride and all of the wonderful service men and women who have served our country - past and present. Rededication Ceremonies will be announced soon."

Niles Park District Receives \$80,000 Lighting Upgrade Grant

The Illinois Clean Energy Community Foundation has awarded the Niles Park District with an \$80,000 Lighting Upgrade Grant. The grant will be used to fund the cost of upgrading old, energy consuming lights in some of the park buildings. The lighting upgrade project will help the Park District reduce utility costs and improve lighting quality for park visitors and staff. In addition the upgrade will help save energy, leading to less pollution in our community.

The Niles Park District is very grateful to receive the Lighting Upgrade Grant from the Foundation. Over the last five years, the Illinois Clean Energy Community Foundation has awarded 1,700 grants totaling more than \$80 million to support energy efficiency, renewable energy, and natural areas conservation projects throughout Illinois. The Foundation has been instrumental in the improvement of environmental quality in Illinois, and the Niles Park District is proud to join their mission. The Lighting Upgrade Project will be completed by June of 2006.

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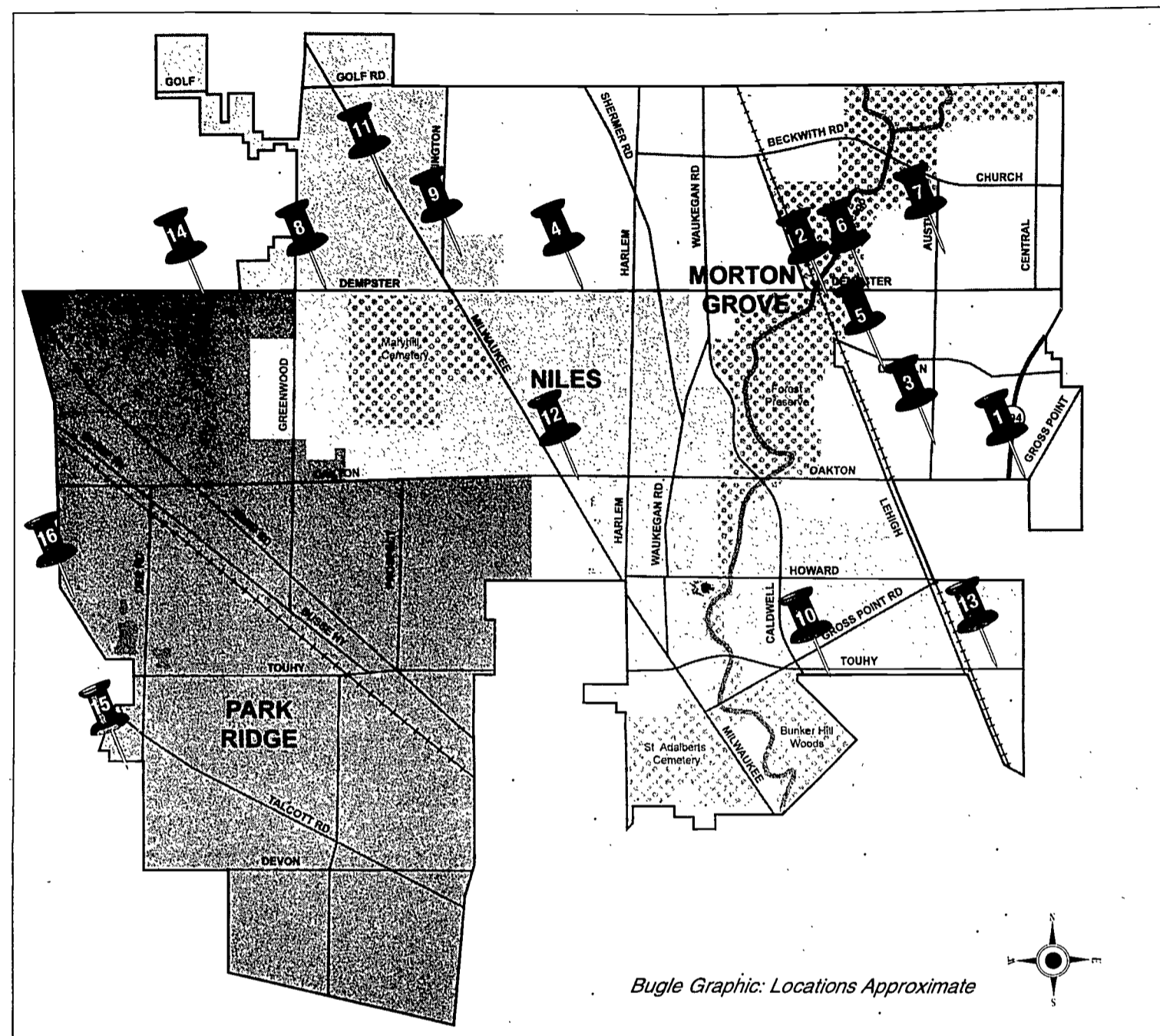
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POLICE BLOTTER



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MORTON GROVE

The following was derived from the official reports of the Morton Grove Police Department for the week ending Friday, Aug. 26.

1 Mailman bite (5700 Oakton)

Morton Grove postmaster Hal Hermes reported to police that a dog bit a mailman last week. Police told the bowser owners that their one-year-old golden pit bull must be secured at all times otherwise the dog will be impounded and possibly put to death. The owners said they were unaware of the mail bite but will keep the dog inside the home or fence when not under supervision.

2 Missing money accusation prompts angry resignation (6200 Dempster)

An outraged employee of Europa Home Furnishing quit her job after the owner accused her of swiping \$7,000 cash and told her not to enter the office area of the store anymore. The owner, a Niles resident, said that \$4,000 cash was taken from her purse located by a desk in the back

office Aug. 14. Then, on Aug. 15, \$3,000 was taken from the purse in the office. The owner said she thinks the employee took the money. To prevent future theft she barred the employee from the back office but declined to terminate her employment saying "she's a good saleswoman." Nonetheless, the employee was outraged by the owner's belief she took the purse cash. She yelled, swore, spit and threatened the owner. The owner then wrote her a \$448 salary check and told her never to return. The owner wants a police report due to the threats made, she told police. The owner emphasized that the employee quit, and was not fired.

3 Truck sleeper suspected (6100 Madison)

An employee left transport work for the evening Aug. 22 and locked up two trucks. When she arrived the next morning, one of the locks had been broken open and a beer can was inside the truck. She thinks a homeless man slept inside the truck.

4 Picture foot fall (7200 Dempster)

A Niles woman, 49, was shopping at Home Goods Aug. 23 and looking through a stack of framed pictures. One picture fell from about one foot in the air and crashed onto her foot causing severe swelling. The bulky framed pictures had no shelf or barricade to stop them from falling.

5 Next door construction (8300 Mango)

A home is under construction and excavation on the 8300 block of Mango. When it rained heavily Aug. 20, the rainwater caused a fence and garden next door to sink into the excavation. Construction workers have sought to shore up the damage with plywood.

6 Burglar takes key from car (6800 Dempster)

A thief opened an unlocked motor vehicle Aug. 20 and stole the keys to the car, a credit card and \$5 cash from the vehicle owned by a man, 23, of Skokie.

7 Tree branch falls on car (8900 Menard)

A tree branch fell on a 1992 Camry the night of Aug. 19.

NILES

The following was derived from the official reports of the Niles Police Department for the week ending Friday, Aug. 26.

8 Gun Yell (8400 Dempster)

A girl, 17, of Mt. Prospect was standing in front of a residence waiting for her boyfriend to come outside when a white man wearing a black shirt drove up and asked her "Where's your f---n boyfriend?" and then said "We are going to finish what we started." The girl ran to the back of the residence and the boyfriend, 22 of Niles, came outside. The offender followed and had a chrome object in his hand. The boyfriend thinks it was a semiautomatic handgun. The offender screamed, waved the object in the air and then fled.

9 Chem Cab (8900 Washington)

An unknown chemical substance was splashed onto a cab Aug. 21. The cabbie, 33 of Des Plaines, reported the vehicle paint and exterior was damaged by the chemical substance while it was parked.

10 Job loss sparks motel bathtub drinking (6400 Touhy)

An ambulance call was made after a Park Ridge man, 20, was found in a Days Inn motel room intoxicated. Authorities discovered the man was sitting in the bathtub with a bottle of vodka. He was reportedly distraught since he was fired from his job earlier in the day. He was cited for possession of alcohol by a minor and billed for the ambulance fee.

11 Sitter caught shoplifting (Golf Mill Mall)

A Chicago babysitter, 37, was caught stealing videotapes from Sears at the Golf Mill mall last week.

12 Alcohol sales violation (7400 Oakton)

A 7-11 store cashier was cited for violation of Niles alcohol rules for selling booze after midnight Aug. 16.

13 Retail theft (5600 Touhy)

A man, 34, of Chicago was caught stealing three DVD's three CD's and a watch from Wal-Mart Aug. 21. The goods have a total value of \$96.

PARK RIDGE

The following was derived from the official reports of the Park Ridge Police Department for the week ending Monday, Aug. 29.

14 Home shot by pellet gun (1800 W. Church)

A home in the 1800 block of W. Church St. was shot by a pellet gun overnight Monday, Aug. 22. The pellet broke the outer pane of a double paned window causing an estimated \$200 in damage.

15 Cemetery vandalized (2100 W. Touhy)

A cemetery located at 2100 W. Touhy was vandalized sometime between Saturday, Aug. 13 and Tuesday, Aug. 23. Unknown individuals wrote in black marker on a tombstone, spray-painted another tombstone and damaged a bench.

16 Just down the street (1100 W. Touhy)

More vandalism occurred just down the street from the cemetery at 1100 W. Touhy overnight Saturday, Aug. 20. Unknown individuals spray-painted words and symbols on the east side brick wall of a building.

17 Garbage cans swiped (200 Chester)

An unknown individual stole a garbage can worth \$10 dollars from the alley behind a home in the 200 block of Chester overnight Friday, Aug. 19. The same night, two more garbage cans were stolen in the same block.

News from the Police Reports

Road Rage, Man chases burglar in the buff

BY JEFF BORGARDT
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Police tracked it to a Wheeling man and no complaint has been filed.

Road Rage

A motorist, 40, of the north shore of Chicago was driving down the Edens Expressway Aug. 21. He exited on Dempster and

"I'm not afraid of you, but I don't want any trouble."

turned onto Menard when a Green Plymouth van pulled up behind him.

The van was driven by a black man who started to aggressively tail the motorist.

Then, at the intersection of Menard and Greenwood the van driver jumped out of the vehicle as it blocked north-bound traffic.

The man rushed up to the vehicle and began swearing and yelling at the driver.

The driver stared him down and said "I'm not afraid of you but I don't want any trouble."

The aggressor then retreated back into his van and drove off.

The motorist wrote down the license plate of the van.

Naked Burglar Chase

A resident of the 7900 block of Oconto was sleeping at 3:30 a.m. Aug. 25 when he heard the dog bark.

The man, 21, told the bowser to keep quiet and rested his head back on the pillow. However, a few minutes later the dog barking began once more.

The man heard "a rustling by the fence."

When he looked out the window, he saw a man standing by the garage.

He yelled and the prowler jumped over the fence and ran away.

The naked resident then ran outside and started to chase the prowler.

He ran south down Oconto for one-half block in the nude trying to apprehend the prowler who escaped into the darkness.

The resident then returned home, got dressed and jumped into his car and drove around looking for the burglar but couldn't find him.

The man and his father reported to police that a jackhammer and drill were missing from the garage.

CZERWINSKI:

Krier: position must be filled promptly

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Morton Grove Village Administrator Ralph Czerwinski will depart in 60 days to head the Skokie Fire Department, the village announced Monday. Czerwinski said that he was leaving with mixed emotions.

"There were other openings that I saw that I didn't apply for because I enjoyed what I was doing here," said Czerwinski. "But when I saw the Skokie opening, I thought it was a great opportunity to get back to something I really love."

Czerwinski began his career in Morton Grove as a firefighter and progressed through the ranks of the Fire Department until he became chief in 1990, a position he held for 13 years. The village asked him to become acting village administrator in 2003 to replace former administrator Larry Arft. After a trial period, Czerwinski was officially named administrator after that.

"I think it was a situation where we wanted to try each other out," Czerwinski said of the trial period.

But the fire service is something that is in his blood, Czerwinski said.

"I love the service, I love the camaraderie," he said. "When the word got out that I was taking the Skokie position, many of the chiefs in the area called me and said, 'welcome back.'"

Czerwinski was appointed by the Action Party to the administrator post. In spite of the recent electoral sweep by the Caucus Party, who was highly critical of

the previous administration he said that he had a good working relationship with the new board and was not leaving because of politics.

"After the election I had a meeting with the mayor," Czerwinski said. "He asked if I had any intention of leaving and I said only if a position opened up in several specific departments; Skokie was one of them."

Morton Grove Mayor Rick Krier said that Czerwinski was a high-quality individual and that he was sorry to be losing him.

"He is a first class guy," Krier said. "He handled this situation

"I've already started talking to people and I have a couple of prospects."

Rick Krier
Morton Grove Mayor

with integrity and he's going to be sorely missed."

Krier did say that while Czerwinski was a responsive administrator, the fire service was in his blood.

"Ralph, at heart, is a fire chief and everyone who knows him, knows his passion for the fire service. Ralph will be missed by the elected officials, village staff and the residents of Morton Grove."

Though Czerwinski is giving the village a 60-day notice period, he anticipates difficulty filling the position in that time. He said that the top village staff will have to adopt a "team approach" in order to fill the vacuum.

"We're going to have to divide the responsibilities while they find that singular person to fill

this post," Czerwinski said. "We've already reached out to the Illinois City Manager Association too, so we're getting the process started."

And, if there's a problem after the 60-days, Czerwinski said he isn't going far.

"I'm right next door," he said. "I'll work on my off-hours to help out if I have to. Morton Grove has been and will continue to be a big part of my life."

Czerwinski said he intends to stay involved in the community, citing the Morton Grove Foundation, a charitable organization he chaired several years ago.

Czerwinski's resignation is the latest in a series of announced resignations beginning last year with the department of Assistant Village Manager Bridget Wachtel and including Economic Development Director Tim Angell, Police Chief George Incledon and Deputy Police Chief Lou Rossi. Czerwinski said he didn't believe that the vacancies were going to leave a vacuum at the top. The Economic Development position was filled this month by Bill Neuendorf and Czerwinski also said they were close to announcing a new Human Resources Director who will fill the slot formerly intended for the assistant village manager.

Krier said that he didn't anticipate a problem and that he hoped to fill the position within the 60-day period.

"I've already started talking to people and I have a couple of prospects," he said. "We don't have time to go through a long search. We have to make a prompt decision."

Action Party Trustees Dan Staackmann and Dan DiMaria were also extremely helpful, Krier said.

"There's a time for politics and there's a time to work for the good of the village," he said. "Trustee Staackmann and espe-

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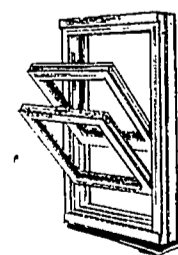
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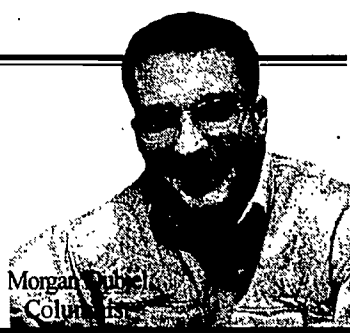
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COMMENTARY

Another Perspective



Mr. Terry Harris

Terry was diagnosed with cerebral palsy as a child and his doctors said he could never learn to write. Over thousands of repetitions of writing straight and curved lines in all types of media from sand to paper Terry learned to write. He not only learned to write but he has graduated from college, is happily married, and working as a counselor; leading a wonderful life.

There is a philosophy now prevalent in our society and adopted by our leaders called utilitarianism. It is the attempt to achieve the "common good". It is diametrically opposed to traditional values and it is evil dressed in presumed nobility. You see utilitarianism would have judged Terry Harris unfit to live.

The problem with utilitarianism is its reliance on subjective human judgement coupled with hard dollars and cents analysis. It is not based on love, but power, not people, but things. It is based on what is best now. A philosophy fully reliant on if it feels good it must be good. When the highest moral authority is another human being what makes Mother Teresa more correct than Hitler. In this view a person is an animal is a plant is a chair; just a bunch of things.

As a matter of fact, utilitarianism leads to Hitlerism, Stalinism, Maoism or any other type of human debauchery. There is a B-movie called Soylent Green starring Charlton Heston. In this movie the ruling authorities, measuring for the "greater good" decide that old people are not valuable to society. They are a cost, but their utility can be increased. The world needs more food. You see, soylent green is people.

In a dollar and cents cost-benefit analysis what is the value of another person. Who's eyes judge and by what ethic should we decide. When the elites focus on total human welfare you can bet that individual welfare will suffer. Who is best to make this decision? Your loved ones or some faceless bureaucrat, a special council of the anointed, some ivory tower professors, or worse? Right now there is a leading academic espousing the

view that parents should have a right to kill their children, up to six years old. This view runs counter to 6000 years of moral teaching. The same teaching that got us the greatest nation the world has ever known. Do we just throw it all away?

My business is the reconstruction and repair of old homes. The oldest we ever worked on was built in 1896. It had a stone foundation that was still strong, plumb and true. The builders of old knew the importance of a firm foundation and we have never had to tear out a whole foundation to improve a home. When our Founding Fathers state that, "all men...are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights, that among these are Life, Liberty, and the pursuit of happiness"; they are setting in place a firm foundation. One based on traditional moral values like the 10 Commandments.

It can be difficult to explain this morality in dollars or in pure mathematical logic. Often morality is not in our self-interest, at least not in the short term. When we do what is right it can cost us. Utilitarianism seeks pleasure now and leads to tears later. Ethics and high moral standards sometimes cause us to shed tears now, but feel joy later and in the long-run. Our nation stands at a moral crossroads and each of us need decide our nation's fate. It appears our country is divided between two paths, on the one hand Principles and the other convenience.

Abraham Lincoln said, "A house divided against itself cannot stand." Where will you stand?

Letters to the Editor

Mayor Blase, there is opposition to Niles OTB

Dear Editor,

I noticed when reading the Bugle last week that our mayor believes there is not much opposition to the proposal for off-track betting coming to Niles.

Since this is the first I have heard of it, I am writing as another voice of dissent. I would also imagine that there are many residents, like me, who are unaware or just becoming aware of this issue since our day-to-day lives are full of work and family with scant time to catch up with the goings-on in local government.

Not only is OTB presently illegal, but I would think that, before consideration is given to changing the ordinance, the people's voice should be heard — put it to a vote.

Minimally, grant a reasonable period of time in which concerned citizens can rally a petition signing campaign to give the mayor and trustees a better understanding of the mindset of the constituency.

If the \$400-\$600 thousand is a concern, figure out a creative way to breathe life into the blight of a shopping center, Golf Mill. This mall can no longer attract and retain quality premium brand stores.

Thus, our village no longer draws shoppers like me from within and few, if any from neighboring suburbs — Old Orchard and Woodfield get that tax revenue.

Rather than encouraging OTB, which may bring a less desirable element into a village that already has its share of issues, the governing body in Niles should look to upgrading what is, not stepping on the slippery slope that can drive it downwards.

So before proceeding on deciding on this proposal for OTB, which may have a negative impact on our town by attracting people who do not "Count," we should hear from the residents — in the town "where people count." Put this issue to the people; a vote, a door-to-door canvass or a well-advertised, publicly proclaimed townhall where village residents can be heard.

Pat Argyrakis
Niles, Illinois

Resident in favor of Niles OTB

Dear Editor,

I am a 60 year old who has lived in Niles for 37 years. I have been betting on horse races for 40 years. My friends and I are eagerly anticipating the opening of a local, convenient OTB. We live in Niles, Morton Grove, Skokie and Glenview. We are health professionals, lawyers, accountants, business owners and salesmen. We use horserace

betting as a source of entertainment and an opportunity to socialize.

Addressing Mr. Szpak and Ms. Konieczny, I have attended many OTB's. I have not encountered any more people there who are a threat to "women, children and senior citizens" than I have at any other place I go.

Mayor Blase cleaned up the illegal "gambling joints" on Milwaukee Avenue as he promised.

These "joints" contributed revenue to organized crime. OTB parlors are legal. They provide revenue to local communities and the state as well as support an industry that provides jobs throughout the state.

Sidney Goldberg, Niles

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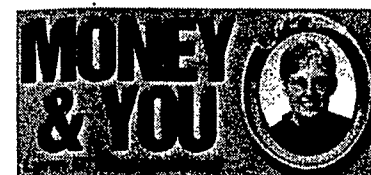


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Start early on red tape in Medicare drug plan



In our nation's history, there have been plenty of government programs that have choked on their own red tape. So it's worth paying attention when someone who makes his living studying the fine print of government mandates claims that he's identified a federal program that rises above the rest.

According to Robert Hayes, president of the nonprofit Medicare Rights Center, the most complicated federal program ever created is the new Medicare drug benefit plan, which will be launched with great hoopla this fall.

"In my humble opinion, it's the single most convoluted benefit program in American history," Hayes said. "There are ways that it could be even more consumer unfriendly, but I haven't found them yet."

Congress birthed this bureaucratic baby in 2003 in reaction to pressure from the elderly, who were appalled and frightened by the spiraling cost of prescription drugs.

The goal was noble, but the real test of whether it can work, with what appears to be a million moving parts, remains to be seen.

To its credit, the Medicare Rights Center is trying to educate seniors by offering a free publication that addresses common questions about the new benefit plan.

It's probably not a positive sign that it took the nonprofit 30 pages just to highlight how the program works. You have to wonder how an 82-year-old widow with failing eyesight is going to be able to slog through the details.

Simply griping about the complexity of the program, however, isn't going to help the people who desperately need assistance purchasing medication for high blood pressure, diabetes, glaucoma and countless other medical problems.

If you are on Medicare, the best way for you to eliminate potential problems is to do your own research. If you have a parent or grandparent who is infirm, you should seriously consider stepping in to help.

It's best to start your research as soon as possible. Procrastinating

until Medicare works out the kinks isn't necessarily an option. That's because seniors who balk at signing up initially can be penalized if they change their minds and enroll later. Consumer advocates also worry that seniors who haven't done their homework will be dazzled by the glossiest literature or the best commercials.

You don't want grandma picking a plan because she likes the graying celebrity hawkling it on television. You can expect the marketing onslaught to begin in early October.

Another reason why the elderly will need more help is because navigating the drug plan choices will be more challenging for people who aren't plugged into the Internet. Only 20 percent of Medicare recipients enjoy Internet access.

To help get you started, the Medicare Rights Center has provided answers to some of the inevitable questions that people will be asking:

Will all the drug plans offer standard, uniform Medicare drug coverage?

The plans will not be identical. Each one can provide different drugs, as well as different prices. Every plan will also maintain its own list of participating drug-stores.

Can plans drop coverage of certain drugs?

Yes. Plans will be allowed to dump drugs on their lists as long as they give 60 days' notice. Unfortunately, it won't be as easy for you to ditch a plan if it eliminates the drugs you need. You can switch plans once a year during what's called the annual coordinated election period, which will occur between Nov. 15 and Dec. 31.

How much will monthly premiums cost for the drug coverage?

Costs will depend upon where you live and the plan you choose. Medicare, however, has suggested that the average premium should cost about \$32 a month in 2006. The premiums are expected to go up yearly.

As a benchmark, Medicare envisions that the basic plan will require a participant to meet a \$250 deductible and then pay 25 percent of covered drug costs between \$251 and \$2,250. A plan would pay for expenses exceeding \$2,250.

Chamber of Commerce Week



The Niles village board proclaimed Sept. 12-16 as 'Chamber of Commerce' week at their last board meeting. Mayor Nick Blase called attention to the Chamber's work in the community for the last 34 years and called on all residents of the village to recognize the contribution made by the organization.

BY JEFFREY CARDELLA
Special to The Bugle

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Are Your Investments Working as Hard as You Do?

It's Labor Day — and if you're like many people, you certainly feel that your household is laboring pretty darn hard. And you'd be right. In fact, from 1975 through 2002, the average hours worked by all family members rose by 11%, according to the Economic Policy Institute. But all that work may not necessarily translate into the attainment of your financial goals — unless your money is working as hard as you are.

How can you make sure this happens? For starters, you need to define just how hard your money needs to work — in other words, what sort of performance you'll require from your investments. Not everyone needs the same type of return from his or her portfolio. For example, if you plan on working past normal retirement age and then stay fairly close to home, you might not need as much income from your investments as your neighbor, who wants to retire early and travel the world. To get a reasonably close estimate of the level of resources you'll need to draw on during your retirement years, you may want to work with a financial professional.

Once you know how much you'll need, you can assess if you're on track toward reaching this figure. After factoring in what you can expect from Social Security — an amount that will make up only a relatively small percentage of your retirement income — consider your employer-sponsored retirement plan.

If you work for a company that offers a traditional "defined benefit" plan — one that pays you a pension based on your age and length of employment — there's not much you can do to get more "bang for your buck," apart from working more years. But if your employer offers a "defined contribution" plan,

such as a 401(k), you can take action to ensure that your investment dollars are working hard for you.

Start by evaluating your 401(k) portfolio. Are you "overweighted" in conservative investments, such as bonds, certificates of deposit or guaranteed income contracts? These vehicles, while not without value, are "lazy" in the sense that they won't give you any significant appreciation. To provide yourself with substantial growth opportunities, you may need to put a relatively large percentage of your 401(k) plan into equities. Then, when you near retirement, you might want to lock in any gains you have achieved, and reduce your portfolio's volatility, by shifting some — but certainly not all — of your 401(k) equity dollars into bond and CD accounts.

And the same course of action applies to your individual investments. Even if you are by nature a conservative investor, you will need at least some exposure to stocks to achieve the growth you need for retirement and other long-term goals. If your portfolio is laden with bonds and CDs, you might lower your investment risk — the possibility of losing some principal — but you'll assume more purchasing power risk, because fixed-rate investments may barely keep you ahead of inflation.

In short, you need to construct a diversified portfolio that reflects your risk tolerance, long-term goals and time horizon — but you have to make sure it contains plenty of investments that are working hard for you. Without these investments, you may be the one who has to keep working hard — for more years than you'd like.

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"This service takes the guesswork out of planning college finances," Katsoolias said. "CollegeCalc removes the fear of the unknown, and it gives parents or grandparents a plan for investing."



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Katsoolias's office is located at 7627 N. Milwaukee Avenue; he may be reached at 847-663-1650.

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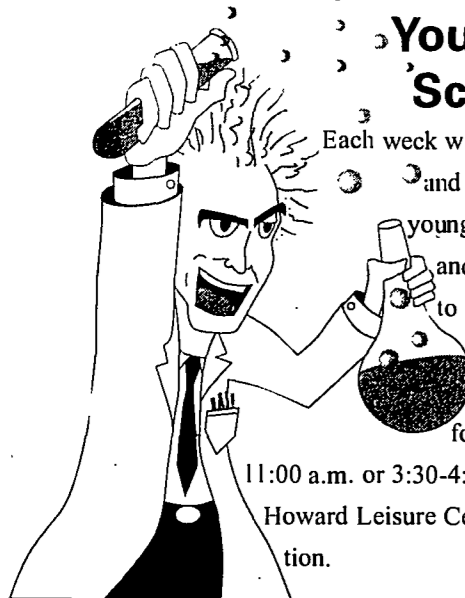
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Mr. & Mrs. Albert Cassettari of Niles will celebrate 66 years of marriage on September 9th. Married in St. Philomena's Church, Chicago in 1939.

They are the parents of Diane Scarpelli, grandparents of Debbie, Paul, Susan and Louis Czech, and the proud great grandparents of Jaclyn Louise, and twins Lindsay and Louis.

Their family would like to thank them for all the little things they do to fill our lives with love.

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BACK TO SCHOOL

School day changes already a win for D219

BY TRACY YOSHIDA
CONTRIBUTOR

Niles Township High School Dist. 219 officials say they are already seeing positive results from this year's changes to the school day, such as students arriving to school on time and less disruptions to class instruction.

"It's going to feel like we're all Freshman on the first day of school," said Sue Hoffman, dean of students at Niles North High School, in a short video provided on the district's website. The video is intended to help students

adjust to the new schedule.

Students begin the school day at 8:10 a.m. as opposed to 7:30 a.m. and they have 9 periods of classes for 42 minutes each, as opposed to the prior mod-based system. With this new system, the students will have 2 more minutes of instructional time in each classroom. Homeroom, a non-academic period, is now after third period instead of being the first class of the day.

"We're definitely seeing kids getting here on time," said Ryan McTague, dean of students at Niles West High School. "They seem positive. I think they appreciate it."

Niles Township High School Dist. 219 Supt. Neil Codell said that since the first class is now an academic class as opposed to homeroom, he believes more students will arrive to school on time.

"We felt it was a greater emphasis on the academic world," said Codell, about making the first class an academic class.

Another positive result of the change in the daily schedule is that now students change classes at the same times instead of at various times through out the day.

"There are many fewer disruptions," shared Codell.

In order to increase student accountability and also make more efficient use of the student's time, students can now report directly to the library, writing or math centers, etc., instead of checking in first with their study hall. They now use their student ID card to swipe in and out of the centers and could save 10 to 15 minutes from not going back and forth from their study hall.

A similar swipe card system will now be used for juniors and seniors who are able to go off campus during their lunch period.

"We'll be able to locate students immediately," said McTague, dean of students at Niles West High School. He said the swipe system will now give them an instant picture of where a student is located.

Another change in the day is that music will be played in the hallways during four minutes of the five minute passing period. The music will stop during the fifth minute of the passing period so students know they only have a minute left to make it to their next class on time.

"We've really established a structure and flow to the day," shared McTague.

Go back to school without allergies

Fall means going back to school. For allergic children, that may mean absences due to problems related to allergies, hay fever or asthma. According to the Asthma and Allergy Foundation of America (AAFA), asthma accounts for 14 million missed school days annually and an estimated two million school days are lost each year due to allergies, with an indirect cost reaching nearly \$4 billion.

To prevent children's allergy and asthma symptoms and minimize the number of missed school days, make the indoor environment at home healthier by using a humidifier to make sure that the air is not too dry and a room air cleaner to reduce airborne particulates such as tobacco smoke, dust and pollen.

According to the Association of Home Appliance Manufacturers (AHAM), a portable air cleaner, certified for its Clean Air Delivery Rate (CADR) may significantly reduce the level of airborne pollutants in a home. [I don't think 10% is a high enough number to make this a strong point] According to an AHAM study, 57% of air cleaner owners say that their air cleaners have had a large impact on the quality of indoor air, and 32% state that their air cleaner has led to an improvement in their health and/or the health of other household members including children.

Before purchasing an air cleaner, measure the square footage of the room you want to treat so that you'll be able to

select an air cleaner of the appropriate size for your room. You'll also want to consider air filtering efficiency. Look for the CADR seal on the product packaging—it indicates that the air cleaner has been tested for its performance and shows how well it reduces pollutants such as tobacco smoke, pollen and dust in a suggested room size.

Compare the CADR information on different air cleaners. First look at suggested room size. Then refer to the dust, tobacco smoke and pollen CADR numbers. The higher the numbers, the faster the unit filters the air. If the room size and CADR ratings are the same across two products, their air filtering performance is similar. You can then weigh the importance of product features, such

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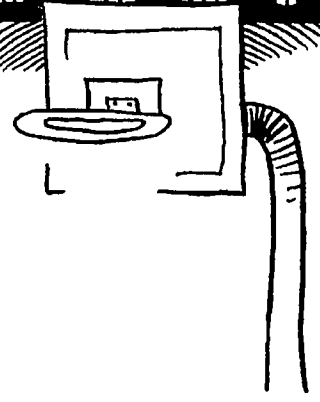
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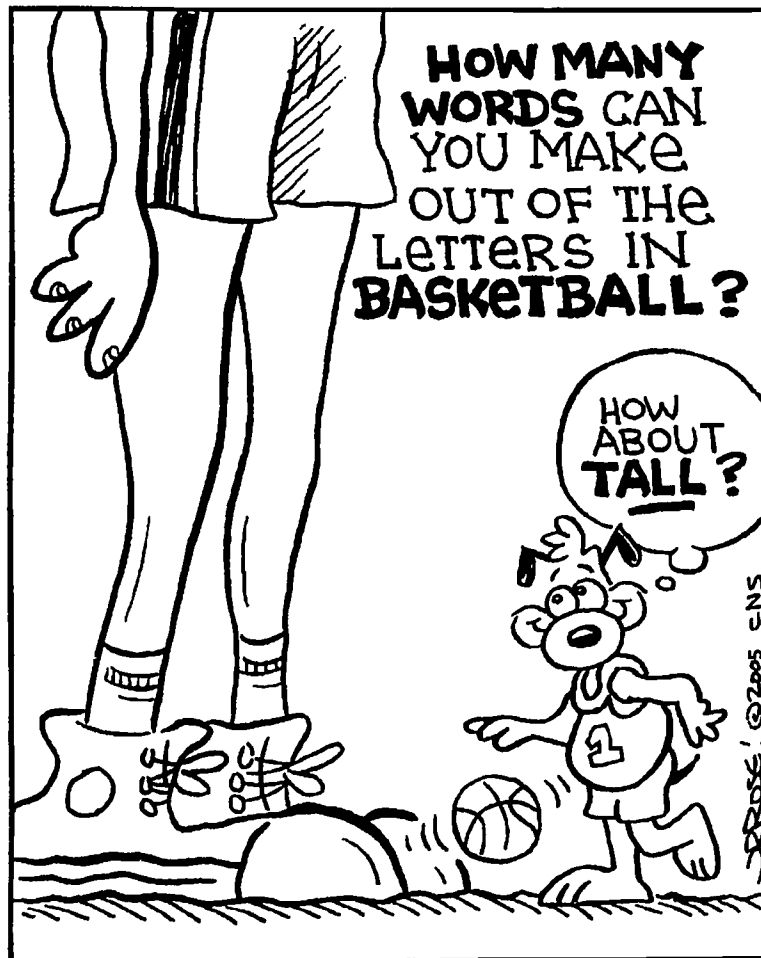
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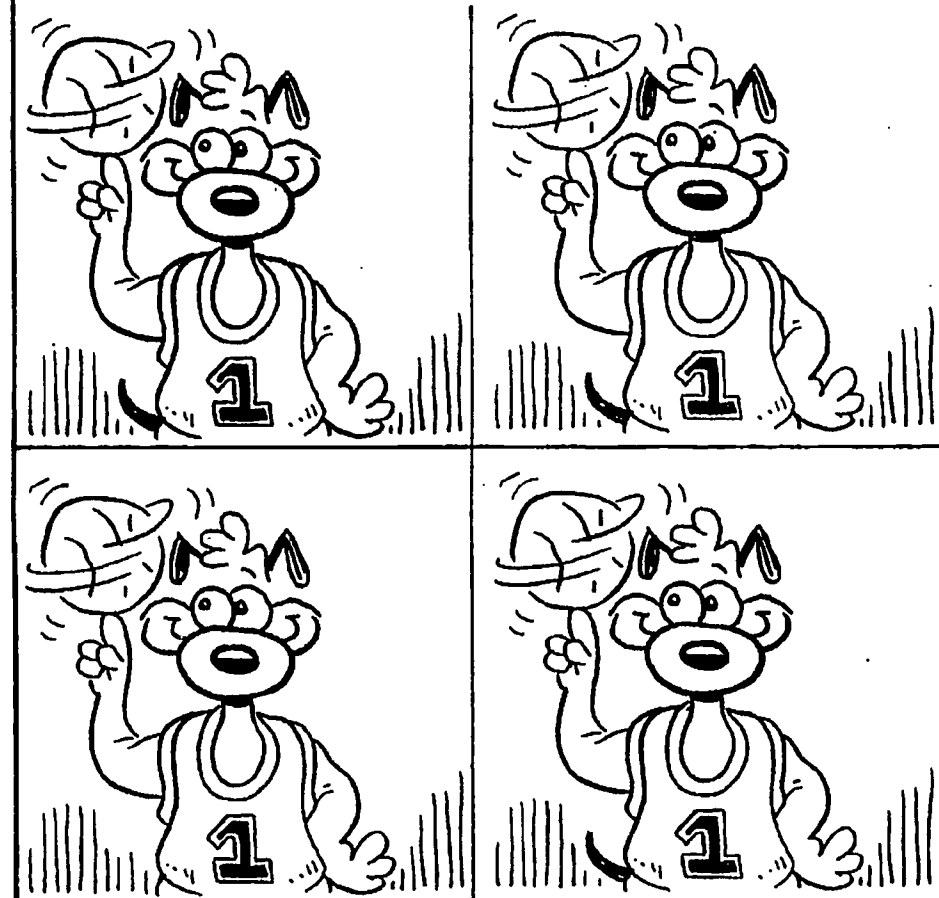
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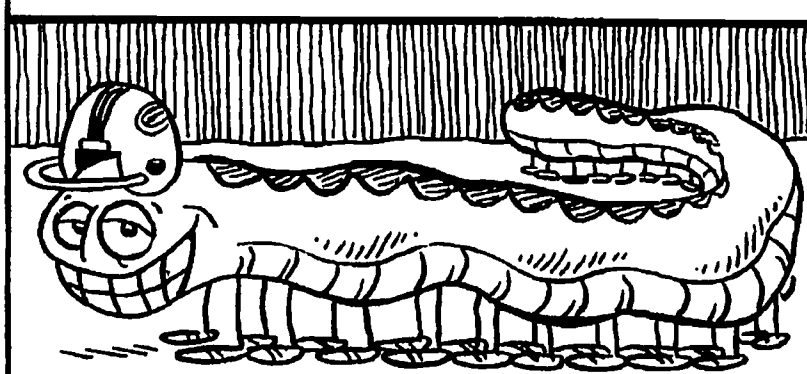
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ED GRANLEY
Copley News Service

DEL MAR, Calif. - You have to think in terms of being on a roller coaster every day of every week of every month of every year.

one's soul, drop a few crystal meth chunks into a glass. Bob Fletcher knows the routine. He has worked in racing since 1970 and is a former operations supervisor at Hollywood Park and Santa Anita. One night in

ter employees and people more likely want to be around them. Our job is to get them back to work as functioning employees. If they get the program of recovery on top of that, it's a bonus for them and us."

Greece and the winner received a "woman of well-rounded and domestic skills." Ever since, those riding have confronted one pressure after another.

There is a dark side to the journey through what can be a terribly lonely business. Most jockeys have interesting pasts and ever-shifting futures. They wake before dawn, work until sunset, move from one meet to the next and rarely know a day off. All fervently battle daily to make weight. Pat Valenzuela's drug use has led to 11 suspensions or license revocations alone during his career.

Flores is another who constantly combats temptation. The public sees a jockey who entered the 2005 season having won more than 2,700 career races and amassed more than \$102 million in purses, who holds an annual golf tournament to benefit an orphanage in his native Tijuana, Mexico, a home for 80 children, a way to pay for blankets and toys and pacifiers for babies, a way to help them survive each year.

What the public doesn't see: Nine years ago, Flores was the one wanting to die. "I couldn't trust anyone and was using (cocaine) pretty much 24-7," he said. "I came here from a different country, didn't speak much English and constantly dealt with keeping my weight under control. I tried

to stop using many times. I never could. But then I went to the Winners Foundation. They just reached out their hand and supported me in ways others hadn't. I'm one of the lucky ones who found those people."

Garrett Gomez's voyage has been even more unstable. He was out of the sport and estranged from his wife and children for two years. He spent time in prison. He was thrown out of his home and had his assets cut off.

One day in 2003, he telephoned his wife (for, oh, the 1,000th time) and begged her to come pick him up at a San Diego County home where he was using. She showed and brought Fletcher along. They stood outside. Gomez wouldn't come out to meet them.

There was still too much cocaine and alcohol to consume.

"You keep digging that hole," Gomez said. "You keep shoveling. You start with a pothole and by the time you're done, you're lying in an eight-foot grave covered in dirt thinking, 'How do I get out of here?' But once you get that little straw to the top of the grave, you can hear someone out there saying they can help. You can slowly dig yourself out. It takes a whole lot of hard work and guidance from others, from a higher power."

"The Winners Foundation is one of those."

He will be clean two years in October.

Clean and still riding that roller coaster, still trying to out-run the demons like he might a charging filly down the homestretch.

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RIDING TO THE RESCUE - Once troubled and unstable, jockey David Flores found guidance and help through The Winners Foundation.
CNS Photo by Charlie Neuman

You have to know what it feels like to stand at the summit of Mount Everest one second and along the shoreline of the Dead Sea the next. You have to comprehend a mentality that accepts the idea of purging meal after meal or taking laxatives or diuretics or spending 2-4 hours in a 140-degree hot box just to shed a few pounds. You have to know a cup of coffee in the morning means rising before the sun and rubbing sleep from your eyes as you climb atop a 1,200-pound animal and direct it around sharp turns at more than 40 miles per hour.

Then you might understand the demons that often torment many in horse racing.

"The rush you get from this profession is unbelievable," said jockey David Flores. "But when you come down from it ... you look for an escape."

Some snort cocaine.

Or drink a fifth of Stoli.

Or smoke dope.

Or, when the money gets real low but the addiction grips harder to

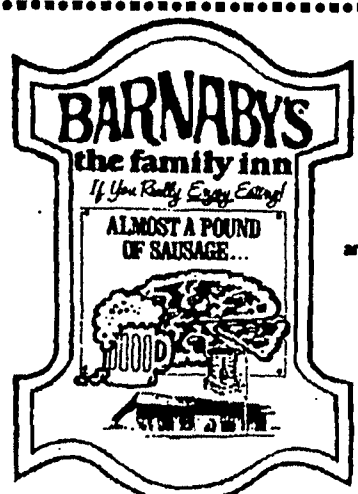
1991, he drank himself into a blackout in his car and woke to discover he was about to lose his job, his wife, perhaps his life. His supervisors sent him to the Winners Foundation, an organization born in 1984 with the intent of assisting those in the industry with substance abuse problems.

Today, Fletcher is 14 years sober and the referral program's director. "We handle anything that has put your life out of balance - from alcoholism to substance abuse to gambling to mental illness," said Fletcher, 53. "We first determine the nature of the disease, how serious it is and then get the necessary help depending on how far a person has fallen. We've helped general managers to stall muckers and everyone in between, from the back side of the track to the front side."

"The hope is, if they don't drink or use for a week or a month and things get better and they don't get into any trouble and don't lie, steal and cheat, they become bet-

The Winners Foundation might see 400 clients in a year. It is funded by the horse racing industry, represents every track in California and its power is fairly significant, which is to say it can control an employee's California horse racing license, which is to say it can control a person's livelihood. "If they don't remain in compliance and we report it, then they don't work in the state - period," Fletcher said. "And with the way the Internet is today, maybe you don't work anywhere in North America or the world. That in itself will keep some people from using again."

Fletcher might have interacted with every rank the industry offers, but none is perceived by the public more glamorous than a jockey. The first horse race on record took place in 642 B.C. in



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October 21, 2005. That's when five local Townships — Maine, Elk Grove, Palatine, Schaumburg, and Wheeling — will be hosting representatives from about 30 area companies who want to hire senior job seekers age 50 and over.

This popular event will be

held from 10 a.m. until 1:30 p.m. at the Cotillion, 360 Creekside Drive, in Palatine (near the intersection of Northwest Highway and Route 53). The Cotillion offers ample free parking. The event is free of charge and open to all job seekers age 50 and over.

"The Senior Job Fair has grown to be the largest of its kind in the Northwest suburbs," says Bob Dudycz, Supervisor of Maine Township. "We are very proud to be involved with this event. Dozens of matches are made every year, and this year will be no exception."

Information about the Job Fair, including a list of participating employers and the positions they will be hiring for, will be listed on the Job Fair website, www.Stownshipseniorjobfair.com beginning in mid-September.

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individuals who would like to assist with organization on the Senior Center Library Committee. If interested in contributing a few hours a month, call Bud Swanson at the Senior Center, 847/663-6110.

"HOW TO BUY A COMPUTER" SEMINAR

Get some clarity! Join instructor, R.J. Bruno at the Morton Grove Senior Center for this free seminar that will assist consumers in their computer purchasing process. Hear it straight from someone who has been in the industry for 20+ years at 3:30 p.m. on Saturday, Sept. 10. Please register in person at the Senior Center today.

SENIOR CENTER "TRASH OR TREASURE" RUMMAGE SALE

The Morton Grove Senior Center "Trash or Treasure" Rummage Sale will begin early at 9 a.m. until 1 p.m. on Saturday, Sept. 10. "Treasure" may be in the eye of the beholder for rummage

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Fall class registrations now open at Niles

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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.

SEPTEMBER REGISTRATION

Drop off registration for programs and classes listed in the September Naturally Active. Are due at the Center Friday, September 2. Walk-in Registrations for programs with openings begins on Wednesday, September 7th.

FLU SHOT INFO AND REGISTRATION FOR NILES SENIORS IN SEPTEMBER NATURALLY ACTIVE PROGRAM GUIDE

The September issue of Naturally Active contained information about this year's flu shots, as well as the Flu Shot Registration Form. Completed registration forms must be returned to the Senior Center by 5:00PM Friday, September 9th. We have a limited number of shots available so don't wait until the last minute to return your form. Appointment forms are also available at the Senior Center. No appointments will be taken over the phone.

SPRINGFIELD INFORMATIONAL MEETING

Wednesday, Sept. 7th, 10:00

AM

Niles Senior Center is planning an overnight trip to Springfield on November 9th and 10th. The tour will include one night's lodging at the Hilton Springfield and a visit to the Lincoln Library. Trip registration will begin following the informational meeting. Contact Jaymi 847 588-8420 for more information.

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. Come for one workshop or for the entire series. 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 and will focus of the following areas:

Workshop #1, Sept. 14th - "What Has Happened to Me?" Trying to make sense of the many feelings you experience after the loss of a spouse or loved one
Workshop #2, Sept. 21st - "Dealing with Expectations of Ourselves and Others" Dealing with other people's feelings and concerns can raise anxiety, especially if we believe people want us to "move on" or "be happy again."
Workshop #3, Sept. 28th - "On My Own" Explore the stress of living alone and ways to adjust to new social roles and responsibilities.

4TH ANNUAL PET PARADE, Monday, October 10th at 1:00PM
The animal kingdom will reign supreme at the 4th annual Pet

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FALL CLASS REGISTRATIONS NOW OPEN

The August edition of Naturally Active contains a full listing and description of the following Fall courses (please check Naturally Active or call for class times or other information including any prerequisites) Must register in advance. Minimum numbers required for a class to take place:

Intro to Computers, Mondays & Wednesdays, Sept. 12- Oct. 19 \$25
Pre-Intro to Computers, Tuesdays & Thursdays, Sept. 20- Sept. 29th \$15
Intro to Computer Maintenance, Thursday, Sept. 29th (One Day Workshop) \$30
Intro to Microsoft Word, Tuesdays & Thursdays, Oct. 4- Nov. 10 \$35
Digital Scrapbooking, Tuesday afternoons October 18 to November 22 \$30
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
Quilting Class start delayed until September 9th

FALL FANTASY, Friday, October 7th, 5:00-9:00 PM \$23.

Niles seniors are invited to join us for a fantastic evening of fine dining, friendship, music, and dancing at this annual Fall event. Dinner, served at 5:30PM, will feature a Spinach & Strawberry Salad, Beef Pot Roast with Portabella Mushroom Sauce, Barley with Wild Rice, and Dessert. Following dinner, Sark Antaramian and the MidNite Xpres will take the stage for your listening and dancing enjoyment. Reservations are required.

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. If you are planning to attend the September 15th meeting, please register in advance by calling (847) 588-8420.

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OLD VILLAGE BUS TOUR

The Morton Grove Historical Museum is sponsoring guided bus tour of historically significant sites in Morton Grove from 2 to 4 p.m. on Sunday Sept. 11 departing from the Museum in Harter Park. Bring the family to learn more about the first pioneer settlers to the area and about more recent developments in Morton Grove history. The Honorable Mr. Richard Hohns, former Mayor of Morton Grove, will guide these interesting and informative tours. The tours are free and can accommodate up to 20 passengers each. Call the Museum to reserve a spot, 847/965-0203.

"INTERNET TIPS" FOUR-WEEK CLASS

Develop the tools needed to overcome frustrations about the Internet while learning to "surf the web" from 3:30 to 5 p.m. on Saturdays from Sept. 17 through Oct. 8. The Morton Grove Senior Center's popular Computer Instructor, R.J. Bruno, teaches this class. The prerequisite is the "Getting Started With Computers" Class or equivalent. Please register in person at the Reception Desk of the Senior Center or call the Senior Hot Line at 847/470-5223 for more information.

"ALDEN ESTATES OF EVANSTON" LUNCH AND TOUR

Take a tour of Alden Estates of Evanston located at the border of Evanston and Skokie on Tuesday, Sept. 13. Learn about the amenities Alden has to offer from live-in apartments to day therapy and much more. A chef-prepared lunch will be provided their elegant dining room. The bus leaves the Morton Grove Senior Center at 10:30 a.m. and returns at 2 p.m. There are a limited number of seats for this trip, which costs only 50 cents, so sign up early. Please register in person at the Morton Grove Senior Center Reception Desk.

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MORTON GROVE ADVISORY COMMISSION ON AGING

The Morton Grove Advisory Commission on Aging will hold its next monthly meeting at 1 p.m. on Tuesday, Sept. 13 in the Morton Grove Senior Center. The Commission provides an arena for discussion and planning of services and programs to benefit Morton Grove's senior citizen population. All interested residents are welcome to attend.

AARP MATURE DRIVING PROGRAM

AARP's "Mature Driving Program" formerly known as "55 Alive" is an eight-hour two-day course for older motorists. It focuses on the physical changes that accompany aging and on ways drivers can compensate for these changes in improving their driving skills. Additionally, drivers will find that by completing this course they can receive a discount on a portion of their automobile insurance. Courses are now offered monthly in Morton Grove with the next course times from 12 noon to 4 p.m. on Tuesday, Sept. 13 and Thursday, Sept. 15 in the Prairie View Community Center; and from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Saturdays, Oct. 15 and 22 at the Morton Grove Senior Center. The cost of the course is \$10. Call the Morton Grove Senior Hot Line at 847/470-5223 to sign up.

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FOOT LECTURE AND FOOT SCREENING

The Morton Grove Senior Center will host Dr. Mark Neamand, Podiatric Physician and Surgeon at Alexian Brothers Medical Center, for a free Foot

Lecture accompanied by free Foot Screenings starting at 1:30 p.m. on Wednesday, Sept. 21. Seniors can learn about general foot health, common foot problems, Medicare approved diabetic shoes, and foot surgeries. Please register for this program by calling the Morton Grove Senior Hot Line at 847/470-5223.

"UNDERSTANDING MEDICARE PART D"

This seminar at 2 p.m. on Monday, Sept. 26 in the Morton Grove Senior Center is an educational experience that will take seniors step-by-step through the who, what, where, when, why and

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Antique or Junque Teapot example of Satsuma-style pottery

Anne McCollam
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Q: Several years ago my mother came across the pottery teapot seen in this photo. It had been stored away for years and everyone had forgotten about it. My grandfather, who had served in the military during World War II, purchased it in Japan and brought it back to the States around 1946. The side of the teapot not seen in this photo is decorated with a figure of a woman with a gold halo, raised gold dots, a lotus flower, and gold trim against a matte chocolate background. It stands 7 inches tall and is in perfect condition.

What can you tell me about the value of my teapot?

A: Your teapot is an example of Satsuma-style pottery. Satsuma ware was first made in the 1600s in Japan. There are four distinct periods of manufacture: the Edo period, 1615 to 1868; Meiji period, 1868 to 1912; Taisho period, 1912 to 1926; and Showa period, 1926 to the present. Pieces decorated with raised enameled figures, moriage (raised dots), gold, and matte chocolate brown are characteristics of the Satsuma-style Showa period. Much of this last period was mass-produced for the Western market.

The value of your teapot would probably be \$175 to \$225.

Q: I have my grandmother's set of porcelain dinnerware that is around 50 to 70 years old. It is a service for 12 and the enclosed mark is on each piece. The dishes are decorated with clusters of petite pink flowers and purple violets against a white background.



What can you tell me about the mark and the value of my dishes?

A: Heinrich and Co. made your circa 1930s dinnerware. They have made porcelain in Selb, Bavaria, Germany, from 1896 to the present.

The value of your set would probably be \$900 to \$1,500.

Q: I have 10 clear glass goblets and 10 champagne glasses in the "Woodland" pattern and made by Fostoria Glass Co. They are all clear crystal glass and in mint condition.

Can you give me an idea of the value of my set?

A: Fostoria Glass Co. was founded in 1887 and was one of the leading glass factories in the United States. In 1983 it was sold to Lancaster Colony Corp. and they continue to make glassware using the Fostoria name. The Woodland pattern was made in the late 1970s in crystal, green, blue, and brown.

Each piece would probably be worth \$5 to \$15.

Q: I have a small collection of Tiffany brass belt buckles. Most of them are Wells Fargo and Co. and Coca-Cola Co. belts. On the back of each one are the

words "Tiffany Studio - New York" or "Tiffany and Company - 552 Broadway - New York."

Are they antique or junque?

A: Not only are your belt buckles junque, they are fakes. They are not even copies or reproductions of earlier buckles and are referred to as fantasy items by collectors. Neither Tiffany nor Coca-Cola Co. made anything like these buckles. A man, who concocted a convoluted hoax, made most of them in the 1950s and 1960s. In the 1950s he managed to publish a book describing each buckle, date of issue, amounts made and

availability. This fabricated reference was then used as documentation when he introduced his bogus buckles. Many collectors were also duped by the convincing patina and by a fake letter of authenticity that accompanied each buckle. Until the deception was exposed, some collectors were gleefully paying anywhere from \$150 to \$400 a buckle.

On the upside, they are well-made and some people might find collecting these fantasy items a fantastic hobby.

Each buckle would probably be worth \$15 to \$25.

Address your questions to Anne McCollam, P.O. Box 247, Notre Dame, IN 46556. For a personal response, include picture(s), a detailed description, a stamped, self-addressed envelope and \$15 per item (one item at a time).

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ANTIQUES

Putting historical eyeglasses into focus

BY LINDA ROSENKRANTZ
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CONTEMPORARY COLLECTIBLES

Before the widespread acceptance of the kinds of "temple" eyeglasses we wear today to correct our collective myopia, presbyopia and astigmatism, there were centuries of various kinds of uncomfortable "nose-spectacles," much of which involved considerable cyc clenching, nose-squeezing and facial contortion.

After spectacles first appeared at the end of the 13th century, it would be 500 years before anyone came up with a way of attaching comfortable ear/sidepieces to hold them on. The first nose-spectacles were fairly heavy objects made of wood or horn with an unhinged bridge. But in time, a great deal of inventiveness and fine craftsmanship would be exhibited in the design of the various kinds of monocles and hand-held eyeglasses, many of which became elegant status and fashion statements and are, therefore, now of interest to collectors.

First of all, let's define our

terms. A monocle - the word obviously derives from the concept of a single lens - is an eyeglass for one eye, held in place solely by manipulating the facial muscles, as exhibited in numerous early screwball comedies and war movies - often identifying the villain. Sub-categories are the "quizzing glass," favored by Europeans, an early version of the monocle that had a single lens for reading, while the hand-held scissors-glasses - which did indeed resemble a pair of scissors - consisted of two eyepieces joined by a nose-pinching, hinged handle, a form refined by the French. Even more of a nose-pincher was the self-described pince-nez, eyeglasses clipped to the side of the nose by a spring that tended to block the nasal passages, while the lorgnette was a pair of eyeglasses held in place by a vertical, often ornamental, handle.

For the most part, monocles and spectacles without sidepieces were used by the upper classes throughout the 19th and early 20th century. Affluent

ladies favored the lorgnette, particularly the elaborate examples with side-mounted handles of gold, silver, mother-of-pearl or tortoiseshell, while their stylish spouses might sport a monocle or pince-nez.

The monocle - associated in modern times with three iconic characters, the puppet Charlie McCarthy, Planters' Mr. Peanut advertising symbol and Eustace Tilley, the top-hatted Regency dandy who has appeared on covers of the New Yorker magazine since 1925 (as well as any number of supercilious characters in movies) - were generally mounted in gold, silver, baser metal or tortoiseshell and would be attached to the gentleman's buttonhole by a ribbon or cord.

The pince-nez appeared in 1840, and also usually hung from a ribbon or chain. Later in the century, "shooting" or "scenery" examples were introduced; these were tinted and sanded, leaving a small polished round space in the center.

By far the most valuable category is the lorgnettes, in all their

diversity of form, materials and mechanisms. Some were remarkably elegant, often made of gold and decorated in enamel, sometimes encrusted with pearls or other gems. Generally, both sides of the handle were identically decorated, so that they were suitable for both right and left-handed users. Not meant to really correct ocular problems, they often had only slight magnification, while some might have a great tint to relax the eyes. A symbol of sophistication and stylishness, the lorgnette's positions and movements would be used as social signals, much in the way that fans and handkerchiefs were.

Also of interest as corollary collectibles are the often-ornate cases made to house nose-spectacles. They were made of a variety of materials, including gold, silver, enamel, ivory and bone, boxwood and other woods, and copper and other metals, some with finely carved, sculpted and inlaid decoration. Some had luxurious linings as well, of silk and velvet and even

fur. The most elaborate examples were made in China, of finely carved or painted wood, enhanced with cloth, embroidery or shankskin.

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Marble-topped chest is top-drawer

Q: I have enclosed a photo of a small, antique chest with a marble top. The fruit pulls are hand-carved, the castors are white porcelain, and the drawers have burl veneer panels.

I am interested in learning the age, maker, and value of my chest.

A: You have a Victorian Renaissance Revival chest that was made around 1860. The hand-carved fruit pulls, marble top, and burl veneer panels are characteristics of the Renaissance Revival period of furniture. Without a manufacturer's label it can be difficult to identify the maker. Grand Rapids, Michigan, was a leading center for furniture factories and many similar

pieces of furniture were produced there.

Your three-drawer chest would probably be worth \$800 to \$1,200.

Q: I recently began collecting small glass figurines. The most recent additions are a clown, a cat, and a rocking horse. The enclosed mark is on three of them: Because I am new to collecting and not familiar with the glass companies' marks, I hope you can identify this mark and give me an approximate value of the three pieces.

A: Boyd Crystal Art Glass made your figurines in Cambridge, Ohio. Bernard C. Boyd and his son Bernard F. founded their art glass

factory in 1978. They acquired the Degenhart Glass Co. and continued to produce glass that was made by skilled glassmakers and molds rather than an automated process. The elder Boyd as well as his father, Zack, both began their careers as teenagers working for Cambridge Glass Co. The torch was passed to John, the grandson of Bernard C. and the fourth generation of glassworkers. Today he continues to successfully operate the family business.

The "B" in a diamond was first used in 1978. Each straight line around the mark represents five

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ANTIQUES

This golden oak cabinet is a keeper



BY ANNE MCCOLLAM
Copley News Service

Q: The enclosed photo is of the oak china cabinet that was originally in the home of my father's parents. It stands approximately 65 inches tall and 14 inches deep and has the original finish, and lock and key. Not visible in the photo are mirrors behind the top two shelves, plate grooves on four of the five shelves, and the castors on the paw feet. The doors and sides have curved glass and there is leaded glass at the top of each side. On either side of the door there are carved lion heads and scrolls.

I will appreciate any information you can give me about my cabinet.

A: Your late Victorian golden oak china cabinet was made around 1895. Examples of golden oak furniture can easily be identified by the rich golden-orange finish. Similar cabinets were made from 1890 to 1910.

The value of your cabinet would probably be \$2,000 to \$4,000.

Q: This mark is on the bottom of a three-piece tea set that includes, teapot, cream pitcher and sugar bowl. Each piece is decorated with street scenes and is trimmed in light green. Below the mark is the number "Rd. No. 383666."

My dad bought the set at an antique shop in California and gave it to me over 35 years ago. What can you tell me about it?

A: Royal Doulton made your tea set. The company was founded in England in 1815 as Doulton. "Royal" was not part of the mark until 1901. "Rd. No. 383666" is a British Registry number that shows the pattern or design was registered in 1909.

Your set is circa 1909 and would probably be worth \$275 to \$325.

Q: I have a set of porcelain that was passed down from my great-aunt to my mother and now to me. The dishes are decorated with pink azaleas

against a white background and trimmed in gold. Each piece is marked "Noritake - Hand painted - Azalea Pattern - Japan." It is a service for eight and includes at least 25 serving pieces.

Could you please give me an estimate of the value of this set?

A: Noritake China Co. located in Japan made the Azalea pattern from the very early 1900s to pre-World War II. It was produced exclusively for the Larkin Soap Co. in Buffalo, N.Y., and became one of their most popular "Larkin Plan" premiums lines. Larkin established a successful mail order business that included offering premiums along with purchases.

A six-piece service for eight would probably be worth \$1,200. The value of each serving piece can be anywhere from \$25 to over \$1,000 depending on condition, market demand and availability.

MARBLE-TOP:

Doll book answers many questions

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years of production. Pieces with three lines were made between 1993 and 1998.

Each figurine would probably be worth \$25 to \$50.

Q: Sometime around 1945, during World War II, I bought an angel food cake that came in the aluminum pan it was prepared in. Since then I have used the pan to make homemade cakes. It was made by Wearever and even

though I have used it many times, it is still in good shape. On the side of the pan are the words "Re-Kul-Pan-O-Cake - Urbana, Ill. - Lunker Cakes. Does my pan have any value?

A: Re-Kul-Pan-O-Cake pans were made by Wearever in the early to mid-1900s. The bakeries made cakes in the commercial size pans and they were sold in the pans in which they were originally baked. Your angel food cake pan would probably be worth \$10 to \$20.

BOOK REVIEW

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Is your doll a hot collectible, or is it a clunker? Your questions are answered in this indispensable guide. "The Official Price Guide to Dolls" is published by House of Collectibles, New York. It is soft-cover and priced at \$20 wherever books are sold. Visit www.houseofcollectibles.com.

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PERFECT PAIRINGS

America's grill gal cooks a cowboy steak with a classy cabernet

RON JAMES
Copley News Service

THE CHEF

Everyone knows that grilling is a guy's game - right? Wrong, says America's most respected "girl" grill master,

Karmel's watershed grilling moment occurred when she had "a hankering for pulled-pork. I got the biggest pork butt I could find, put it on a gas grill and just seasoned it lightly with salt and pepper, because that's what most of the pit-masters in Lexington, N.C., do. I added hickory chips and just let that baby cook over indirect heat for about eight hours. I ended up with the most beautiful piece of tender, caramelized, rendered pork. A whole houseful of male barbecue aficionados declared it was the best pulled-pork they had ever eaten. There's nothing like compliments to get you

obsession. She teaches her trademarked grilling and barbecue techniques with the goal of demystifying outdoor cooking and inspiring outdoor cooks of both sexes to live her mantra: "If you can eat it, you can grill it." Karmel has appeared on many TV and radio programs and recently wrote a 300-page grilling and barbecue cookbook, "Taming the Flame: Secrets for Hot-and-Quick Grilling and Low-and-Slow BBQ" (Wiley, \$24.95). Karmel is the resident grilling consultant and a writer for Fine Cooking magazine. And, to kick off Girls at the Grill, she was guest chef at a James Beard Foundation dinner in June 2002.

THE DISH

The carne asada of Chicago star chef Rick Bayless was the inspiration for the three-chile seasoning Three Chile-Rubbed Cowboy Steak served with lime wedges.

"I absolutely love a cowboy steak," Karmel said. "It's succulent and well-marbled. It looks good on the plate and has great flavor and anytime you cook meat on the bone, you get a richer, deeper flavor."

Size matters when it comes to steaks, she said. "Don't be afraid of a thick steak. I like to use a steak that is at least 1 1/2 inches thick. I prefer a deep caramelized exterior and a rare center, and that's much easier to get with a thicker steak."

When grilling, Karmel borrows a technique from restaurant chefs. "They sear their meat and finish it in the oven. You can replicate this method on the grill by searing the steak on both sides directly over the heat and then moving it over to indirect heat to finish grilling it," she said. Seasoning and salting the steak correctly is critical, Karmel said. "I'm a salt fanatic - someone once told me that the difference between a professional chef and a

home cook is timing and the ability to salt."

The distinctive Spanish smoked paprika and chipotle chile powder can be found at specialty markets or on the many online spice outlets.

Karmel serves lime wedges with this steak to enhance the taste of the meal. Steaks, she points out, are relatively high in umami, one of the five distinct flavors humans discern and the one associated with fermented foods such as soy and fish sauce, certain cheeses, vegetables and meat.

According to a theory popularized in the United States by wine-maker, chef and consultant Tim Hanni, acid and salt reduce the negative impact of umami, which causes wine to taste metallic, bitter or sour. "So the acid in the lime wedges and the salt on the steak will cut through the tannins and make the wine taste rounder and softer," Karmel said.

THE WINE

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The Geyser Peak Cuimelis vineyard block is located on steep rocky hills. "The vines have to work really hard," Karmel pointed out. "That stress helps them produce great wine." She also loves the name, which makes her think of cumulus clouds - "big, puffy cotton balls floating in the sky."

"When you drink this wine, it's kind of like being hugged by a cloud. It's very smooth, even for a young cabernet," she said. "It's

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Elizabeth Karmel. With 95 percent of all indoor cooking done by women, why, she wonders, don't they dominate the outdoor sport of bunting meat?

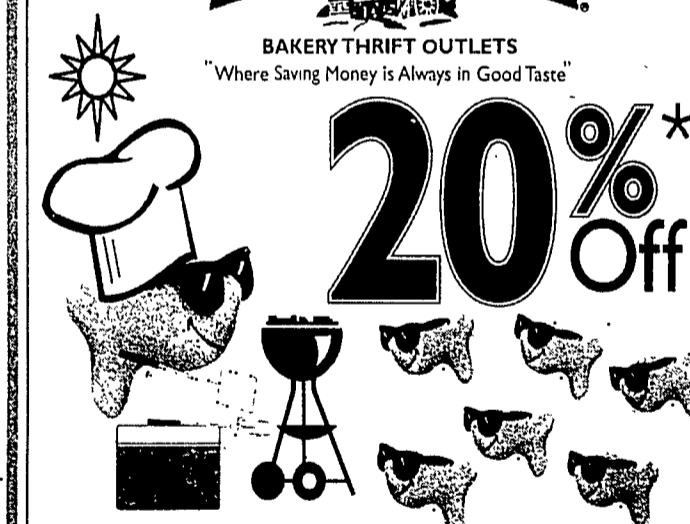
"My attitude is that grilling is so much fun, why do you think the guys have kept this to themselves so long," she reasoned. "Quit complaining, girls; go out and join him."

The notion that women are uncomfortable around a grill is outdated, Karmel said. "It stemmed from when charcoal grills ruled the back yard. Now, nearly 75 percent of Americans cook on a gas grill," she said. "Gas grills make it as easy as flipping a light switch, which makes it easier for women to take their indoor cooking skills outdoors." Although Karmel was raised in North Carolina barbecue country, becoming a female grilling pioneer and evangelist never occurred to her. That changed in 1992 when she went to work for barbecue grill-maker Weber. "When I started to publicize Weber, I set about learning how to grill and barbecue anything I could," Karmel said. "Learning on my own, I created techniques that are a little bit different from other grilling techniques out there."

out there again." Karmel's newfound passion took her to the barbecue circuit, where she became a judge and eventually a member of two competition teams including her current team, Swine and Dine. Noticing the dearth of women grillers, Karmel founded Girls at the Grill (www.GirlsattheGrill.com) in 2001 "to bring women into the back yard." "I feel it is my duty to bring other women into the game," she said. Her passion is now a full-time

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slightly spicy and smoky, and has a lot of dark fruit so it can stand up very well to the three chiles and the rib-eye and all of the smokiness from the grill."

THE RECIPE

THREE CHILE-RUBBED COWBOY STEAK

Rub:

- 1 tablespoon New Mexican chile powder (or any other chile powder)
- 1 tablespoon chipotle chili powder or 1 additional tablespoon of New Mexican chile powder
- 1 tablespoon sugar
- 1/2 tablespoon Spanish smoked paprika
- 1/2 tablespoon white pepper
- 1 teaspoon freshly ground pepper

Steak:

- 4 prime cut bone-in rib-eye steaks, about 1 1/2 inches thick, about 1 pound each, such as Niman Ranch Cowboy Steaks
- Kosher salt
- Yields 4 to 6 servings.

To prepare rub: In a medium bowl, combine chile powders, sugar, paprika, and peppers. Pat meat dry with paper towels. Generously coat meat with rub

mixture. Cover steaks with wax paper or plastic wrap and let them sit at room temperature for 30 minutes.

Build a charcoal fire or preheat gas grill.

Season steaks just before cooking by sprinkling each side with a generous pinch of salt.

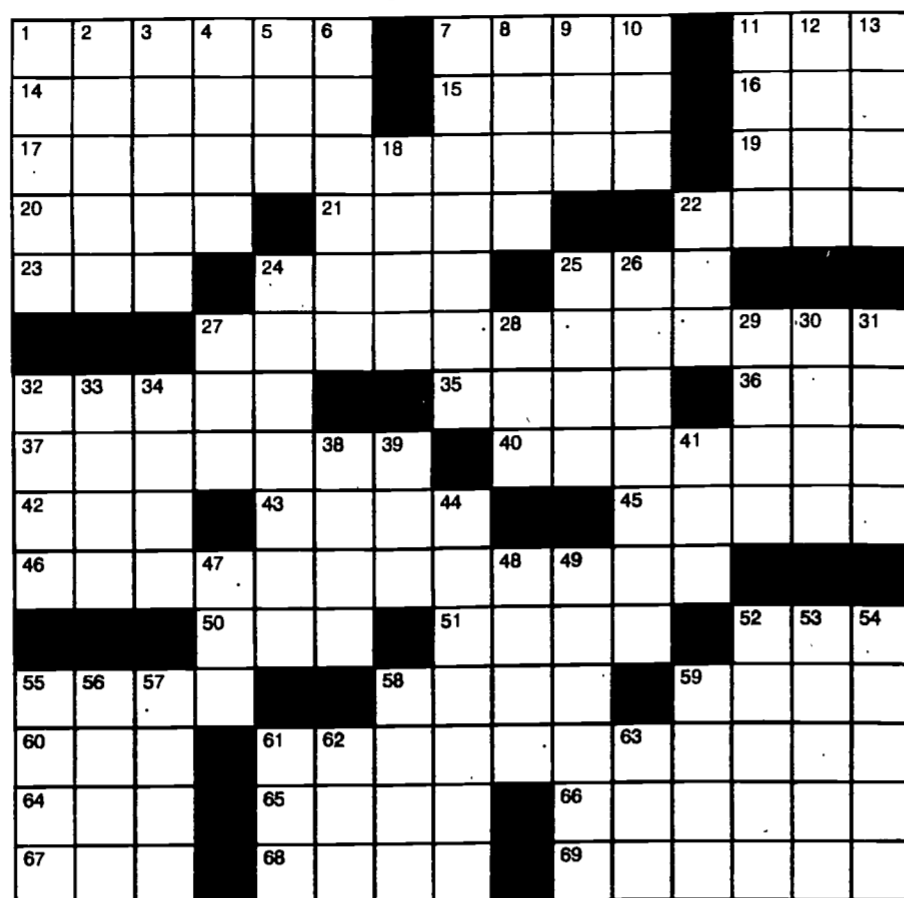
Place steaks on cooking grate directly over medium heat. Cover and grill steaks 5 to 6 minutes and turn over. Continue cooking for 6 to 7 more minutes for medium-rare. Remove from grill, and let steaks rest for 5 minutes before serving. Slice and serve with lime wedges.

- Adapted from "Taming the Flame: Secrets for Hot-and-Quick Grilling and Low-and-Slow BBQ."

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- 47 Omega
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- 53 Melville character
- 54 Sierra ___ range
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- 59 Get away!
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Keeping entertainment pieces out of sight

ROSE BENNETT GILBERT
Copley News Service



Q: Once upon a long time ago, I visited an artist friend in Nantucket, Mass., whose living rooms have stayed in my mind's eye ever since. He had two - a summer living room and a winter living room, one light and airy with straw rugs and white furniture, the other cozy with wood paneling, a fireplace, tapestry upholstery and Oriental rugs. We are building a new house and I'm borrowing his idea. We'll have an enclosed porch for the summer and a smaller, paneled den for cold weather. My problem is how to incorporate the TV and such with the paneling.

A: It's more easily done than said when you work with a clever professional designer. For example,

the extremely traditional paneling in this classic library/entertainment room is derived from cabinetry (by Wood-Mode) that would also look at home in an elegant kitchen. In this case, the panels, wainscoting and fluted pilasters (squared columns) are crafted from knotty pine that has been distressed and glazed to look as antique as the Southern colonial plantation houses that inspired it. Even the ceiling has a classic heritage, achieved with large crown molding and egg-and-dart carvings. What you don't see, for all this room's cozy richness, is the up-to-the-minute media hidden behind the paneled walls.

Out of sight (over the sofa at

left), a flat-screen television is flanked with pilasters matching those by the fireplace - only these columns are actually pull-out storage towers for CDs, DVDs and such. Other cabinets hold speakers. Ceiling and floor lamps are operated by hand-held dimmers so it's easy to dial up the right atmosphere for an evening's entertainment. (It's also easy

to learn more about the cabinetry: visit www.wood-mode.com.)

Q: Home, safe home? Here comes the hurricane season; can other natural disasters be far behind?

A: Think positively, but still be better prepared now for floods, earthquakes, tornadoes, wildfires and other challenges Mother Nature may have in mind for the future. Check out a new natural disaster preparedness guide that's available online (www.acchardware.com, "Answers at Ace"). You can download and print a natural disaster preparation supply list, chart a hurricane with a new tracking map, and create a family plan for responding to a disaster.

You can also ask direct questions of home improvement expert Lou Manfredini, aka Ace's "Helpful Hardware Man," who promises to get back with an answer, usually within 48 hours.

Q: My neighbor just built a sunroom on her house, and it faces our dining room. She has put up fabric blinds that may look nice from inside the room, but all we see are the backs with the tapes, rings and cords that operate the blinds. From our perspective, it's really ugly when the blinds are down. Is there any tactful way to ask her to change them?

A: Ouch. In a delicate situation like this, it would be better to show her the problem from your side of the driveway. One day when her blinds are lowered, issue an impromptu invitation for a quick cup of coffee at your dining room table, then draw her attention to the backside of her own curtains - she's probably

never even thought about the rear view.

Even so, her options are limited. If she did agree to add a more decorative panel on the back, it might interfere with the lifting mechanism. Your best hope is to filter your own view. An old-fashioned sheer glass curtain in your dining room windows will soften the outlook without blocking the light.

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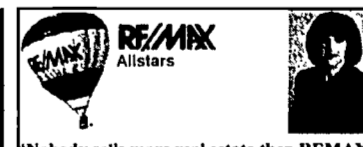
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Need help around the house? Go ask Angie

CATHY LUBENSKI
Copley News Service

Neighbors just aren't what they used to be. Before people started moving around the country like pieces in a manic chess game, neighbors

could ask your neighbors who they used, or you went to high school with someone who became a plumber; but now it's 'where do I go?' " said Angie Hicks.

Hicks is co-founder of Angie's List, a service that aspires to take

customers, and we also collect the compliments," Hicks said, "then we let you know who's good and who's not."

The well-known Better Business Bureau has a similar service, giving companies a satisfactory rating or listing the number of complaints and whether they've been resolved. Most cities have a Better Business Bureau, or it can be accessed on the Internet at www.bbb.org.

Hicks co-founded Angie's List in Columbus, Ohio, with Bill Osterly in 1995. Osterly and his wife had used a similar service in Indiana, Unified Neighbors, and when they moved to Ohio and bought a fixer-upper, "they were at a loss," Hicks said. "They wondered, 'Why isn't there something like that here?'"

Osterly hired Hicks, his former college intern, and together they started the business that became Angie's List (and eventually purchased Unified Neighbors). Angie's List is located in more than 20 cities across the country and continues to expand. (See www.angieslist.com for a complete list of outlets.)

Angie's List is sometimes confused with Craig's List, a city-specific Internet site that offers classified page-type services such as personal ads, rentals, used items, and others.

But Angie's List, with its homeowner-friendly format, comes with the added bonus of insider information: the rating system that gives the subscriber the low-down on the experiences of previous consumers.

The list works like this: A cus-

tomers phones a business on Angie's List to request a service. Once the service is completed, the customer fills out a report, giving the company an A through F grade on price, the quality of the work, punctuality, professionalism, overall experience, and responsiveness, giving the next

customer an idea of what kind of service to expect.

"The company's rating is an average of the grades we receive on them, it's like a GPA," Hicks said. "A company constantly has

Story Continues...
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HOME HOW-TO

Have a field day skewering moles

The harpoon trap is set directly over the runway so that its supporting stakes straddle the runway and its spikes go into the runway when it is tripped.

SETTING A HARPOON TRAP

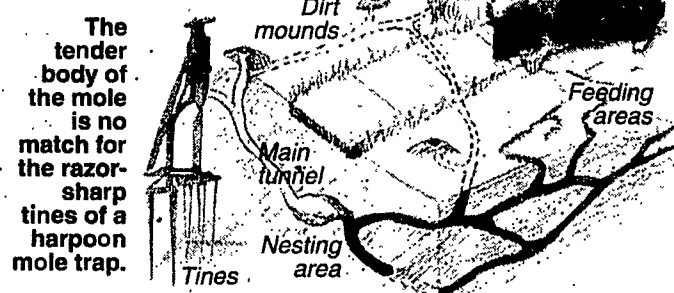
1. Lightly pack down the runway ridge with your foot.
2. Set the trap (with the safety catch in place) so that it straddles the active runway and is inserted deeply enough to prevent recoil when the trap is sprung.
3. Release the safety catch, allowing the spikes to be forced into the runway (or raise and release the spikes several times to make holes in the soil for the spikes to enter).
4. Set the trap and leave the area alone.

IMPORTANT FACTS TO REMEMBER

- Trapping is the only effective control method.
- Locate active travel tunnels.
- Be patient and persistent; keep moving the trap until you are successful.
- Do not put chewing gum, chemicals/poison, broken glass, smoke or other objects in the tunnels.

THE MOLE HABITAT

One mole can ruin an acre of lawn or garden



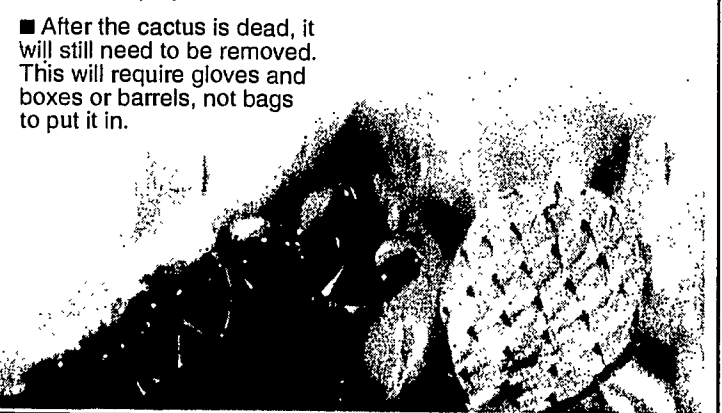
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Cactus is a hot topic

Cactuses can grow in new locations from a pad or even a piece of a pad that lies on the ground and sends out new roots. So mowing and other methods of chopping a cactus into pieces and not removing them are ill-advised. The best way is to torch the cactus to the ground in a controlled burn.

- Let the grass and other weeds grow to create fuel for a fire and do a controlled burn, similar those used to control weeds in prairie restoration projects.

- Dead cactuses will re-establish themselves from seeds. Every fruit (below) has seeds, so be ready to remove these sprouts.



REAL ESTATE

TODAYS LIFESTYLE Need help...

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to prove itself, it's a continual process."

A consumer can only file a report every six months (eliminating the chance of vendettas negatively influencing a rating); can't be affiliated with the company; and must be identified.

Companies can't pay to be on

Angie's List, they can only earn a spot, and a company with a bad rating can work to improve it by upgrading its service.

"We're not acting as judge and jury," Hicks said. "This is the peoples' list, it's their opinions." Angie's List representatives will also act as mediator for "folks who have a problem with a contractor. We'll contact the contractor on the member's behalf and

try to resolve the problem for the member. We're also a conduit of information for the consumer, who may not even know who to look for to solve their problem," Hicks said.

For \$49 per year (plus a \$10 "sign-up" fee), members receive unlimited access to the list, a free monthly magazine with home maintenance tips, and discount coupons to local attractions like

the zoo or to movies. Companies that have an A or a B rating are also allowed to run discount coupons. "This is not advertising," Hicks said. "These companies have to earn the right to get their names in the magazine."

When Angie's List started in San Diego County last year, it was with an understanding of how large of an area there was to be covered. "We list companies that

will go to your neighborhood, even if they're not in your neighborhood," Hicks said. "It doesn't mean they're based in La Jolla, for example, but they'll go to La Jolla."

For more information on Angie's List, log on to www.angieslist.com, or call (866) 854-0621. Visit Copley News Service at www.copleynews.com.

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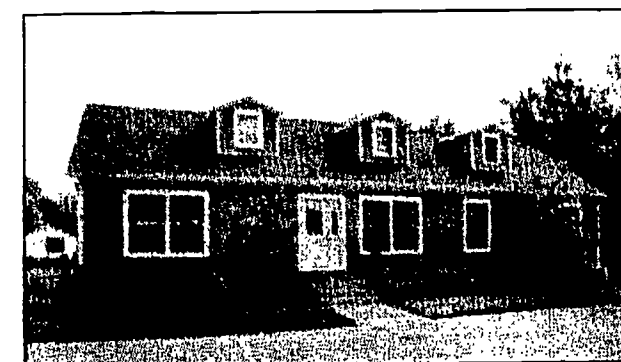
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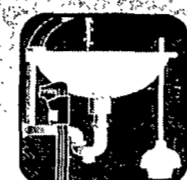


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Kia worked out the kinks with Spectra5

MARK MAYNARD
Copley News Service

Nothing shows the progress at Kia better than today's test car, the Spectra5. This nifty and compact five-door hatchback is loaded with details, including six air bags, for a little more than \$15,000.

When this South Korean carmaker began selling its first model in the United States 11 years ago, it was advertised as a car you'd love to flog. Today, Kia sells cars you'll want to flaunt.

When I wrote about my first drive in that first Kia, the Sephia, it seemed to be a decent econobox, even with its patchy paint and misaligned body panels. Watching the growth of Kia and parent company Hyundai has been like watching the car business in fast-forward.

With Kia's starting prices from \$9,000 to \$12,000, American buyers took a chance in 1994, ran the cars hard, threw them away after the warranty expired and moved up to another brand. So Kia started adding models to keep customers.

It added the compact Sportage SUV in 1995, refreshed the Sephia as a 1995-1/2 model, and by 1997 Kia had sold 100,000 vehicles in America. A two-door Sportage convertible was added

for 1998.

Sales hit a half-million by December 2000, and Kia added the Spectra hatchback, Rio subcompact and its sixth model, the Optima midsize sedan. Those were followed the next year by a minivan, wagon and the Sephia replacement, Spectra. Today, Kia sells 10 vehicles, and with this fall's introduction of the

The Spectra5 is an example of all the company has done right, but it took some evolving to get it done. The first-generation Spectra that I drove was so flimsy and unimpressive that I never got around to writing about it.

What a difference. The J.D. Power 2005 Initial Quality Survey gave the 2005 Spectra5 an excellent 100 points (18 better

than the retired Mazda Protege5. Inside, nothing appears flimsy or cheap. The fabrics and plastics are durable and attractive. There are many little but usable storage places, and the tall roof allows 40 inches of head room and creates a feeling of openness. Visibility over the hood and over the shoulders is clear.

The driver's seat has manual height adjustment, but after a hundred or so miles, my seat started to get numb.

A big driver's footrest and pedals trimmed in stainless steel add function and coolness. The back seat has ample foot room for adults and no shortage of features: grab handles, coat hooks, dome light, carpeted floor mats, seat-back pockets, cup holders and a split folding seat-back for cargo area expansion. Kia also gave Spectra the horsepower it needed.

The 2.0-liter four-cylinder has four valves per cylinder, double overhead cams and continuously variable valve timing. The 138-horsepower engine gets a SULEV, or Super Ultra Low Emission Vehicle, rating. Horsepower dips to 132 on cars with the optional four-speed automatic transmission (\$975) in California and northeastern states.

The engine-transmission pairing

is simple and pleasurable to rev, and the pedals are placed for heel-toe shifting. The engine isn't a screamer, but it does drone on at highway speeds.

On the highway, I caught myself several times reaching for a sixth gear to settle the high revs of the engine. But on the positive side, the power is always on edge.

Fuel economy is 25 mpg around town and 33 on the highway, using 87 octane. They're at 24/34 with the automatic.

Four-wheel disc brakes and 16-inch Goodyear Eagle RS/A tires are a bonus. The tight 33.2-foot turning circle is to be appreciated, and the nearly 103-inch wheelbase and compliant suspension give a stable ride quality, not something jittery that could be expected of a youthful car.

Spectra5 gets stylish front and rear spoilers, mesh grille, fog lights, side sills and rear valance. It could take some time before the company sheds the general public impression that it makes throw-away cars, but Spectra5 is a good starting point to rethink Kia. Mark Maynard is driving in cyberspace at mark.maynard@uniontrib.com. Visit Copley News Service at www.copleynews.com.



Rio5, the company will have updated all its offerings, which isn't bad for what was once a struggling carmaker. Coming early next year will be a new Sedona minivan. A new Optima goes on sale by March 2006, and the company is looking at adding a larger SUV than Sorrento, with three rows of seats.

than industry average) in the compact-car category. It was also the second-most-improved model in the industry, ranking higher than Toyota Corolla, Honda Civic and Mazda3. The Spectra5 is a small car with a lot of flexibility and attention to detail. The doors are snug, panel alignment is precise and the styling is good, somewhat like

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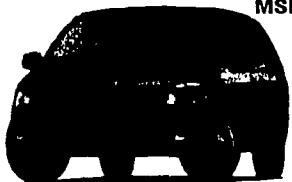
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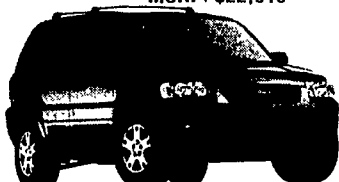
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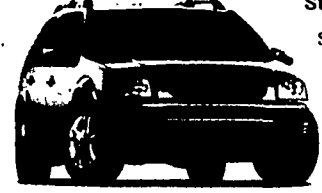
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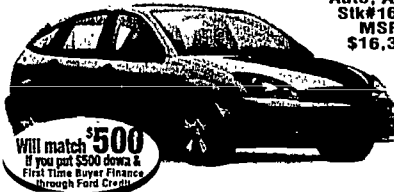
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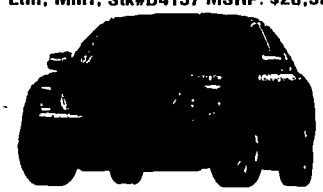
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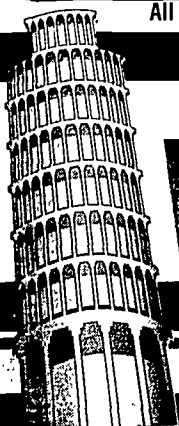
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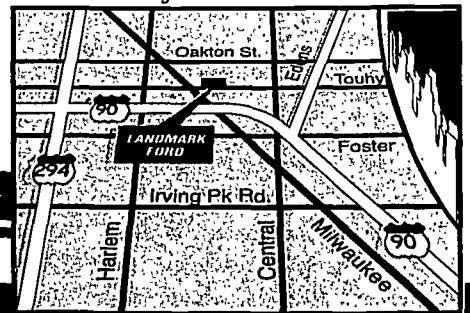
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